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# ANNUAL REPORT 2021 // 2022



District Council of  
**Mount Remarkable**



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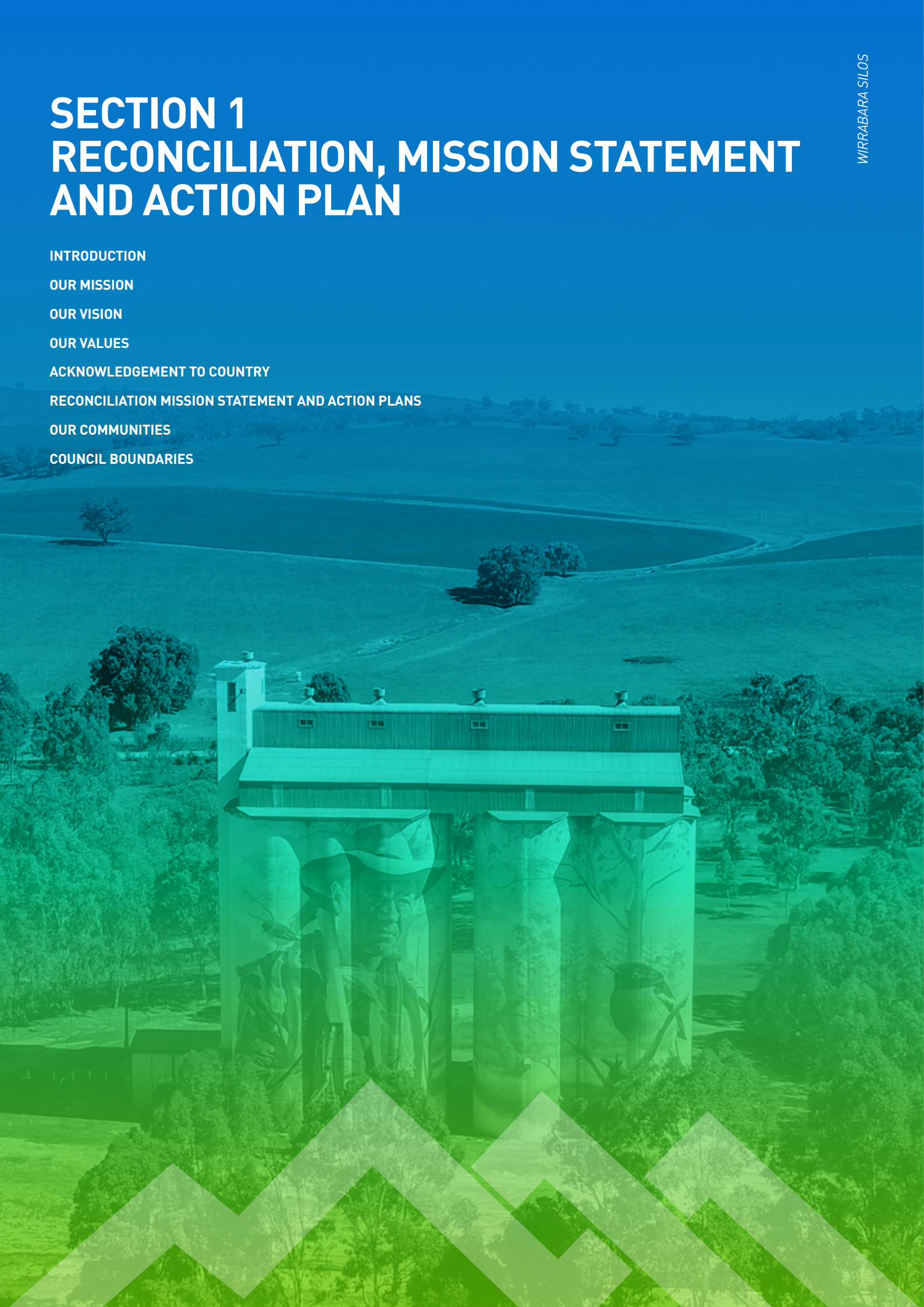
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# INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Report relating to the operations of the Council for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June. Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999 specifically outlines information that must be included within the Council's Annual Report. In addition, Council must also publish an information statement, at intervals of not more than 12 months, pursuant to Section 9(1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

