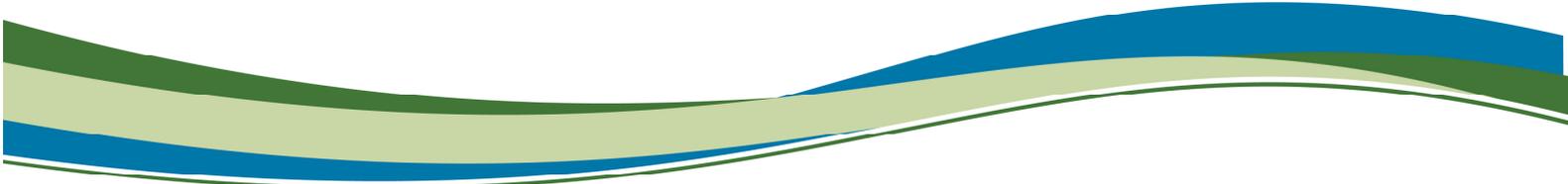




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MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Coorong District Council 2011-2012 Annual Report.

One of the most significant achievements of Council during 2011-2012 has been the adoption of Council's 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan. This plan sets out our aims and objectives for the next four years and provides Council and



the community with a clear direction for what Council wishes to achieve. The Strategic Plan includes a strong emphasis on community development as well as organisational development.

The Council has also reviewed its Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and at the end of the 2011-2012 financial year had released the LTFP for community engagement. The LTFP, coupled with the Strategic Plan and Council's Asset Management Plans, aim to ensure a long term sustainable future for the Council. The Council is faced with a major challenge of ensuring it meets the community's service level expectations, increasing legislative requirements as well as investment in maintaining its assets (including a very large road network) whilst trying to keep rates as low as possible and ensure financial sustainability. It is a difficult challenge but one the Council is committed to meet. The Council will continue to work on its long term plans and managing its financial obligations to ensure it is delivering the best outcomes for the community.

I was pleased to attend the release of the new Coorong District Local Action Plan (LAP) in April 2012. The LAP program has been a huge success for the Coorong District Council for many years now and the new Plan will assist in ensuring this very successful program continues well into the future.

Another initiative that Council implemented during 2011-2012 was the roll out of iPads to all Elected Members. This project has substantially reduced the amount of paper used to distribute information and agendas to Elected Members and increased efficiency and ensured improved communications between Elected Members as well as Elected Members and the administration of Council.

I am sure this annual report will provide readers with a comprehensive overview of the 2011-2012 year and indicate that we have much to look forward to into the future.

**CR. ROGER STROTHER
MAYOR**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Coorong District Council for the 2011/2012 financial year which summarises Council's progress and achievements for the past 12 months.



Councillors and staff have worked through a number of significant issues during the reporting period and there has been substantial activity across the Council area. The Council acknowledges its strong communities which work actively with the Council to ensure that the challenges we face can be responded to in a positive and constructive manner. Specific details of the organisation's achievements are contained within the various departmental reports.

During the year, Council continued working to further develop its long term asset and financial strategies to ensure its future sustainability. Council is aware that it needs to appropriately invest in both the replacement and rehabilitation of its assets to ensure that it provides for its communities future.

During the year, a detailed review of the depreciation methodology used for assessing the useful lives of most of the road infrastructure assets was undertaken which resulted in a significant negative impact on Council's financial operations and translated into an operational deficit after a number of years of significant operational surpluses. A further review of the methodology will be undertaken within the next 12 months and the Council acknowledges that there is still a lot of work to be undertaken to ensure it is in a position to be satisfied it has a comprehensive long term asset management plan that is underpinned by an appropriate financial management strategy.

Community Grants were again awarded by the Council, recognising the valuable roles in which community groups provide to its community and the ways that these groups strengthen the capacity of the community to make the district a more enjoyable place to work, live and play. These were all projects that focus on the development of local communities and demonstrated or created an opportunity for wider participation.

Australia Day celebrations, supported in part by the Council's Australia Day Ambassador, John Halbert, were held in Tintinara, Meningie, Wellington East, Taillem Bend, Coomandook and Coonalpyn with a diversity of celebrations linked to community events. Congratulations again to all the winners, either individuals or community events.

The Council is indeed fortunate to have a team of extremely dedicated and capable staff that collectively and cooperatively work to assist the Council in achieving its strategic objectives and to serve the community. I would also like to personally thank the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for their dedication and support during the previous 12 months.

MICHAEL BOYD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

INTRODUCTION

The Coorong District Council has produced this Annual Report to communicate with its residents and ratepayers about Council business, services, performances and achievements for the financial year. The publishing of this report enables the Council to meet legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the report becomes a record of Council activities for historical purposes.

The Annual Report is provided to interested parties such as the Government, media, other Councils, South Australian Local Government Grants Commission, State Library and is readily available from Council's offices and website.



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COUNCIL PROFILE

Far enough away from bustling city life to keep its natural beauty and solitude, The Coorong District Council area is home to spectacular beaches, picturesque river-side locations and isolated bushland, making it an unspoilt and uniquely different place to live or visit.

The Council was formed in May 1997 following the amalgamation of the District Councils of Peake, Coonalpyn Downs and Meningie. The Coorong District Council is divided into three Wards - Lakes, Mallee and Parks (refer to Council map on page 5).

A diverse range of primary production industries operate within the district, including cropping, livestock (sheep, cattle, pigs), dairying, commercial fishing, aquaculture, horticulture and mining. Much of the district is serviced by major freight routes, including the Dukes, Mallee and Princes Highways and the Adelaide to Melbourne rail line.

KEY FEATURES:

- 8,836 square kilometres of mainly rural land.
- Main towns of Tailem Bend, Meningie, Tintinara and Coonalpyn plus other smaller settlements.
- Dukes Highway, Mallee Highway and the Princess Highway are key transport corridors
- Large area of coastline and the environmentally renowned Coorong.
- Adjoins lower reaches of River Murray and encompasses Lake Albert and part of Lake Alexandrina.
- Strong diversified primary industry base.
- Council offices maintained at Tailem Bend, Meningie, and Tintinara.

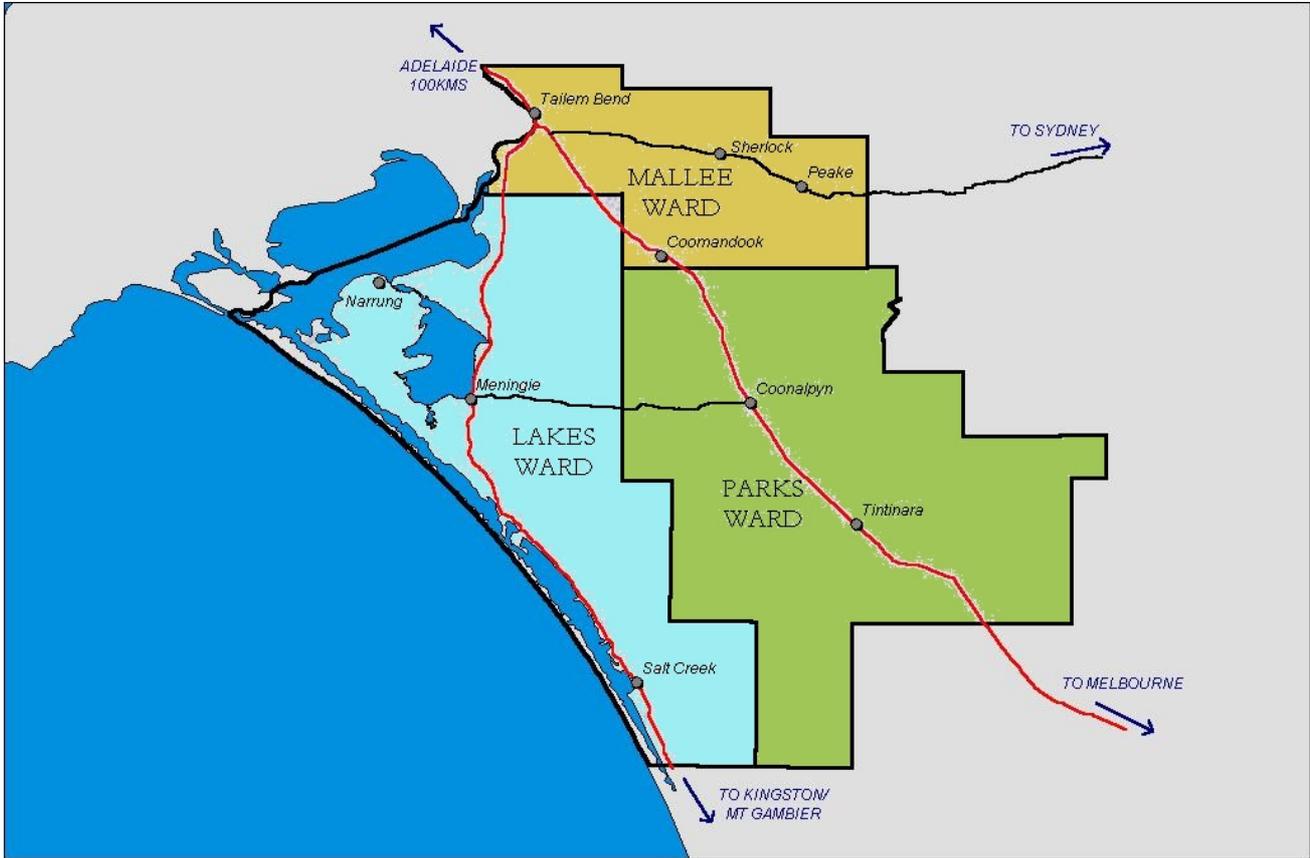
SELECTED COUNCIL INDICATORS

Population	5,525 (2011 Census)
Rateable Properties	3,761
Roads Sealed	321 km
Roads Unsealed	1,563 km
Operating Expenses	\$11.515m (as at 30 June 2012)
Operating Revenue	\$12.713m (as at 30 June 2012)

STATE ELECTORATES: Hammond, MacKillop

FEDERAL ELECTORATE: Barker

COORONG DISTRICT MAP



ELECTED MEMBERS

The Coorong District Council has 9 Elected Members, who each represent an average of 445 residents. Council's area is divided into three wards. Lakes Ward, Mallee Ward and Parks Ward.



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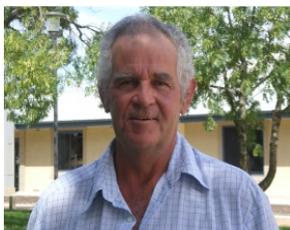
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ALLOWANCES PAID TO ELECTED MEMBERS

Elected Members receive an annual allowance paid monthly in advance. These allowances as at 30 June 2012 were:

- Mayor \$32,000
- Deputy Mayor \$10,000
- Councillor \$ 8,000

The Mayor is also provided with a fully maintained motor vehicle for Council business use only as well as a mobile phone to assist in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the role.

Council also reimburses Elected Members for expenses incurred in travelling within the Council area on council business at a rate determined by legislation. Council also reimburses Elected Members for a range of additional expenses, for example, approved travel outside the Council area and attendance at conferences.

ALLOWANCES PAID TO CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council resolved in November 2010 to provide the following allowances:

- Chair of Standing Committees \$10,000

ALLOWANCES PAID TO AUDIT COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Upon recommendation from the Audit Committee, Council has amended the Terms of Reference in 2011/12 to allow the independent member's allowance to be negotiated on an annual basis with the CEO. For the 2011/12 year the sitting fee was \$500 plus GST.

ELECTED MEMBER PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Council has an Elected Members Training and Development Policy. During 2011-2012 Council provided ongoing training and development opportunities in accordance with this Policy. The training and development opportunities that Elected Members attended included:

- Local Government Association General Meeting and Showcase
- Local Government Association AGM & Conference
- Murray Darling Association AGM and conference
- National General Assembly of Local Government
- National Local Roads and Transport Congress
- LGA 2011 President's Forum
- LGA 2012 President's Forum
- 19th SA Local Government Roads & Works Conference
- Mayor and Chairperson's Residential Seminar
- LGMA National Congress and Business Expo
- CEO Performance Management workshop
- SATIC 2nd Annual Conference
- SATIC Talking Tourism night

- Norman Waterhouse, Rating Law and Policy Workshop
- Wallmans Lawyers, Planning for Public Health seminar
- Norman Waterhouse Lawyers Annual Local Government Conference
- Council Members Governance Residential Program

ELECTED MEMBER AND ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

REPRESENTATION QUOTA/REVIEW

The Coorong District Council has 9 Elected Members including a Mayor, who represent an average of 439 residents.

The following chart compares The Coorong District Council's representation quota with that of other Councils of a similar size and type. The quota is derived by dividing the total number of electors for each Council by the number of Elected Members.

COUNCIL	ELECTORS	TOTAL ELECTED MEMBERS	REPRESENTATION QUOTA
Clare and Gilbert Valleys	6446	10	644
Coorong	3951	9	439
Grant	5674	10	567
Mallala	5587	11	507
Mid Murray	6486	12	540
Naracoorte Lucindale	5893	11	535
Northern Areas	3518	9	390
Renmark Paringa	6304	9	700
Tatiara	4589	10	458
Wakefield Regional	4844	11	440

**Derived from information provide by the Electoral Commission of SA, current as at last close of roll (29/02/2012)*

THE PROCESS FOR ELECTOR REPRESENTATION REVIEWS

Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 sets out the process that Councils need to follow when undertaking a review. Electors must have the opportunity to make submissions to the review.

The Local Government Act 1999 requires councils to carry out a review of its Elector representation at least once in every 8 years to ascertain governance arrangements that are adequate and provide fair representation for electors.

The commencement of the review is triggered by the release of an Options Paper which outlines the representation structures available under the Local Government Act. A public notice must be placed in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the state with a copy of the notice published in a newspaper circulating within the Council area inviting written submissions. At least six weeks must be allowed for public submissions. People who

provide written submissions in response to the notice must be given the opportunity to be heard in respect to that submission, either personally or by representative before the Council or a Council Committee.

On completion of the review, the Council must prepare a report on the public consultation undertaken and any proposal that the Council considers should be carried into effect. A second public notice must be made advising of the report, inviting written submissions and allowing at least three weeks for public submissions. People who provide written submissions in response to the report must be given the opportunity to be heard in respect to their submission, either personally or by representative before the Council or committee.

A final report is compiled, including a summary of amendments resulting from any considerations from the consultation process and submitted to the Electoral Commission for certification. The Electoral Commissioner must determine whether the requirements have been satisfied. In the event that the Electoral Commissioner is of the opinion that the requirements have not been satisfied the matter is referred back to the Council. If this occurs, Council must take appropriate action before sending the report back to the Electoral Commissioner.

The prescribed process (commonly known as a Representation Review) enables Councils to examine whether a change in elector representation arrangements is appropriate, and must include a review of ward boundaries and the composition of Council.

PERIODIC REVIEW OF ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

Council's most recent Representation Review was certified by the State Electoral Commissioner on August 2005 and applied for the 2006 Local Government general election. Council's next Representation Review pursuant to Chapter 3 Part 1 Division 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 is due for completion in 2013. To that end, Council commenced a Representative Review in April 2012 by engaging Craig Rowe (C.L. Rowe and Associates Pty Ltd) to undertake the review.

The Options Paper to commence the review process will be released in 2012/13.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Elected Members are elected by the local community. To become an Elected Member, interested and eligible members of the community need to nominate and run a campaign (when there are more nominations than positions).

The Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 sets out the requirements for Local Government Elections, how they are to be conducted, who can nominate, who can vote and how the votes are to be counted.

The Local Government Association produces a booklet called, “*So you want to be a Councillor*”, and provides further information about elections on its website www.lga.sa.gov.au. Copies are available from all Council offices for any interested residents.

Local Government Elections were held in November 2010. These elections appointed Councillors for the term ending in 2014.

2012-2016 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

VISION STATEMENT

A progressive and proactive Council recognised for its diverse communities, prosperous economy and unique and highly valued environment

MISSION STATEMENT

The Coorong District Council is committed to:

- Providing **leadership** for the community and ensuring efficient and effective management of the community's resources.
- Responsibly managing the natural and built environment to achieve **sustainability**.
- Facilitating economic **prosperity**, growth and employment throughout the district.
- Actively enhancing the quality of life for the community by encouraging health, **well being** and safety.
- Being an **employer of choice** that attracts, develops and inspires highly talented employees and elected members

CORE VALUES

The principles, attributes and qualities the Council hold as important that will be displayed in the way we go about our business.

Integrity

Adherence to moral and ethical principles, being honest, transparent, accountable, trustworthy and authentic.

- Displaying trust, respect, honesty and accountability
- Making realistic commitments and keeping promises
- Communicating in an honest, open manner without breaching confidentiality
- Taking responsibility for own actions – not looking to blame others
- Being respectful when speaking about others
- Operating within organisational parameters and values, even in the face of opposition or when this is unpopular

Proactive

Acting in anticipation of future opportunities, issues, needs or changes.

- Being prepared for what may be expected to happen, being ahead of the game
- Identifying future issues and opportunities for the local community and within the local government sector
- Being action and result orientated
- Displaying leadership, enthusiasm and responsiveness
- Undertaking best practice and thorough strategic, business and operational planning

Progressive

Making use of new ideas and opportunities.

- Being innovative and creative
- Sharing ideas and working collaboratively
- Seeking ways to continually improve processes or perform tasks
- Being prepared to challenge the current situation and taking considered risks if necessary to improve outcomes
- Learning from our own and other's experiences

Collaborative

Working as a team to achieve common goals.

- Cooperative and coordinated effort between all elected members and staff within Council
- Actively contributing and supporting Council and team based projects
- Being inclusive and treating each other with respect at all times
- Dealing with any conflict in an open and constructive manner
- Engaging and consulting with the community

Service Excellence

Consistently delivering quality service outcomes for external and internal stakeholders.

- Ensuring customer's and community needs are central to our service delivery
- Demonstrating a commitment to meet agreed organisational performance and service standards
- Demonstrating understanding and respect
- Aspiring to achieve high standards of personal performance
- Communicating clearly and showing understanding for views of others
- Showing energy and commitment to the goals of the organisation

Enjoy Work

Achieving satisfaction and a sense of wellbeing from work.

- Having a positive attitude about your own work and having fun
- Contributing to the development of good team spirit and morale
- Supporting systems and agreed procedures to ensure a safe and healthy workplace
- Taking responsibility for the impact of own actions on others
- Joining others in appropriately celebrating individual, team and organisational success

REPORT CARD – STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES 2011/2012

The following report card indicates the key actions that Council outlined in it's 2011/2012 Annual Business Plan and the key outcomes from those actions. The actions are categorised under Council's Strategic Objectives as detailed in Council's 2008-2012 Strategic Management Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVE - SUSTAINABILITY

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
Commence implementation of Development Plan Amendments (DPA's) as identified in the Strategic Directions Report (SDR). The SDR indicates an Industry DPA and Rural Areas/River Murray Protection Area DPA to commence in 2011-12.	Strategic Infrastructure and Land Use Prospectus drafted and will be presented to Councils Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee in August 2012. Statements of Intent (SOI) for the Industry and Rural Areas DPA's has been drafted. Industry SOI adopted by Council in August 2012.
Complete a Council Carbon Neutral Strategy (\$30k)	Adopted at June 2012 Council meeting
Commence roadside vegetation surveys as required by the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (RVMP)	Annual Report requirements of NVC completed.
Complete a new Coorong Local Action Plan (LAP)	Adopted by Council at its March 2012 meeting. Official launch occurred on 30 April 2012 at Coomandook.
Stormwater Management Plans for Meningie and Tailm Bend	Consultation continues with the Stormwater Management Authority.
CWMS Business Plan	Gayler Professional Services have been engaged to facilitate the CWMS Business Plan. Expected completion in late 2012.
Develop a rolling 10 year Plant Replacement Program	Plant Replacement Plan has been adopted and purchasing of plant as per the plan has commenced
Review and Update the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Plan	Road Infrastructure revaluation and condition assessment has been completed. Draft Road Infrastructure IAM Plan has been completed and will be presented to Council for adoption.
Develop a rolling 10 year Capital Works Program	As part of the IAM Plan development for roads infrastructure a 10 year Capital Works Program has been developed.
Undertake a review of Council's Waste Management Operations	Review completed and adopted by Council. Implementation of resolution has commenced.

ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE - PROSPERITY

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
Complete a Tourism & Economic Development (T&ED) Plan	Adopted at November 2011 Council meeting.
Undertake investigations regarding the feasibility of Council establishing a VIC/VIO in the district.	Discussion Paper adopted by Council in February 2012. A further workshop is proposed to further discuss this issue. Investigating the feasibility of a VIO is included in the draft 2012-2013 Annual Business Plan.
Complete a Tourism Infrastructure Plan.	Adopted at June 2012 Council meeting.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVE – WELL BEING

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
Review the 2008-12 Environmental Health Management Plan (EHMP) and adopt a new EHMP 2012-2017	Adopted at Councils March 2012 meeting.
Complete a Coorong Emergency Response Management (CERM) Plan	CERM Plan no longer required and is being replaced with a Risk Management Planning project through the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme.

GOVERNANCE OBJECTIVE - LEADERSHIP

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
Complete and implement the requirements of the 'Good Governance Program'	Due to the LGA's local excellence program as well as Council's work in association with the LGA Continuous Improvement Program this project was withdrawn.
Implement the recommendations of the LGA Performance Improvement Program, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information in Councils SMP such as identifying national reforms and climate change. • Prepare a program to ensure all Council policies are reviewed and/or adopted at least once every two years. • Participation in the Good Governance Program (see above). • Explore opportunities for regional collaboration with adjoining Councils. 	Additional information included in Strategic Plan. Council Policy Review Project completed and ongoing review process commenced. No longer required. Initial discussions at local level failed to achieve positive outcomes – the matter will be revisited under the auspice of MMLGA in the future
Review format and content of Annual	Annual Report format and content updated.

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
Report to ensure it reflects Council strategic directions and performance indicators as well as all legislative requirements.	
Create a new Strategic Management Plan 2012-2016	Adopted at February 2012 Council meeting.
Complete a Coorong Organisational Excellence Strategy.	Organisational Excellence Strategy adopted at October 2011 Council meeting. Implementation commenced with EOI's lodged for several LGA Local Excellence Programs.
Review and adopt an improved Customer Service Charter and Standards	This project is almost complete, with community survey analysis being presented at the July council meeting. CRM system has been implemented and Council will commence receiving statistical reports in 2012/13.
Review and Update the Long Term Financial Plan	As at 30 June the LTFP had been released for community engagement. The Community Engagement Policy requires a 6 week process, meaning LTFP will be presented to August meeting for adoption.
Redraft Council's Internal Financial Control Policies.	The Internal Control Policy was reviewed & adopted at December 2011 Council meeting. In addition other finance policies have been developed. Internal control procedures are to be drafted to support Policy. External Auditor Ian McDonald has provided finance templates and work has commenced on these. This item is scheduled to be tabled at the October 2012 Audit Committee meeting.
Undertake a Road Rent Review across the Council District	Over 200 letters have gone to identified ratepayers who road rent levies on rate notices (2 years ago). This project is included in the 2012/13 ABP as an ongoing project.
Complete Asset Revaluation Project for Council Assets	Roads Infrastructure Revaluation has been completed. Other Asset Categories are to be scheduled as required (Stormwater & Water Supply in draft ABP for 2012/13).
Implement new Asset Management Software	Asset Software not required this year.
Implement an Intranet for Council Staff	The project is on-hold and was not included in the 2012/13 ABP.
Implement the Elected Member Laptop Project	Completed in February 2012. Elected members have been provided with iPads

2011/2012 KEY ACTIONS	2011/2012 KEY OUTCOMES
	instead of laptops.
Implement new AutoCAD Software	Completed in November 2011
Develop an Attraction and Retaining Staff Policy	This policy has been included in the review of the Human Resource Policy which was adopted at the May 2012 Council meeting. The attraction & retention strategy will be extracted from the policy and any relevant procedures.
Conduct a workforce analysis to determine likely future staff demands and supply issues to meet the goals of the SMP.	Council has expressed interest in the LGA Workforce Planning Assistance, which is significantly subsidised through successful grant funding.
Develop Human Resource and Workforce Development Plans	As above
Developing a Risk Management Plan that meets the requirements of AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines	This project is ongoing and will be removed from future ABP's as it is an annual requirement and operational in nature.
Complete the review of Council's Long Term Office requirements.	LTOAWP authorised to proceed to design and build tenders for Council consideration. Project will be ongoing in 2012/13

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS 2011/2012

- A 3 kilometre section of Tauragat Well Road sealed.
- A 600 metre section of Parkin Hall Road Coomandook sealed.
- Extensive re-sheeting program completed across the district.
- Continued stormwater management works construction at Meningie.
- Chlorination system at the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool replaced.
- Playgrounds at Taillem Bend and Tintinara replaced.

OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE FOR 2012/2013

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2012/2013 INCLUDE:

- Tauragat Well Road (\$642k).
- Various road reseals (\$321k) and continuing works at Mallee and Murray Streets Tailem Bend (\$214k).
- Unsealed road re-sheeting program (\$1.07m).
- Landfill capping for Tailem Bend (\$268k).
- Plant, fleet & minor plant replacement (\$1.998m).
- Complete designs for the upgrade of existing office accommodation & adjacent vacant shops (\$535k).
- Replacement of footpaths (\$75k) and kerb and gutter (\$54k).
- Playground replacement at Meningie (\$43k).
- Remedial works at Dickson Reserve Tailem Bend (\$54k)
- Upgrade to CWMS (\$54k) and supply bore water to Tintinara Oval to supplement CWMS water (\$43k).

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES FOR 2012/2013 INCLUDE:

- Completion of an Electors Representation Review.
- Implementation of Council's Organisational Excellence Strategy including participation in the LGA Local Excellence Projects for Model Communications Plan and Public Health Act.
- Review and update Council's Disability Discrimination (DDA) Plan.
- Undertake a minor rating review focusing on differential rating and introduction of service charges for waste collection.
- Commence the five year Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle Program (OPAL).
- Completion of an Industrial Development Plan Amendment (DPA).
- Development of a Social Plan.
- Completion and implementation of the CWMS Business Plan.
- Development of Training Plans and Induction Plans for elected members.

FULL COUNCIL

The full Council consists of 9 elected members, one of whom is chosen by the members as the Presiding Member (Mayor) and is the decision making body on all policy and strategy matters.

Ordinary meetings of the full Council were held monthly during the 2011/12 period. Ordinary Council meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, commencing at 3.00pm.

Under the Local Government Act 1999, the Council sitting as an elected body is *“to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its community”*. In order to fulfill this responsibility, Council receives reports from management and staff and on occasions seeks information from external consultants, stakeholders and the community.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has established various committees pursuant to Section 41 of the Act. Committees have been formed to streamline Council business. These committees meet regularly and make recommendations to full Council. Committee meetings are open to the public. The Committees are:

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee

OTHER COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

A number of committees comprising Elected Members and community representatives have been established, similarly under Section 41 to investigate and manage particular issues. All report directly to Council and their minutes are included within the Council agenda and minutes:

- Coorong Bushfire Prevention Committee
- Coorong Local Action Plan Committee
- Lower Lakes and Coorong Infrastructure Committee (in recess as of 12 June 2012 to be reviewed annually)
- Taillem Bend Town Hall Committee
- Long Term Office Accommodation Working Party
- Australia Day Committee
- Coonalpyn Community Hall Committee
- Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool and Caravan Park Committee
- Meningie Cemetery Committee
- Moorlands Hall Committee
- Pangarinda Arboretum Committee
- Taillem Bend Cemetery Committee (disbanded in September 2011)
- Taillem Rail Committee
- Tintinara Airfield Committee

- Tintinara Development Group
- Tintinara Health & Recreation Centre Committee
- Tintinara Homes Committee
- Tintinara War Memorial Hall Committee

Council continues to review the effectiveness of and the need for all committees of Council including the potential to add additional committees as the need arises.

THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

The Coorong District Development Assessment Panel is not a committee of Council, but is formed by Council under the Development Act 1993 Section 56A to make decisions in relation to development applications not otherwise delegated to Council Officers.

INFORMATION STATEMENT

An Information Statement is available as a separate document in accordance with legislative requirements; however the contents are included in this Annual Report.

ACCESS TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The following documents, policies and registers are available for public inspection at Council offices free of charge. Some items are available on Council's website www.coorong.sa.gov.au. Members of the public may purchase copies of documents for a fee in accordance with Council's fees and charges register.

COUNCIL REGISTERS, CODES, POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be kept under the Local Government Act 1999 or the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

LIST OF REGISTERS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT

- Register of Allowance and Benefits
- Register of By-laws and certified copies
- The Coorong District Council has the following By-laws:
 - No 1 Permits and Penalties
 - No 2 Roads
 - No 3 Government Land
 - No 4 Dogs
 - No 5 Moveable Signs
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Delegations
- Register of Interests (Member of Council)
- Register of Interest (Staff as determined under Section 105 of the Local Government Act 1999)
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
- Register of Fees and Charges levied by Council

LIST OF CODES REQUIRED TO BE KEPT

- Code of Conduct for Elected Members
- Code of Conduct for Council Employees
- Code of Practice for access to Meetings of Council & Committees & Council Documents
- Code of Practice for Proceedings of Council Committee Meetings

OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

- Annual Business Plan and Budget
- Annual Financial Statements
- Annual Report
- Assessment Record
- Building Application Register
- Campaign donation returns for candidates
- Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- Disability Action Plan
- Population and Economic Profile
- Roadside Vegetation Management Plan
- Community Land Register
- Coorong Local Action Plan
- Council Bylaws
- Development Act 1993 – Statement of Representation
- Environmental Health Management Plan 2012 – 2016
- HACC Community Care Common Standards Improvement Plan developed from the 2011 HACC Audit appraisal
- Management Plans for Community Land
- Development Application Register
- Coorong Sustainability Plan
- 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan
- Council By Laws
- Customer Service Standards
- Customer Service Charter

POLICY DOCUMENTS

- Asbestos Policy Tailem Bend Waste Depot
- Asset Management Policy
- Acquisition of Goods and Services Policy
- Annual Business Plan and Budget Policy
- Asset Accounting policy
- Building Inspection Policy
- Community Events Grants & Donations Policy
- Community Engagement Policy
- Community Group Loan Policy
- Control of Election Signs Policy
- Complaints and Compliments Policy (and procedures)

- Disposal of Council Land and Other Assets Policy
- Debt Recovery Policy
- Economic Development Policy
- Elected Members Allowances and Support Policy
- Elected Members Induction policy
- Elected Members Training & Development Policy
- Election Caretaker Policy (Section 91A of the Local Government Elections Act 1999)
- Electronic Communications Policy
- Enforcement Policy
- Equal Employment Opportunity, Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Funding Policy
- Hierarchy of Roadside Signage Policy
- Healthy Eating Policy
- Human Resource Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Individual Sport and Cultural Grants Policy
- Internal Control Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy and Procedure
- Kerbside Waste Collection Policy
- Lease Licence & Permit Policy for Council Owned & Controlled Land & Buildings
- Motor Vehicle Policy
- Naming and Numbering of Roads Policy
- OHS&W Injury Management Policy
- Order Making Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rating Policy 2012-2013
- Records Management Policy
- Request for Service Policy including Request for Service Procedure
- Risk Management Policy
- Rural Roads Classification Policy
- Safe Environment Policy
- Sign Posting – Business Finger Post Signs Policy
- Strategic Rating Policy
- Trees on Roads in Townships & Settlements Policy
- Treasury Management Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection policy

OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTS

Requests for other information not included in the above documents are considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

Under this legislation, an application fee and a search fee must be forwarded with the completed request form as provided for under the Act, unless the applicant is granted an exemption in accordance with the Act.

Should the applicant require copies of any document inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, charges as set will apply.

Freedom of Information request forms should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
The Coorong District Council
PO Box 399
TAILEM BEND SA 5260

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

No requests for other information were received by Council in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991 in the 12 months ended 30 June 2012.

COMMUNITY LAND

Council owns and controls more than 204 separate pieces of land that are scattered throughout the district. In accordance with the requirements contained within Section 193 of the Local Government Act, 1999 there are over 130 pieces of land that are classified as Community Land.

Land classified as Community Land includes:

- Depots
- Soldier Memorial Parks
- Camping & Caravan Park Reserves
- Community Halls
- Reserve & Drainage Reserves
- Parkland & Foreshore Reserves
- Cemetery Reserves
- Reserves
- Community & Health Purpose Lands
- Leased Railway Land
- Effluent Drainage Reserves
- Sporting Grounds
- Parklands
- Waste Depots
- Council Offices
- Community Centre & Memorial Halls
- Drainage Reserves

LAND ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR

During 2011/2012 one piece of land was acquired by Council as the result of subdivision of land and is classified as Community Land. The piece of land is:

- Allotment 445, Deposited Plan 87406 in the area named Wellington East, Hundred of Seymour being Certificate of Title Volume 6084 Folio 285

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council's Community Land Management Plan in relation to this piece of land was subject to community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Community Land Management Plans may be inspected at the following Council offices, or by visiting Council's website – www.coorong.sa.gov.au.

- Customer Service Centre, 93a Railway Terrace Tailm Bend
- Meningie Branch Office, 49 Princes Highway Meningie
- Tintinara Branch Office, 37 Becker Terrace Tintinara

Council is required under the Local Government Act 1999 to review all Community Land Management Plans each year. A review of all Council owned land or land under the care and control of Council has been commenced including a separate review of waterfront reserves owned by Council or under Council's care and control. The reviews are being undertaken in conjunction with a review of Council owned unmade public road reserves. In order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, permits are due to be issued in February 2013 for the 'business use' of this land, subject to community engagement. Both reviews are being undertaken by Council's Property Officer in conjunction with the Director Infrastructure & Assets. Input has been sought from Elected Members representing the respective areas of the land review.