The preparation and adoption of the 2021/2022 Annual Report ensures compliance with the above legislative provisions. A hardcopy of the Annual Report is available, free of charge, from the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose or alternatively can be viewed on Council's Website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)

The Annual Report comprises the following:

- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – Executive Overview
- Section 3 – The Council
- Section 4 – Strategic Plan – Achievements
- Section 5 – Compliance Report
- Section 6 – Information Statement (pursuant to Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991)
- Section 7 – Community Champions/Staff Acknowledgement



*Staff participating in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*

*A Remarkable Experience...*

# OUR MISSION

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Under the Local Government Act 1999 and other relevant legislation, Council has a number of defined roles and responsibilities in areas such as roads and infrastructure, community safety, planning and development, environmental health, animal management and much more, including a wide range of administrative functions.

Along with this, Council chooses to perform a range of functions and services in the pursuit of delivering the best outcomes for the community.

## In this pursuit, Council's mission is:

- » To *enhance* a sense of community;
- » To *develop* vibrant, sustainable townships that our people feel proud of and connected to and that visitors want to explore;
- » To *provide* quality services across all of our community;
- » To *advocate* for the protection of our environment and heritage;
- » To *facilitate* opportunities for the economic, social and cultural benefit of our community;
- » To *perform* regulatory functions with diligence, care and consideration;
- » To *demonstrate* sound leadership and work with our community to meet their expectations whilst operating in a financially responsible manner.

# OUR VISION

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This is a remarkable community to be a part of, a remarkable place to live, and a remarkable place to work or be in business.

We're a 'can do' Council and what we do, we strive to do remarkably well..

# OUR VALUES

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## **BE REMARKABLE**

Unique doesn't cut it.  
Remarkable is in our name, in our hearts and in our destiny.

## **TAKE OTHERS ON THE JOURNEY**

It takes a collective effort; we know we can't do it alone.  
We work with our Stakeholders to build prosperity.

## **ENGAGE, LISTEN, ACT**

Within the boundaries of good public governance we 'have a go'.

## **INNOVATE**

Forward-thinking, we balance aspiration with responsibility  
in our considerations, priorities and decision making.

## **ADAPT**

Change is behind us, upon us and ahead of us.  
We are receptive and adaptable.

## **BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT**

Through good governance and transparency,  
we hold the trust of the community.

## **TAKE PRIDE AND BE PROUD**

We take pride in what we do.  
We are proud of our past and optimistic about our future.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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The District Council of Mount Remarkable acknowledges the traditional lands of the Nukunu people and respects their spiritual relationship with their country. The District Council of Mount Remarkable also acknowledges the Nukunu people as the traditional custodians of the Nukunu region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Nukunu people today.

# RECONCILIATION MISSION STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN

Consultant *Regions Matter* has been engaged to assist Council in preparing a draft Reconciliation Action Plan for consideration by Council. Although this body of work has commenced it has not yet been finalised. Council acknowledges the importance of finalising and implementing the action plan as part of its commitment to reconciliation planning for the future and provides the following statement in regards to the planning process.

## Background

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort. In a just, equitable and reconciled Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children, and the length and quality of a persons life will not be determined by their racial background.

The five dimensions of reconciliation:

- » Race Relations
- » Equality and Equity
- » Institutional Integrity
- » Unity
- » Historical Acceptance

Since 2006, Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) have enabled organisations to sustainably and strategically take meaningful action to advance reconciliation. The four RAP types – **Reflect, Innovate, Stretch and Elevate** – allow organisations to continuously develop their reconciliation commitments. Reconciliation Australia's RAP Framework provides organisations with a structured approach to advance reconciliation. Each type of RAP is designed to suit an organisation at different stages of their reconciliation journey.



*Photo by: Dianah Walter*



# OUR COMMUNITIES

The major townships within the area are Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Wilmington and Wirrabara. There are also many smaller townships and settlements located throughout the Council area including Amyton, Appila, Bangor, Baroota, Bruce, Hammond, Mambray Creek, Mookkra, Murray Town, Nectar Brook, Telowie, Terka, Willowie, Winninowie, Wongyarra and Yandiah.

Much of the area north and east of Wilmington consists of large pastoral holdings. There are also small pockets of apiarists, orchards, market gardens and wineries in the southern portion of the Council district around Wirrabara. The broader Council district is home to along rich history in agriculture. From grazing to crop production, the Mount Remarkable District is proud of its long association with diverse agriculture.

Over the past twelve months a review has been completed by the State Government of the three Parks captured within the District. As a result of this review, the Mount Remarkable National Park (16,149 ha) has been retained, however the Telowie Gorge Conservation Reserve and the Wirrabara Range Conversation Park have been abolished and replaced by a new National Park named Wapma Thura Southern Flinders Ranges National Park (9,500 ha) which was proclaimed on 25 November 2021. The natural beauty of nature spanning our great district is an asset to our communities. Whilst these natural beauties have been known and enjoyed by locals for generations, it is now that these National Parks and natural landscapes are beginning to be explored by those from far and wide.

The Port Germein Jetty is also a significant item of State history and heritage. It is one of our oldest and longest assets. Deeply entrenched in rich history, the Port Germein Jetty along with the community spanning the Port Germein coast line is a story of resilience, and coastal beauty. With modern day recreational facilities for recreational fishing located on Weeroona Island, it illustrates the great diversity of our broader district. From the long flat plains, to agricultural production, natural beauty in National Parks and rolling mountains, to pristine un-spoilt coastline.



*Weeroona Island*

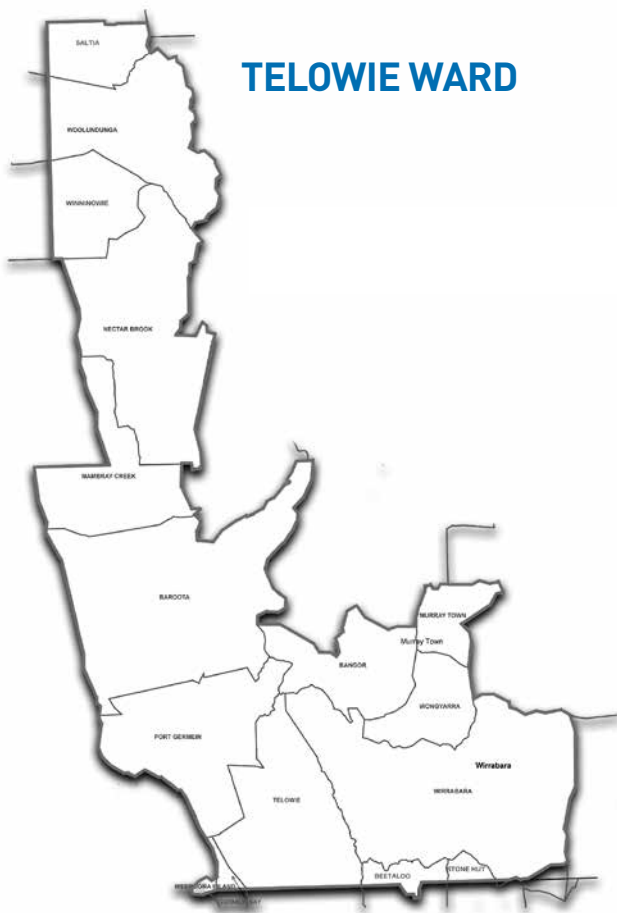


# COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

The area of the District Council of Mount Remarkable is located in the Southern Flinders Ranges of South Australia. The Council Office is situated in the township of Melrose, which is at the foot of Mount Remarkable and is 380m above sea level. The Council borders the upper reaches of the Spencer Gulf, and is predominantly agricultural including mixed farming.

The District is 3,413 square kilometres in area and has 2,027kms of roads with 90% unsealed (1,828km). The population is 2,910 people (ABS 2017) with a median age of 53, an unemployment rate of 5.3% and a labour force participation rate of 54%.

The Council boundary is made up on two wards - Telowie Ward and Willochra Ward as follows:



## WILLOCHRA WARD



# SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT



# FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

What a Remarkable year, delivering some Remarkable results by a Remarkable team. The 2021/2022 year has been filled with many great achievements which are consistent with the six key priorities within Council's Community Plan 2021/2031.

Key projects in the past year have included the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut Rail Trail, the Willowie Waste Transfer Station, and The Bluff Lookout. Pleasingly, all three of these projects have been assisted through external grant funding. *These capital projects combined have delivered a direct investment of some \$2.3m, and yet the contribution from Council has been just over 20% of the total capital investment.* These capital and strategic projects have also ensured that Council has provided a focus on diversifying our economy, creating new opportunities and achieving consistency with State and Federal based strategies.