TENDERING AND PROCUREMENT

In February 2012, Council adopted an Acquisition of Goods and Services Policy. Through this policy, the Council is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent and accountable process for the purchasing of goods and services. In March 2012 Council adopted a Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy to ensure a fair, transparent and accountable process for the disposal of land and other assets.

Council aims to ensure that its methods of service provision, including the carrying out of works, purchasing goods and the sale of land and other assets are cost effective and meet the needs of the community and legislative requirements and represent best value for money, while taking into account the need to support the local economy.

Generally, Council will purchase goods through adoption of the following approaches:

- Direct purchase from a particular supplier.
- Obtaining quotations to select a supplier.
- Requesting tenders from a selected range of suppliers.
- Calling open tenders.
- Contract for service where rate is pre-determined by Council.

In identifying the circumstances in which to apply these options, Council will consider a number of issues, for example:

- The number of known suppliers of the goods or services.
- The existence of local suppliers of the goods or services and the impact on the local economy if the goods or services were purchased from outside the Council area.
- The total estimated value of the purchase.
- Organisational capacity and attitude to elected Council/staff roles and responsibilities in purchasing.
- Delegation limits taking into consideration accountability, responsibility, operational efficiency and urgency of supply.
- Previous experience with suppliers.
- Compliance with statutory obligations.

The following list contains some of the functions for which Council utilises contractors to carry out services:

- Cartage of road building material
- Waste management
- Road line marking
- Engineering services
- Information services

COMPETITION PRINCIPLES

Council does not conduct any significant business activity.

All By-laws have been reviewed and found not to have an effect on competition.

No complaints have been received by Council about the application of competitive neutrality.

AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL RECORDS

A member of 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.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Chief Executive Officer and three Directors are not paid overtime but receive, as a part of their total salary package, the benefit of the private use of a fully maintained motor vehicle subject to fuel costs being generally paid by the officer when on leave.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Council and Council Committees may have discussions in camera (excluding the public). The provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, Section 90, sets out the circumstances when this may occur and the following is a summary of the number of occasions that the provisions listing in Section 90 (excluding the public during debate) or section 91 (documents to be kept confidential for a period of time) were utilised during the 2011/12 financial year.

Council conducts a review of all items still held in confidence under Section 90 & 91 orders every 12 months.

2011/2012 CONFIDENTIALITY SCHEDULE

The Council went into confidence 46 times. Of the 46 times Council went into confidence, on 42 occasions a motion or motions were made.

Of the 42 times a motion or motions were made, on 31 occasions the information has subsequently been made publicly available and on 11 occasions the information has not been made publicly available.

The reasons for confidentiality are identified below:

Personal affairs of any person	15 times (a)
Commercial issues	13 times (b)
<u>Tender/supply of goods</u>	<u>14 times (k)</u>
TOTAL	42 times

In order to ensure the principles of open, accessible and accountable governance and compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 are observed, Council must undertake an annual review of its confidentiality orders and resolve to maintain, release or release in part, reports that have been considered in confidence.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Council underwent a significant organisational review in 2010/2011. The Council administration is managed by the CEO and is divided into the following departments:

- Sustainable Development
 - Development (statutory and strategic planning);
 - Environmental Health;
 - General Inspectorial (animal management, parking, fire prevention)
 - Tourism and economic development;
 - Landcare (Local Action Plan);
 - Business Planning & Governance
- Infrastructure and Assets
 - Management plans, major projects, plant replacement, etc.;
 - Maintenance including community facilities;

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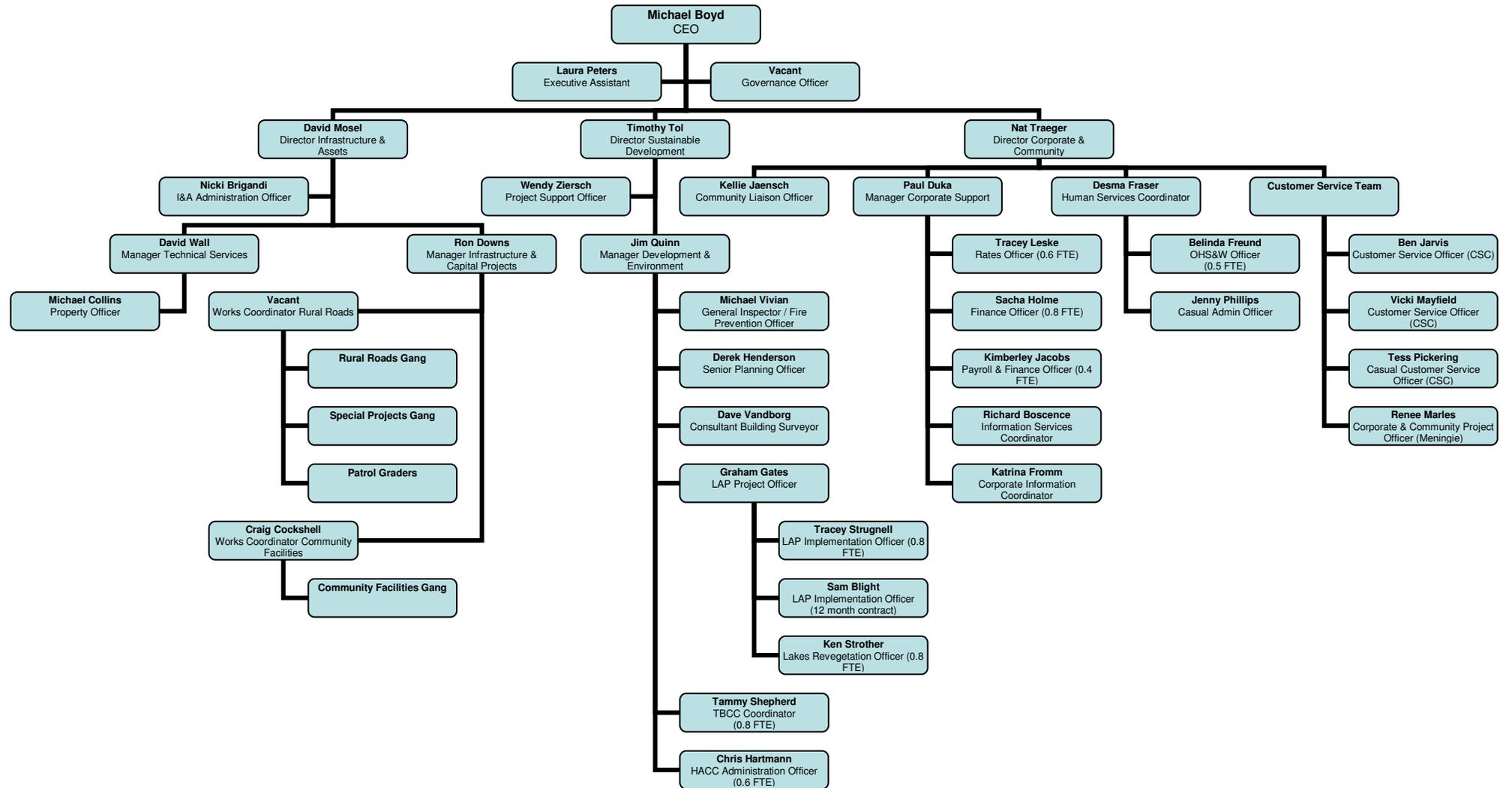
- Operations including road construction, maintenance and ancillary infrastructure;
- Technical including project and contract management, procurement, community lands.
- Corporate and Community
 - Financial Management;
 - Corporate Support;
 - Organisational Development;
 - Community Services and Development.

The Organisational Structure as at 30 June 2012 is below.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – AS AT 30 JUNE 2012



AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

Under the ongoing direction of Independent Chairperson Rex Mooney, the Audit Committee again experienced a productive year in 2011/2012, primarily by continuing to adhere to its defined meeting schedule and work program. Membership of the Committee was strengthened in February 2012 with the Mayor's status being upgraded from Ex Officio to full voting member, as well as the appointment of Cr Jaensch as proxy to Cr Dawes.

The Committee convened meetings on five separate occasions in 2011/2012, which is compared to four in 2010/2011. The table below details the dates of the meetings and attendance by Chairperson and Elected Members. The table clearly demonstrates that even through some Elected Members are not members of the Committee, their ongoing interest in its activities are seeing their attendance on quite a few occasions.

Attendance at Audit Committee Meetings

	Audit Committee Meeting Dates				
Committee Members	16/08/2011	21/11/2011	17/02/2012	11/04/2012	05/06/2012
Rex Mooney					
Cr Roger Strother					
Cr Neville Jaensch*					
Cr Peter Wright					
Cr Jeff Arthur					
Cr Andrew Dawes					
Councillor Attendees					
Cr Locky McKinna					
Cr Bob Simcock					
Cr Jeff Klitscher					
Cr Sharon Bland					

	Attended
	Absent
	Not a Member of the Committee

* At its February 2012 Meeting, Council amended the membership of the Audit Committee by appointing Cr Strother as a member and Cr Jaensch as proxy to Cr Dawes.

The Committee's key achievements for 2011/2012 were as follows;

- Endorsed the adoption of the 2010/2011 Annual Financial Statements.
- Selection and endorsement of external auditor Ian McDonald to Council for a five year period.
- Upon completion of Policy Review Project, the Audit Committee received and noted the Policy Review Schedule.
- Endorsed the operation of a number of policies of Council including Treasury Management Policy, Fraud and Corruption Policy, Whistleblowers Policy, Procurement Policy, Funding Policy, Asset Management Policy, Acquisition of Goods & Services Policy, Strategic Rating Policy, Internal Control Policy, Debt

Recovery Policy, Risk Management Policy, Annual Business Plan & Budget Policy & Rate Rebate Policy.

- Recommended to Council that it undertake a minor Rating Review Project for differential rates and introduction of a new service rate project in 2012/13.
- Recommended to Council to give consideration to the appointment of an external consultant to undertake a review of its Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). This subsequently occurred, which was a significant achievement as this had not been undertaken for several years. The Audit Committee was key to endorsing the LTFP for community engagement which was subsequently adopted by Council unchanged in August 2012.
- Endorsement of the Annual Business Plan 2012/13 to Council, including the former seven (7) financial ratios being reduced to the same contained in the Long Term Financial Plan (being operating surplus ratio, net financial liabilities, asset sustainability).
- Endorsement of a rolling revaluation schedule which was subsequently included in the Asset Accounting Policy.
- Reviewed the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee, including an update to its membership as reported above, Chairperson's allowance to be negotiated by CEO rather than set by Council and the Chairperson term can be extended in two yearly increments upon recommendation from Audit Committee to Council.

The term of the Independent Chairperson will be reviewed early in 2012/13 and it is anticipated that Rex Mooney will continue his tenure. If this eventuates, the Committee look forward to furthering its good work which begun in 2010/11. To achieve this, it will have a continued focus on outstanding items on its works program included but not restricted to reviewing depreciation, policy development, financial reporting templates for Council and endorsing the CWMS Annual Business Plan.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Australia Day celebrations and Award ceremonies were held across the district on 26 January 2012. Council awarded 6 Citizen of the Year Awards, 2 Community Event of the Year Awards and 1 Special Recognition Award for outstanding community contribution.

Citizen of the Year Awards:

- John White – Wellington East
- Betty Moffatt – Tailem Bend
- Ellen Trevorrow – Camp Coorong
- John Lawrie – Meningie
- Wal Wright – Meningie
- Bruce Fawcett – Coonalpyn
- Gail Traeger – Tintinara

Community Event of the Year Awards:

- Centenary Celebrations of Coomandook Amalgamated Pastime Club
- Tinti Under the Stars

Special Recognition Award:

- Tammy Shepherd Contribution to the Community – Tailem Bend



*Pictured Above left: Australia Day Ambassador John Halbert with Mayor Cr Roger Strother.
Pictured Above right: Award Recipient Tammy Shepherd with Mayor Cr Roger Strother.*

Council was involved in supporting six Australia Day events; these were held in Meningie, Tailem Bend, Tintinara, Wellington East, Coomandook and Coonalpyn. Council was pleased to be involved in the Australia Day Ambassador Program, and John Halbert attended both the Meningie and Tailem Bend events.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The 2011/12 year was another successful year for the Sustainable Development Department. Some of the highlights included:

- The continued success and expansion of the Local Action Plan (LAP) program;
- Adopting a new Coorong District Local Action Plan;
- Council being awarded the Runner Up award for Regional Council's as part of the Public and Environmental Health Council Local Government Awards;
- Adopting a new 2012-2016 Environmental Health Management Plan
- Adopting the Strategic Directions Report and commencing the Land Use and Infrastructure Prospectus and Industry and Motorsport Development Plan Amendment;
- Adopting a new Tourism and Economic Development Plan;
- Adopting a Carbon Neutral Strategy; and
- Adoption of the new 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan and Organisational Excellence Strategy.

The Sustainable Development Department is responsible for providing a diverse array of Council Services on behalf of the community, including:

- Development Services – Including Development Assessment (Planning & Building) and Development Policy
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Environmental and Community Health Services
- Environmental Programs – Including Local Action Plan
- General Inspectorial Services
- Governance

The activities of the Sustainable Development Department broadly fall under four of Council's Strategic Objectives;

**Governance - Leadership
Environmental – Sustainability
Economic – Prosperity
Community Development – Well Being**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Development Services staff provides services which ensure Council meets the following Strategic Goals of Council.

2.1 Goal – To have up to date Development Plan provisions that reflect the needs and aspirations of the community and ensure its development assessment processes reflect best practice principles and consistent decision making

2.6 Goal - To enhance township character and amenity as well as improve opportunities to access significant recreation assets across the district.

3.1 Goal – A strong and prosperous economy built on diversifying our established industries, business and enterprises, and attracting new industries and investors through collaboration in Regional, State and National partnerships.

Two key responsibilities of our Development Services staff include Development Assessment and Development Policy. The staff also are involved in Council's Building Fire Safety Committee.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

The majority of development approvals are granted by Council staff under delegated authority. The Council's Development Assessment Panel considers some development applications, including generally those that are recommended for refusal, or are non complying or have been subject to public notification and representors wish to be heard.

Council's Development Assessment Panel consists of the following members:

- Peter Body (Independent Chairperson);
- Graham Gaston (Independent Member);
- Kylie Schilling (Independent Member);
- Cr Jeff Klitscher; and
- Cr Peter Wright

Council received 148 development applications during the 2011-2012 financial year with a total value of just over \$8.8 million.

The following table indicates a breakdown of the types of development applications lodged from 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 and their total value.

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Total	Value (\$,000)	Total	Value (\$,000)	Total	Value (\$,000)
New Dwellings	18	2,540	27	3,349	17	3,970
Dwelling Additions & Alterations over \$2,000	7	527	14	523	12	810
Domestic Outbuildings & Minor Additions/Alterations	67	549	74	700	70	552
Swimming Pools	2	11	5	61	2	76
Commercial Development, including Farm Implement sheds, Olive Orchards, Piggeries	16	1,941	25	4,856	16	1,412
Commercial Additions/Alterations, including Community Facilities Additions	32	2,460	28	1,558	17	2,013
Tourist Facilities (Additions/Alterations/Signage)	3	18	0	0	3	8
Dredging / Emergency Dredging (Lake Albert & Alexandrina & River Murray)	3	45	2	8	0	0
Land Division	20	0	21	0	11	0
Total	168	8,091	196	11,054	148	8,842

Dwellings

The 17 dwelling applications lodged during 2011-2012 were located in the following areas:

- 4 in Tailem Bend
- 2 in Meningie

- 1 in Coonalpyn
- 1 in Tintinara
- 4 in Wellington East, and
- 5 in rural and rural living areas. Of the dwellings in rural and rural living areas they are located in the following hundreds:
 - 2 in Hundred of Seymour
 - 2 in Hundred of Bonney, and
 - 1 in the Hundred of Sherlock.

Land Divisions:

The 11 Land Division's Lodged in 2011-2012 could potentially result in 9 new allotments. The new allotments will be located in:

- 2 additional allotments in Tailem Bend, and
- 7 in rural areas.

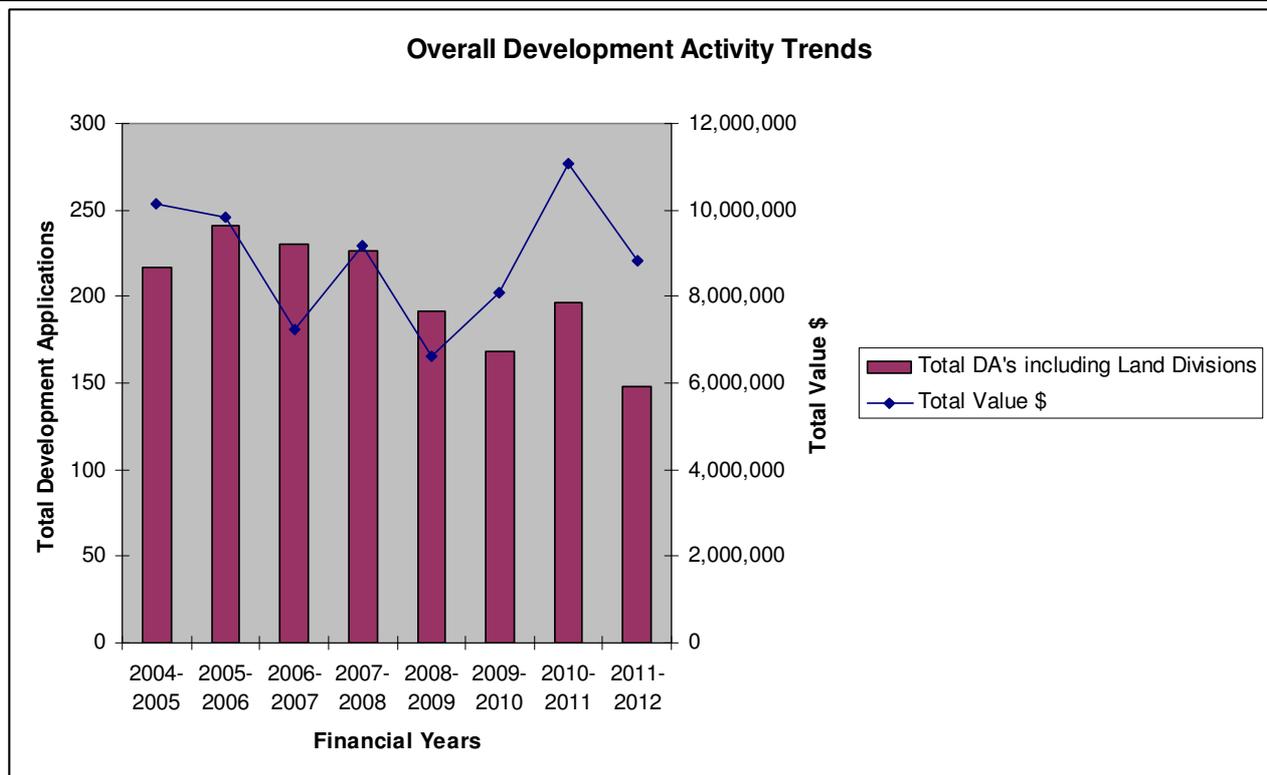
It should be noted that not all the above land divisions have received Development Approval and some of the applications are for boundary adjustments rather than new allotment creations.

The total number of allotments potentially created as a result of land divisions since 2008-2009 is identified in the following table:

LOCATION	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	Total
Tailem Bend	3	20	3	2	28
Meningie	6	0	350	0	356
Tintinara	0	-1	0	0	-1
Wellington East	29	0	85	0	114
Coonalpyn	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Zones	5	13	4	7	29
TOTAL	43	32	442	9	526

Overall Development Activity Trends

Financial Year	Total DA's including Land Divisions	Total Value (\$,000)	Dwellings
2004-2005	217	10,134	35
2005-2006	241	9,823	34
2006-2007	230	7,229	28
2007-2008	226	9,191	29
2008-2009	192	6,623	15
2009-2010	168	8,091	18
2010-2011	196	11,054	27
2011-2012	148	8,842	17



DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Council staff work closely with Councils Section 41 Strategic Planning and Development Policy (SPDP) Committee in implementing development policy projects and initiatives. The membership of Councils Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee is:

- Cr Sharon Bland (Chairperson)
- Cr Jeff Arthur
- Cr Jeff Klitscher
- Cr Peter Wright
- Cr Neville Jaensch

The Council adopted its Strategic Directions Report (SDR) in July 2011, the SDR sets out Councils development policy work program for the next 5 years. During 2011/12 two significant development policy projects were commenced, they include the Land Use and Infrastructure Prospectus and the Industry and Motorsport Development Plan Amendment (DPA).

Land Use and Infrastructure Prospectus

The Prospectus aims to provide background investigations for Industrial and Primary Production development opportunities and form the basis of investigations for the Industry and Rural Lands DPA's. Furthermore, the prospectus can be used by prospective developers to determine development potential as it includes some of the ground work required with regard to accessing infrastructure and includes information on who to contact to seek further information.

Whilst undertaking the Strategic Directions Report, it was clear that previous zoning of lands has not always taken into consideration whether infrastructure is available, or can be

economically provided to specific localities for the land uses envisaged. In addition, there has been a focus on whether the land owner might facilitate economic development rather than adequate provision of land allowing the market to determine if a development might be economic.

In response to this, the Land Use and Infrastructure Prospectus has been undertaken to address this deficiency and assist any future land policy revision or zoning amendments through DPA's to align more appropriately with key infrastructure. It is critical that the zoning and provisions in the Development Plan align with allotments that are appropriate for development. To reflect this, the Land Use Prospectus is aimed at encouraging investment within the district.

A spin off of this project has been the procurement of mapping and Geographic Information System (GIS) data from Rural Solutions to visually identify the infrastructure localities and to upload all this data into Council's mapping system so that fit for purpose mapping can be undertaken for any future policy assessment. These improvements to the mapping and GIS resources that are now available for Council Officers and will assist in future development planning and policy projects.

Much of the work in developing the Prospectus has been undertaken during 2011/12 and it was endorsed by Councils SPDP Committee in August 2012 and adopted by Council in September 2012.

It should be noted that the Prospectus document will be an evolving document and will be improved over time. At present it has focused on the large infrastructure and potential development opportunities across the district in a broad sense. In accordance with Council's 2012-2013 Annual Business Plan more specific investigations will occur regarding the townships in the Council district, in particular focussing on town centre (commercial) and residential development opportunities. The results of these investigations will be included in the Prospectus over time.

Industry and Motorsport DPA

This DPA has been initiated to facilitate appropriate industrial and motorsport development within the Council area. The following issues are to be addressed as part of this DPA:

Tailem Bend Motorsport Park

The motorsport industry bodies have identified significant demand in relation to the provision of facilities for motorsport at all levels, driver education programs, vehicle testing etc. well in excess of what can be provided for in existing locations within South Australia. This site has been identified as having strong attributes which lends itself to the development of this location for these activities and facilities beyond the already frequent use of the site (based on the infrastructure previously developed by Mitsubishi as a vehicle testing and development site).

Current provisions for the Motor Vehicle Track Zone are focussed primarily for use as a testing facility rather than for motorsport. Investigations will establish the land uses and provisions that are associated with motorsport activities, including potential for associated industrial and commercial development that would benefit from being in this key locality.

It is anticipated that the DPA will seek to provide policy in regards to, and investigate issues associated with:

- New provisions that focus on the full range of motorsport activities and facilities anticipated on the site, including redefining the desired character and envisaged land uses within the zone.
- Potential for the establishment of a new industrial/commercial precinct in association with development of Tailem Bend Motorsport Park, whether it be centred on a specific locality or enabling flexibility to take into consideration the eventual siting of motorsport facilities.
- Establishing suitable policy to cater for large motorsport events, including temporary accommodation.
- Ensuring alignment with key infrastructure is determined, including access off of Mallee Highway.
- The significance of scattered native vegetation located in parts of the site is determined.

Industry and Renewable Energy Facilities in Rural Areas

The Council area has been identified as having significant potential to establish renewable energy facilities in light of the transmission lines bisecting the Council, good solar access, access to the high-pressure SEA Gas pipeline and areas of poor primary production lands which may be more suited to partially accommodating renewables. In addition, there may be instances where certain development (for example milling, gas power plants etc) might not be suitable within the confines of smaller industrial sized allotments within, or on the fringes of, towns.

It is anticipated that the DPA will seek to provide policy in regards to, and investigate issues associated with:

- Enhancing policy in regards to renewable energy facilities within the Primary Production Zone to direct towards existing infrastructure, whilst maintaining focus on primary production.
- Determine the criteria for which certain industrial-type development might be better suited to localities outside of townships; directing these towards localities where key infrastructure and access is in close proximity, poorly productive land, will not be prominent in the landscape, protects ongoing use of adjoining land for primary production use and protects key areas of biodiversity and amenity of farm residences.
- Ensure bulk handling facilities are suitably protected from encroaching development in recognition of its importance not only for the district, but for the region.

The DPA will also evaluate Industrial Land requirements for the townships of Tailem Bend, Meningie, Tintinara and Coonalpyn.

During 2011/12 the Statement of Intent for the Industry and Motorsport DPA was drafted and has been subsequently endorsed by the SPDP Committee in August 2012 and adopted by Council in August 2012.



Wellington East Marina Development

BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE (BFSC)

The focus of the BFSC is to ensure that buildings are adequately protected against fire and where buildings have been identified as high risk, the buildings will be high on the priority for fire safety inspections. Section 71 of the Development Act 1993, specifically provides obligations upon the council in relation to Building Fire Safety. Specifically it requires the Council to establish a Building Fire Safety Committee and provides powers for "Authorised Officers" to investigate whether or not building owners are maintaining proper levels of fire safety in their buildings for the protection of all occupiers, whether they are residents and workers who use them regularly, or clients and visitors who use them occasionally.

Council's BFSC consists of Council's Building Consultant Dave Vandborg, an officer from the Country Fire Services and a Council appointed representative, Peter Harmer, who has expertise in the area of fire safety.

The BFSC met in twice during the 2011-2012 Financial Year.

At the August 2011 meeting the BFSC had 7 items on its agenda. By the end of the financial year there were four items to be resolved. One is considered minor and the other outstanding three property owners are endeavouring to meet compliance with the recommendations of the Building Fire Safety Committee.

This has been a considerable achievement over the last few years where in 2009-10 there were over 24 outstanding matters. Council's Building Consultant, Dave Vandborg, has spent considerable time facilitating the finalisation of the majority of items on behalf of the BFSC.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Council's activities to support and encourage Economic Development and Tourism ensure Council meets the following Strategic Goal.

3.1 Goal – A strong and prosperous economy built on diversifying our established industries, business and enterprises, and attracting new industries and investors through collaboration in Regional, State and National partnerships.

3.2 Goal – To have a vibrant and growing tourism industry.

The Council has undertaken several important initiatives during 2011/12 with regard to economic development and tourism. This includes adoption of a Tourism and Economic Development Plan, considering a Visitor Servicing Discussion Paper, adopting a Tourism Infrastructure Plan and being involved in the Murraylands Tourism Partnership. It should also be noted that the development policy projects detailed in the previous section also have a strong correlation to Council's aim to attract and encourage economic development throughout the district.

TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The economy and social fabric of the local communities of the Coorong District Council has long been reliant on its environment and water availability in the Lower Lakes and River Murray system. With the predicted effects of climate change this reliance on water needs to be addressed and new economic and tourism development opportunities encouraged.

The Tourism and Economic Development (TED) Plan provides for a way forward to encourage new economic and development opportunities and meet the challenges of climate change for the community.

The development of the TED Plan commenced in 2010/11. Council engaged URPS, an urban and regional planning firm, along with economic planning and analysis firm SGS (Spiller Gibbons Swan) to develop the Plan. The aim of the Plan is to provide a direction that will assist to diversify the local economy, enhance tourism development opportunities, build resilience in the local economy and community and generally assist in building confidence and prosperity throughout the district to ensure a sustainable future. The Tourism and Economic Development Plan was funded through the Federal Governments Strengthening Basin Communities Program.

The TED Plan was adopted by Council in November 2011. Two projects were immediately commenced as a result of the adoption of the TED Plan; they were the Visitor Servicing Discussion paper and the Tourism Infrastructure Plan.

VISITOR SERVICING OPTIONS FOR THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL DISCUSSION PAPER

As a priority action resultant of the TED Plan, Council resolved to undertake an investigation into the feasibility and options available regarding developing a Visitor Information Centre within the district and includes the investigation as a strategic project in the 2011/12 Annual Business Plan.

A Discussion Paper was prepared and presented to Council in February 2012 which provided relevant background information and investigations into the potential benefits and issues of developing a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) or Visitor Information Outlet/Office (VIO) within the district and assist Council to make an informed decision on what its role may be in visitor servicing.

The operation of an accredited VIC is an expensive recurrent cost, but it can act as the 'shop window' to a town or region. An appropriately operated VIC can often result in extended length of stay and increased expenditure among visitors, as well as projecting a positive image of the community. The operation of a VIO may bring similar benefits but at a reduced operating cost.

Visitor servicing in the Coorong District Council area is provided through the Visitor Information Outlets at Tailem Bend, Tintinara and Meningie. Furthermore Council has recently made commitments regarding tourism signage and other signage has been provided by community groups. Contributions by Council towards tourism maps and brochures are also made.

The development of a VIC in the Coorong District Council would involve an initial capital expense to provide a facility but also an ongoing recurrent expenditure to operate and staff the centre. This is a major strategic and budgetary decision for Elected Members, which would require comprehensive community consultation prior to it being made. The Council may consider the establishment of a VIO as a more cost effective and flexible option to support visitor servicing in the district.

Meningie appears to be the most suitable location for a VIC/VIO in the Coorong District Council. Meningie is a regional gateway centre located on a major traffic route (Princes Highway) that is part of the Melbourne to Adelaide tourist route. Meningie and the Coorong National Park has the most potential for tourism growth in the district and is strategically situated between existing VIC's at Robe, Goolwa and Murray Bridge. There is also a VIO at Kingston.

The most important consideration regarding visitor servicing for Council is what it can afford while taking into account the priority that tourism and visitor servicing has compared to the vast array of other Council services and works. Tourism has been given greater emphasis in the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan however Council needs to determine what it will direct resources and funding towards and to what level.

Council will continue to consider what its role may be in visitor servicing in 2012/13.

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

As a priority action, resultant of the TED Plan, Council resolved to develop a Tourism Infrastructure Plan and includes the Tourism Infrastructure Plan as a strategic project in the 2011-12 Annual Business Plan.

A Tourism Infrastructure Plan was drafted based on input from elected members at a workshop held in January 2012. The Tourism Infrastructure Plan was adopted by Council in June 2012.

The aim of this Plan is to identify and prioritise the major infrastructure projects Council may support that will assist the local tourism industry. Projects Council may directly support are located on Council land and may be supported through its capital work program and seeking external funding. It should be noted that Council is mindful of budgetary constraints with regard to constructing new infrastructure and assets. Therefore any decision made regarding tourism infrastructure will need to take into consideration community needs and aspirations and Council's responsibility with regard to responsible long term financial planning.

Projects Council may indirectly support may be on land not owned by Council but where Council may advocate for infrastructure to be constructed where it will assist the local tourism industry.

Some of the infrastructure projects listed within this Plan have already commenced whether it be through planning and/or construction. This plan may provide further emphasis and strategic significance to these projects to assist in obtaining further external funding.

The premise of this plan is development of tourism in the Coorong District Council relies on the development of appropriate infrastructure, which services a tourist's needs and encourages investment by the private sector in competitive tourism product.

MURRAYLANDS TOURISM PARTNERSHIP

The Murraylands Tourism Partnership (MTP) was formed in 2011 to provide a local point of contact for the tourism industry, provide direct advice and refer enquirers to relevant resources, identify and leverage partnership opportunities and link tourism policies and plans to achieve sustainable strategic outcomes for the region.

The consolidation of state marketing funds for tourism has meant MTP can only influence and leverage marketing opportunities to promote the region through SATC marketing and local government initiatives.

The MTP membership boasts an array of skills, experience and knowledge of the region and tourism industry. The Coorong District Council representative on the MTP is Timothy Tol (Director Sustainable Development).

Through the work of the MTP, and in particular Candace Torres the Tourism Marketing Manager, several key achievements have been made that directly benefit the Coorong District Council: These include:

- The inclusion of "Lakes and Coorong" in the tourism region title in the visitor guide and other SATC publications. This is a significant achievement and provides greater emphasis to the Coorong region.
- Distribution of a tear off map across the region.
- Supporting a "Canoe the Coorong" experience.
- Supporting the River barrage DVD donation to the Cheese Factory Museum at Meningie.

Furthermore a Murraylands Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2012-13 to 2015-16 has been developed and aims to provide the Murraylands with an innovative and strategic

policy and planning, and critical framework that will help attract visitation, increase length of stay and spend as well as grow investment and build capacity in sustainable tourism within the region.

The Plan identifies intrastate families' as an already established market that clearly demands the attributes the region has to offer, offering a cost-effective way to increase visitor numbers, whilst meeting expectations, generate positive word of mouth and engender loyalty to gain repeat visitation.

The Plan identifies the following priorities, supported by 10 key strategies:

- Improve access to and within the region
- Enhance distribution and build industry capability
- Leverage the attraction of events and festivals
- Develop new and refreshed signature experiences
- Encourage infrastructure development by upgrading and developing special places and spaces
- Better communicate the best of what the core target market wants to buy

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Environmental & Community Health services provided by the Coorong District Council include; Food Safety Inspections, Waste Control System assessment and compliance, Mosquito and European Wasp Control and Immunisation programs.

These services ensure Council meets the following Strategic Goals:

4.3 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life of the community by advocating, supporting and undertaking health and community safety initiatives.

The Council was awarded a runner up award by the Public and Environmental Health Council for their Regional Council of the Year Award. The Council has also received a Certificate of Excellence as part of these awards for the past 3 years.