Council has ensured that the adopted Community Plan 2021/2031 has remained front of mind, and pivotal for all Council decisions. This has seen the production of the draft Asset Management Plans for Infrastructure & Community Waste Water Management Scheme assets, the Tourism Strategic Plan, the District Economic Development Plan and the Strategic Plan for the Bridle Track.

With an increase in detailed and timely advice to our senior decision makers, through an improved customer request for service system, an adopted customer service charter, and an increase in the number of interactions with community, Council as a whole remains committed to providing exceptional outcomes to the community in which it seeks to serve. This remains a key pillar that underpins the work we do every day.

The rollout of the new kerb side green bin collection, and the reduction in waste transfer stations has delivered results that has seen a strong participation from community members. The numbers of those using the Willowie Waste Transfer Station have remained strong, and a large number of eligible property owners for the green waste collection service have opted to participate in the collection service. This change has been visionary, ensuring that Council is consistent with the State Government's Circular Waste Economy Strategy, and ensures that Council is delivering increased services that are cost efficient for the community.



Council has begun a financial sustainability process in the 2021/2022 year, focusing on the development of a draft Long Term Financial Plan, adequate planning and attention to asset renewal and sustainability, and enhancing Council's Audit & Risk Committee. This will build upon the strong governance foundation that has already been laid in the 2020/2021 year, and most importantly will demonstrate to the community that Council is taking a longer term financial sustainability approach.

At Mount Remarkable we value our people. The 2021/2022 annual staff culture survey has delivered some remarkable results. From where our organisational culture was only just two years ago, to now, is an achievement that has far exceeded expectations. We know that our people are our greatest asset. Our people must feel valued, empowered and well equipped to deliver the job at hand. This is why Council has also supported an increased investment in our people to ensure a range of skills and development programs are delivered. This includes 100% of our team members undergoing some form of training and upskilling, with a 100% completion rate.

I want to acknowledge the broader remarkable team, their ongoing contributions and their results for helping us all to achieve the things we have in the 2021/2022 year. Remarkable!

**Sam Johnson OAM**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

# SECTION 3 THE COUNCIL

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EMPLOYEES TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

# ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION 2021-2022

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is divided into two (2) wards. The Council currently comprises seven (7) Council Members or Councillors elected by the electors of the respective Wards – Willochra Ward has four (4) Councillors and Telowie Ward has three (3) Councillors. The members of the Council from amongst their own number choose the Principal Member of Chairperson and the Council has resolved that the position of Chairperson will have the title of Mayor.

Councillors are part of the incorporated body handling the responsibility for carrying out the duties and exercising the powers conferred on the Council by the Local Government Act 1999 (the 'Act') and other relevant state legislation.

The Act specifies that Council Members:

- » Represent the interests of ratepayers and residents;
- » Provide community leadership and guidance; and
- » Facilitate communication between the community and the Council.

The role of a Council member involves:

- » Participating in the deliberations and civic activities of the Council;
- » Keeping the Council's objectives and policies under review so as to ensure that they are appropriate and effective; and
- » Keeping the Council's resource allocation, expenditure and activities, and the effectiveness and efficiency of its service delivery, under review.



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2018 - current

### Representation:

Telowie Ward  
Chief Executive Review Committee  
Chairman of Legatis  
Northern & Yorke Landscape Board



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### Term of Office:

2018 - current

### Representation:

Willochra Ward  
Flinders Regional Assessment Panel



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2018 - current

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Willochra Ward  
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Flinders Mobile Library Committee  
Flinders Regional Assessment Panel



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July 2020 - current

**Representation:**

Telowie Ward  
Governance Advisory Panel  
Audit & Risk Committee  
(appointed May 2022)



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2006 – 2010  
2010 – 2014  
2014 – 2018  
2018 – current

**Representation:**

Willochra Ward  
Flinders Mobile Library Committee

**Cr Colin Nottle – 15 Years of Service (May)**

Councillor Colin Nottle was presented with a Local Government Association 15 Year Service Certificate in May 2022. Councillor Nottle is a Booleroo Centre resident and has served Council as a Telowie Ward Councillor since November 2006, and has also served as Mayor from 2016-2018.