The Council adopted its new 2012-2016 Environmental Health Management Plan (EHMP) in March 2012. The EHMP addresses:

- Council's statutory responsibilities for Environmental Health;
- Environmental Health issues of importance to the community;
- Relevant Commonwealth and State Government policy;
- Relevant goals in Council's Strategic Management Plan; and
- Key values for ensuring the effective delivery of Environmental Health services such as ensuring accountability, a pro-active approach and creating effective partnerships with key stakeholders.

The Plan provides strategic guidance for Council's Sustainable Development Department and for the operations under the following functional areas:

- Food Safety
- Immunisation

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- Notifiable Disease Control
 - Housing Conditions and Amenity
 - Manufactured Water Systems
 - Public Health Pest Control
 - Hairdressing and Skin Penetration Activities
 - Waste Management
 - Water Quality
 - Waste Control Systems
 - Built Environment, and
 - Emergency Management.

FOOD SAFETY

Council provides an extensive and appropriate level of inspections as well as community education initiatives to ensure adequate food safety within the Council district.

A summary of the Council's statistics for 2011-2012 are:

- There are 109 registered food businesses under the Council's jurisdiction; during this reporting period 79 routine inspections were conducted. These routine inspections resulted in 14 follow up inspections to confirm compliance with issues raised at the initial inspection.
- Of the 14 follow up inspections, four businesses were sent letters advising them to undertake a particular course of action to resolve matters of importance that were discovered during the routine inspections. The other ten follow up inspections were for minor compliance issues, which were easily resolved.
- Council also conducted inspections for six alleged food complaints. The complaints were not all justified and were of a non-serious nature. The justified complaints were resolved by working closely with the business proprietors.

Council also takes a proactive approach to food handler training and community education. The promotion of good food hygiene principles to food handlers is an ongoing service as many food businesses and community organisations have a turnover of staff and volunteers. To help keep this message current and in the minds of the businesses and the community, Council organises regular workshop sessions.

During this reporting period, two interactive format Food Handling and Safety Training Courses were organised within the district. The two courses were hosted by Council and presented by TAFE SA, Mount Gambier. The use of an accredited training organisation provides the participants with a recognised certificate of achievement that assists business owners in providing relevant professional development to their staff.

The two courses attracted 35 people in all, with 14 attending the first course and 21 attending the second course in June 2012, with all attendees being awarded certificates.

The ongoing support of the training courses endorses the Coorong District Council's objective of promoting Food Safety and Hygiene, highlighting the need for the continuing education of food handlers within our community.

Council takes every opportunity available to promote its food hygiene and food safety programs including talks at the local schools during Pet Awareness Workshops and attending Special Event Days such as the Family Fun Day at Meningie and the Close the Gap Health Day at Raukkan. Council also includes food safety and hygiene related articles in its bimonthly Community Link newsletter.

In summary, Council is conducting routine premise inspections as well as community education initiatives to ensure adequate food safety within the Council district.



Setting Up for the Raukkan 'Close the Gap' Health Day

WASTE CONTROL SYSTEMS

Council has continued the systematic pump out of residential properties with septic tanks that are connected to Councils Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS). The systematic pumping of septic tanks assists Council to maintain the CWMS infrastructure to a manageable level and extend the longevity of each of the schemes, as well as comply with the Public and Environmental Health Act Waste Control Regulations.

Council has four towns with CWMS schemes; Tailem Bend, Meningie, Tintinara and Wellington East. 492 tanks were desludged, with less than 1 percent of residences receiving information letters advising of the condition of their tanks and the maintenance required to bring the tank up to an appropriate standard.

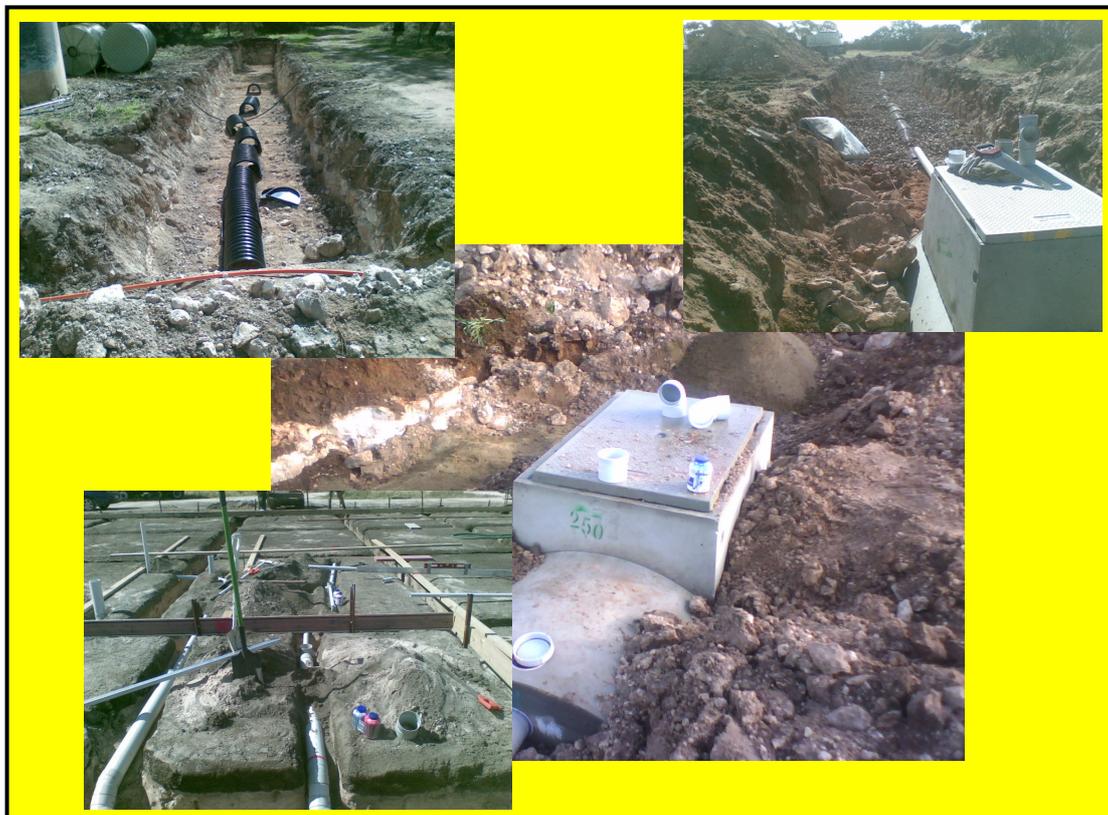
The Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) installed Tailem Bend, Tintinara and Meningie are all operational and under the full care and control of Council. The recycled water is used for irrigation purposes and over winter the excess water will be stored, where appropriate, in Council's retention ponds.

Both the Meningie and Taillem Bend WWTPs require monthly sludge evacuation from the onsite holding tanks to ensure optimal performance of the systems. The scheduling and implementation of the monthly de-sludge is organised by the SD department to ensure regulatory compliance. As there is a risk management concern with this procedure, Council's EHO oversees the process to manage any incidents, spills or leaks.

For consistency and efficiency the routine pump out of Council's Public Toilet infrastructure is also scheduled and supervised through the SD department.

Council approved 35 new Waste Control System applications in 2011-12. Of these applications 32 were for septic tanks including 12 alterations to an existing system and 20 new installations, 20 of the septic tanks were connected to the CWMS schemes and 12 had on site soakage systems. There were 3 aerobic waste control system applications received during this reporting period.

Council identified a number of waste control systems and underfloor plumbing that had been installed without Council approval during 2011/12. The installation of unapproved waste control systems is an ongoing compliance issue for Council. It must be stressed that in the majority of cases the waste control systems identified as installed without approval did not meet current regulatory standards. Waste control systems not installed to the required plumbing standards can have detrimental effects on the local environment and can pose a potential health risk to people, pets and livestock.



Examples of underfloor plumbing, septic tank installation and soakage trench construction that are inspected by Council officers.

MOSQUITOES, BEES AND RODENT CONTROL

The Mosquito and Plant Research Laboratory at the University of South Australia (UniSA) has provided mosquito surveillance and spot control services for the Coorong District Council along with six other local councils along the River Murray in South Australia, from September 2011 to June 30th 2012. This is the first year that the Alexandrina Council has been a part of this program. 2011/12 was the thirteenth consecutive year of operation of this valuable service. Unlike the previous reporting period there wasn't a requirement for a winter surveillance program. This was due to the very low number of Ross River Virus and other Arbovirus reports.

During this season a total of 15,282 adult mosquitoes were collected from 30 regular monitoring sites, across the seven Councils providing information about the diversity and abundance of mosquitoes along the River. This catch size represents a decrease to just over 20% of the total catch on the previous year (79,058). The catch in the Coorong however, was down by only 65% of the previous annual catch compared to 80% overall. The Coorong anomaly is a pattern consistent with the distinct nature of the mosquito communities in the Council area compared to the other River Murray Councils.

The decrease in the overall number of mosquitoes caught along the River Murray during the season, corresponded to the decrease in the notification of arboviral disease in SA. There were 220 Ross River virus reports this year whereas in 2010/11, 1,148 cases were reported. Similarly with Barmah Forest virus reports 65 this season and 123 2010/11

The Coorong District Council area recorded a considerable decrease in mosquito numbers, down from 11,012 in 2010/11 to 2,274 this season from the five traps over eleven trips. As a result of the decreased activity there was a corresponding decrease in Arbovirus reports, with 9 cases of Ross River virus down from 32 previously and only 2 cases of Barmah Forest virus down from 8 in 2010/11.

Bee swarms in public locations have continued to be an ongoing area of Public Health concern. The change in weather conditions has seen a significant increase in the number of hives that required removal by pest control contractors.

This year has seen a decrease in rodent control measures due to the drop in the number of reports of mice and rats in the district. Taking a proactive approach and providing information and assisting with baiting has resulted in fewer complaints being registered with Council.

Feral pigeons congregating and roosting in the eaves of public and private buildings as well as on open roof spaces reduced during 2011/12. Council engaged when necessary a local contractor to bait, trap and dispose of the pigeons. The program was successful and the number of feral pigeons has been reduced considerably

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT IMPLEMENTATION PILOT PROJECT

Council representatives have been involved with the Local Government Association's Public Health Act Implementation Pilot Project. Through this project the LGA is developing a suite of information resources for Councils. The first of these resources will be available early October 2012.

The information papers developed will cover the following topics:

- overview of the SA Public Health Act;
- regional Public Health Planning;
- Public Health explanatory paper (what is Public Health?); and
- functions of Councils:
 - Councils as the Local public health authority for its area;
 - to preserve, protect and promote public health;
 - cooperation between Councils and with other authorities administering the Act;
 - ensuring adequate sanitation measures are in place and that activities do not adversely effect public health;
 - public health risk identification and response; and
 - assessment of public health impacts on development.
- Overview of administrative arrangements (good governance);
- immunisation; and
- public health partner authorities.

Council's representatives attended the first of three workshops programmed for the pilot project group in May this year followed by an individual Council interview and workshop to understand local conditions, needs and wants. The Project is working towards the formulation of resource materials that will be available to all SA Councils to assist in the development of regional and local Public Health Plans

IMMUNISATION

The school based immunisation program was once again implemented successfully. Council conducted 9 school based clinics in 2011-12 as well as 3 internal influenza workplace clinics. These clinics resulted in 227 school based vaccinations and 34 adults receiving the influenza vaccine.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Coorong District Council has a proud record of achievements in the environmental field. The excellent work of Council's Local Action Plan staff and Committee is a central factor in achieving this record. Council has also focused on its organisational environmental initiatives through the Carbon Neutral Strategy. The work in these two areas ensures Council meets the following Strategic Goals.

2.2 Goal – To responsibly manage the natural environment to ensure its sustainability and to implement natural resource management principles.

LOCAL ACTION PLAN

The Coorong Local Action Plan (LAP) Committee has continued its on ground works program and LAP Officers have maintained their pro-active role in the delivery of innovative projects. The LAP Officers are employed by Council and are funded through external funding as well as a Council contribution.

The Local Action Plan Officers assist landowners with a variety of initiatives and funding including; stabilising sandhills and blowouts, clay spreading, lake shore erosion control, fencing remnant vegetation and wetlands, revegetation and planting windbreaks, establishment of farm forestry as well as providing information to the community regarding the local action plan initiatives.

To ensure that this success continues for years to come the Coorong District Local Action Plan has been reviewed and renewed. This project commenced in November 2010 when Council was successful in obtaining Federal Government funding through the Strengthening Basin Communities (SBC) Program to undertake a review of the LAP and to create a new LAP. Council engaged Faith Cook (EcoProTem) to assist with the project. The new LAP was adopted by Council in March 2012 and launched at Coomandook in April 2012. This followed an extensive period of community engagement and input from the LAP Committee.

Another excellent achievement by the LAP staff has been successfully obtaining additional external funding during 2011/12 which will ensure the LAP program continues for the next 5 years.

Biodiversity Funding Announcement

The LAP team submitted an application for funding from the Federal Government's Biodiversity Fund. The Biodiversity Fund is linked to the Federal Government's Clean Energy Future Plan and is part of the Clean Energy Future Land Sector Package which will invest \$1.7 billion over the next six years. The Biodiversity Fund will invest more than \$946 million over the next six years to assist land managers to store carbon, enhance biodiversity and build greater environmental resilience across the Australian landscape.

The Biodiversity Fund invests in three main environmental themes:

- Biodiversity Plantings – funding will help land managers increase native vegetation on their property through mixed vegetation species appropriate to the region. This will help build landscape resilience and improve ecosystem connectivity.

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- Protecting and enhancing existing native vegetation – funding will support land managers to protect, manage and enhance existing native vegetation on their land for its carbon storage and biodiversity benefits.
 - Managing threats to biodiversity – funding will help land managers control the spread of invasive pests and weeds through a connected landscape.

On Friday 3rd May 2012 Council was advised that the Coorong Tatiara LAP will receive \$2.25 million from the Clean Energy Biodiversity Fund. The Funding is for the next 5 years and 2 months.

The funding project covers both the Coorong & Tatiara District Council areas, an area of some 1,531,100 hectares.

The project emphasis will be on:

- Protecting EPBC listed plant communities and endangered flora and Fauna species.
- Priority will be given to the 3 EPBC listed endangered communities in our area and sites containing one or more of the 14 fauna and 13 flora EPBC listed species. *Note: almost all of the LAP area has at least 1 of these species or plant communities.*
- Increasing carbon storage.

The project will:

- Establish new biodiverse plantings of mixed species that establish & re-connect well functioning native ecosystems.
- Revegetate the landscape to improve connections between remnant native vegetation across public & private land.
- Enhance the condition of native vegetation adjacent to existing Ramsar sites.
- Establish & restore native wetland habitats
- Reduce the impacts of invasive species across connected landscapes
- Provide technical support for projects.
- Provide a community skills, knowledge & engagement program.
- Provide resources to individuals & groups for NRM.

Caring for our Country Biodiversity Funding

The Local Action Plan (LAP) team have also been successful in obtaining further funding for the 2012/13 financial year. Council will receive an additional \$178,000 through the Federal Government's Caring for our Country funding program. The funding will enable the LAP team to:

- Deliver 20 kilometres of fencing to protect remnant vegetation;
- Undertake 100 hours of weed spraying and undertake weed removal;
- Undertake fox baiting for the protection of EPBC listed ground dwelling birds; and
- Undertake rabbit control on public reserves & road reserves to protect EPBC listed plants.

The success of these funding applications is attributed to the excellent work that our LAP team undertake, in particular Graham Gates who has been instrumental in obtaining funding for the LAP program.



Nationally endangered species such as Mallee Fowl and the Metallic Sun Orchid will be protected with the aid of funding from the above 2 projects

Water Security Forum

Another major success for the LAP team in 2011/12 has been holding a Water Security Forum at Tintinara on Wednesday 29th of February 2012. This was a highly successful day with numbers of participants varying from 150 to 200. Eighteen water industry related businesses contributed to the day and the overall feedback from them regarding the event was positive.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive with several congratulatory emails after the event, including one outlining plans for a rainwater harvesting scheme.

The Forum was given excellent media coverage on the day from; ABC Radio, Border Chronicle and Murray Valley Standard. Furthermore speaker and chair interviews were given by SENRM Board staff for podcast. A follow up article has also been sought by the Lakelander.

All presentations made on the day are available on the Coorong & Tatiara District Council's web sites.

The Organising Committee would like to express their gratitude to the Coorong District Council for generously supporting this event. Additional staff support came from: Wendy Ziersch (on line promotion and registration), Derek Henderson (gave a well received presentation on planning requirements), Belinda Freund and Desma Fraser (supported with OHS requirements & testing and tagging), Rick Schultz and Colin Ball (assisted with site clean up, provision of bins, and rubbish removal).

The Water Security Forum was an extremely successful event thanks to the hard work of the Organising Committee (Graham Gates, Tracey Strugnell, Sam Blight, Cr Jeff Arthur, Adrian Barber, Henry Angas, Neville Stopp, Mark Scobie and Faith Cook) and in particular the hard work and dedication of the LAP staff (Graham Gates, Tracey Strugnell and Sam Blight).

Caring for our Country Project – Coorong and Tatiara District Councils

In 2009/10 Council made a successful application to the Federal Government Caring for our Country funding for the Implementation of the Coorong and Tatiara Local Action Plans joint on ground works project, the funding totals \$2,159,200 over the 4 years. The Caring

for our Country project is being undertaken collaboratively between Coorong District Council, the Tatiara District Council, the Coorong District LAP Committee and the recently formed Tatiara District LAP Committee.

This project maintains the momentum for on ground change among landholders in the Coorong District, achieved through the LAP on-ground works program. It will also expand the LAP program throughout the Tatiara District Council area and enhance partnerships between the community, government, statutory bodies, schools, local government, industry, Indigenous groups and individuals.

On-ground works programs will address a range of land management issues including wind erosion, dryland salinity, native vegetation and wetland decline. Landholder incentives for a total of about 55,000 hectares of works and 800kms of fencing over 4 years will be available subject to funding guidelines.

In 2011/12 interest has come from across the area with approximately 13,843 hectares of on-ground works and 217 kilometres of fencing planned for 2011/12 by over 200 landholders. The Coorong Tatiara LAP team are extremely pleased with the response they have had to this project for 2011/12, and look forward to working with all of the landholders involved.

The table below is a summary of the projects we are assisting landholders with.

ON GROUND WORKS	TOTAL HECTARES	TOTAL KM FENCING
Sandhill stabilisation	288	28
Fodder shrubs	12	4.6
Perennial pasture establishment	9604	58
Salt tolerant pasture establishment	411	
Farm forestry	1	1
Landclass fencing	17	18
Clay spreading	1337.5	10
Fencing remnant vegetation	1989	75
Revegetation – block	9	04
Revegetation – windbreak	31	24
Protecting wetlands	161	16
Total	13,843.5 hectares	217 kilometres



Clay spreading near Tintinara

The Project has also has a significant awareness raising component involving working with groups, schools, volunteers and indigenous organisations. Actions include:

- LAP newsletters are produced and sent to 1,750 landholders by mail. Newsletters are also available on Councils websites and from counter displays in Council Offices.
- Displays at Keith, Mundulla, Coonalpyn Shows, the Karoonda Farm Fair and the Meningie Food, Fun and Family Fair (04/11/2011)
- On-ground works projects were carried out in 10 of the areas 12 schools.
- 24 Community groups were supported, including providing technical advice, funding advice, assistance with grant applications, resources, venue hire, printing, etc.
- Partnership opportunities sought for joint displays, workshops, field days, publication with other NRM Organisations.
- Workshops/field days held to aid farmer and community adoption of NRM practices include:
 - Fox baiting for mallee Fowl Protection Workshop, Mt Boothby. Messent and Martins Washpool
 - Coastal Gardens workshop, Policemen's Point and Meningie
 - No Kill cropping workshop, Bordertown
 - Stress Free Stock Management workshop, Tintinara
 - Soil Pit Workshop, Coonalpyn
 - Dung Beetle Workshop, Brimbago
 - Sophie Thompson Workshop at Peake
 - Carbon Forum, Coomandook
 - Rabbit Baiting Workshop Coombe
 - Silver Leaf Nightshade & African lovegrass control workshop at Keith
 - Water Security Forum, Tintinara
 - Supplementary Feeding Workshops (3)
 - Pasture Cropping and No Kill Workshop at Taillem Bend

- Alternative Fertilisers and Trace Element and Soil Health, Keith

South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board Funding

In 2011/12 the Council received \$199,000 from the SAMDB NRM Board to carry out Land (\$85,000), Biodiversity (\$60,000) and Community Engagement (\$54,000) projects in the SAMDB part of the Council area.

ON GROUND WORKS	TOTAL HECTARES	TOTAL KM FENCING
Sandhill stabilisation	344	10
Fodder shrubs	16	3.7
Perennial pasture establishment	2,399	13.5
Salt tolerant pasture establishment	100	0
Clay Spreading	119	0
Fencing remnant vegetation	641	27
Revegetation – block	104	2
Pest plant management	311	
Revegetation – windbreak	30	21
Protecting wetlands	4	4
Alternative stock watering points	(4 points)	
Total	3,968 hectares	81 kilometres

Coorong and Lower Lakes Community Revegetation Project

The Coorong LAP has been involved in the Revegetation Program for the Coorong Lower Lakes Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Long Term Plan. As part of this involvement Council has received \$165,000 in funding during 2011/12 to employ a Revegetation Coordinator for the Coorong District Council side of the Lower Lakes.

Specifically, this program will see the delivery of revegetation activities and associated works that contribute directly to the implementation of the CLLMM Long Term Plan Revegetation Strategy to reduce ecological threats, reinstate native habitat, promote ecosystem resilience, and enhance the ecological values of the region.

The Goolwa to Wellington LAP and Coorong LAP work co-operatively with other organisations delivering elements of the CLLMM Long Term Plan Revegetation Strategy through the 'Project Co-ordination Committee' chaired and managed by the Department for Environment Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR).

In 2011/12 over 127,000 plants were grown for the Coorong District Council side of the Lakes and Coorong by Orana at Meningie and planted with the aid of community groups.



*Over 100,000 plants growing for the CLLMM
Community Revegetation project*

Fodder Shrub Program

The Council was successful in obtaining Federal Government funding through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Caring for our Country Program for a project titled Securing Soils Under Productive Forage Shrub Systems. Council has been successful in obtaining \$241,000 for this project to continue for a further two years.

This is a joint Program with South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) and Cooperative Research Centre for Future Farming Industries and the funding allows the employment of a fulltime Project Officer based at SARDI at the Wait Campus in Adelaide.

This follows on from the \$272,000 of funding over the last 3 years to conduct establish and conduct grazing trials on saltbush in the Coomandook Yumali and on several established fodder shrub sites at Peake Coomandook area, and this project will lead to wider adoption of a range of fodder shrubs with an increased emphasis on inter row pasture species.

A Local Landholder Steering Committee has been established to aid the delivery of the project.



Fodder Shrubs Project Field Day at Coomandook

CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY

The 2012-2016 Carbon Neutral Strategy was adopted by Council in June 2012 and replaces Council's Sustainable Coorong Action Plan which was adopted in 2009. The focus of the Sustainable Coorong Action Plan was implementing environmental sustainability throughout Council's activities. The purpose of the Carbon Neutral Strategy is to provide an overriding strategy for sustainability, emissions reduction and climate change adaptation. It should be noted that sustainability and responding to the issue of climate change should not be a stand alone policy, but rather an overriding strategy that impacts on all actions and responsibilities of Council. This should include the way we maintain our roads, collect and recycle waste, plan urban development and transport, and even the way individual employees behave in performing their everyday roles. Sustainability and responding to climate change is about behavioural change in terms of reinforcing sustainability and continuing to look at ways of doing things better and smarter.

The Strategy includes an Implementation Plan outlining actions and initiatives aimed to promote the principles of sustainability, greenhouse gas emissions reduction and climate change adaptation. Some of the notable actions include, but are not limited to:

- Commencing the insertion of sustainability principles and objectives in relevant Council policies (especially Council's procurement and vehicle policies). This process will occur as Council policies are due for review in accordance with the policy review schedule.
- Commencing the insertion of a sustainability statement/key performance indicator in all job and person specifications. This will occur as employee annual performance reviews occur.

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- Ensuring energy efficiency design techniques and initiatives are included in the design of the proposed new Council Office at Tailem Bend. This will ensure the ongoing operation of the office is minimal.
 - Setting base level energy and resource use levels to commence measuring resource use and setting performance targets for reduction. This will focus primarily on energy use, paper consumption and recycling.
 - Creating a dedicated section of Council's website devoted to environmental sustainability, greenhouse gas emissions reduction and climate change adaptation.
 - Continuing to populate the greenhouse gas emissions calculator and undertaking emissions reduction actions including, but not limited to:
 - Investigating the feasibility of capture and flaring of methane emissions from the Tailem Bend landfill.
 - Conducting energy audits of high-electricity consumption Council buildings and CWMS pumps.
 - Undertaking a review of the size, utilisation and suitability of the vehicle fleet to seek opportunities for more efficient use of vehicles and reductions in fuel consumption. Council's plant and machinery will also be reviewed.
 - Seeking opportunities to install solar panels on Council buildings.

One of the key benefits sought in implementing the Carbon Neutral Strategy in 2012-2013 will be reduction of operating costs. There is a strong emphasis in the Strategy on measuring, monitoring and setting targets

Another key action is to determine the impact of Council's Local Action Plan activities on the Council's Carbon Footprint. A potential outcome is that the activities of the LAP program offsets Council's current carbon emissions and may actually provide a mechanism to create an income in a carbon market. Further investigations will need to occur given the current uncertainty in how and what a carbon market may look like and operate.

GENERAL INSPECTORIAL SERVICES

Council's General Inspector undertakes activities and responsibilities with regard to Animal Management, Fire Prevention and compliance with the Local Government Act and Councils By Laws. These activities ensure Council meets the following Strategic Goals.

2.5 Goal - To proactively implement fuel reduction and fire prevention strategies, plans and actions that will protect the community and significant community and Council assets.
4.3 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life of the community by advocating, supporting and undertaking health and community safety initiatives.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

The Council had 2068 dogs registered in 2011-2012 which is slightly more (2%) than the 2036 dogs registered in 2010-2011. The following activities have occurred during 2011-2012 with regard to Animal Management:

- 12 transfer/ replacement tags were issued;
- Total income derived from dog registrations was \$36,550.00;
- 118 Wandering Dog complaints were attended to. Of these;
 - 69 dogs were returned to the owner without expiation,
 - The remaining 49 dogs were impounded. Of the impounded dogs;
 - 12 were claimed by the owner,
 - 9 were euthanased, and
 - 28 found a new home.
- 17 barking dog complaints were attended to;
- 1 dog attack on a person was reported and attended to;
- 1 dog attack on another dog was reported and attended to;
- 2 dog attacks on stock were reported and attended to;
- RSPCA issues were attended to; and
- 18 incidents of wandering stock were attended to.

The number of wandering dog complaints and number of dogs impounded during 2011-2012 has decreased from 2010-2011. The number of wandering dogs and dogs impounded in 2010-2011 was unprecedented and it is pleasing to see the number come down to 'normal' levels.

Council's General Inspector has developed a supportive network of relevant organisations in order to assist finding homes for lost dogs. This is evident by 76% of unclaimed dogs finding a new home during 2011-2012. In 2010-2011 72% of unclaimed dogs found a new home and in 2009-2010, 74% of unclaimed dogs found a new home. This is a commendable achievement by Council's General Inspector and indicative of his proactive approach to animal management.

Council undertook its annual door knock during September 2011 and this initiative, which commenced in 2005, coupled with our education programs such as PAWS, has resulted in the majority of dogs in the Council area being registered.

The following table indicates the Animal Management activities over the previous four years.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Total Dogs Registered	2087	2054	2036	2068
Total Income from Dog Registrations	\$39,923	\$38,207	\$37,019	\$36,550
Transfers/Replacement Tags	69	42	57	12
Wandering Dog Complaints/Issues	111	124	153	114
Dogs returns without Expiation	57	62	66	67
Dogs Impounded	54	62	87	47
Claimed by Owner	20	20	27	10
Euthanased	15	11	17	9
New Home	19	31	43	28
Barking Dog Complaints	14	15	10	16
Dog Attacks – Person	0	1	1	1
Dog Attacks – Another Dog	0	0	3	1
Dog Attacks – Stock	4	5	1	2
RSPCA Issues Attended	10	6	3	6
Wandering Stock Issues Attended	-	33	16	18

The reduction in dog registration income over the last four years, while dog registrations has been fairly constant and there has been no increase on dog registration fees during this time, is due to the proactive approach of education and promoting the desexing and microchipping of dogs across the district.

We now have dog waste bag dispensers located at Taillem Bend (3), Peake, East Wellington, Coomandook, Coonalpyn (2), Tintinara, Narrung, Placid Estates (2) and Meningie (4). We erected 6 of these dispensers during 2011-2012 which has completed the program to provide this service to the community at this stage.

Council will be commencing the dog registration door knock after 14 September 2012.

Council's General Inspector and Manager Development & Environmental Services have again conducted the PAWS program in local schools. During 2011-2012 they have visited the Raukkan Primary School, Taillem Bend Primary School and Kindergarten. The aim is to undertake the PAWS program in 2012-2013 at Tintinara Primary School, Coonalpyn Primary School, Coomandook Area School and Meningie Area School.

The PAWS program was formally the petpep program. In 2011-2012 Council staff have developed a new logo and name for the program.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

During the 2011/12 Fire Danger season;

140 Section 105F notices were issued to reduce fuel loads on properties prior to the onset of the fire danger season (October/ November each year), and
 72 Schedule 9 permits were issued by Council to burn during the fire danger season (February 15 and March 31.)

The following table indicates the fire management activities for the last three years.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Section 105F Notices – Issued to reduce fuel loads on properties prior to the onset of the fire danger season	187	92	140
Schedule 9 permits issued by Council to burn during the fire danger season	74	78	72

One of the areas focused on in recent years is fuel reduction works around Council's townships. Council has supported this effort by increasing the fire prevention project budget from \$5,000 in 2007-2008 to \$25,000 in 2010-2011. The benefits of this work are two fold, not only are we providing protection for our townships from fire but we are also adding to the amenity and beautification of the townships by reducing fuel loads around the townships.

Fuel reduction projects carried out in 2011-2012 were at Narrung, Coonalpyn, Coomandook, Tintinara, East Wellington, Taillem Bend and Meningie. Council was successful in obtaining external funding from DENR for fuel reduction projects at Narrung and Meningie under the CLLMM project. This funding has focusing on the eradication of feral aleppo pines, olives and wattles and therefore provides environmental benefits as well as fuel reduction benefits.

The program of fuel reduction projects for 2012-2013 includes the settlements of Peake and Sherlock as the focus of most of Council's expenditure. Further projects will occur at Coomandook, Coonalpyn and East Wellington. Depending on obtaining further grant funding through DENR, ongoing works will be carried out at Narrung and Meningie.

Extensive investigations have been undertaken regarding risk assessment and asset identification throughout the Council area for the future Regional Bushfire Management Plan as part of Council's contribution to role of the Murray Mallee Bushfire Management Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

During 2011-2012 the following activities occurred:

- 8 abandoned vehicles were towed in by Council.
- 7 illegal waste/litter problems were cleaned up by Council. This consisted mainly of household rubbish and old tyres.

The majority (6) of the litter issues were located in the one place, the Washpool Car Parking Reserve on the Princes Highway.

The following table indicates the abandoned vehicle and litter issues dealt with over the previous three years:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Abandoned Vehicles	6	10	8
Litter Issues Cleaned Up	15	18	7

PARKING

Due to several complaints regarding parking on footpaths in Taillem Bend, a proactive approach has seen well over 100 warnings over the period March to June. As a result Council has also included an article in the Community Link informing the community of the parking issues. Whilst we always try to educate and provide warnings in the first instance, in accordance with Council's Enforcement Policy, if the issues continue then Council may need to commence expiating vehicles as a last resort.

GOVERNANCE

The provision of support to the CEO with regard to governance and leadership is new role for the Sustainable Development Department. The provision of this support ensures Council meets the following goals in the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan.

- 1.1 Goal - Continue to establish and maintain a best practice governance framework**
- 1.2 Goal – To provide accountable, open and transparent communication between Council and the community and ensure public access to timely, relevant and accessible information**
- 1.3 Goal - To continuously strive for quality, responsive customer service and enhancement of the image of Council.**
- 1.4 Goal – To have a secure revenue base and manage the business of Council through responsible and efficient administration of finances to ensure financial sustainability and an equitable level of services to meet the expectations of Council.**

The governance support provided by the Sustainable Development Department during 2011/12 has focussed on ensuring an appropriate review of legislative delegations, overseeing the preparation of the Annual Report, preparing Council's 2012/13 Annual Business Plan and providing advice on governance matters when required.

Two major achievements during 2011/12 include the adoption of the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan and the Organisational Excellence Strategy.

2012-2016 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

The commencement of the strategic planning process to create the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan coincided with the development of Council's Organisational Excellence Strategy.

The community consultation phase of the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Planning process commenced with the release of a Discussion Paper in October 2011. The Discussion Paper provided background to the key elements of the Strategic Management Plan and aimed to provide opportunities for the community to provide suggestions and comments on what should be amended, added or deleted to the Plan in order for it to meet the Council's and communities aspirations for 2012-2016.

The Discussion Paper was released for comment for a three week period. During that time, Community Meetings were held in Peake, Tintinara, Meningie and Taillem Bend to provide further opportunities for community members to provide input. Furthermore, workshops were held with all staff and elected members.

Following the close of public submissions on the Discussion Paper, Council held a workshop on 15 November 2011 to consider the community submissions, as well as any amendments elected members wished to raise to the draft Plan forwarded to them on 9th November 2011.

At a Special Council meeting held on 21 November 2011 Council resolved to release the 2012-2016 Draft Strategic Management Plan for public consultation for a period of over two months. The public consultation period closed on 3rd February 2012. Advertisements inviting community submissions were placed in late November/early December and again in mid January.

The 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan has been developed based on the feedback from community meetings, public consultation, staff and elected member workshops and briefing sessions with elected members.

A summary document was also created for the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan which is a condensed version containing just the vision, mission, objectives, aspirations and goals and strategies.

ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE STRATEGY

The Organisational Excellence Strategy has been developed following several discussions at a Leadership level over the last few years, culminating in the creation of a Discussion Paper that was considered by Council's Leadership Team at a workshop in July 2011.

The Leadership Team decided that a process of including all staff and elected members needed to be implemented in order for this strategy to be effective for the organisation and to ensure all staff and elected members could have ownership over the strategy. The consultation process included:

- Developing a newsletter to announce the strategy to all staff and elected members. This newsletter was a summary of the Discussion Paper and was aimed to inspire and motivate all staff and elected members to participate in this journey.
- Following the release of the newsletter, a survey was also distributed asking staff and elected members what their values were, what core values the Council should have, and what aspirations Council should have.
- During the period that surveys were able to be submitted, a comprehensive process of workshops, small group meetings and individual discussions occurred over two weeks. All staff and elected members had the opportunity to attend a meeting (either in a small group or individually) with a member of the Leadership team who explained the strategy and contents and aims of the survey. The outside workforce had a combined meeting to discuss the strategy.

The feedback from the surveys submitted was collated and used to develop values and aspirations for the Council. The Leadership Team held a workshop on 29 August 2011 to review the survey feedback and to agree on the draft Organisational Excellence Strategy prior to it being released to all staff and elected members to seek further feedback and input.

The Organisational Excellence Strategy has initially been very much focused on values and aspirations with a strong link to the strategic management planning process for the 2012-2016 Strategic Management Plan. The Strategy has focussed on some of the elements of organisational culture that directly relate to the strategic planning process, being core values and long term aspirations.

The focus on organisational culture, and in particular core values, has given the organisation a chance to reflect on and identify what key attributes, principles and behaviours it wishes to adhere to as individuals and as an organisation as a whole. The Core Values are an important statement and enables Council to focus on implementing and adhering to these values with the aim of being a value based organisation. The Strategy identifies methods by which these values will become integral to several of our human resource procedures.

The most important outcome of commencing the process to create the Organisational Excellence Strategy is it will provide strategic direction and context for the furthering of people and organisational excellence in the achievement of Councils purpose and goals. It aims to imbed a culture of continuous improvement, innovation and sustainability within the organisation with a focus on striving to work as one team in one direction. The Strategy has recognised the need for a strategic framework and the importance that the implementation of strategies is required that will ensure Council strives to be the best it can be and is recognised by its peers and the community as a high performing organisation. This is an ambitious aim and one that will require leadership, support and a commitment from everyone within the Council, including staff, elected members and the Leadership Team. Council's aim in this regard must be tempered by the fact we don't have unlimited resources to devote to this aim so we must work within our means. However the Council is at a significant advantage that it's most important asset and resource is its people, overall this Council has an exemplary team of staff members who are already achieving great things, and this gives the Council a solid base to implement the Strategy.

The development of the Organisational Excellence Strategy signifies the commencement of a long term journey towards excellence and continuous improvement. It has been a small but extremely important first step towards instilling a culture of continuous improvement, innovation and sustainability which will ensure the long term success of this Council for many years to come. It is evident that we have been on this journey for several years given the achievements and improvements we have made, but now we are trying to document the journey and our aim for excellence and give it meaning and emphasis in all we do.

The implementation and further development of this Strategy will be the key to its success. Implementation will be the most challenging aspect of the Strategy, especially for the Leadership Team. But a challenge and opportunity that will be both exciting and rewarding for the Council.

TIMOTHY TOL
DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

The Corporate and Community Department undertake the following key functional areas:

- Financial management
- Corporate support
- Organisational development
- Community services/development

The department is a service orientated unit which, whilst encompassing the above summary of business units, includes an extensive range of activities:

- Financial management
- Customer Services
- Records Management
- Human Resource Management, including Payroll
- Occupational Health and Safety & Risk Management matters
- Maintenance and upgrade of Council's information technology & communications systems
- Insurance requirements for Council (property, public liability, workers compensation, personal accident)
- Maintenance of Council's Name & Address Register & Voters' Roll
- Administration of Freedom of Information requests and legislative requirements
- Youth Services
- Provision of Library Services
- Provision of community liaison/public relations/community information (community engagement) & community group support
- Support, advocacy and advice for community events
- Australia Day celebrations
- Volunteer support & management
- Contractor Management
- Audit Committee administrative support
- Management of Council's community funding streams

The consolidation of the new 'Community' portfolio within the department was a significant highlight in 2011/12, along with some enterprising new engagement initiatives and positive liaison with the community as well as support for Council's community groups being a key activity. Without doubt the biggest achievement in the community area was Council winning its bid for \$1m for the five year Obesity Prevention & Lifestyle Program (OPAL).

The activities of the Corporate & Community Department have expanded significantly within the last 12 months and now fall quite broadly under several of Council's Strategic Objectives;

**Governance – Leadership
Community Development – Well Being
Organisational – Employer of Choice**

FINANCE

Councils Finance function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

1.4 Goal – to have a secure revenue base and manage the business of Council through the responsible and efficient administration of finances to ensure financial sustainability and an equitable level of services to meet the expectations of Council.

In 2005 a review of all Local Government Councils in South Australia highlighted considerable financial sustainability issues with a number of Councils. The review outlined a number of recommendations for Council's to adopt and implement, which has now been further strengthened by alterations to the Local Government Act 1999.

In January 2011 further changes were made to Local Government Act 1999 and associated regulations to increase Council's stewardship and accountability across the Local Government sector. These changes have now been integrated into Councils' processes in the 2011/2012 financial year.

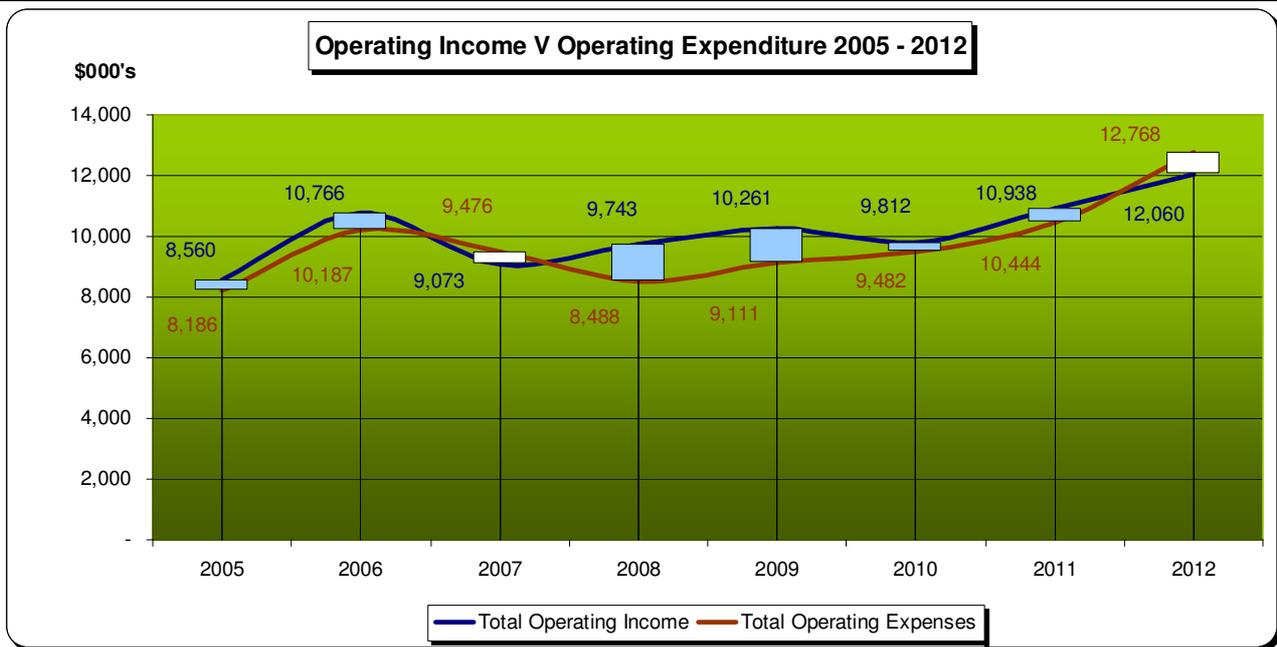
A key achievement was the finalisation of the roads assets infrastructure revaluation, with work including:

- A full condition rating of the road infrastructure network.
- A review of the unit rates, residual value and useful lives for Councils road assets.
- Segmentation of Councils roads.
- Roads assets register was updated.
- Digitisation of the road network and the incorporation of this into Councils mapping software.

From the information collated Council has now drafted a Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP), with full adoption of the document expected in 2012/2013. The RAMP is a strategic and ongoing working document for Council. The information contained in the plan details Councils future financial requirements for the roads network and further outlines the future capital and maintenance requirements for the life of the plan. The development of the RAMP was a significant achievement and the information contained within the document now provides Council with a robust basis for future decision making.

Whilst the results of the revaluation have had a positive effect, the substantial increase in valuations and subsequent reviews of useful lives, and residual values of assets, has adversely impacted on the Councils' depreciation figure. The total increase in depreciation from 2010/2011 to 2011/2012 equates to \$1.1m. The increase in depreciation has impacted negatively on Councils net financial position for 2011/2012 and this was a significant contributing factor as to why Council recorded a net operating deficit of \$708k. Chart 1.1 details Councils operating deficit for 2012 and the chart highlights the longer term trends in operating surpluses and deficits since 2005.

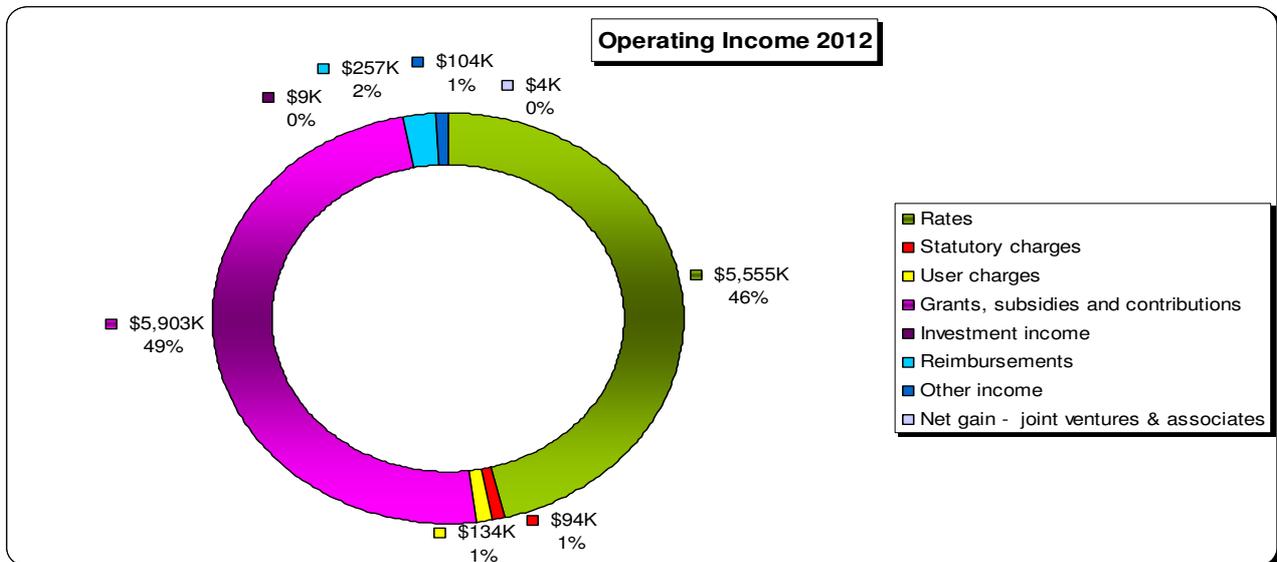
Chart 1.1



As detailed in Chart 1.1 the total operating income for 2011/12 was \$12m. Council's primary sources of income for 2011/2012 were rates revenue and government grants which collectively account for 95% of the total operating income.

Chart 1.2 below details the breakdown of Council's operating income. Of note is that at the end of 2011/12 financial year Council received a prepayment of 50% of the 2012/13 Federal Assisted Grants from the Grants Commission. The net effect of the prepayment is \$726k and this has materially increased Council's operating result for 2011/12. Conversely it is anticipated that in 2012/13 the net operating result will be adversely affected by the same amount as it is expected that the Government will not prepay any portion of the 2013/14 funding in 2012/13.

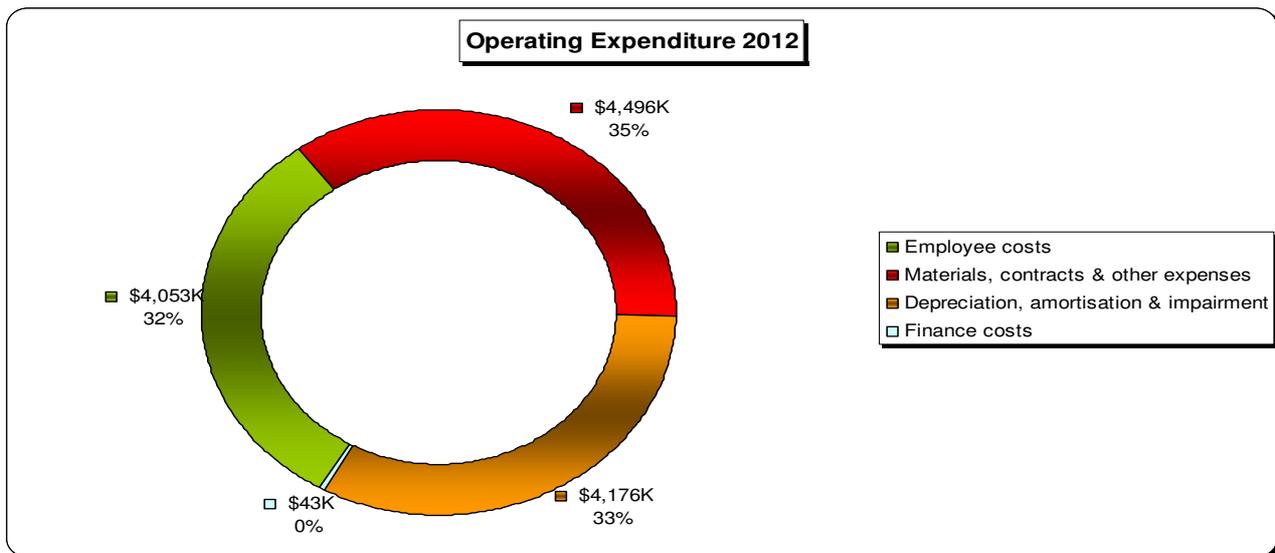
Chart 1.2



Total operating expenditure for 2011/12 was \$12.7m as detailed in Chart 1.1. Chart 1.3 outlines Council's expenditure which is largely split in to three main areas; materials, contractual services and other expenditure 35%, depreciation 33% and employee costs 32% of total operating expenditure respectively. The following is a list of adverse changes that have impacted Councils operating expenditure result in 2011/12:

- Council acknowledged a one off expenditure for \$250k for the future land fill capping costs at the Taillem Bend Waste Transfer station. The capping is a necessitation as part of environmental protection considerations for the area.
- Council implemented a new waste management strategy. Part of the strategy was that Council approved a move to a fully contracted waste collection and disposal system throughout the district. Further, Council approved an increase in service delivery to ratepayers, which entailed broadening the collection to include an alternate fortnight pick up of recyclables and organic waste. Additional costs were also recognised in the acquisition of bins and implementation of the new 3 bin waste collection policy.
- Council recognised a \$1.1m increase in depreciation in 2011/2012. As highlighted previously this increase can be solely attributed to the revaluation of the roads infrastructure network.

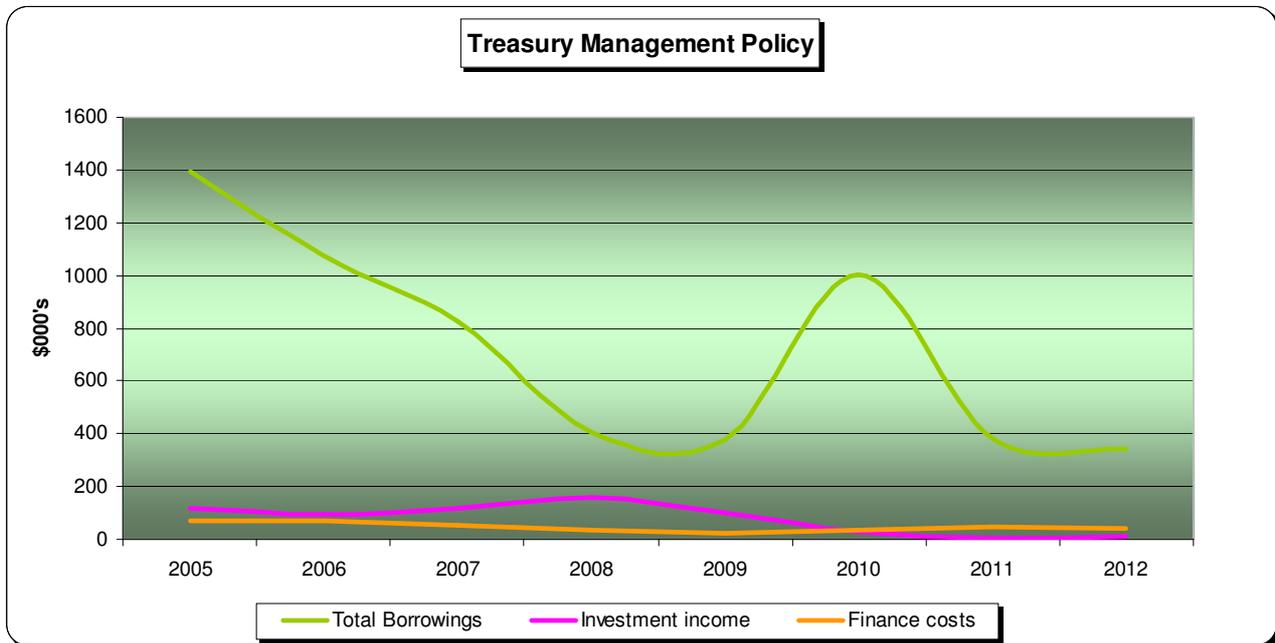
Chart 1.3



In 2010/2011 Council adopted a Treasury Management Policy, with the basis of the policy maintaining a minimal cash balance whilst utilising any excess funds to pay off debt. In 2012 Council paid \$43k in finance costs and received \$9k in investment income from its cash deposits. Chart 1.4 provides a comparative of what council has paid and earned in interest and borrowing totals since 2005.

Councils total borrowings as at the end of 2011/2012 amount to \$334k of which fixed loans account for \$172k and \$162k are Community Loans drawdown on a variable basis.

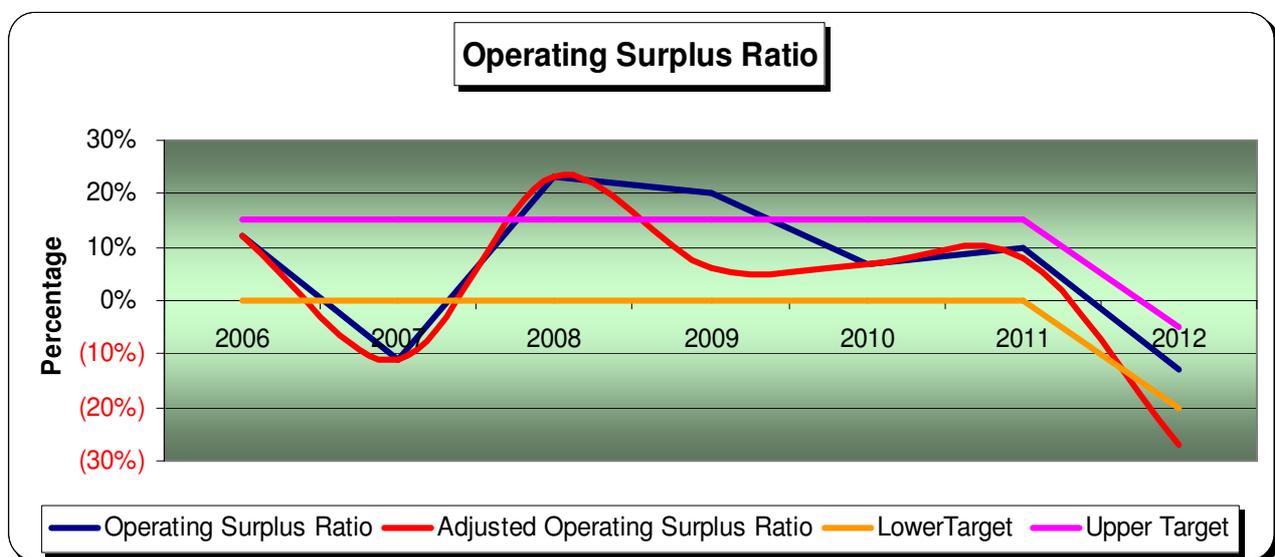
Chart 1.4



Councils in South Australia monitor a number of key financial indicators annually. For the 2011/2012 financial year the number of key financial indicators were reduced from 7 to 3. The 3 key financial indicators are; Operating Surplus Ratio, Net Financial Liabilities Ratio and Asset Sustainability Ratio. Charts 1.5 – 1.7 detail the results for the 3 key financial indicators since 2006.

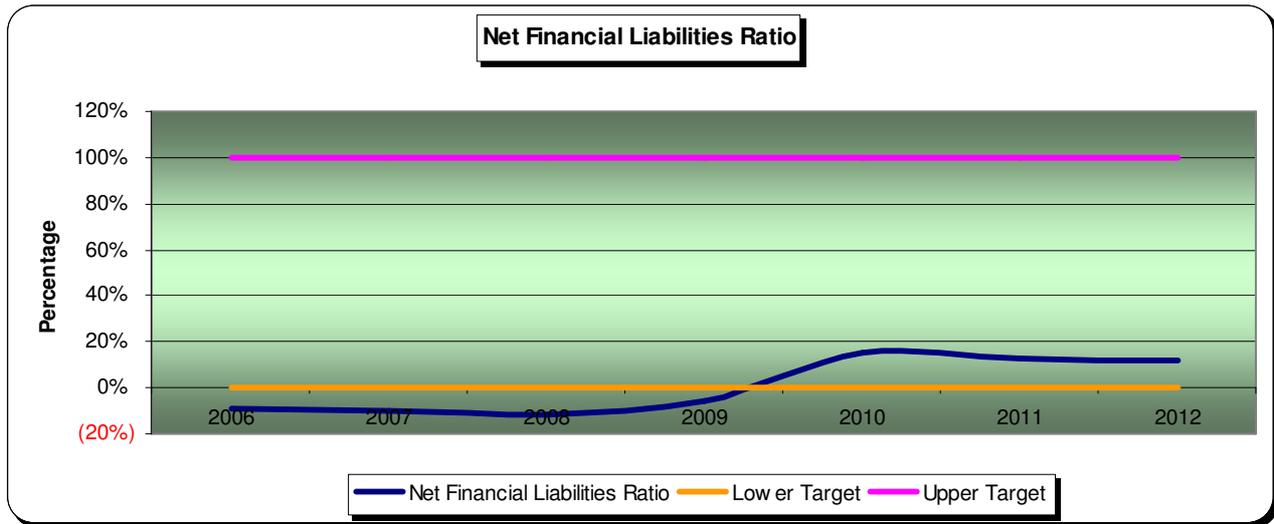
The Operating Surplus Ratio is expressed as the operating surplus (deficit) as a percentage of total operating income excluding the NRM Levy. The long term financial plan sets a forecast target range of between -5% and -20% for the 2012 financial year. The operating surplus ratio result was -13% which is within target range, however after adjustments for prepayments of the Grants Commission federal assisted grants the adjusted operating surplus ratio is -27% which is outside target ranges.

Chart 1.5



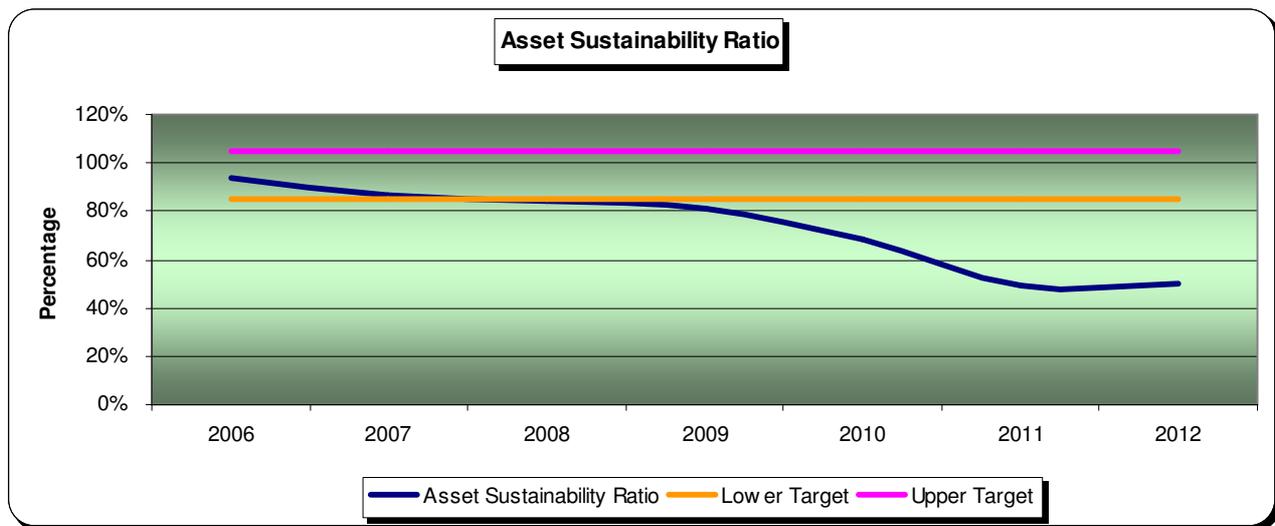
The Net Financials Liability Ratio is a comprehensive measure of Councils indebtedness and is calculated by total liabilities less financial assets as a percentage of operating income less the NRM Levy. The long term financial plan sets the target range for this ratio between 0% and 100%. For 2012 the result was 12% and well within target ranges and the overall indebtedness of Council is low.

Chart 1.6



The Asset Sustainability Ratio details to what extent Council is replacing its non current assets. The ratio is expressed by dividing the amount of assets replaced as a percentage of either the optimal expenditure from the Infrastructure Asset Management Plans or depreciation. The target range as determined by the long term financial plan is between 85% and 105%, Councils result was 50% for 2012. The increase in depreciation recorded in the 2012 financial year coupled with Council expending funds on a number of projects that were either upgraded or new to the asset register have adversely impacted the result. Projects such as the Tauragat Well Road upgrade which is converting a previously unsealed road to a sealed road will continue to impact on the result of this ratio until the project is completed.

Chart 1.7



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

Council's Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

5.4 Goal – to promote safety in the workplace through best practice Workplace Health & Safety (WH&S) plans, policies and actions.

The Coorong District Council is a member of the Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme (LGAWCS), a body which was granted a self insurance licence by the State Government in 1986. The OHS&W Committee monitors progress on corrective actions to ensure they are effective and to demonstrate evaluation of these actions on an ongoing basis. Council's Leadership Team also monitors progress on corrective actions to ensure they are completed and evaluated for effectiveness.

The 2011/12 year focused on continuing to implement the suite of policies and procedures known across the industry as "One System" and adapt the documents to 'fit' the organisation. Council also continued to develop its hazard register, effectively a 'one stop' database that records task hazards, and registers such as confined space, plant risk, asbestos and hazardous substances.

Council's Human Services Coordinator has also been attending monthly 'Toolbox' meetings with the Leading Workers from field based work groups. A key agenda item is Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare, during which current trends and practices are discussed, and employees are encouraged to report hazards in the work place. This has seen the safety culture in the organisation improve, with attitudes and behaviours becoming more conducive to a workplace where safety is an every day consideration.

LOST TIME INJURIES (LTI)

The LGAWCS provides Council with monthly injury statistics and six-monthly performance reports. As shown below, Council achieved a commendable result with two (2) claims during 2011/12, an improvement on the previous year. In his final report to Council, the

Regional Risk Co-ordinator commented that lost time injury days were nil, which indicates that Council's commitment to rehabilitate injured workers was having a positive impact, however commitment to manual handling awareness and training was still required.

Year	No. of Claims	No. of LTIs	LTI Days	Frequency Rate	Duration Rate	Incident Rate	5 Day No.	1 Year No.
2005/06	2	1	2	7.7	2.0	1.5	0	0
2006/07	7	2	10	15.6	5.0	3.1	1	0
2007/08	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
2008/09	4	1	4	7.9	4.0	1.6	0	0
2009/10	3	2	23	24.4	11.5	4.9	1	0
2010/11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011/12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: all data is derived from the June 2012 CATS (Claims Analysis Tracking System) statistics – each year is subject to development due to ongoing long-term claims.

Nature of Injury	2010/11	2011/12
Sprains, strains of joints and adjacent muscles	2	2
Poisoning, Toxic effects of substances	0	0
Disorders of Muscle, tendons & soft tissue	0	0
Fall from height	0	0
Penetrating wound	1	0
Total	3	2

Council again proved its commitment to the health and wellbeing of employees with the provision of additional health services, including skin cancer screening, health checks, immunisations for staff and free membership of LGA Fitness2live. Fitness2live is an online program that gives members access to health assessments, weight loss and lifestyle plans, training programs and an extensive library of fitness and nutrition articles and healthy recipes.

OHS&W INTERNAL AUDITING

A key outcome of 2011/12 was to establish an internal audit program in accordance with the Workcover SA Code of Conduct for Self Insured Employers (PSSI). The purpose of the Internal Audit team is to assess Council's compliance with its own OHS & W procedures. Council appointed three (3) staff members to the Internal Audit team and liaised with the LGAWCS to source training, after which a program of internal audits was established. Considerable progress was made by the Internal Audit team with a select group of procedures being thoroughly analysed by content and compared with documentary evidence to assess compliance. Following the completion of the audit, recommendations are then made to Council's OHS & W Committee to ensure continuous improvement.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Councils Risk Management function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

1.5 Goal – Ensure Risk Management Policies and Procedures are implemented at every level of Council business.

Section	Council Percentage	Regional Average	Local Government Average
1. Risk management systems & frameworks	89%	74.2%	77.9%
2. Business continuity planning & emergency management	82%	67.3%	72.1%
4. Managing committee, volunteers/community programs	82%	86.6%	89%
5. Contract management systems	100%	89%	90%
6. Land/assets – General Asset Management	91%	81.5%	84.3%
7. Land/Assets – Land use & operational framework	87%	85.1%	87.8%
8. Road management programmes & systems	88%	89.6%	90.7%
9. Tree Management	86.7%	78.3%	81.8%
Total	88.5%	81.4%	84.2%

The results above show that Council's risk management practices are above average in comparison with regional percentages. Last year's risk review result was 83.9% compared to this year's result of 88.5%. The increase in result clearly demonstrates Council's commitment to risk management. The adoption of The Coorong District Council Business Continuity Plan was a major advancement, evident in the result of 82% compliance as compared to last years 69.6%.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Councils Human Resource function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goals:

5.1 Goal – To have appropriate organisational capacity and culture to ensure an innovative, effective and efficient organisation.
5.3 Goal – To develop and promote Council as an 'employer of choice' and to facilitate the attraction and retention of highly talented staff.

The Coorong District Council recognises that people are the most important asset and Council's commitment to its staff directly impacts the organisations success. Recruitment campaigns held in 2011/12 were expanded by using online employment agencies and psychometric testing preferred candidates. The results were immediate, with one recruitment campaign netting a record fifty six (56) applicants.

Council also undertook a full review of its Human Resource Policy, with outdated procedures removed to be placed into a separate document. The policy is primarily to

assist in the recruitment process, incorporating attraction and retention processes. Employee consultation commenced on 3 April and the document was adopted by Council at the 15 May meeting.

Council's new employee induction process was also reviewed and upgraded during 2011/12. In addition to a revamped 'New Employee Information Kit', Council now plans a formal induction process over a two (2) week period, giving new staff exposure to all Council departments and functions.

TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Whilst Council had no work experience placements this year, it did continue to support Work for the Dole placements when the opportunity arose. Council's school based trainee completed his secondary education and commenced working for Council in a full time capacity in March 2012. The trainee will complete the Certificate III in Horticulture in late 2012.

Demonstrating its ongoing commitment to staff development during 2011/12, employees participated in a variety of training and development activities, both general and job specific. These include, but are not limited to:

- Community Engagement Techniques
- Rating Law and Policy Workshop
- Business Writing Skills
- Finance Managers Workshop
- Chemical Accreditation
- Recycle Right Tour
- Managing Event Volunteers Master class
- Vital Records Protection
- Aerodrome Reporting Officer Training
- Customer Request Management Training

Council has also experienced an increase in staff accessing the opportunity to undertake professional development, with staff enrolling in:

- Frontline Management Certificate IV
- Catalyst Women's Development Program
- Diploma in Management
- Diploma of Recordkeeping
- LGMA Emerging Leader Program

Council recently undertook a training needs analysis of both administrative and field staff, based on job description requirements, professional and personal development and Occupational Health Safety and Welfare training requirements. This data is being incorporated into an ongoing Training Plan, which will assist Council to allocate funds in annual training budgets and will ensure organisational needs are met.

EMPLOYEE REWARD AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Annual employee recognition was again a feature at the end of year Staff and Elected Member Christmas Function, with Council continuing to award 'inside' and 'outside'

employee of the year perpetual trophies. Since this award has been introduced, the following staff members have been the successful recipients:

Year	Inside	Outside
2009	Christine Hartmann	Rick Schulz
2010	Jim Quinn	Kevin Lee
2011	Laura Peters	Darren Gurney

Council will continue to strive towards developing an attraction and retention program to promote the principles of work life balance for its employees, establishing itself as an employer of choice in the local community.

Council, on an annual basis also recognises lengthy service, with both Council and Local Government Association Certificates, commemorative wine and gift vouchers being presented on an annual basis.

MURRAYLANDS CAREER EXPO



Corporate Support Officer Ben Jarvis at the 2012 Murraylands Careers Expo

The Murraylands Careers Expo was held on 11 May 2012 at the Murray Bridge Racecourse. Council continued its support of the event as a platinum sponsor and created a display highlighting Council as a local employer of choice. Staff attended the display on a rostered basis and engaged expo attendees, predominantly senior students. Despite reduced student numbers due to a conflicting date with the metropolitan careers expo, Council's site was very popular. As with last year, Council conducted two competitions for school students, being "How Many Jellybeans in the Jar" and "Design a Recruitment Slogan". The winning slogan was: "Coorong Jobs Are Opportunities"

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STATISTICAL RESULTS

Whilst Council's staff turnover was slightly higher in 2011/12, it is pleasing to note that employee absenteeism has reduced.

Employee Statistics	30 June 2012	30 June 2011	30 June 2010
Total Employees	77	78	77
Full Time Equivalents	60		57.6
Total Males	45	49	47
Total Females	28	29	30
Employee Turnover	11.6%	9%	19%
Employee Absenteeism (hrs/employee)	29.6	46.76	32.03

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Councils Records Management function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

5.5 Goal – To have an Information Technology (IT) & Records Management service that keeps pace with Council and community needs.

Since implementation of an electronic records management system (TRIM) in December 2010, Council staff has captured over 26,200 records. During the 2011/12 financial year there has been over 18,700 records stored in TRIM at an average of 1,500 records per month. In comparison, Councils former system had only captured 35,708 records between 2002 and the end of 2010 at an average of 370 records per month.

Council is continuing with the ongoing cataloguing and sentencing of its older records prior to amalgamation of the three councils in 1997, with the transfer of consignments to State Records for storage in their Gepps Cross Repository. These records will be kept in a climate controlled environment, ensuring the preservation for future generations.

In 2011/12 approval from State Records was given for the destruction of 25 linear metres of records; these records were listed and approved prior to destruction. Council has also catalogued and listed approximately 50 linear metres of records which still leaves in excess of 200 linear metres of records to be catalogued and sentenced in accordance with State Records legislative requirements. Approximately 10% of the records still to be catalogued are records from the 3 Councils prior to amalgamation, this has been the main focus to over the last 12 months to process these records as a high priority; over the next 12 months will see all the pre-amalgamated records processed with the permanent records being forwarded to State Records to be held in their care and control. Council has transferred all Minute Books and Assessment Books from the former Peake, Meningie and Coonalpyn Downs Council's; these are able to be accessed by the general public at State Records for research purposes.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Councils Information Technology function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

5.5 Goal - An Information Technology (IT) & Records Management service that keeps pace with Council and community needs.

Council's corporate business system is Authority, which is supplied by Civica. Council has operated in a managed service environment since March 2009 and this continues to provide business continuity and a robust disaster recovery environment.

In conjunction with Council's Customer Charter Review Project and a requirement to monitor and report compliance with the Customer Charter, Council implemented the Civica Authority, Customer Request Management (CRM) module. CRM is a customisable system that allows Council staff to electronically enter a request, either internal or public, that is then automatically assigned to the correct Council Officer for actioning. CRM also allows a pre-designated timeframe to complete requests based on their type and any commitment to the Customer Charter. All requests allocated to staff are then displayed for actioning from the Authority portal. Utilising the Authority CRM system also enables Council to maintain one source of name and addresses reducing any duplication, administration and increases the accuracy of Council's data.

This system was implemented with the main objectives being to:

- Allow an electronic means to monitor and report on Councils compliance with its Customer Charter
- Replace the hard copy or paper based system Council was previously using for service requests and any subsequent Excel databases to track requests.
- Reduce the amount of internal emails by processing phone messages through CRM
- Register and track compliments and complaints as per the recommendations from the audit of local government complaint handling systems by the Ombudsman in 2010/11.

In the first three months of operation Council has registered over 1,400 request ranging from potholes, fallen trees, internal maintenance, cemetery enquiries and barking dogs.

CRM has the capability to manage the life cycle of many internal processes by either simple or complex workflows. Two internal processes have been implemented in CRM to streamline and manage tasks that are required to be undertaken by various staff. It is anticipated that other internal processes will also be integrated into CRM in the future.

In December 2011, Council implemented electronic communication's for its elected members. This project aimed to improve the delivery of information to elected members, increase access to important documents and reduce the administration time and cost associated with production of hardcopy documents and their subsequent delivery. Elected Members were provided iPad's with Council email accounts as well as a custom designed secure extranet to access Council related information.

The use of the LGA Unity website system to establish the secure extranet which also hosts Council's public website allows for minimal duplication of effort for staff when uploading content. In-house customisation to an icon based menu to suit the touch screen iPad has seen interest from larger and smaller Council's within South Australia. Subsequently the LGA, due to the uniqueness and cost saving measures of this approach, have created a similar template for other South Australian Council's that utilise the Unity system for similar purposes.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Councils Customer Service function ensures Council can meet the following Strategic Goal:

1.3 Goal - To continuously strive for quality, responsive customer service and enhancement of the image of Council

Other than the ongoing consolidation of the Customer Service Centre, the main project undertaken in this area for 2011/12 was the Customer Charter Review Project. Council's community, as well as elected members and staff, was originally surveyed in April 2008 with a view to obtaining suggestions, comments, issues and ratings of several aspects of customer service delivery. Councils Service Quality Project Team, which included administrative and field staff, used the findings of these surveys to develop Council's Customer Charter & Associated Service Standards.

In 2011/12 the Service Quality Project Team reconvened as the Customer Charter Review Project Team and was responsible for reviewing whether Council is achieving its commitment to its Customer Charter. The primary mechanism used to determine this was the undertaking of a survey similar to that in 2008, and this was distributed in May 2012.

In addition to actually reviewing the Customer Charter, the Project Team also had the responsibility for the implementation of the Customer Request Management System (CRMS) as reported in more detail in the Information Technology section of this report. Importantly, the implementation was significantly based on both the new Complaints & Compliments Policy & Procedure and Requests for Service Policy & Procedure which were adopted by Council in July 2012 as well as the findings of the Ombudsman report into Councils complaint handling processes which was conducted in 2010/11.

The project will conclude in 2012/13 with the release of the findings of the stakeholder surveys, update of Customer Charter and implementation of recommendations contained within a survey evaluation report to be tabled at the September 2012 Council meeting.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Council actively engages the community, thereby ensuring Council can meet the following Strategic Goals:

1.2 Goal – To provide accountable, open and transparent communication between Council and the community and ensure public access to timely, relevant and accessible information.

4.1 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life of the community by encouraging community development opportunities and undertaking a key liaison role.

Connecting, communicating and engaging with its community are important to Council and was a key focus in 2011/12. Council does this in a variety of ways, such as community forums, website updates, periodical newsletters and public notices.

Following the development of 'the community email database' in 2010/2011, dissemination of information continued to provide information and promotion on a range of community opportunities and events, health, education and environmental services and Council activities such as minutes, agendas, public notices, and community events.

Subscriptions to the database increase by 63% in 2011/12 which was in most part attributed to a project undertaken by the Department to collect and update data from community groups and sporting clubs across the district.

Up until April 2012 members of the community email database had received on average 14.5 emails a month, varying in content, information and relevance. A review was undertaken and established the following key points:

- Increased interest from community and government organisations wishing to disseminate information through the database
- Frequency of weekly emails was too much with the most extreme being nine emails in one week
- Maintaining consistent, relevant, and current news
- Continued need to engage with the community.



These issues resulted in the introduction of the weekly *In Touch with the Community* e-newsletter. The concept was simple, refreshing and maintained corporate branding. The key feature was utilising hyperlinks, which directs the reader straight to the host website. Headlines are used to capture the reader's attention, followed by a small sub paragraph, which is enough to encourage them to find out more.

Regular features of the weekly *In Touch with the Community* e-newsletter include:

- Councils weekly notice board – providing an update on media releases, Council agendas, Council minutes and important council dates
- Updates on Council projects
- Grant & funding opportunities for community groups, schools & sporting clubs
- Volunteer information
- Updates from Government organisations and local service providers.
- The Lake Hub Bulletin
- Coming community events

Elected members, staff, community groups, sporting clubs, schools, residents, rate payers and media outlets receive the weekly *In Touch with the Community* e-newsletter, resulting in an increase in both staff and community engagement which has received critical acclaim with positive and encouraging feedback. This project has proved to be an effective form of communication that is relevant, current and informative along with being cost efficient.

Council's bi-monthly publication *The Community Link* reached its twelve month circulation milestone in 2011/12. Since maintaining bi-monthly production deadlines, the cyclical nature of the publication means that the community have been exposed to core Council activities well in advance and given the opportunity for community engagement where applicable. Hard copies have continued to be distributed to all householders within the Council region and also posted to all ratepayers with a non-Coorong Council postcode.



*The Tintinara ANZAC Memorial
as Featured in The Community Link*

All Councils who use Unity to manage their website through the LGA underwent a major system upgrade in 2011/12. This has resulted in the ability to record visitors to Councils website on a more definitive basis. Using Google Analytics to report these vital statistics, Council can now record both page views and unique page views. This has meant that comparative statistics as recorded in previous annual reports were based on a different analytical source and not relevant to the new system.

In 2011/12 40,279 unique page views were recorded (visits), with 54,662 different page views being accessed.

COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORT

Council's support of its community groups can meet the following Strategic Goals:

- 4.2 Goal – enhancing the quality of life for older people and people with disabilities.**
4.3 Goal – enhancing the quality of life of the community by advocating, supporting and undertaking health and community safety initiatives.
4.5 Goal – to provide a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and support region wide sport and recreation programs.



Taillem Bend Community Centre Coordinator Tammy Shepherd and Council Employee Darren Gurney clowning around at the 2011 Taillem Bend Progress Association's Christmas Parade

Council continued to demonstrate excellent commitment to its community groups by providing financial support in accordance with the Community Event, Grant and Donation Policy. This Policy, along with the Community Group Loan Policy, forms the cornerstone of Council's community funding program. The following table details the groups and projects which benefited from Council's community grant program in 2011/12:

Community Organisation	Project Description	Amount
Taillem Bend Progress Association	Safety Equipment	\$702.00
Meningie Food Fun and Family Fair	Community event	\$1,580.00
Meningie Christmas Pageant Committee	Meningie Christmas Pageant (4th Dec 2011)	\$3,000.00
Tintinara Lions Club	Flat Screen TV and DVD Player	\$2,113.00
Culburra and Districts Soldiers Memorial Hall	Maintenance of Hall	\$1,800.00
Cooke Plains Pistol Club	Upgrade power supply, wiring and switchboards	\$1,500.00
Taillem Bend Visitor Information Centre	Replacement of 2 Office Chairs	\$818.00
Water Security Forum Organising Committee	Water Security Forum in February 2012	\$5,000.00
Taillem Bend Tennis Club	Re-roof Clubrooms	\$2,555.00
Lake Albert Golf Club	Facility upgrade (new oven/stove & dual flush cisterns)	\$3,102.00
Peake Community Centre Inc	Provision of shade, shelter & water catchment at Peake Cemetery	\$3,801.00
Meningie Progress Association	Acquisition of softfall, Meningie Oval Playground	\$5,000.00
Total		\$30,971.00

Council approved two new community loans in 2011/12; \$40,000 Border Downs Tintinara Netball Club for the re-surfacing of the courts at Coonalpyn, and up to \$37,101 for the Meningie Cheese Factory Museum for property acquisition. The latter did not eventuate due to the efforts of the organisation, with the support of the Meningie community, being able to fundraise the entire amount required to purchase the Museum property.

Despite a new loan being taken up, the movement of \$79,289 in principal deduction continues to demonstrate that community groups are managing their loans very well and honouring their repayment commitments to Council. The table below also shows that two minor no interest loans which were funded from Council's own cash reserves have been fully repaid in 2011/12.

Community Organisation	30/06/2012	30/06/2011	30/06/2010
Tailem Bend Football Club	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Tintinara Football Club	-	\$2,000	\$4,000
Meningie Bowling Club	\$880	\$1,760	\$2,640
Malinong Hall Inc	\$4,800	\$7,200	\$9,600
Meningie Bowling Club	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Lake Albert Golf Club	\$11,500	\$43,000	\$70,000
Tintinara Bowling Club	\$50,000	\$64,000	\$60,000
Tailem Bend Bowling Club	\$55,000	\$73,000	\$100,000
Tailem Bend Cricket Club	-	\$3,509	-
Borderdowns Tintinara Netball Court	\$40,000	-	-
TOTAL	\$129,180	\$208,469	\$277,240

Council continues to support families through the Individual Sport and Cultural Grants Policy, providing financial assistance to children who wish to pursue sporting or cultural activities at an elite level. The Policy is available to Coorong Council residents who are under 18 years of age, still attending school and are representing South Australia at State, National or International level in their chosen field, which can include a sporting, music, art or cultural activity at State, National or International level, or any other event or activity that would reflect well on Council as a good national citizen at State, National or International level.

The Individual Sport and Cultural Grants Policy is promoted through school newsletters, Community Link, media releases and community email database, with three individual grants being awarded in 2011/12. Some very good partnerships were established with awards being presented at school assemblies, allowing for Council to have a positive presence in the school environment.

- Lauren Roberts from KiKi participated in the South Australian Junior Dressage team at the Nationals held in Victoria 26-30 September 2011.
- Shayelan Paech from Tailem Bend represented South Australia at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup U/14 held in Albury in January 2012.
- Charley Traeger from Tailem Bend represented South Australia at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup U/14 held in Albury in January 2012.



*Charley Traeger and Shayelan Paech
celebrating their State Basketball achievements in Albury NSW
in January 2012*

COORONG HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Councils Healthy Communities activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals:

- 4.1 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life of the community by encouraging community development opportunities and undertaking a key liaison role.**
- 4.2 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life for older people and people with disabilities.**
- 4.3 Goal – Enhancing the quality of life of the community by advocating, supporting and undertaking health and community safety initiatives.**
- 4.5 Goal – To provide a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and support region wide sport and recreation programs.**



Australia has an increasing population of children, adults and the elderly that are suffering the consequences of obesity and inactive lifestyles, these are many and varied, including musculo-skeletal problems, cardiovascular disease, some cancers, sleep apnoea, type 2 diabetes, and hypertension to name a few. Many of these health problems are preventable through a healthy and active lifestyle.

The Coorong District Council is committed to the health and wellbeing of its community and during 2011/12, undertook a new approach to healthy and active lifestyles with the launch of Healthy Murraylands in November 2011, The STARCLUB Field Officer Program as well as making a successful bid for funding to join the Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle Program (OPAL) which will launch during late 2012.

WHAT IS HEALTHY MURRAYLANDS?

Healthy Murraylands is a healthy community initiative funded by the Australian Government. The project is encouraging adults who are predominantly unemployed, living in the Murraylands to make nutritious food choices and increase physical activity participation. The program is being delivered by the 5 Local Government Authorities of the Murraylands.

The program commenced in August 2011 and officially launched with the 2011 Healthy Murraylands Fun Run held in Mannum on 1 December. Project ambassador Andrew 'Cosi' Costello took part in the event captured by his 'South Aussie with Cosi' film crew and the segment went to air on Channel 9, Christmas day.

Ten project outputs are guiding the work delivered by the Healthy Murraylands team. These outputs range from community engagement and increasing wellbeing awareness to subsidising fitness training for local people and supporting new ways to be active and healthy.

Achievements in 2011/12 include:

- www.healthymurraylands.com.au launched in November 2011.
- 9 TAFE Certificate III fitness students' fees subsidised.
- Training fees and travel subsidised for pool safety training and programs including Heartmoves, WiseMove and Strength for Life.
- Healthy promotions at local events including Karoonda Farm Fair, Murray Bridge Farmers Market launch, Opening of the walking season, Pinnaroo show and Meningie Australia Day Fun Run.
- Murraylands Strength for Life programs launched in May with programs commencing in Murray Bridge and Tailem Bend and 27 registered participants.
- 3 active Heart Foundation walking groups supported along with 2 newly established groups and 46 regular walkers.
- 16 Community Foodies trained to deliver key nutrition messages across the region including gardening and cooking demonstrations.
- Development of Autumn and Winter 'Healthy Living in the Murraylands' publications in partnership with other local wellbeing programs.
- Local program promotions and communication via council networks, newsletters, newspapers and radio.

WHAT IS THE STARCLUB FIELD OFFICER PROGRAM?

The STARCLUB Field Officer Program is a partnership between the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport and regional councils, health services and community organisations. The STARCLUB Field Officers work with sport and active recreation communities and are an essential community sport and active recreation resource.

The STARCLUB Field Officer program is a partnership between the five Local Government Authorities: Coorong District Council, Karoonda East Murray District Council, Mid Murray Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge and Southern Mallee District Council.

STARCLUB Field Officers work with the community to:

- Develop and maintain a strong, vibrant sporting and active recreation culture
- Increase community participation in sport and active recreation
- Improve the quality of sport and active recreation opportunities
- Develop and maintain well managed sustainable sporting and active recreation clubs and associations

WHAT IS THE OPAL (OBESITY PREVENTION AND LIFESTYLE) PROGRAM?

The OPAL program is a joint initiative of federal, state and local governments and a key program of South Australia's Eat Well Be Active Strategy. Council is one of twenty other sites who are now running the five year program, which will reach 25% of the South Australian population, making it the largest community-based, obesity prevention venture of its type, in Australia's history.

The philosophy of OPAL is that the needs of the community dictate the program's direction locally. OPAL staff situated within councils work with local families and community organisations such as shops, community centres, schools, council staff and welfare organisations to create locally relevant strategies which support families to eat well and be active.

OPAL is about everyone working together to create all kinds of ways to enjoy healthy eating and to have fun being active. Healthy lifestyle choices keep families well and can make our whole community a more enjoyable place to live. The OPAL project will also fill a void Councils provision of youth services and programs, as well as reaching our highly valued indigenous community in a structured manner.

Once Council has recruited an OPAL Manager, the program will officially commence in 2012/13.

YOUTH SERVICES

Council's support of its Youth meets the following Strategic Goals:

4.1 Goal – enhancing the quality of life of the community by encouraging community development opportunities and undertaking a key liaison role.

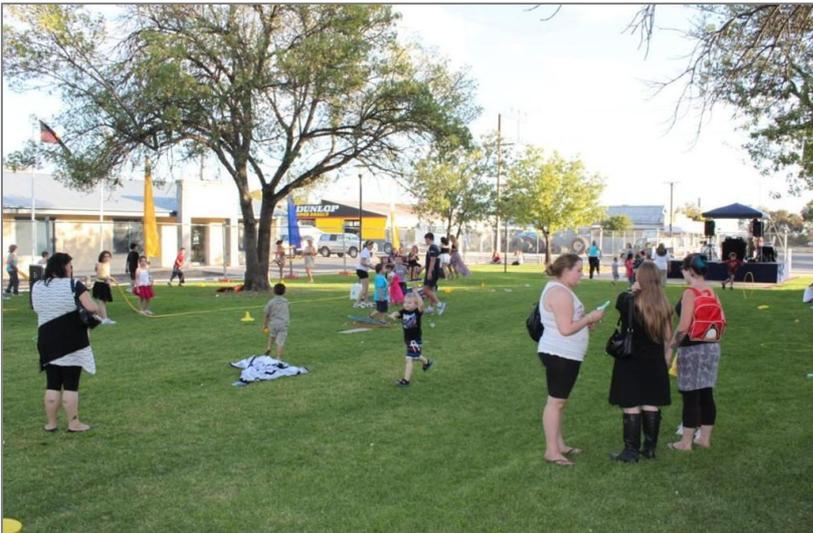
According to the 2011 ABS Census, 24% of Councils population is aged between 5 and 25. Council engages in various activities across the district that is specifically targeted to its young population. Some of these activities include:

- Council financially assists Bluelight Discos which provide safe, healthy, supervised entertainment for young people aged between 5 and 13 in environments which excludes drugs, alcohol consumption and violence. This form of gathering and

entertainment enables young people to enjoy the social interaction with neighboring communities, Local police and members of the community.

- Council participates in the 2012 Murraylands Careers Expo which is focused on providing universal access and information on a range of life skills, employment, training and career pathways to the community and young people of the Murray Mallee region. It exposes participants to interactive and meaningful information and provides strong local, regional and national information on career pathways, training and employment opportunities.
- Council actively encourages young people between 15 and 17 to undertake their work experience placement with Council, providing them with a great opportunity to appreciate the career choices that are available locally.
- Council's Individual Sports and Cultural Grants Policy provides funding to Council residents who are under 18 years of age, still attending school and are representing South Australia at State, National or International level in their chosen field.

YOUTH WEEK



The Coorong District Council was successful in its application for funding with \$4,000 being awarded for National Youth Week 2012.

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people on the Australian youth calendar and ran from Friday 13 April to Sunday 22 April 2012.

The theme for 2012 was Imagine. Create. Inspire.

Events and activities were held across the nation, providing an opportunity for young people to express their ideas, showcase their talents, have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives, celebrate their positive contribution to the community and most importantly, have fun!

An overwhelming number of applications were submitted from organisations across the state wishing to host a National Youth Week event that brings young people together and Council was excited to have been selected to receive the funding.

The Coorong District Council worked collaboratively with community groups across the district to create three (3) fun filled events. The Youth Week events brought together youth from across the district and offered them a chance to socialise in a safe and friendly environment.

Tailem Bend's Willow Street precinct was transformed into a fun and exciting outdoor entertainment venue. Attracting 135 children, who were able to engage with SAPOL's Crime Prevention Team, get involved with the BeActive come and try sports games, create

a mosaic art board/wall, and Hip Hop dance demonstrations and workshops which were provided by local teenagers.

Tintinara played host to a movie night, bringing together 75 youth from across the district, including Peake, Coomandook and Coonalpyn. A chartered bus provided transport for 35 youth from Coonalpyn and offered all those that attended a chance to socialise in a safe and friendly environment.

The Meningie Football Clubrooms were transformed into a fun and exciting environment. Bringing together 50 youth from across the district (including Narrung and Salt Creek) who were able to get involved in Karaoke, interactive painting allowing for self expression, and also enjoy the fun a games of the BeActive sports library.

Youth Week activities and events all included give aways, a healthy BBQ dinner, refreshments and transport provided free for all children. The events gained positive feedback from the community and provided encouragement for future planned events and other youth related activities.

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS DEPARTMENT

The Infrastructure and Asset Services Department is responsible for a wide range of services associated with the strategic development, operational maintenance and construction of community infrastructure assets including roads, kerbing, footpaths, stormwater drainage, waste and wastewater management services, buildings and depots, Coonalpyn Swimming Pool, Coonalpyn Caravan Park, parks, gardens, ovals and reserves.

During 2011/2012, Council continued its commitment to long term strategic objectives relating to road maintenance and construction, waste management and footpaths. However, particular emphasis was directed to waste management issues and to the upgrading of its Community Wastewater Management Schemes to accommodate wastewater reuse.

These activities will be extended into 2012/2013 and following years in accordance with Council's Strategic Management Plan, available resources and government funding.

The activities of the Infrastructure and Assets Department broadly fall under one of Council's Strategic Objectives;
Environmental - Sustainability

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Council's Asset Management activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goal.

1.5 Goal – To establish an Asset Management System and plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's resources, plant, equipment, buildings and infrastructure.

The term "asset management" is used to describe the process by which Councils manage physical assets to meet current and future levels of service. Asset management is defined as the systematic and coordinated activities and practices, through which an organisation optimally manages its physical assets over their lifecycle. These asset management activities are identified in Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan (IAMP).

All Councils, irrespective of size or location, need to ensure that the sustainable management of assets is a 'whole of council' responsibility, and recognised as such at all levels within the Council.

The Coorong District Council has undertaken a great amount of work in 2011-12 to ensure it has a robust and appropriate Asset and Infrastructure Management Plan (IAMP) for its road assets. With the assistance of consultants, Council undertook a condition assessment and revaluation process on Council's entire road network. The information will now assist with the preparation of future works programs. The practical challenge in road asset management is to find an acceptable balance between road network features, standards and condition and broad economic, social, safety and environmental community objectives.

In the coming years Council will develop further IAMP's for its buildings, stormwater infrastructure and CWMS infrastructure.

ROADS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Council's Road Construction and Maintenance activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals.

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| <p>1.4 Goal - To have infrastructure planning that is adequately resourced, integrated with land use planning and minimises risk.</p> <p>1.5 Goal – To establish an Asset Management System and plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's resources, plant, equipment, buildings and infrastructure.</p> |
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Council has a total of 1,886 kms local roads comprised of 423 km of bitumen and 1,463 km of unsealed roads. Annual construction and maintenance programs are generally determined from a five year works program.

Routine maintenance, road condition and traffic monitoring was conducted to allow forward planning and programming of future rehabilitation, reconstruction and upgrading works.

Regular maintenance was carried out on council's unsealed road network to ensure roads remain in a safe and trafficable condition. This years re-sheeting program included 33.1kms of granular overlays to existing unsealed roads. Shift patrol graders also operate on a 12-hour 6-day shift to ensure appropriate maintenance of unsealed roads and to guarantee adequate utilisation of council's plant.

As part of Councils annual Capital Works program, 10.82kms of sealed roads were re-sealed using applications such as spray seal and Asphalt.

MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The upgrade of Tauragat Well Road continued at a cost of \$ 600,000 inclusive of a grant assistance of \$400,000 under the Special Local Roads Program.

FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Council's Footpath Construction and Maintenance activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals.

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| <p>1.4 Goal - To have infrastructure planning that is adequately resourced, integrated with land use planning and minimises risk.</p> <p>1.5 Goal – To establish an Asset Management System and plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's resources, plant, equipment, buildings and infrastructure.</p> |
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Council is responsible for all footpath construction and maintenance works. As part of council's daily responsibilities, routine inspections are conducted identifying required maintenance work.

Council allocates funding each financial year for the footpath construction program identified in a 5-year works program.

This year 1.56kms of footpaths were paved or resealed as part of Councils annual Capital Works Program.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Council's Stormwater Management activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals.

1.4 Goal - To have infrastructure planning that is adequately resourced, integrated with land use planning and minimises risk.

1.5 Goal – To establish an Asset Management System and plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's resources, plant, equipment, buildings and infrastructure.

Kerb maintenance consists of replacing concrete sections of kerb that are broken or misaligned to the extent that they are no longer allowing water to flow and may pose a potential hazard. Council carried out approximately 232 meters of kerb and watertable reconstruction as per the Capital Works Program in 2011/2012.

In addition to routine kerb and water table maintenance, council has undertaken the following key stormwater projects:

- Major stormwater upgrade at Albert Street and Princes Hwy Meningie as per Councils Stormwater Management Program. The project consisted of seven new double SEP's, new pipe work, Humeguard HG 27 gross pollutant trap and a wetland pond joining the new system with Lake Albert. The total cost of the project was \$242,925.00
- An intersection upgrade at Murray and Mallee Street Taillem Bend, with a major component being stormwater upgrade was undertaken to the value of \$212,500.00

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS)

Council's CWMS activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals.

1.4 Goal - To have infrastructure planning that is adequately resourced, integrated with land use planning and minimises risk.

1.5 Goal – To establish an Asset Management System and plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's resources, plant, equipment, buildings and infrastructure.

As part of the Strengthening Basin Communities (SBC) program – Water Saving Initiatives component Round 2. Council received funding from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities to provide 'fit-for-purpose' water to replace the use of potable water in community open space areas. The projects were located at both Taillem Bend and Meningie and included the construction of new winter storage ponds.

The Project at Taillem Bend consisted of a new 30 mega litre lagoon and 400 meters of new pipeline allowing treated waster water to be sent out to the lagoon in winter for storage, and returned in summer to irrigate community spaces.

The project at Meningie also consisted of a new 30 mega litre lagoon and new pipeline allowing treated waste water to be sent out to the lagoon in winter for storage, and returned in summer to irrigate community spaces. This project also consisted of a new 200 kilolitre concrete tank at the Meningie Football Oval allowing for increased storage and irrigation capacity, and a 2.7km pipe line taking treated waste water to 'Flip Flop Reserve'

The project was started on 29 May 2012 and is expected to be completed by 31 December 2012.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council's Waste Management activities ensure Council can meet the following Strategic Goals.

1.6 Goal – To implement sustainable programs and policies for the management of waste in the Coorong District Council.

The Council has commenced a comprehensive review of its Waste Management activities during 2010/2011. Council engaged Water and Waste Innovations Pty Ltd to review current Waste Management operations with an initial report presented to the January 2011 Council Meeting. As a result of this report Council resolved to close the Tailem Bend Landfill and convert it to a Waste Transfer Station. In previous years Council has progressively converted its smaller landfills to Waste Transfer Stations. The decision to close the Tailem Bend Landfill was based on assessing the long term financial sustainability of maintaining a landfill as well as the uncertainty of environmental requirements in the future. Council are continuing negotiations with the Environmental Protection Authority on a suitable final closure for the old Tailem Bend Landfill site.

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Council's 2 bin Kerbside Waste Collection Service continued to prove a success with approximately 370 tonnes of recyclables being diverted from landfill. This equates to a diversion of 49% of waste presented for collection at the kerbside.

Following the tender process for Council's Waste Management Services, Cleanaway Pty Ltd were successful in the operation of Councils newly adopted 3 bin Kerbside Collection system. The new service will commence in late 2012.

DRUM MUSTER

The Drum Muster program was held again in July and October 2011. This program allowed the disposal of eligible emptied farm chemical containers that were previously disposed at Council landfill sites. Approximately 16,800 containers were collected and will be processed and recycled into metal and plastic products.

OTHER COUNCIL ASSETS

PARKS AND GARDENS

Council provides a host of parks and gardens in all towns for residents to enjoy. Council's parks and gardens are maintained daily to ensure they are enjoyed by all.

CEMETERIES

Council operates and maintains a variety of historical, monumental and lawn cemeteries.

In addition to routine maintenance, Council erected a shade structure at the East Wellington Cemetery.

AIRFIELDS

Improvements to equipment and maintenance procedures were undertaken at the Tintinara and Meningie Airstrips.

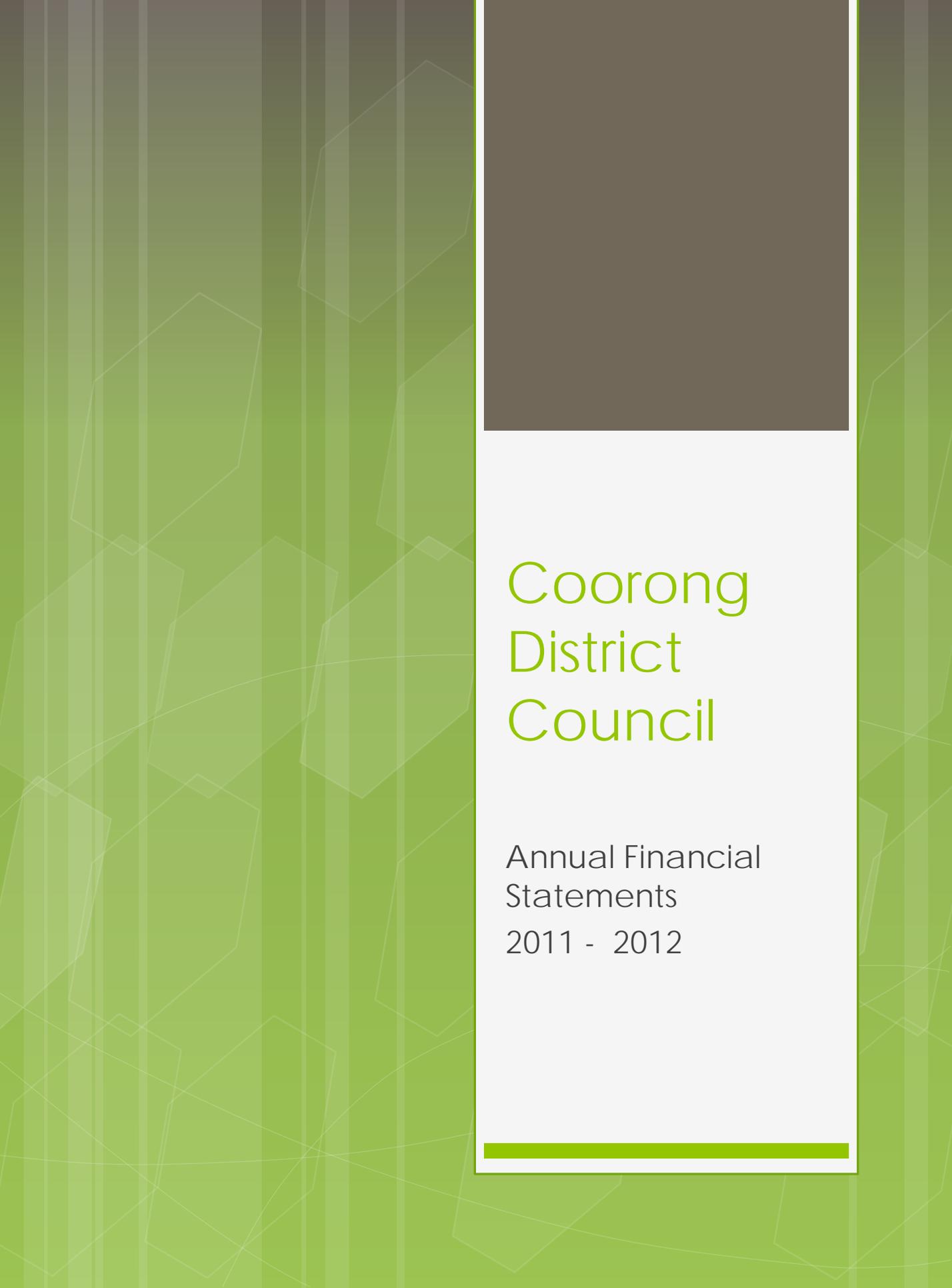
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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012

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 2012 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.


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Michael Boyd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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Roger Strother
MAYOR

Date: 11th October 2012



COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	5,555	5,202
Statutory charges	2	94	117
User charges	2	134	145
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	5,903	5,066
Investment income	2	9	4
Reimbursements	2	257	234
Other income	2	104	170
Net Gain - joint ventures & associates		4	-
Total Income		12,060	10,938
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	4,053	3,763
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	4,496	3,590
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	4,176	3,041
Finance costs	3	43	49
Net loss - joint ventures & associates	19	-	1
Total Expenses		12,768	10,444
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(708)	494
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(115)	(70)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	431	621
Physical resources received free of charge	2	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement		(392)	1,045
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	3	62,308
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	(443)	(108)
Total Other Comprehensive Income		(440)	62,200
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(832)	63,245

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



COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	97	105
Trade & other receivables	5	1,310	832
Inventories	5	26	21
Total Current Assets		1,433	958
Non-current Assets			
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	27	23
Investment Property	7	935	935
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	146,572	147,709
Work in Progress		329	-
Total Non-current Assets		147,863	148,667
Total Assets		149,296	149,625
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	1,641	1,357
Borrowings	8	28	20
Provisions	8	535	264
Total Current Liabilities		2,204	1,641
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	142	142
Borrowings	8	313	362
Provisions	8	165	176
Total Non-current Liabilities		620	680
Total Liabilities		2,824	2,321
NET ASSETS		146,472	147,304
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		28,984	29,677
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	116,156	116,596
Other Reserves	9	1,332	1,031
TOTAL EQUITY		146,472	147,304

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



COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2012

2012	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		29,677	116,596	1,031	147,304
Restated opening balance		29,677	116,596	1,031	147,304
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(392)	-	-	(392)
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	3	-	3
Impairment (expense) / recouplement's offset to asset revaluation reserve		-	(443)	-	(443)
Transfers between reserves		(301)	-	301	-
Balance at end of period		28,984	116,156	1,332	146,472

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Statement of Change in Equity Statement (Cont)

2011	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		28,796	54,396	867	84,059
Restated opening balance		28,796	54,396	867	84,059
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,045	-	-	1,045
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	62,308	-	62,308
Impairment (expense) / recoupment's offset to asset revaluation reserve		-	(108)	-	(108)
Transfers between reserves		(164)	-	164	-
Balance at end of period		29,677	116,596	1,031	147,304

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



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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		5,513	5,176
Fees & other charges		101	89
User charges		311	126
Investment receipts		8	7
Grants utilised for operating purposes		5,864	5,948
Reimbursements		283	257
Other revenues		883	581
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs		(3,996)	(3,676)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(5,704)	(4,439)
Finance payments		(29)	(50)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,234	4,019
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		431	621
Sale of replaced assets		854	773
Sale of surplus assets		138	50
Repayments of loans by community groups		81	82
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,154)	(2,332)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,511)	(2,520)
Loans made to community groups		(40)	(13)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(3,201)	(3,339)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		5,429	6,353
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(5,470)	(6,976)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(41)	(623)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(8)	57
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	105	48
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	97	105

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



COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Coorong District Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 93a Willow Street, Tailem Bend. These financial statements include the consolidated fund 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.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

3 Income recognition

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



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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the 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 Development

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.



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

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

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

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

<i>Office Furniture & Equipment</i>	\$500
<i>Other Plant & Equipment</i>	\$500
<i>Buildings - new construction/extensions</i>	\$1,000
<i>Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment</i>	\$1,000
<i>Road construction & reconstruction</i>	\$1,000
<i>Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter</i>	\$1,000
<i>Drains & Culverts</i>	\$500
<i>CWMS</i>	\$1,000
<i>Water Scheme</i>	\$1,000
<i>Other Assets</i>	\$1,000

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. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.4 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.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown 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	2011 – 2012	2011 - 2010
Office Equipment	4 years	4 years
Office Furniture	10 years	10 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 30 years	5 to 30years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 20 years	5 to 20 years
Building & Other Structures		
Buildings – masonry	50 to 80 years	50 to 80 years
Buildings – other construction	10 to 40 years	10 to 40 years
Infrastructure		



Sealed Roads – Surface	20 to 30 years	15 years
Sealed Roads – Pavement	70 years	50 years
Unsealed Roads	25 to 30 years	30 to 50 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	10 to 70 years	20 to 30 years
Drains	30 years	30 years
Water Supply - Pipes	60 years	60 years
Water Supply - Pumps & Meters	7 to 30 years	7 to 30 years
Stormwater - Pipes	60 years	60 years
Stormwater - Other	7 to 80 years	7 to 80 years
CWMS – Pipes	60 years	60 years
CWMS – Mechanical & Electrical	25 years	25 years
CWMS – Other	50 years	50 years
Other Assets		
Library Books	7 years	7 years
Various Other Assets	5 to 50 years	5 to 50 years

6.5 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash outflows or value in use).

For assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

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

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.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Loans 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.

<i>Weighted average discount rate</i>	<i>2.560% (2011, 4.901%)</i>
<i>Weighted average settlement period</i>	<i>10 years (2011, 10 years)</i>

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

10 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".

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

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

12 Leases

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries the entire 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.

13 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.

14 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2012 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*
- AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*
- AASB 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*
- AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*
- AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*
- AASB 127 *Separate Financial Statements*
- AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*
- AASB 2010-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1 & 7]*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023, & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19, & 127]*
- AASB 2011-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project [AASB 1, AASB 5, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 108, AASB 121, AASB 128, AASB 132 & AASB 134 and Interpretations 2, 112 & 113]*
- AASB 2011-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Relief from Consolidation, the Equity Method and Proportionate Consolidation [AASB 127, AASB 128 & AASB 131]*
- AASB 2011-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17]*
- AASB 2011-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132]*
- AASB 2011-9 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income [AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049]*
- AASB 2011-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) [AASB 1, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 124, AASB 134, AASB 1049 & AASB 2011-8 and Interpretation 14]*
- AASB 2011-12 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 20 [AASB 1]*

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



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

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 *Contributions*. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.



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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012

Note 2 – INCOME

Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
RATES REVENUES		
<u>General Rates</u>	4,971	4,724
Less: Mandatory Rebates	(41)	(26)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(33)	(20)
	4,897	4,678
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Natural Resource Management levy	103	85
Water supply	24	23
Community wastewater management systems	477	365
	604	473
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	39	32
Legal & other costs recovered	15	19
	54	51
Total	5,555	5,202
STATUTORY CHARGES		
Development Act fees	49	66
Animal registration fees & fines	36	40
Other registration fees	9	11
	94	117
USER CHARGES		
Cemetery/crematoria fees	12	14
Hall & equipment hire	8	44
Rent	39	38
Dump Fees	34	7
Sundry	41	42
	134	145
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments		
- Local Government Finance Authority	8	3
Banks & other	1	1
	9	4



NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for road works		15	107
- for private works		134	41
- other		108	86
		<u>257</u>	<u>234</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Sundry		104	170
		<u>104</u>	<u>170</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		431	621
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		5,141	5,006
Individually significant item - additional Grants Commission payment (see below)		762	60
		<u>6,334</u>	<u>5,687</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
- Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,645	1,507
State government		4,689	4,180
		<u>6,334</u>	<u>5,687</u>
- Individually Significant Item			
On 28 June 2011, Council received payment of the first instalment of the 2011/12 Grant Commission (FAG) grant. Similarly, on 28 June 2012 Council received payment of the first two instalments of the 2012/13 grant.		762	60
This has materially increased Council's operating results in the current year, as these amounts are recognised as income upon receipt.			
Similarly material adverse effects will be experienced when the timing of these grant payments is restored in 2012/13 financial year.			
- Conditions over grants & contributions			
<i>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:</i>			
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period		708	347
Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods			
HACC		(17)	-
Subtotal		<u>(17)</u>	<u>-</u>
Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions			
HACC		-	17
Landcare		137	344
Subtotal		<u>137</u>	<u>361</u>
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period		<u>828</u>	<u>708</u>
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period		<u>120</u>	<u>361</u>



COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2012

Note 3 – EXPENSES

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		3,545	3,206
Employee leave expense		500	534
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	223	189
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	127	132
Workers' Compensation Insurance		94	101
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(436)	(399)
Total Operating Employee Costs		4,053	3,763
Total Number of Employees		61	61
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		18	16
Elected members' expenses		208	204
Election expenses		1	18
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		227	238
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		1,597	1,255
Energy		714	654
Individually significant Items		250	-
Maintenance		545	204
Legal Expenses		102	93
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		102	85
- Other Levies		8	13
Parts, accessories & consumables		372	419
Professional services		235	341
Sundry		996	980
Less: Capitalised & Distributed Costs		(652)	(692)
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		4,269	3,352
		4,496	3,590
INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS			
This is amount relates to the best estimate cost of capping the landfill at the Taillem Bend Waste Transfer Station		250	-



Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
<u>Depreciation</u>			
Building		379	436
Structures		235	273
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>			
- Unsealed Roads		1,345	857
- Sealed Roads		1,019	493
- Kerb & Gutter		102	53
- Footpaths		43	12
Stormwater Drains		56	53
Water Supply		17	15
CWMS (Community Wastewater Management Schemes)		201	187
Other Assets		140	108
Plant & Machinery		366	377
Cars		97	86
Minor Plant and Equipment		81	90
Office Equipment		95	91
<u>Impairment</u>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>			
- Unsealed Roads		436	-
- Kerb & Gutter		4	-
- Footpaths		3	-
Buildings		-	17
Office Equipment		-	1
		4,619	3,149
<i>Less: Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve</i>		(443)	(108)
		4,176	3,041
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		43	49
		43	49



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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		854	773
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		969	846
Gain (Loss) on disposal		(115)	(73)
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		138	50
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		138	47
Gain (Loss) on disposal		-	3
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		(115)	(70)



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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		42	52
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc		55	53
		<u>97</u>	<u>105</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		438	396
Accrued Revenues		483	-
Debtors - general		93	172
GST Recoupment		91	32
Prepayments		36	15
Loans to community organisations		167	208
Sundry		2	9
Total		<u>1,310</u>	<u>832</u>
		 85	 159
<i>Amounts included in receivables that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date.</i>			
 INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>
		26	21

Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense, and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.



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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme	19	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>
		27	23
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories			
Work in Progress	19	<u>329</u>	<u>-</u>
		329	-



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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

ASSET CATEGORY	2011 \$'000				2012 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	10,147	-	-	10,147	10,010	148	-	10,158
Buildings	23,465	128	(11,262)	12,331	23,464	183	(11,640)	12,007
Structures	9,472	221	(3,805)	5,888	9,472	474	(4,040)	5,906
Roads Infrastructure					-	-	-	-
- Unsealed Roads	41,076	-	(10,301)	30,775	40,358	703	(11,393)	29,668
- Sealed Roads	71,779	-	(7,737)	64,042	71,691	1,000	(8,636)	64,055
- Kerb & Gutter	8,154	-	(1,198)	6,956	8,136	49	(1,286)	6,899
- Footpaths	2,191	-	(521)	1,670	2,192	73	(568)	1,697
Stormwater	2,984	83	(1,108)	1,959	2,984	353	(1,164)	2,173
Water Supply	438	5	(94)	349	5	438	(111)	332
CWMS	5,579	2,346	(867)	7,058	5,579	2,765	(1,068)	7,276
Other Assets	-	2,766	(937)	1,829	-	2,928	(1,077)	1,851
Plant & Machinery	-	5,458	(1,903)	3,555	-	5,498	(2,166)	3,332
Cars	-	603	(37)	566	-	704	(27)	677
Minor Plant & Equipment	-	770	(521)	249	-	808	(602)	206
Office Equipment	-	866	(531)	335	-	960	(625)	335
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	175,285	13,246	(40,822)	147,709	173,891	17,084	(44,403)	146,572
2011 Comparative Totals	101,900	12,412	(29,721)	84,591	175,285	13,246	(40,822)	147,709

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Note 7 (Cont) - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

ASSET CATEGORY	2011 \$'000				2012 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	935	-	-	935	935	-	-	935
TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY	935	-	-	935	935	-	-	935
2011 Comparative Totals	1,172	-	-	1,172	935	-	-	935

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Note 7 (Cont) - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Asset Category	2011	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2012	
	\$'000	\$'000						\$'000	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals							
Land	10,147	148	-	(137)	-	-	-	-	10,158
Buildings	12,331	9	47	(1)	(379)	-	-	-	12,007
Structures	5,888	185	68	-	(235)	-	-	-	5,906
Road Infrastructure									
- Unsealed Roads	30,775	-	703	-	(1,345)	(436)	(29)	-	29,668
- Sealed Roads	64,042	765	235	-	(1,019)	-	29	3	64,055
- Kerb & Gutter	6,956	27	22	-	(102)	(4)	-	-	6,899
- Footpaths	1,670	60	13	-	(43)	(3)	-	-	1,697
Stormwater Drains	1,959	-	270	-	(56)	-	-	-	2,173
Water Supply	349	-	-	-	(17)	-	-	-	332
CWMS	7,058	267	152	-	(201)	-	-	-	7,276
Other Assets	1,829	50	112	-	(140)	-	-	-	1,851
Plant & Equipment	3,555	-	340	(197)	(366)	-	-	-	3,332
Cars	566	-	981	(773)	(97)	-	-	-	677
Minor Plant & Equipment	249	-	38	-	(81)	-	-	-	206
Office Equipment	335	-	95	-	(95)	-	-	-	335
TOTAL I.P.P & E	147,709	1,511	3,076	(1,108)	(4,176)	(443)	-	3	146,572
<i>2011 Comparative Totals</i>	<i>84,591</i>	<i>2,520</i>	<i>2,332</i>	<i>(893)</i>	<i>(3,023)</i>	<i>(126)</i>	-	<i>62,308</i>	<i>147,709</i>

Note 7 (Cont) - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Land	935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	935
TOTAL INVEST PROP	935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	935
<i>2011 Comparative Totals</i>	<i>935</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>935</i>

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

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent additions at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

Land

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

Land is recognised at Fair Value. The last revaluation was undertaken by Maloney Field Services Property Consultants and Valuers as at the 1st July 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. Additions are recognised on the cost basis.

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

Buildings & Structures

Pursuant to Council's Election the building and other structures assets were valued by Maloney Field Services Pty Ltd – Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost as at the 1st July 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Pursuant to Council's Election the transportation assets were valued by ACEAM Pty Ltd – Property Consultants and Valuers Pty Ltd at written down current replacement cost as at the 30th June 2011 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Pursuant to Council's Election the stormwater drainage assets were valued by Maloney's Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30th June 2008 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Pursuant to Council's Election the Community Wastewater Management Schemes were valued by Maloney's Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30th June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Pursuant to Council's Election the Water Schemes were valued by Maloney's Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30th June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

Investment Property

The basis of valuation of investment properties is fair value being the amounts for which the properties could be exchanged between willing but not anxious parties in an arm's length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar parties in the same location and subject to similar leases. These Assets were valued by Maloney's Field Services Pty Ltd – Property Consultants and Valuers as at 1st July 2010.



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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	Notes	1/7/2011 \$'000	Net Increments (Decrements) \$'000	Transfers, Impairments \$'000	30/6/2012 \$'000
Land		7,190		-	7,190
Buildings		8,754	-	-	8,754
Structures		4,373	-	-	4,373
Road Infrastructure		89,236	3	(443)	88,796
Stormwater Drains		1,788	-	-	1,788
Water Supply		391	-	-	391
CWMS		4,792	-	-	4,792
Other Assets		72	-	-	72
TOTAL		116,596	3	(443)	116,156
<i>2011 Totals</i>		54,396	62,308	(108)	116,596

OTHER RESERVES	Notes	1/7/2011 \$'000	Transfers to Reserve \$'000	Transfers from Reserve \$'000	30/6/2012 \$'000
Peake Special Purpose Reserve		17	-	-	17
CWMS Reserve		-	-	-	-
Tailem Bend Development Reserve		134	-	(134)	-
Water Schemes Reserve		62	10	-	72
Meals on Wheels Replacement		8	-	-	8
Coonalpyn Downs Special Purpose		25	-	-	25
Tintinara Airfield		25	-	-	25
CDIBA Trust Fund		2	-	-	2
Open Space Trust Fund		38	2	-	40
Ashville Hall Reserve		12	-	-	12
Committed Funds Reserve		708	423	-	1131
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES		1,031	435	(134)	1,332
<i>2011 Totals</i>		867	387	(223)	1,031



Note 9 (Cont) - RESERVES

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Peake Special Purpose Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the sale of Sherlock House and the reserve will be used for future works in the Peake area.

CWMS Reserves

Contains the surplus funds from the various CWMS schemes and the reserve funds will be used for future CWMS infrastructure works.

Tailem Bend Development Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the sale of vacant land in Tailem Bend. The reserve is used for the purpose of the Tailem Bend foreshore development.

Water Schemes Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the various water schemes and the reserve is to be used on future infrastructure works.

Meals on Wheels Replacement Reserve

Contains funds that are to be utilised for health related issues.

Coonalpyn Downs Special Purpose Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the sale of a Council House the reserve funds that are to be utilised for projects in the Coonalpyn Downs area.

Tintinara Airfield Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the sale of land at the airport. The reserve funds are to be utilised for future Airport Infrastructure works.

CDIBA Trust Fund Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the Coonalpyn Downs Basketball Association to be held in trust until the Basketball team is reformed.

Open Space Trust Fund Reserve

Contains the funds from the Open Space contributions from developers as per the development Act. The reserve is to be used for the establishment of a new open space reserve.

Ashville Hall Reserve

Contains the surplus funds from the sale of the property to be used on future projects in the area.

Committed Funds Reserve

Contains the unexpended funds from various projects that are to be spent in the following year.



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Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	97	105
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		97	105

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(392)	1,045
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
- Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		4,176	3,041
- Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease		(4)	1
- Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		57	87
- Non-cash asset acquisitions		-	-
- Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(431)	(621)
- Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		115	70
		3,521	3,623
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
- Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(519)	514
- Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(5)	1
- Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		237	(185)
- Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		-	66
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		3,234	4,019

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Amounts recognised in Income Statement		-	-
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(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	20	20
Corporate Credit Cards	45	45

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 11 – FUNCTIONS

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

FUNCTION	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL 2012 \$'000	ACTUAL 2011 \$'000	ACTUAL 2012 \$'000	ACTUAL 2011 \$'000	ACTUAL 2012 \$'000	ACTUAL 2011 \$'000	ACTUAL 2012 \$'000	ACTUAL 2011 \$'000	ACTUAL 2012 \$'000	ACTUAL 2011 \$'000
Governance	-	21	646	793	(646)	(772)	-	-	27	23
Corporate Services	8,369	7,443	1,496	1,811	6,873	5,632	2,041	2,915	1,109	1,006
Development Services	1,664	1,396	2,063	1,583	(399)	(187)	2,765	1,212	-	-
Asset Services	2,027	2,078	8,563	6,257	(6,536)	(4,179)	1,528	1,560	148,160	148,596
TOTALS	12,060	10,938	12,768	10,444	(708)	494	6,334	5,687	149,296	149,625

Excludes 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 11 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Governance

Governance, Administration, Elected Members, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

Corporate Services

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

Development Services

Building Control, Town Planning, Health Inspection, Parking Control, Other Regulatory Services, Immunisation, Community Support, Youth Services, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Library Services, Landcare, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

Asset Services

Caravan Parks Private Works, Property Portfolio, Sewerage/CWMS, Water Supply – Domestic, Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Other Fire Protection, Aerodrome, Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), Other Transport, Dog and Cat Control, Plant Hire & Depot, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, Cemeteries / Crematoria Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting and Streetscaping.



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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.
	Terms & conditions: Short term deposits have an average maturity of 1 day and average interest rates of 3.50% (2011: 1 day, 4.75%).
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
	Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2011: 2%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
	Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - other levels of government	Accounting Policy: 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 the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
	Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
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 - Retirement Home Contributions	Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.
	Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.
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 5.50% and 6.85% (2011: 6.25% and 6.85%)
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Finance Leases	Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.



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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2012	Due < 1 year \$'000	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years \$'000	Due > 5 years \$'000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$'000	Carrying Values \$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	97			97	97
Receivables	787	85		872	872
Total	884	85	-	969	969
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,043		142	1,185	1,185
Current Borrowings	28			28	28
Non-Current Borrowings		118	195	313	313
Total	1,071	118	337	1,526	1,526

2011	Due < 1 year \$'000	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years \$'000	Due > 5 years \$'000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$'000	Carrying Values \$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	105	-	-	105	105
Receivables	277	159	-	436	436
Total	382	159	-	541	541
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	820	-	142	962	962
Current Borrowings	20	-	-	20	20
Non-Current Borrowings	-	92	270	362	362
Total	840	92	412	1,344	1,344

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

	30 June 2012		30 June 2011	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value \$'000	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value \$'000
Other Variable Rates	5.50	1,354	6.25	1,152
Fixed Interest Rates	6.47	172	6.53	192
		1,526		1,344

**Net Fair Value**

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

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any 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 Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and short-term draw down 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 adverse manner.



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Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

<u>Notes</u>	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
CWMS	<u>267</u>	-
	<u>267</u>	-
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	267	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>267</u>	-
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	60	-
Waste Management Services	3,959	103
Employee Remuneration Contracts	1,623	1,133
Information Technology Services	96	225
Other	42	-
	<u>5,780</u>	<u>1,461</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	1,422	704
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	2,903	757
Later than 5 years	1,455	-
	<u>5,780</u>	<u>1,461</u>



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Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2012	2011	2010
<p><i>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information Paper 9 Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.</i></p>			
Operating Surplus Ratio	(13%)	10%	7%
<p>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</p>			
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	(27%)	8%	7%
<p>In each of June 2009, 2010 and 2011 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment of one quarterly payment of the Financial Assistance Grant. In June 2012 an advance of two quarterly payments were made (see Note 2). Accordingly there were four "quarterly" payments in 2010 and 2011 and five payments in 2012. The Adjusted Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjust for this distortion.</p>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	12%	13%	16%
<p>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). Net Financial Liabilities Ratio is expressed as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses) divided by Total Operating Revenue less the NRM Levy.</p>			
Asset Sustainability Ratio	50%	50%	68%
<p>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 divided by depreciation expense.</p>			



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Note 15 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis. All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis. The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Income	12,060	10,938
less Expenses	<u>12,768</u>	<u>10,444</u>
	(708)	494
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	3,154	2,332
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,176	3,041
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>854</u>	<u>773</u>
	(1,876)	(1,482)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	1,511	2,520
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	431	621
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>138</u>	<u>50</u>
	942	1,849
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>226</u>	<u>127</u>



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Note 16 - OPERATING LEASES

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into a non-cancellable operating lease for the rental of business premises at Willow Street, Tailem Bend. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods. The lease does not impose any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing and there are also no escalation clauses. Council has a right of renewal of the lease for a further 3 plus 3 years and there is an option to purchase the building within the lease.

Council has entered into a non-cancellable operating lease for the rental of a photocopier. The lease does not impose any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or leasing and there also no escalation clauses.

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

	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Not later than one year	54	49
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	5	52
Later than 5 years	-	
	<u>59</u>	<u>101</u>



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Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector have the option to contribute to Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2011/12; 9% in 2010/11). 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 Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2010/11) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink Fund is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, 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 Scheme's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2011. 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.



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Note 18 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

All joint ventures and associated entities are required to prepare Annual Financial Statements that comply with the SA Local Government Model Financial Statements.

Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS)

The MMCTS is a Section 43 Regional Subsidiary of the following local government Councils: Coorong District Council, District Council of Karoonda East Murray, and the Southern Mallee District Council. The purpose of the regional subsidiary is to provide community transport to residents in the three district areas.

	2012	2011
Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS)		
Council's respective interests are:		
- interest in outputs of the joint operation	33%	33%
- ownership interest in the joint operation	33%	33%
- the proportion of voting power in the joint operation	10%	10%
 <u>Movements in Investment in Joint Operation</u>	 \$'000	 \$'000
Opening Balance	23	24
Share in Operating Result	4	(1)
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	27	23



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

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 1,884 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$0 (2011: \$0) at reporting date.

Council does not expect to incur any loss arising from these guarantees.

4. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of nil appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

5. CARBON TAX

From 1 July 2012 a new tax on emissions of certain "greenhouse" gases commences operation. Council has a number of garbage landfill facilities which emit, and will continue for many years to emit, gases of this type. Information currently available provides assurances that "legacy emissions" from garbage placed in landfills prior to commencement of the tax will not subsequently become liable to the tax. However, details of the mechanisms for measuring such emissions, or of providing the exemption are not currently available.



IAN G McDONALD FCA
ABN: 13 550 494 869



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Coorong District Council which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification of financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls 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

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I 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 Board of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act 1999.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Coorong District Council as of 30 June 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

IAN G MC DONALD FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

Signed 10 day of October 2012, at Eastwood, South Australia

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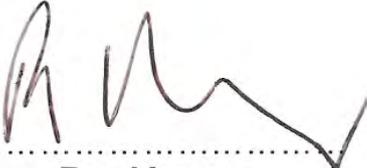
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Coorong District Council for the year ended 30 June 2012, the Council's Auditor, Ian McDonald, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A(2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



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Michael Boyd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Rex Mooney
**PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date: 16th October 2012



IAN G McDONALD FCA
ABN: 13 550 494 869



**Chartered
Accountant**

STATEMENT OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of SA Model Council for the year ended 30 June 2012, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

**IAN G MC DONALD FCA
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Dated this 16th day of October 2012

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The Murray and Mallee
Local Government Association

THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council: (BBC)

Coorong District Council: (CDC)

District Council of Karoonda East Murray: (DCKEM)

District Council of Loxton Waikerie: (DCLW)

Mid Murray Council: (MMC)

Rural City of Murray Bridge: (RCMB)

Renmark Paringa Council: (RPC), and the

Southern Mallee District Council: (SMDC)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

Now in my fifth term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual Report for the period 2011 to 2012.

This Report focuses on the activities outlined in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2011-2012.

Again increased imposts on the Association and local government in general by the State Government's increasing regulations and provisions, with associated cost shifts, ultimately affect ratepayers in the region.

The Association has a continuing desire to ensure activities undertaken result in ultimate benefits to the community.

NRM: Funding support provided for eradication of weeds on unallocated lands. Initiation of further support through SAROC for weed eradication funding extension beyond ends of financial years. The raising of issues on a regular basis with NRM re pest eradication.

Strengthening Basin Communities Project: Milestone 3 completed, with the inclusion of excerpts from the Association's Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.

Waste Management: Promulgation of ZWSA 2012 funding round and facilitation of Assessment Committee and taking part in same.

Murray Darling Basin: Provision of submission to the draft MDB Plan. Attendance at various forums. Input provided for LGA SA submission.

Community Waste Water Management: Association facilitation of a CWMS Management forum on 28th Feb, 12 at Berri.

Climate Change: Support provided for the DPC's Climate Adaptation Program and facilitation of workshops and provision of Love Energy presentation to Councils.

Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project: Project completed (under budget by \$7.5k). Report distributed – Modelling tools made available on Association website – LGR&DF acquittal completed. RISE Workshop scheduled for 16th July, 2012.

Regional Roads Funding: \$2.03m funding gained – representing 22.17% of funding pool. 2012-2013 SLRP funding round submissions called, considered by RTS Committee, endorsed by Delegates & SLRP Regional Submission completed.

Infrastructure: Draft Regional Infrastructure Plan completed and awaiting Cabinet sign-off.

Broadband: Monitoring of the completion of projects and provision of a presentation re NBN availability and Council awareness of responsibilities. Promotion of Telecommunications Review – Public Meeting 11th Nov, 11. Submission to Federal Government for NBN to Loxton – subsequent approval in NBN roll-out.

Education: Support provided as required for the Murraylands Education Precinct proposal and for Flinders Uni medical training at Renmark.

Community Transport: New community transport arrangements between Mid Murray and Murray Bridge with city connections completed. Support provided for project and coordinator position.

Regional Development: Association ensured that provision for RIS is and was included in the LGA's Strategy for Regional SA policy document – now endorsed by LGA General Meeting.

South Australian Strategic Plan: Regional input provided into the SASP.

Population: Increased population issues addressed in the LGA's Strategy for Regional SA for which input has been provided.

Governance: Bi-monthly Meetings undertaken – Annual Report produced – website maintained with timely commentary changes. Follow-up with OLG re Charter clauses re external audit committees.

Zone Emergency Management Committees: Adequate funding achieved to date. Bi-monthly reports received through the Chair.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vice President Mayor David Burgess, Mayor Allan Arbon as proxy Delegate to SAROC and the LGA State Executive Committee, all other Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present and Member Council CEO's and staff, all of whom have provided local government representation to the Association, internal and external committees and working parties.

Timely information has again been provided to the Association from the Local Government Association of SA. I especially recognize the efforts of Wendy Campana, LGA SA Executive Director, Chris Russell, Strategic Advisor, Policy & Communications and David Hitchcock, Director, Environment and Infrastructure. I recognise their support, advice and well researched recommendations provided.

I would again thank our CEO Peter Campbell for his continued commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year. I have a continuing sense of pride on the achievements of the Association during my terms and thank all Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me being your President.



Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.
President, 2011 – 2012.
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

OVERVIEW OF THE REGION.



The Region is located in the Murraylands Statistical Region in eastern South Australia and is dissected by the River Murray. It covers a large area in excess of 50,000 km² taking in the areas from the Riverland in the north, agriculture areas in the central, west, south and east along the Victorian border, and south westerly to the coast and lakes. Rural based communities throughout the area share a common interest in agriculture/horticulture, with towns primarily servicing the farming and horticultural communities and supporting a growing tourism sector. The Region has a population base of approximately 68,000 (approx. 4.6% of the State population).

The Murray River, and its associated wetlands and wildlife, Lake Bonney and a number of National/Conservation Parks, support a range of rare and endangered plant and animal species, and are major tourist attractions throughout parts of the Riverland and Mallee. Towards the coast, the Coorong National Park, Lake Alexandrina and the shores of Lake Albert are all well known tourist attractions, particularly for recreational boating and fishing.

Murray Bridge provides regional services to the lower parts of the Region and supports both an industrial and commercial base.

The Murray River travels from the north, and passing through seven of the member Councils, flows into Lake Alexandrina in the south. It supports a number of tourist and recreation activities, with a number of tourism vessels operating from centres along the river.

The Region is serviced by the South Eastern Freeway, Princes, Dukes, Sturt and Mallee Highways, with the Berri (Loxton) to Murray Bridge Road providing a direct link diagonally across the Region.

The Association works closely with its major regional partners - the Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network, and the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Murray Bridge on the 3rd June, 2011 and Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council was re-elected Vice President both for a full annual term of office.

For the forthcoming year, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council was elected as President and Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council, Vice President at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 1st June, 2012.

REPRESENTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (LGA SA).

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Mayor David Burgess continued to serve on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge, as proxy.

ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.

The Chief Executive Officer services for the Association for the year were again provided by Peter Campbell.

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process in June, 2012, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2012-2013 Annual Business Plan and draft 2012-2013 Budget.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association, Peter Ackland, CEO District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Michael Boyd, CEO of the Coorong District Council. The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer service has been provided.

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary is not due until 2014. The current Charter can be viewed on the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, the Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007 (reviewed 2011) as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

- Undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further cooperation between its constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities in the region.
- Undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

During 2011 – 2012, the Association has met bi-monthly General Meetings, convened on:

3rd June, 2011 - Annual General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Offices, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council as host.

5th August, 2011 - General Meeting - at the Renmark Community and Civic Centre, 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark - the Renmark Paringa Council as host.

7th October, 2011 - General Meeting - at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Chamber, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge - the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

2nd December, 2011 - General Meeting - at the Lamerook Golf Club, Chandos Terrace, Lamerook - the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

3rd February, 2012 - General Meeting - at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri - the Berri Barmera Council as host.

30th March, 2012 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Chamber, Railway Terrace, Karoonda - the District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

1st June, 2012 - Annual General Meeting - at the Tailem Bend Town Hall, 93A Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend - the Coorong District Council as host.

All Association Meetings, including Committee Meetings' Agendas and Minutes are available for viewing and or downloading from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

A number of guest speakers and attendees have made presentations/addresses to the Association meetings throughout the year. They include:

Mark Bolton, General Manager, Telstra Countrywide.

Sharon Starick, Chair and Hugo Hopton, Regional Manager, SA MDB NRM Board,

Supt. Ian Parrott, OIC, Murray Mallee Local Service Area,

Hon. Russell Wortley, MLC, Minister for State Local Government Relations,

Mayor Kym McHugh, President, LGA SA,

Wendy Campana, Executive Director, LGA SA,

Ian Nightingale, CEO, Dept. Planning and Local Government (at the time of presentation),

Richard Bingham, Ombudsman SA and Megan Philpott, Deputy Ombudsman SA,

Ralph Leonard and Peter Triantafilou, DFEEST,

Pippa Pech, Project Officer, ZEMC,

Brian Davey and Richard Mintz, Love Energy, and

Sandie and Trevor Starr, Starr Solutions.

Representatives of both the LGA and the Office of Local Government attended each meeting and took the opportunity to brief the Association of the relevant matters being addressed by their respective bodies.

We acknowledge the support of Wendy Campana, Executive Director, and Chris Russell, LGA SA who has been ready to assist the Region and ensure that the LGA SA has had a presence at our meetings. The Association has also enjoyed a close working relationship with its State and Federal Members of Parliament, a number of whom have been regular attendees at our meetings.

The President has continued the practice of giving each of our guests the opportunity to address our meetings briefly about matters and issues before them that may be of interest to the Association and Member Councils. The contribution from all of the speakers, presenters and guests has kept the Association and the Delegates abreast of a wide ranging number of issues that impact on Local Government and the communities in the Region.

MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the AGM of the 1st June, 2012:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Vice President, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and David Beaton, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Michael Boyd, CEO, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy), Cr. Neville Jeansch (proxy) and Tim Tol, Deputy CEO (proxy).

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor Colin Zadow (proxy).

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Peter Ackland, CEO and Deputy Mayor Mark Ward (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, President, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy), Russell Peate, CEO (proxy) and Robin Bourne, Deputy CEO, (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, OAM, Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Cr. Jerry Wilson, (proxy) and Peter Bond, Acting CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Maria Spano, and the CEO (proxy) and the Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Gordon Hancock, Deputy Mayor Robert Sexton and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following were the Association Committee Members up until the AGM of the 1st June, 2012.

LGA State Executive Committee:

The President and Vice President.

Proxy for President or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

The President and Vice President.

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

CEO M&MLGA - Peter Campbell.

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Mayor David Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

Cr. Trevor Norton, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

SA MDB NRM Board.

Cr. Inez Bormann, Mid Murray Council.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee:

The President as Chair.

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council. (by virtue of position held)

David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

Paul Day Renmark Paringa Council.

Jon Fry, Works Manager, Mid Murray Council.

Peter Ackland, CEO, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray - proxy John Claydon. Tom King, Manager Infrastructure Services, Berri Barmera Council

David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council.

Peter Bond, Acting CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Infrastructure Director, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Mayor Gordon Hancock, Southern Mallee District Council.

Cr. Trevor Kerley, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

A representative, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council, Chair

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA

Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council

Paul Day - Renmark Paringa Council

Barry Fletcher - Berri Barmera Council

Infrastructure Director, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Peter Bond, Acting CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge (David Allen - proxy)

Works Manager - Southern Mallee District Council

David Mosel, Coorong District Council

Kate Daniels - Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board

DTEI (Transport SA) - 2 nominees (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council - Chair.

Mayor Peter Hunt - Berri Barmera Council.

Peter Bond, Acting CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Director, Infrastructure Services, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.

Harc Wordsworth, Manager, Environment and Planning, Southern Mallee District Council.

Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Cr. Mike Fuller, Berri Barmera Council.

M&MLGA "Ensuring Local Government Services Provision" Working Group:

This Committee has completed its work.

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Murray and Mallee Country Arts Board:

Mrs. Poppy Papageorgio.

LGA Land Access Working Group:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

There were no Executive Meetings held during the year.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

The Association undertakes a coordinating role, in conjunction with Member Councils, on their issues and those raised by the Local Government Association of South Australia, the community, and other relevant parties' concerns and interests.

State and Federal Members of Parliament representing our Region have been briefed and support has been sought for issues raised.

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2012-2013 funding round.
- Submissions to the SAROC Committee, including,
 - External Audit Committees for Regional Subsidiaries.
 - Broomrape Eradication Program
 - Grain Waste Disposal.
 - Local Procurement,
 - Development (Trusses) Variation Regulations 2011.
- Submission to the Minister for Primary Industries re continuation of the Broomrape Eradication Program.
- A further Ministerial submission made in respect to the requirement for Audit Committees resulting from Amendment to clause 13(2) of Schedule 2 – Exemption of a regional subsidiary from the requirement to establish an audit committee.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Implementation funding applications for the 2011-2012 funding round.
- Submission to the Federal Minister for extension of the NBN Broadband Network to Loxton.
- Submission to the Minister for Primary Industries re Grain Waste Disposal.
- The Minister for Water re Water Pricing issues.
- The Minister for Sport and Recreation re funding availability for the Star Program.
- Submission to the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure re Regional Infrastructure Plan content.
- Submission to the LGA re content of the Strategy for Regional SA.
- In partnership, submission support for funding under the Natural Disaster Resilience Fund.
- Submissions to the SA MDB NRM Board and the Minister for Primary Industries re the relaxation of regulations for the fishing of catfish in the River Murray.
- In partnership with the SA MDB NRM Board, provided a submission for funding to undertake the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Project.
- Submission to the Murray Darling Basin Authority re the Draft Basin Plan.

The CEO has also attended Forums, Workshops and Briefings throughout the year regarding evolving issues and to make contribution on behalf of the Association. These have included:

- Regional LGA CEO's Briefings (6).
- SA MDB NRM Board's Mayoral and CEO Forum.
- Regional Infrastructure Planning Forum.
- LGA Council Improvement Plan Briefing and subsequent Regional Forum.
- Murray Darling Basin Authority Forum.
- Proposed Murraylands Educational Precinct Briefing.

- LGA President's Forum.
- CWMS Management Systems Forum.
- Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Project Workshop.
- Local Government Reform Fund Workshop.
- Sect. 42 and 43 Subsidiary Board Member Training Briefing.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

The President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Vice President Mayor David Burgess, (Mayor Allan Arbon as proxy on occasions) and the Chief Executive Officer have attended SAROC meetings during the year.

The meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the day preceding the meeting of the LGA State Executive.

SAROC has a Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Local Government Associations and the Local Government Association of South Australia, which was completed in August, 2003.

The Association has provided our regional input into many topics that are relevant to all communities across the State, some of which include:

- National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.
- Regional Development Discussion Paper.
- Water Charges – Community Facilities.
- Expired Marine Flares Safety.
- RISE Economic Modelling Tool.
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulations.
- Speed Limits.
- Ground Fire Training.
- Regional Airports.
- Road Reserve Responsibilities.
- Local Government Disaster Fund.
- SAFECOM MoU.
- Fish Possession Limits.
- Bushfire Management Committees.
- Changes to Native Title Legislation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2012.

The audited Financial Statements are included at the rear of this report. Surplus cash flow funds have been deposited with the Local Government Finance Authority and drawn on when and as required.

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

The Association acknowledges and thanks the Local Government Research and Development Fund Scheme for their annual 2011-2012 grant of \$35,780 (excl GST) to the Association.

This grant has ensured that the Association has been able to undertake regional enhancement and capacity building projects throughout the year.

INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES.

The Association recognises the importance of providing both topical and detailed information on its activities to Member Councils, the LGA SA, the Dept. of Planning and Local Government, Politicians, other key stakeholders and the general public within and outside the Region.

The changed format Newsletter, the "Murray Mallee Briefs" has been prepared after each General Meeting and is electronically widely distributed. Numerous media interviews have been undertaken as a result of the Newsletter's circulation.

The Association's website www.mmlga.sa.gov.au contains a wealth of information on the Association's activities, including all Agendas, Appendices, Minutes for General and Committee Meetings and Newsletters.

BEYOND 2012.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2012-2013 on the first Friday in the months of August, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will be held throughout the Region, hosted alphabetically by the Member Councils.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st June, 2012, the Association endorsed the Annual Business Plan 2012-2013 and the associated Annual Budget. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2012-2013 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting as per the provisions of the Association's Charter.



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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	Restated 2011 \$
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	2	35,780	34,537
Interest received	2	5,702	8,135
MBM LGA contributions	2	90,560	99,849
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Other operating expenses	3	132,042 (140,910)	142,521 (197,732)
Deficit for the year		(8,868)	(55,211)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss		(8,868)	(55,211)

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2012

		2012	Restated 2011	Restated 2010
		\$	\$	\$
	Note			
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	4	74,083	81,655	136,932
Trade and other receivables	5	3,612	4,608	4,272
Total current assets		77,695	86,263	141,204
TOTAL ASSETS		77,695	86,263	141,204
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	6	2,100	1,800	1,530
Total current liabilities		2,100	1,800	1,530
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,100	1,800	1,530
NET ASSETS		75,595	84,463	139,674
EQUITY				
Retained surplus		47,649	41,517	41,728
Unspent funds reserve	7	27,946	42,946	97,946
TOTAL EQUITY		75,595	84,463	139,674

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

2012

	Note	Unspent Funds Reserve \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2011		-	41,517	41,517
Correction of error	17	42,946	-	42,946
Balance at 1 July 2011(restated)		42,946	41,517	84,463
Deficit for the year		-	(8,868)	(8,868)
Transfers to/from retained earnings	7	(15,000)	15,000	-
Balance at 30 June 2012		27,946	47,649	75,595

2011

	Note	Unspent Funds Reserve \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2010		-	41,728	41,728
Correction of error	17	97,946	-	97,946
Balance at 1 July 2010(restated)		97,946	41,728	139,674
Deficit for the year		-	(55,211)	(55,211)
Transfers to/from retained earnings	7	(55,000)	55,000	-
Balance at 30 June 2011		42,946	41,517	84,463

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
Note	\$	\$
Cash from operating activities:		
Receipts from members	90,560	99,849
Receipts from Grants	35,780	34,537
Interest received	6,059	8,648
Payments to suppliers	(114,971)	(116,011)
Project payments	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(82,300)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8 <u>(7,572)</u>	(55,277)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(7,572)	(55,277)
Cash at beginning of financial year	<u>81,655</u>	<u>136,932</u>
Cash at end of financial year	4 <u>74,083</u>	<u>81,655</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

The financial report covers Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as an individual entity. Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is an association incorporated in South Australia under the *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985*.

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on _____ by the members of the committee.

Accounting Policies

(a) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(c) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(e) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of income or expense in profit or loss.

The association does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of Accounting Standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

(i) *Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value (ie gains or losses) being recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) *Held-to-maturity investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iv) *Available-for-sale financial assets*

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

(v) *Financial liabilities*

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") that has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the writing off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

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(f) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

(g) Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(h) Trade and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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(i) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key estimates

(i) Impairment - general

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

(j) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the association. The association has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The association's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the association but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below:

- AASB 9: Financial Instruments (December 2010) and AASB 2010-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

These Standards are applicable retrospectively and include revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, as well as recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments.

The key changes made to accounting requirements include:

- simplifying the classifications of financial assets into those carried at amortised cost and those carried at fair value;
- simplifying the requirements for embedded derivatives;
- removing the tainting rules associated with held-to-maturity assets;
- removing the requirements to separate and fair value embedded derivatives for financial assets carried at amortised cost;
- allowing an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument;
- requiring financial assets to be reclassified where there is a change in an entity's business model as they are initially classified based on:
 - (a) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and
 - (b) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows; and
- requiring an entity that chooses to measure a financial liability at fair value to present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in other comprehensive income, except when that would create an accounting mismatch. If such a mismatch would be created or enlarged, the entity is required to present all changes in fair value (including the effects of changes in the credit risk of the liability) in profit or loss.

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(j) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods (continued)

The association has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of these pronouncements on its financial statements.

- AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010–2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 101, 102, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 116, 117, 119, 121, 123, 124, 127, 128, 131, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 1050 & 1052 and Interpretations 2, 4, 5, 15, 17, 127, 129 & 1052] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2013).

AASB 1053 establishes a revised differential financial reporting framework consisting of two tiers of financial reporting requirements for those entities preparing general purpose financial statements:

- Tier 1: Australian Accounting Standards; and
- Tier 2: Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

Tier 2 of the framework comprises the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements of Tier 1, but contains significantly fewer disclosure requirements.

Since the association is a not-for-profit private sector entity, it qualifies for the reduced disclosure requirements for Tier 2 entities. It is anticipated that the association will take advantage of Tier 2 reporting at a later date.

- AASB 2010–8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets [AASB 112] (applies to periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012).

This Standard makes amendments to AASB 112: Income Taxes and incorporates Interpretation 121: Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-depreciable Assets into AASB 112.

Under the current AASB 112, the measurement of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets depends on whether an entity expects to recover an asset by using it or by selling it. The amendments introduce a presumption that an investment property is recovered entirely through sale. This presumption is rebutted if the investment property is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale. The amendments are not expected to significantly impact the association.

- AASB 10: Consolidated Financial Statements, AASB 11: Joint Arrangements, AASB 12: Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, AASB 127: Separate Financial Statements [August 2011], AASB 128: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures [August 2011] and AASB 2011–7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

AASB 10 replaces parts of AASB 127 [March 2008, as amended] and Interpretation 112: Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities. AASB 10 provides a revised definition of control and additional application guidance so that a single control model will apply to all investees. The association has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of this Standard on its financial statements.

AASB 11 replaces AASB 131: Interests in Joint Ventures (July 2004, as amended). AASB 11 requires joint arrangements to be classified as either “joint operations” (where the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities) or “joint ventures” (where the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement). Joint ventures are required to adopt the equity method of accounting (proportionate consolidation is no longer allowed).

AASB 12 contains the disclosure requirements applicable to entities that hold an interest in a subsidiary, joint venture, joint operation or associate. AASB 12 also introduces the concept of a “structured entity”, replacing the “special purpose entity” concept currently used in Interpretation 112, and requires specific disclosures in respect of any investments in unconsolidated structured entities. This Standard will affect disclosures only and is not expected to significantly impact the association.

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(j) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods (continued)

To facilitate the application of AASBs 10, 11 and 12, revised versions of AASB 127 and AASB 128 have also been issued. These Standards are not expected to significantly impact the association.

- AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

AASB 13 defines fair value, sets out in a single Standard a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurement.

AASB 13 requires:

- inputs to all fair value measurements to be categorised in accordance with a fair value hierarchy; and
- enhanced disclosures regarding all assets and liabilities (including, but not limited to, financial assets and financial liabilities) measured at fair value.

These Standards are not expected to significantly impact the association.

- AASB 2011-9: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2012). The main change arising from this Standard is the requirement for entities to group items presented in other comprehensive income (OCI) on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently.

This Standard affects presentation only and is therefore not expected to significantly impact the association.

- AASB 119: Employee Benefits [September 2011] and AASB 2011-10: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

These Standards introduce a number of changes to accounting and presentation of defined benefit plans. The association does not have any defined benefit plans and so is not impacted by the amendment.

- AASB 119 [September 2011] also includes changes to:

- (a) require only those benefits that are expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service to be classified as short-term employee benefits. All other employee benefits are to be classified as either other long-term employee benefits, post-employment benefits or termination benefits, as appropriate; and
- (b) the accounting for termination benefits that require an entity to recognise an obligation for such benefits at the earlier of:
 - (i) for an offer that may be withdrawn – when the employee accepts;
 - (ii) for an offer that cannot be withdrawn – when the offer is communicated to affected employees; and
 - (iii) where the termination is associated with a restructuring of activities under AASB 137 and if earlier than the first two conditions when the related restructuring costs are recognised.

The association has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of these changes to AASB 119.

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2 Revenue

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Interest received	5,702	8,135
MBM LGA contributions		
- Berri Barmera Council	13,946	15,377
- Coorong District Council	9,237	10,184
- DC of Karoonda East Murray	4,890	5,392
- DC of Loxton Waikerie	14,761	16,275
- Mid Murray Council	11,048	12,182
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge	18,474	20,370
- DC of Renmark Paringa	12,408	13,679
- Southern Mallee DC	5,796	6,390
Total MBM LGA contributions	90,560	99,849
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	35,780	34,537
Total Revenue	132,042	142,521

3 Other Operating Expenses

Expenses

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Audit fees	2,133	2,190
Bank charges	60	85
Consultancy and contractors	25,000	82,300
Executive Officer Contract Services	99,523	96,966
Insurance	4,993	3,994
Meeting Expenses	1,511	1,528
Postage	66	94
President's Travelling Allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	512	846
Record sentencing/Archiving	163	2,590
SAROC Regional Meeting costs	131	1,108
Sundry expenses	1,018	281
Telephone, fax and broadband	3,200	3,200
Website maintenance	100	50
Total expenses	140,910	197,732

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2012	Restated 2011	Restated 2010
	\$	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100	100
Cash at bank	7,768	2,398	1,204
LGFA Investment	66,215	79,157	135,628
	74,083	81,655	136,932

5 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT

Accrued Interest

877 1,234 1,747

GST Refund

2,735 3,374 2,525

3,612 4,608 4,272

6 Trade and other payables

CURRENT

Unsecured

Trade payables

2,100 1,800 1,530

7 Unexpended Funds Reserve

The unexpended funds reserve represent funds set aside for future use on projects managed by the association.

Water Management Project

Income

Balance brought forward

4,373 4,373 4,373

Total Income

4,373 4,373 4,373

Less Expenses

Transfer to Discretionary Projects

4,373 - -

Total Expenses

4,373 - -

Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2012

- 4,373 4,373

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7 Unexpended Funds Reserve (continued)

	2012 \$	Restated 2011 \$	Restated 2010 \$
Discretionary Projects			
Income			
Balance brought forward	1,073	21,073	15,000
Transfer from Water Management Project	4,373	-	-
Transfer from Provision of LG Services Project	7,500	-	-
Transfer from Regional Broadband Project	-	-	3,111
Transfer from Native Title Claims monies	-	-	2,962
Transfer from Retained Earnings	9,000	-	-
Total Income	21,946	21,073	21,073
Less Expenses			
Contribution to Broadband Extension	-	20,000	-
Total Expenses	-	20,000	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2012	21,946	1,073	21,073
Provision LG Services Project			
Income			
Balance brought forward	32,500	72,500	72,500
Total Income	32,500	72,500	72,500
Less Expenses			
Consultancy	25,000	40,000	-
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	7,500	-	-
Total Expenses	32,500	40,000	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2012	-	32,500	72,500

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7 Unexpended Funds Reserve (continued)

	2012	Restated 2011	Restated 2010
	\$	\$	\$
Legal Charter Review			
Income			
Balance brought forward	5,000	-	-
Transfer from Retained Earnings	1,000	5,000	-
Total Income	6,000	5,000	-
Less Expenses			
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2012	6,000	5,000	-
Transport Strategy Stage 2			
Income			
Transfer from Retained Earnings	-	22,300	-
Total Income	-	22,300	-
Less Expenses			
Consultancy	-	22,300	-
Total Expenses	-	22,300	-
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2012	-	-	-
Total	27,946	42,946	97,946

8 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Deficit for the year

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Net deficit for the year	(8,868)	(55,211)
Cash flows excluded from deficit for the year		
Non-cash flows in deficit		
changes in assets and liabilities,		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	996	(336)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	300	270
	(7,572)	(55,277)

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9 Financial Risk Management

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, receivables and payables.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139, as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	74,083	81,655
Trade and other receivables	5	3,612	4,608
Total financial assets		77,695	86,263
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
- Trade and other payables	6	2,100	1,800
Total financial liabilities		2,100	1,800

Financial Risk Management Policies

The association's Treasurer is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The Treasurer monitors the association's transactions and reviews the effectiveness of controls relating to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held bi-monthly and minuted by the committee of management.

The Treasurer's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the association meets its financial targets, while minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk relating to interest rate risk and other price risk. There have been no substantive changes in the types of risks the association is exposed to, how these risks arise, or the Committee's objectives, policies and processes for managing or measuring the risks from the previous period.

a. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as the utilisation of systems for the approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties) ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the committee has otherwise assessed as being financially sound.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

Accounts receivable and other debtors that are neither past due nor impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are detailed at Note 5.

The association has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables are provided in Note 5.

b. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and

The table below reflects an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for non-derivative financial liabilities. The association does not hold directly any derivative financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

Financial assets pledged as collateral

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

c. Market risk

i. Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The association is exposed to earnings volatility on floating rate instruments. The financial instruments that expose the association to interest rate risk that are limited to cash and cash equivalents.

ii. Other price risk

Other price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) of securities held.

The association is not exposed to other price risk.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the association's exposures to changes in interest rates. The table indicates the impact on how surplus and equity values reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible.

These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2012	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/- 1,480	+/- 1,480
	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2011	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/- 1,631	+/- 1,631

There have been no changes in any of the assumptions used to prepare the above sensitivity analysis from the prior year.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Fair Values

Fair value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying amounts as presented in the statement of financial position. Fair value is the amount at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Fair value may be based on information that is estimated or subject to judgment, where changes in assumptions may have a material impact on the amounts estimated. Areas of judgment and the assumptions have been detailed below. Where possible, valuation information used to calculate fair value is extracted from the market, with more reliable information available from markets that are actively traded. In this regard, fair values for listed securities are obtained from quoted market bid prices.

	2012		2011	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	74,083	74,083	81,655	81,655
Trade and other receivables	3,612	3,612	4,608	4,608
Total financial assets	77,695	77,695	86,263	86,263
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800
Total financial liabilities	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and other debtors and accounts payable and other payables are short-term instruments in nature whose carrying amount is equivalent to fair value.

10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2012, the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

11 Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2012, the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

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12 Events after the end of the reporting period

Since the reporting date, there have been no events that would materially impact on the contents of this report.

13 Economic Dependence

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Committee believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the association.

14 Segment Reporting

The association operates predominantly in one business and two geographical segments, being in the local government sector, providing services to local councils in the Murray and Mallee districts of South Australia.

15 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) Key Management Personnel Compensation

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the association, directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel.

	Short term Benefits	Total
2012		
Total compensation	102,023	102,023
2011		
Total compensation	99,466	99,466

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16 Association Details

The registered office of the association is;

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Inc
55 Excelsior Parade
Hindmarsh Island SA 5214

The principal place of business is:

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Inc
55 Excelsior Parade
Hindmarsh Island SA 5214

17 Correction of error

A review of unexpended funds by the association, has found that these funds were not required to be repaid and as such did not meet the criteria for recognition as liabilities. Correction of this error, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 108, resulted in an increase in other operating expenses of \$82,300 in prior year and surplus for the year ended 30 June 2011 of \$27,089 was restated to a deficit of \$55,211. The unspent funds of \$42,946 at 1 July 2011(\$97,946 at 1 July 2010) was recognised as unspent fund reserve.

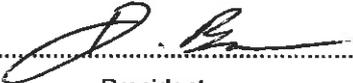
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Statement by the Committee

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 21:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


.....
President


.....
CEO

Dated this 11th day of September 2012

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee..

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements 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 judgment, 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 association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards.

WJK

WHK AUDIT SERVICES



Nick Walker
Partner

11 September 2012
Mildura

**M&MLGA PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Leon Evan Stasinowsky, the person for the time being occupying the position of President of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association, do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

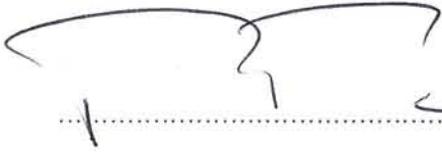


30th June, 2012

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE -

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.

I, Peter Ackland, the person for the time being occupying the position of acting chief executive officer of the Murray Banner Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.



(Signed)

1 June 2012

(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Peter Ackland, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the DISTRICT COUNCIL of LOXTON NALKEIE Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 - 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



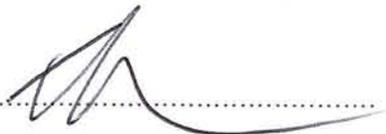
(Signed)

1 JUNE 2012

(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, Timothy Tol....., the person for the time being occupying the position of acting chief executive officer of the COORONG DISTRICT..... Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A (2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.



(Signed)

1.6.12

(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Peter Smithson....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the D.C. Karoonda East Murray..... Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



(Signed)

1.6.2012

(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, RUSSELL PEATE, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the MID MURRAY Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

1/6/12
.....
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, DAVID BEATON, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the BELRI BALMELA Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


.....
(Signed)

4/6/12
.....
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Rodney RALPH, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Southern Mallee District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


.....
(Signed)

1 June 2012
.....
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, TONY SIVOUR, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the PENMARK PALMCA Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


.....
(Signed)

5/6/12
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(Dated)

Murray Mallee
Community Transport Scheme



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Brian Lloyd – MMCTS Volunteer Driver, Taillem Bend

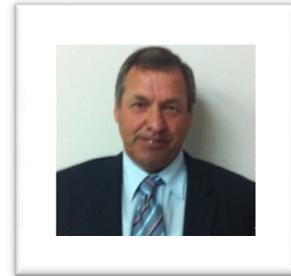
Janette Dahlitz – MMCTS Volunteer Driver, Taillem Bend

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Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2011-2012



It is with pleasure I present this report.

Firstly I would like to thank the approximately 20 Volunteer Drivers who spent 620 hours, travelling 33,658 km during the past year transporting the district's transport disadvantaged to their medical appointments etc. Without you, the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme would not work very well. Your valuable time and efforts are much appreciated by the transport disadvantaged and the Management Board.

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme receives annually \$134,000 funding from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DSCI) and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) – Public Transport Services (PTS). The three (3) Constituent Councils – Coorong, Karoonda East Murray and Southern Mallee – contribute \$35,398 and the clients contribute around \$4,000. Without this financial support we would not be able to function at all. The Karoonda, Lameroo and Pinnaroo Hospitals provide the use of their hospital cars for transport of clients by our volunteer drivers. The funding from all these bodies is very much appreciated.

In the past twelve (12) months we have upgraded and reviewed both the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme Business Plan and the Regional Subsidiary Charter. The five (5) year Financial Plan was also adopted. I would like to thank those Board Members and Paul Duka (Coorong District Council Manager Corporate Support) who helped with this task.

During the past twelve (12) months we have upgraded our computer system and had a vehicle changeover. Uniforms are in the process of being supplied to our Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme staff which will add a look of professionalism to the Scheme's staff and volunteer members.

We hold our meetings bi-monthly and it has been pleasing to see our meeting participation increase as we were having problems previously in reaching a quorum.

Many thanks to our Community Passenger Network (CPN) Co-ordinator – Helen Luke and her trusty helper Anna Bray for their commitment to their work positions. Helen applied for a grant from Volunteer Support Fund which went towards the Volunteer appreciation Luncheon held on 13 November 2011. It was a real treat to have a mystery bus trip to the Adelaide Hills for the luncheon and visits to various other Hills tourist attractions.

Helen has been instrumental in making sure we have been meeting the Government demands by forming OHSW Policies and Procedures for the safety of the Scheme's volunteers and employees. These have been done during the course of many Board Meetings.

In closing I would like to thank Paul Duka for his Treasurer's Reports and all Board Members for their unending support during the past year.

Neville Pfeiffer
Chairman

Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme **Regional Coordinators Annual Report 2011 – 2012**



It is with pleasure that I present my Annual Report of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) for 2011 – 2012. As we look back on the past years activities there have been some quite challenging times within the organization the bulk of which has been on the administration side and has fortunately not impacted or interrupted service provision or delivery.

MMCTS is a Community Passenger Network (CPN) which has a service area of 19,251 square kilometers over the Council areas of Coorong, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray. Currently the number of clients listed on the MMCTS client data base is 913. This number usually remains reasonably steady but this year has been slightly higher.

Volunteers

I am continually amazed and humbled by the time and effort that our volunteers give to MMCTS and their

Location & number of volunteers	
Tailem Bend - 7	Geranium - 1
Wynarka - 1	Lameroo - 4
Karoonda - 1	Pinnaroo - 6
Murray Bridge - 1	

communities. Once again they have all gone above and beyond within their role. Thank you for your commitment, professionalism and great sense of humor. Many of our volunteers work and are involved in other organisations so the time they have available for MMCTS is very precious and very much appreciated.

MMCTS now have 21 volunteers who have provided 620 hours of service travelling 33,658 kilometers in the past 12 months. Several of our volunteers are due for reaccreditation this year and all have agreed to continue which is very pleasing.

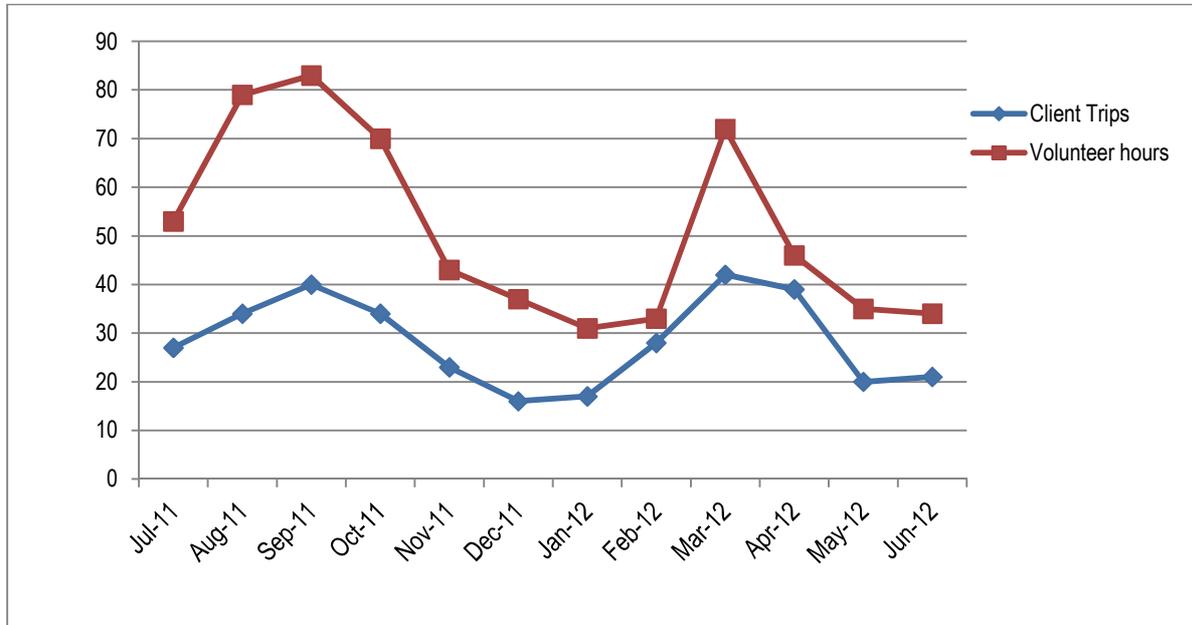
MMCTS involvement, achievements and highlights

Apart from the normal meeting attendance and networking and liaison with Service Providers and Commercial Operators the MMCTS Staff, volunteers and Management Board members have been involved in several events, training and activities during the year –

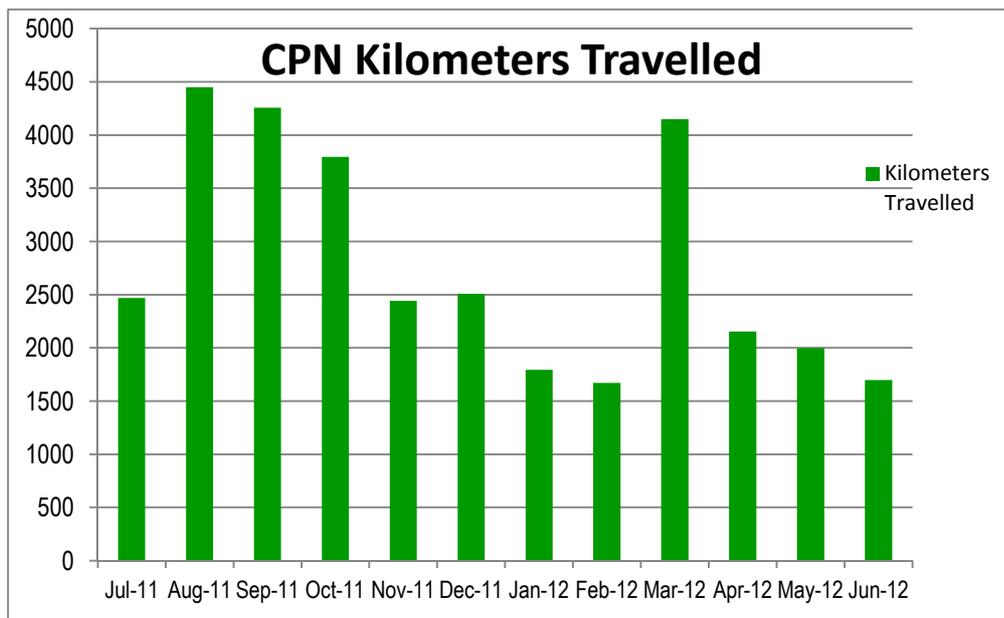
- ✚ Pinnaroo Show on 5th October 2011
- ✚ MMCTS Management Board & staff Municipal Training on 27th October 2011
- ✚ Grant received from Volunteer Support Fund
- ✚ MMCTS Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Mystery Bus Tour on 13 November 2011
- ✚ Barossa Council for Transport Program IT System Orientation on 25th November 2011
- ✚ Development and implementation of MMCTS Purchase Order Books – January 2012
- ✚ Successfully obtained parking permits for the Flinders Medical Centre – January 2012
- ✚ Community Transport Scheme Forum at Mid Murray Council on 16th February 2012
- ✚ Coorong District Council meeting on 21st February 2012
- ✚ Community Transport Forum at Murray Bridge on 22nd February 2012
- ✚ HACC Consultation Forum in Murray Bridge on 23rd February 2012
- ✚ MMCTS staff corporate uniform – March 2012
- ✚ District Council Karoonda East Murray Council meeting on 13th March 2012
- ✚ Southern Mallee District Council meeting on 14th March 2012
- ✚ New computers installed in MMCTS office on 23rd March 2012
- ✚ Karoonda Farm Fair 30th March 2012
- ✚ State Records GDS 20 Training on 3rd April 2012
- ✚ New vehicle / changeover for Scheme One on 20th April 2012
- ✚ Volunteer years of service recognition
- ✚ Initial discussion and consultation for Transport Website for the Murray and Mallee – April/May 2012
- ✚ CPN State Coordinators Conference 7th & 8th May 2012 at Port Lincoln
- ✚ Updated MMCTS Business Plan for 2012 – 2013 – May 2012
- ✚ Revised MMCTS Regional Subsidiary Charter – May 2012
- ✚ New office chairs for MMCTS office – May 2012

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The direct transport provided to the community by the CPN varies due to a number of reasons – apart from more clients utilizing other transport in the region school holidays and the weather are the main ones that we have noted this year. The following graph shows this quite well with a peak during the cooler months and after the warm weather and dropping off towards the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012.



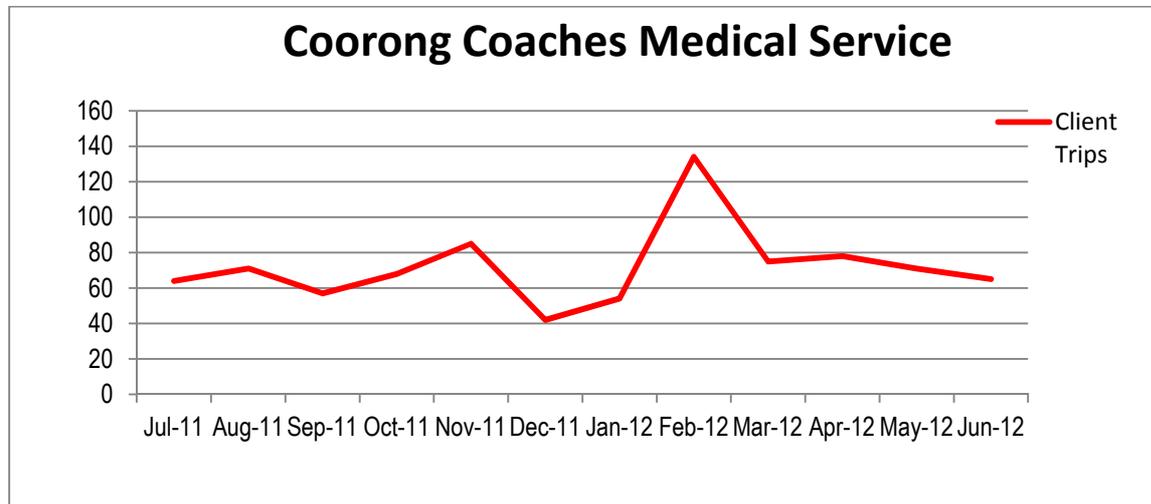
MMCTS still have two vehicles in fleet a Toyota Aurion and a Holden Cruze which was purchased in April this year. The access to vehicle resources in the Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray areas is of enormous assistance to the Transport Scheme and vehicle access in certain areas of the Coorong would further enhance the service to our clients. The kilometers travelled coincide with the client trips and volunteer hours.



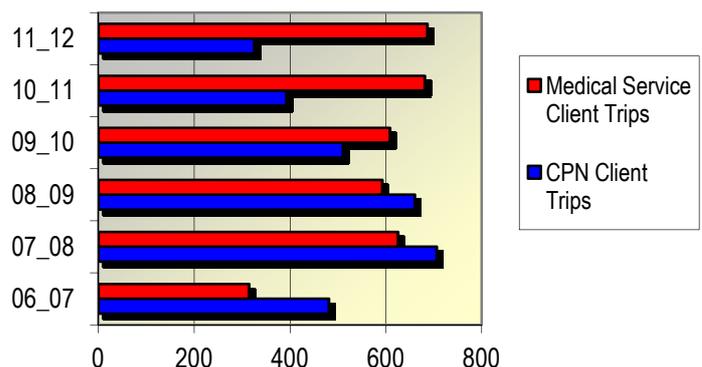
MMCTS also coordinate bookings for Coorong Coaches Medical Service for eligible clients across the Constituent Councils and with a Contract change in 2010 also now includes residents within the Tatiara Council region. Bookings each month for the Medical have varied but it is still being well utilised with the month of February almost doubling

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any other month of the year. MMCTS have a close association with Coorong Coaches and with the two services working together this helps to provide a very professional service for our clients. The figure below indicates the client trips for Coorong Coaches. MMCTS volunteers assist clients to link in with the Medical Service.



The chart to the right shows the client trips over the past 6 (six) years with both CPN & Coorong Coaches Medical Service. The direct CPN transport provision is approximately half of the client trips of four years ago. This may be attributed to our clients being a little more savvy with their time, being able to utilise other means of transport such as public transport and MMCTS staff being able to link people with other services. The Medical Service is closed for four weeks over the Christmas / New Year period and MMCTS office is closed for two weeks over the same time. This allows staff to take leave and volunteers to have a well-earned break.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank MMCTS Administration Officer Anna Bray who has been exceptionally supportive of drivers, clients and myself. During the year we liaise, network and seek advice from many organisations and individuals, without your assistance, encouragement, friendship and support we would not be able to deliver the service that we do. Anna and I would also like to extend a very sincere thank you to;

- MMCTS Management Board Members
- MMCTS volunteer drivers
- Coorong District Council
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray
- Southern Mallee District Council
- Clients of the Transport Scheme
- Mallee Health / Outreach staff
- Coorong Coaches
- Tailem Bend Community Centre
- Link SA
- DTEI – PTS
- DCSI

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme will endeavor to continue to develop a closer liaison with Service Providers for a more coordinated approach to improve serves within our rural regional area.

Helen Luke
CPN Regional Coordinator
Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

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VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Volunteer Driver Numbers

In the past 12 months the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) have unfortunately not been able to increase our Accredited Volunteer Driver pool but endeavour to keep trying. We have unfortunately had one resignation this year due to ill health.

The Transport Scheme now has volunteers based in the following locations -

Tailem Bend – 7	Geraniums - 1
Karoonda - 1	Wynarka - 1
Lameroo – 4	Murray Bridge - 1
Pinnaroo - 6	

Issues affecting volunteer recruitment and retention

Most of our volunteers and potential volunteers are busy people involved in their own daily avocation as well as giving of their time to other organisations has an impact on the number and availability of volunteers.

Although the issue of having to be accredited or re-accredited every 5 years is a necessary requirement to maintain a professional and high operational standard it does have a detrimental effect on the engaging and retention of volunteers.

Promotion and Recruitment Efforts

The Transport Scheme has over the past 12 months taken every opportunity to promote the organisation by attending the Karoonda Sheep Fair, networking with Service Providers, personal contact with potential volunteers and by promotional material in the local papers and other material.

Volunteer Support and Training

Due to spread of our volunteers over a large area the holding meetings of volunteers have not been successful so our main source of contact is either personally or by way of a newsletter.

The MMCTS Management Board provides a Christmas dinner at the close of the year. Due to securing a grant from Volunteer Support Fund to recognise the volunteers' efforts the function in 2011 took the form of a mystery bus tour which included a lunch.

Policies and Procedures

The MMCTS Management Board continues to review their Policies and Procedures to ensure that they meet current requirements. These policies and procedures when being compiled or reviewed endeavour where possible to be concise, easy to follow and have the needs of the Organisation, Staff, Clients and the Volunteers in mind.

Towards the Future

MMCTS will continue to need more volunteers as it continues to provide "a last resort form of transport" to an ever increasing client data base. As our potential volunteer base becomes more technology advances recruitment techniques will need to change and include not only the traditional way of connecting with people but to also embrace some of the current technology.

Trevor Gordon
Volunteer Drivers Representative
MMCTS

OUR VISION***Community vision***

To address transport needs of communities in the Mallee, particularly the transport disadvantaged, by co-ordinating and brokering transport services within each region, providing an information service and delivering transport where no other appropriate service exists.

Organisational Vision

To provide a quality and affordable transport, support and information service for the community.

Aims

To achieve our vision

- a. Develop innovative and cost effective local solutions which are accessible, affordable and equitable
- b. Promote efficient use of resources in the region by encouraging and co-ordinating shared use of existing resources and the integration of community transport services with conventional transport
- c. Provide information and support to clients including Councils and service providers in relation to transport planning matters and transport service provision
- d. Provide transport services as a last resort where no other appropriate transport service exists in the region
- e. Co-ordinate and broker transport services for members of the community in particular the transport disadvantaged
- f. Seek to obtain external funding by way of grants

FUNDING

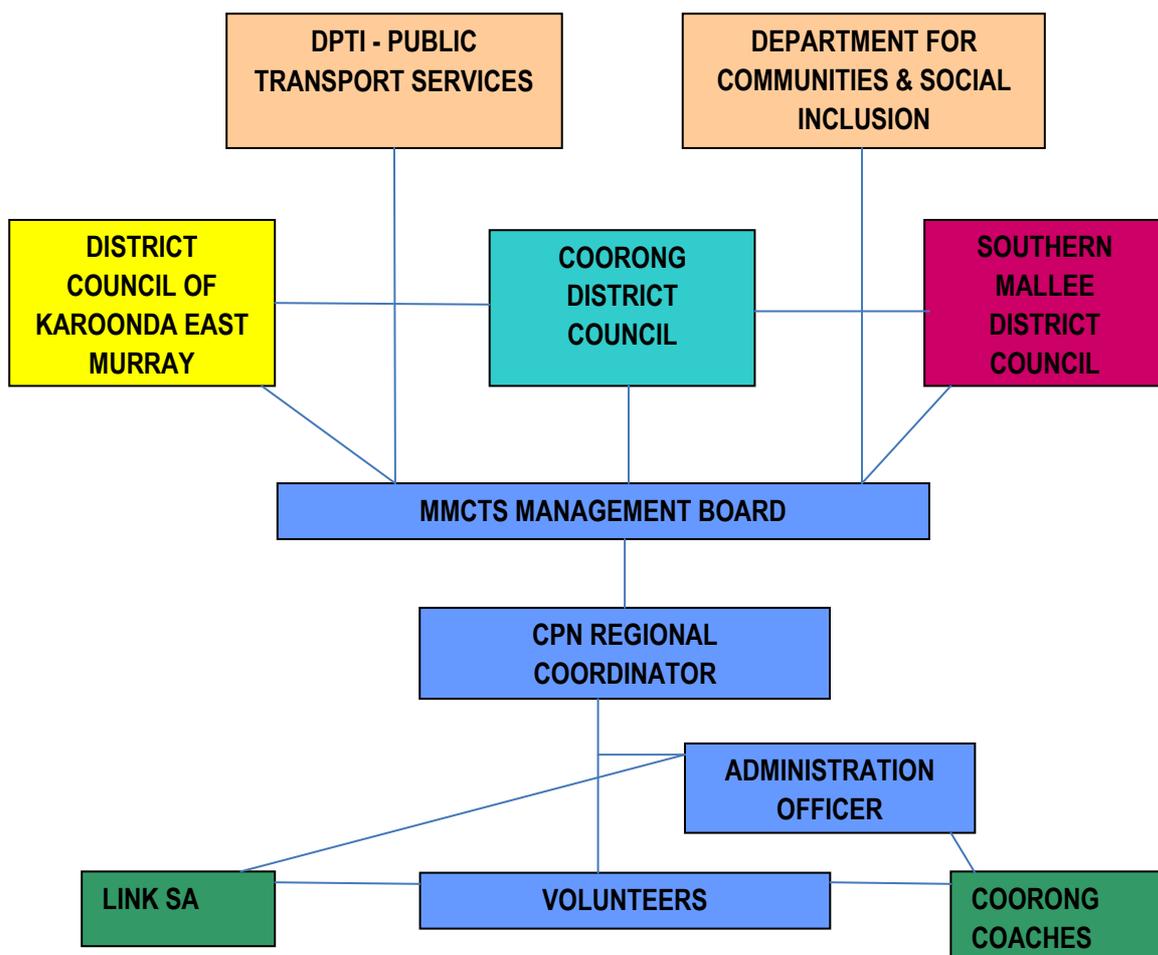
The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme receives funding from;

- Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
- Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure – Public Transport Services
- The Coorong District Council
- Southern Mallee District Council
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray

RESOURCE CHART

RESOURCE CHART
<u>Personnel</u>
Coordinator - 1
Administration - 1
Management Board – 10 members
Volunteers - 21
CPN vehicles - 2
Hospital vehicles
Funding from PTS and DCSI
Client Donations
Direct Council Contribution & in-kind support
Councils – Coorong, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray
Availability of external funding via Councils Grants Officer

MMCTS ORGANISATIONAL CHART



BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Staff of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) has direct involvement with several groups or committees either as a member of the group / committee or by providing an administrative role.

They include –

- MMCTS Management Board
- Murray Mallee Transport Advisory Committee
- Coorong Community Links Advisory Committee
- Murray Mallee Health & Community Services Network

MMCTS staff has attended various community / organisational functions during the year other than the usual meetings. Some functions include the Pinnaroo Show, Karoonda Farm Fair & training days.

MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) was originally established under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 and today continues as a Regional Subsidiary, Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999. MMCTS is subject to the direction of the Management Board acting on behalf of The Coorong District Council, The Southern Mallee District Council and the District Council of Karoonda East Murray (the Constituent Councils) MMCTS Management Board is currently comprised of interested members of the community, service providers and a representative from each of the Constituent Councils.

The Management Board meets bi-monthly at Taillem Bend and the Annual General Meeting is held in September of each year.

A copy of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme Regional Subsidiary Charter is available for viewing on www.governmentgazette.sa.gov.au

MMCTS MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBERS LIST

Cr Neville Pfeiffer – Chairperson	Southern Mallee District Council
Trevor Gordon – Vice Chairperson	MMCTS Volunteer
Cr Peter Wright	Coorong District Council
Cr John Wooldridge	District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Janette Dahlitz	Disability
Rosemary Symonds	Carers
Ron Whibley	Client
Peter LeGallou	Health Provider
Peter Verrall	Veterans
Ian Morris	Commercial Operator
Mark Dunlop	Commercial Operator
Paul Duka	Finance – Coorong District Council
Helen Luke	MMCTS Staff
Anna Bray	MMCTS Staff - Secretary

THE MURRAY MALLEE TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP

VISION

The key objectives of the Murray Mallee Transport Advisory Committee (MMTAC), subject to suitable resources is to monitor and evaluate the passenger transport services established through the Murray Mallee Integrated Transport Plan. To achieve these objectives, the key roles and responsibilities of the MMTAC are to:

- ❖ Advise the Passenger Transport Services and Councils of Coorong, Southern Mallee, Karoonda East Murray, Mid Murray and Rural City of Murray Bridge within the area of the operation of passenger transport services in the Murray Mallee area with emphasis on their responsiveness to community needs; and
- ❖ Identify current and future issues impacting on the delivery of transport services and develop strategies to address these issues.

To fulfil these roles and responsibilities the MMTAC is clearly focused on promoting and improving these services to the community and continually monitoring services against the needs of their communities.

The Committee meets at Tailm Bend every 4 months and may report to the Murray Mallee Local Government Association once per annum.

MURRAY MALLEE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS LIST

Peter Smithson - Chairperson	CEO District Council Karoonda East Murray
Helen Luke - Secretary	CPN Regional Coordinator, MMCTS
Mayor Cr Roger Strother	Coorong District Council
Cr Robert Sexton	Southern Mallee District Council
Cr Peter Milsom	Mid Murray Council
Brenton Lewis	EO Murraylands & Riverland Regional Development Board
Gary Sawyer	Murray Mallee Ageing Taskforce
Ian Morris	Operations Supervisor Link SA, Murray Bridge
Mark Dunlop	General Manager Transit Plus/Link SA
Karyn Baker	CPN Coordinator, Murray Transport Connections
Conway Constant	Assistant Manager Highway Hiker Tours

COORONG COMMUNITY LINKS ADVISORY GROUP

The Aim of the Coorong Community Links Advisory Group (CCLAG) is to support the achievement of Council's social development objective by providing advice to the Coorong District Council in relation to collaborative and coordinated approaches for the delivery of aged care and disability services and other community issues relevant to the district.

Meetings are held quarterly at the Taillem Bend Community Centre and the Group consists of one member or representative from each of the following groups and organisations:

COORONG COMMUNITY LINKS ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

Coorong Health Service
Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme
Tailem Bend Community Centre
Ngarrindjeri Community
Tumake Yande
The Coorong District Council
Murray Mallee Aged Care Group
Commonwealth respite and Carelink Centre
Murray Mallee Ageing Taskforce
Disability Ageing and Carers

The **MURRAY MALLEE HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES NETWORK** is a group of interested Services Providers from the area who provide direct provision within the Mallee region. Meetings are held quarterly in different towns in the Murray and Mallee with guest speakers invited. The meetings are to share information relating to their organisation/any training/work groups/programs and to assist with problem solving from issues that the Service Providers may raise. There is no overarching body for this Network and presently there are mainly three (3) people who alternate the various roles of Chairing the meeting, note taking and arranging the guest speakers.

MMCTS STAFF

CPN Regional Co-ordinator, Helen Luke commenced work for the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) on 17th September 2005. Helen has a background in health, disability and aged care and is also currently an active volunteer of the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) with the Taillem Bend team and also teaches SAAS volunteer students. Helen has lived locally in the area for many years and has a sound understanding of the issues that the community face on a daily basis in regards to accessing appointments and social activities due to limited or no transport within the area.

Administration Officer, Anna Bray has been working for the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) since March 2008. Anna was originally a Trainee with MMCTS and after she completed her Traineeship became a member of staff working fulltime. Originally from Karoonda, Anna moved to Taillem Bend in 2008 after studying in Adelaide. She is an active member of the Karoonda Districts Football & Netball Club and currently holds the position of President of the netball club. Anna is very community minded, her friendly manner, knowledge of the area and commitment to her role are all positive attributes that help clients to feel more at ease.

**VOLUNTEERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

The following photo was taken at the 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



Derek Herbert, John & Kath Wooldridge, Gillian Downs, Alan Sharrad, Sue Adamson, Trevor Gordon, Di Lloyd, Julie Gordon, Brian Lloyd, Helen Luke, Ron Whibley & Evonne Whibley, Brian & Coral Maynard, Marcia & John Bowen, Anna Bray, Margaret & Neville Pfeiffer, Bob Symonds, Rosemary Friedle, Janette & Geoff Dahlitz.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Overview of MMCTS statistics for the past 12 months	
Changing Appointments	35 occasions
Transport Information Requests / Enquiries	108 occasions
Referrals to Commercial operator	10 occasions
Referrals to other Service Provider	15 occasions
CPN transport - medical	220 trips
CPN transport – medical / social	36 trips
CPN transport - social	15 trips
Medical Service transport	864 trips
CPN owned vehicle mileage	23,971 kms
CPN sourced vehicles not owned by CPN	9,687 kms

MMCTS SERVICE AREA & EXISTING TRANSPORT



MMCTS provide service within the Council regions of Coorong, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray which is around 19,251 square kilometres in total.

There is very limited transport within these regions so therefore the CPN play a very important role for community support, awareness and development. With limited options available to the community, ensuring they have access to up to date information that is suitable to their individual needs is vital to their health and well-being.

Coorong Coaches Medical Service

MMCTS have a close liaison with both Link SA and Coorong Coaches. Coorong Coaches operates a 9 seater wheelchair accessible dedicated Medical Service from Keith to Adelaide each week day excluding public holidays.

MMCTS coordinate the bookings for this service for clients from Coorong, Southern Mallee, Karoonda East Murray and parts of Tatiara Council areas. This service has been in operation for many years and is now owned and operated by Peter and Margaret Stone from Keith. This is a door to door service but for those clients who live outside of the Medical Bus Service area MMCTS make arrangements to link these people in with public transport, other Service Providers or a CPN owned or accessed vehicle. Depending on eligibility many of our clients utilise public transport to travel to a prearranged destination then transfer to the Medical Service to travel to their appointment. If the bus times align for the client to return home via public transport they do, if the times do not align the CPN will arrange a vehicle with a volunteer driver.

Transport within Southern Mallee District Council

<i>Service Provider</i>	<i>When</i>
MMCTS	Eligibility criteria applies, last resort form of transport when a person is unable to drive themselves and has no family or friends to assist and there is no other transport available in the area. Phone – 8572 4288 Website – www.murraymalleetransport.com.au
Coorong Coaches	Medical Service – 9 seater wheelchair accessibility operating 48 weeks of the year from Keith to Adelaide - eligibility criteria applies and bookings are coordinated through MMCTS office. Clients are linked into this service through MMCTS volunteers or public transport Phone – 8572 4288
Link SA Public transport	Murrayville to Murray Bridge – Monday → Friday Karoonda to Berri via Lameroo & Pinnaroo – Thursday only Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au
Link SA	Lameroo & Pinnaroo intra town shopping bus – Thursday Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au
V- Line	Adelaide to Melbourne – Daily via Mallee Hwy Melbourne to Adelaide – Daily via Mallee Hwy Phone – 13 61 96 Website – www.vline.com.au

Transport within the District Council of Karoonda East Murray

<i>Service Provider</i>	<i>When</i>
MMCTS	Eligibility criteria applies, last resort form of transport when a person is unable to drive themselves and has no family or friends to assist and there is no other transport available in the area. Phone – 8572 4288 Website – www.murraymalleetransport.com.au
Coorong Coaches	Medical Service – 9 seater wheelchair accessibility operating 48 weeks of the year from Keith to Adelaide - eligibility criteria applies and bookings are coordinated through MMCTS office. Clients are linked into this service through MMCTS volunteers or public transport. Phone – 8572 4288
Link SA Public transport	Karoonda to Murray Bridge via Tailem Bend – Friday only Karoonda to Berri via Lameroo & Pinnaroo – Thursday only Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au
Link SA	Karoonda intra town shopping bus – Tuesday Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au

Transport within the Coorong District Council

<i>Service Provider</i>	<i>When</i>
MMCTS	Eligibility criteria applies, last resort form of transport when a person is unable to drive themselves and has no family or friends to assist and there is no other transport available in the area. Phone – 8572 4288 Website – www.murraymalleetransport.com.au
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Link SA Public transport	Coonalpyn to Murray Bridge via Meningie & Wellington – Monday → Friday Culburra to Murray Bridge via Tailem Bend – Monday → Friday Murrayville to Murray Bridge via Mallee Highway – Monday → Friday Tintinara to Murray Bridge via Coonalpyn & Tailem Bend – Thursday only Karoonda to Murray Bridge via Tailem Bend – Friday only Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au
Link SA	Tailem Bend intra town shopping bus – Thursday Phone – 8532 2633 Website – www.linksa.com.au
Premier Stateliner	Adelaide to Mt. Gambier - Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sun – via Coast – Princes Hwy Mt. Gambier to Adelaide – Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun – via Coast – Princes Hwy Adelaide to Mt. Gambier – Daily – inland – Dukes Hwy Mt. Gambier to Adelaide – Daily – inland – Dukes Hwy Phone – 8415 5555 Website – www.premierstateliner.com.au

IDENTIFIED UNMET SERVICE NEEDS

Several regional areas have limited or no access to local public transport particularly when there is a change in the local bus timetable which occurs during the school holidays. With many of our smaller towns losing basic shopping outlets the reduction of local public transport in these areas is an issue for many people especially where there is no CPN centrally located or where the CPN does not have access to resources within the town. The cost of taxi travel is out of reach for many of our regional rural clients and the lack of consistent wheelchair accessible public transport is beginning to be a concern particularly for people who have motorised scooters and rely on them to assist with their mobility as the scooters are not able to be secured in a safe manner so therefore unable to be transported.

LEGISLATION

As part of on-going operations the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme adheres to, but is not limited to, the following legislation:

- Disability Discrimination Act (Cwth) 1992
- Other amended Commonwealth legislation related to Disability Discrimination Act:
- Volunteers Protection Act (SA) 2001
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007
- Passenger Transport Act (SA) 1994
- Passenger Transport Regulations (SA) 2009
- Road Traffic Act (SA) 1961
- Motor Vehicle Act (SA) 1959
- Australian Road Rules (Under Road Traffic Act (SA) 1961)
- Privacy Act (Cwth) 1988
- Information Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act (Cwth) 1988
- Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1994
- State Records Act (SA) 1997
- Local Government Act 1999

FINANCIAL STATEMENT**MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME****S.43 Regional Subsidiary Members****MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME****ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2012****CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have been authorised by the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme 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 Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme's financial position at 30 June 2011 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme provide a reasonable assurance that the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme's accounting and other records.



Neville Pfeiffer
MMCTS CHAIRPERSON



Helen Luke
REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR MMCTS

Date: 12/09/2012

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
INCOME			
User charges	2	4,095	4,325
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	171,198	127,773
Investment income	2	3,923	2,367
Reimbursements	2	-	1,163
Total Income		<u>179,216</u>	<u>135,628</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	126,050	109,696
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	37,487	20,456
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	9,493	9,692
Total Expenses		<u>173,030</u>	<u>139,844</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		6,186	(4,216)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	7,267	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		13,453	(4,216)
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>13,453</u>	<u>(4,216)</u>

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

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	79,841	61,211
Trade & other receivables	5	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>80,221</u>	<u>61,211</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6	<u>30,015</u>	<u>23,147</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>30,015</u>	<u>23,147</u>
Total Assets		<u>110,236</u>	<u>84,358</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	4,485	3,327
Provisions	7	<u>12,944</u>	<u>7,456</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>17,429</u>	<u>10,783</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	7	11,185	5,406
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>11,185</u>	<u>5,406</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>28,614</u>	<u>16,189</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>81,622</u>	<u>68,169</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		<u>81,622</u>	<u>68,169</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>81,622</u>	<u>68,169</u>

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2012

2012	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		68,169	68,169
Restated opening balance		68,169	68,169
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		13,453	13,453
Balance at end of period		81,622	81,622
2011			
Balance at end of previous reporting period		72,385	72,385
Restated opening balance		72,385	72,385
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(4,216)	(4,216)
Balance at end of period		68,169	68,169

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

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
User charges		3,715	4,325
Investment receipts		3,923	2,367
Grants utilised for operating purposes		171,198	127,773
Reimbursements		-	1,163
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs		(114,783)	(107,389)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(36,329)	(19,756)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		27,724	8,483
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets		13,000	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(22,094)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(9,094)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		18,630	8,483
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	8	61,211	52,728
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	79,841	61,211

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

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2012

		2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$	\$
<u>Receipts</u>			
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<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs		(114,783)	(107,389)
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<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		<u>(22,094)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		<u>(9,094)</u>	<u>-</u>
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MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2012

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Basis of Preparation

Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 dated (12 / 09 / 2012).

Historical Cost Convention

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

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 MMCTS's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest dollar.

The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The constituent Councils of the MMCTS are the Coorong District Council, Southern Mallee District Council and the District Council of Karoonda / East Mallee. The principal place of business is at 73 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend. All the funds which the MMCTS controls to carry on its functions have been included in this financial report.

Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the MMCTS 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 MMCTS's operations for the current reporting period.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

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 9.

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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

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

Materiality

No capitalisation thresholds exist for assets with an economic life in excess of one year.

Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to MMCTS, 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	3 to 10 years
Vehicles	4 to 8 years

Impairment

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

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.

Payables

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.

Employee Benefits

Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

No accrual is made for sick leave as MMCTS 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. MMCTS does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

Superannuation

The MMCTS makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 12.

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.*

Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2012 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

- AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*
- AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*
- AASB 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*
- AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*
- AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*
- AASB 127 *Separate Financial Statements*
- AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*
- AASB 2010-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1 & 7]*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023, & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19, & 127]*
- AASB 2011-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project [AASB 1, AASB 5, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 108, AASB 121, AASB 128, AASB 132 & AASB 134 and Interpretations 2, 112 & 113]*
- AASB 2011-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Relief from Consolidation, the Equity Method and Proportionate Consolidation [AASB 127, AASB 128 & AASB 131]*

- AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17]
- AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132]
- AASB 2011-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income [AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049]
- AASB 2011-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) [AASB 1, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 124, AASB 134, AASB 1049 & AASB 2011-8 and Interpretation 14]
- AASB 2011-12 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 20 [AASB 1]

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

MMCTS is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 Contributions. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
USER CHARGES			
Client Contributions		<u>4,095</u>	<u>4,325</u>
		<u>4,095</u>	<u>4,325</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Local Government Finance Authority		<u>3,923</u>	<u>2,367</u>
		<u>3,923</u>	<u>2,367</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>1,163</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>1,163</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>171,198</u>	<u>127,773</u>
		<u>171,198</u>	<u>127,773</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
State government		135,800	114,825
Other		<u>35,398</u>	<u>12,948</u>
		<u>171,198</u>	<u>127,773</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		101,411	95,710
Employee leave expense		12,649	2,603
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	14	3,735	3,737
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	14	5,733	5,746
Workers' Compensation Insurance		2,522	1,900
Total Operating Employee Costs		126,050	109,696
Total Number of Employees		2	2
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		1,800	1,350
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		1,800	1,350
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		18,756	2,128
Energy		681	667
Other Materials		2,867	4,699
Fuel		3,237	3,051
Vehicle Other Costs		2,630	2,683
Telephone		2,493	2,679
Volunteer Reimbursement		57	450
Insurance		2,698	1,947
Other Costs		2,268	802
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		35,687	19,106
		37,487	20,456
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Motor Vehicles		9,136	9,643
Office Equipment		357	49
		9,493	9,692

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2012	2011
Notes	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	13,000	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>5,733</u>	<u>-</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>7,267</u>	<u>-</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>7,267</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2012	2011
Notes	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand	200	200
Cash at Bank	<u>79,641</u>	<u>61,011</u>
	<u>79,841</u>	<u>61,211</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
GST Recoupment	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2011				2012			
	AT FAIR VALUE \$	AT COST \$	ACCUM DEP'N \$	CARRYING AMOUNT \$	AT FAIR VALUE \$	AT COST \$	ACCUM DEP'N \$	CARRYING AMOUNT \$
Motor Vehicles	-	48,213	(25,279)	22,934	-	43,303	(16,261)	27,042
Office Equipment	-	2,274	(2,061)	213	-	3,609	(636)	2,973
				-				-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	-	50,487	(27,340)	23,147	-	46,912	(16,897)	30,015
Comparatives	-	50,487	(17,648)	32,839	-	50,487	(27,340)	23,147

This Note continues on the following pages.

	2011	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2012
	\$	\$							\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals							
Motor Vehicles	22,934	-	18,977	(5,733)	(9,136)	-	-	-	27,042
Office Equipment	213	-	3,117	-	(357)	-	-	-	2,973
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	23,147	-	22,094	(5,733)	(9,493)	-	-	-	30,015
Comparatives	32,839	-	-	-	(9,692)	-	-	-	23,147

This Note continues on the following pages.

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Note 6 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent additions at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

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Note 7 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2012		2011	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		909		121	
Payments received in advance					
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		3,576	-	3,206	-
		<u>4,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Amounts included in trade & other payables that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.</i>		4,485		3,327	
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		12,944	11,185	7,456	5,406
		<u>12,944</u>	<u>11,185</u>	<u>7,456</u>	<u>5,406</u>

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Note 8 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2012	2011
		\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>79,841</u>	<u>61,211</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>79,841</u>	<u>61,211</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		13,453	(4,216)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		9,493	9,692
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		11,267	2,307
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(7,267)	-
		<u>26,946</u>	<u>7,783</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(380)	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		1,158	700
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>27,724</u>	<u>8,483</u>

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Note 9 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES										
FUNCTION	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL 2012 \$	ACTUAL 2011 \$	ACTUAL 2012 \$	ACTUAL 2011 \$	ACTUAL 2012 \$	ACTUAL 2011 \$	ACTUAL 2012 \$	ACTUAL 2011 \$	ACTUAL 2012 \$	ACTUAL 2011 \$
Community Services	179,216	135,628	173,030	139,844	6,186	(4,216)	171,198	127,773	110,236	84,358
TOTALS	179,216	135,628	173,030	139,844	6,186	(4,216)	171,198	127,773	110,236	84,358

Excludes 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.

The activity relating to the MMCTS function is as follows : **Community Services - Community Transport.**

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Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned. Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning interest rates between 3.5% and 4.5% (2011: 4% and 4.5%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable. Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although MMCTS is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the MMCTS's boundaries. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
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 MMCTS. Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liquidity Analysis

2012	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash & Equivalents	79,841	-	-	79,841	79,841
Receivables	380	-	-	380	380
Total	80,221	-	-	80,221	80,221
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	909	-	-	909	909
Total	909	-	-	909	909

2011	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash & Equivalents	61,211	-	-	61,211	61,211
Total	61,211	-	-	61,211	61,211
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	121	-	-	121	121
Total	121	-	-	121	121

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 MMCTS.

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 MMCTS is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All MMCTS 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 MMCTS'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 MMCTS will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities may have a range of maturity dates. MMCTS currently does not have a 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. MMCTS if required will have 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 11 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	<u>Notes</u>	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Other Expenditure Commitments			
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Audit Services		<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,800</u>
		4,000	1,800
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		800	1,800
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		3,200	-
Later than 5 years		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		4,000	1,800

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

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

Operating Surplus Ratio

	2012	2011	2010
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	8%	(3%)	(8%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.			

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

	2012	2011	2010
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(29%)	(33%)	(35%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
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 (excluding NRM levy).			

Asset Sustainability Ratio

	2012	2011	2010
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	233%	0%	0%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure	*	*	*
Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.			

Amounts shown above an asterisk () indicate that depreciation expense has been used as a proxy, pending finalisation of the Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan.*

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Note 13 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Income	179,216	135,628
<i>less</i> Expenses	<u>173,030</u>	<u>139,844</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	6,186	(4,216)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	22,094	-
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	9,493	9,692
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>13,000</u>	-
	(399)	(9,692)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	-	-
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>6,585</u>	<u>5,476</u>

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Note 14 – SUPERANNUATION

The MMCTS makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector have the option to contribute to Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2011/12; 9% in 2010/11). 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. MMCTS makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2010/11) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink Fund is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, 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 Scheme's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2011. 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 MMCTS's contribution rates at some future time.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT SCHEME**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification of financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls 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. We have 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 Board of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting my audit we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act 1999.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme as of 30 June 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

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Signed 16 day of October 2012, at Eastwood, South Australia

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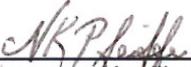
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CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of SA Model Council for the year ended 30 June 2012, the Council's Auditor, Ian McDonald, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



Neville Pfeiffer
MMCTS CHAIRPERSON



Helen Luke
REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR MMCTS

Date: 12/09/2012

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STATEMENT OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of SA Model Council for the year ended 30 June 2012, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

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

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Dated this 16th day of October 2012

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