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December 2019 – 27 June 2022  
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**Representation:**

Willochra Ward  
Chief Executive Review Committee  
Audit & Risk Committee



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2018 - 28 February 2022  
(resigned – refer paragraph below)

**Representation:**

Telowie Ward  
Chief Executive Review Committee  
Audit & Risk Committee

Cr Barry Richards resigned as Telowie Ward Councillor on 28 February 2022. Cr Greg Prestridge resigned as Willochra Ward Councillor on 27 June 2022. Pursuant to Section 56 of the Local Government Act 1999 if a vacancy occurs before 1 January of the year in which a periodic election is next due to be held then an election would need to be undertaken. However, as Cr Richards and Cr Prestridge resigned after 1 January 2022 an election was not required to be carried out for either vacancy. These positions remained vacant until the next General Election due to be held in November 2022.

# ROLES AND OBJECTIVES

The Local Government Act 1999 specifies the roles and objectives of Council.

'Our Mission' generated through Council's Community Plan 2021-2031 substantially mirrors these.

ADVOCATE	ASSIST	ADVANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Awareness</li> <li>» Planning</li> <li>» Media advertising</li> <li>» Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>» As representative, informed and responsible decision maker</li> <li>» Planning at the local and regional level for the future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Engaging effective resources</li> <li>» Developing initiatives within the Community</li> <li>» Managing, developing and protecting the environment</li> <li>» Providing and coordinating services, facilities and programs that are adequate, appropriate and equitably accessed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Development of new business, commerce, industry and tourism</li> <li>» Ensuring a proper balance between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations within the Community</li> <li>» Enhanced capacity and professionalism</li> <li>» Growth of leadership, advocacy and service delivery challenges</li> <li>» Exercising, performing and discharging the power, functions and duties of the Local Government and other Acts</li> <li>» Enhanced organisational risk, financial and governance management</li> </ul>



# COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

## Council Meetings -

are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 4.30 pm, except in December which is the second Tuesday. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Melrose unless otherwise specified.

Agendas for Council Meetings are available on Council's Website on the Friday prior to the Tuesday Meeting, (being 3 clear days prior). A hardcopy is also placed on public display at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose. Minutes are placed on Council's Website within 5 days following the meeting. Social media is also utilised to provide advice to the community in relation to Council Meeting timeframes and locations including agendas and minutes.

## Special Council and Committee Meetings -

are held at the request of the principal member, or at least three members of the Council, or a Council Committee at which at least three members of the Council vote in favour of the making of the request. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that each member is given notice of a special meeting of Council or Council Committee at least four hours before the commencement of the meeting.

## Informal Gatherings/Information or Briefing Sessions -

are held on an as needs basis. Section 90A of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that Council can call an Informal Gathering/Information or Briefing Session. As part of the comprehensive Local Government Reforms Informal Gatherings were abolished and replaced with Information or Briefing Sessions during the reporting period. Information or briefing sessions provide a valuable opportunity to enhance the decision-making processes by providing opportunities for Council Members to become better informed on issues and seek further clarification or to participate in training and development opportunities. A matter at an Information or briefing sessions must not be dealt with in such a way as to obtain, or effectively obtain, a decision on the matter outside a formal meeting of the Council.

During the reporting period Council held 6 briefing sessions which related to the following topics:

MONTH	TOPICS
July 2021	» Mandatory & Discretionary Rate Rebates
January 2022	» Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park – Future Operations, Review of Council By-laws » Asset Management Plan
March 2022	» Community Assistance Grants & 2022/2023 Budget Submissions
May 2022	» Draft Budget 2022/2023 & Annual Staff Culture Surveys » 2022/2023 Draft Budget & Long Term Financial Plan

# SECTION 41 AND OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Council has several committees that meet on an 'as needs' basis to make recommendations to Council or Management on issues in their respective policy areas.

## **Governance Advisory Panel**

*(Section 41 – Local Government Act 1999)*

The Governance Advisory Panel functions include:

- a) review, monitor and provide advice to the Council in relation to the Council's governance and legislative framework, policies and processes;
- b) consider alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in accordance with the Procedure established by Council;
- c) recommend training to Council Members, Council Committees and senior staff with an emphasis on good governance practices, procedures and processes;
- d) ensure a system of annual performance reviews of Council's Section 41 Committees is developed and implemented;
- e) recommend to Council the adoption of specific policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Council's legislative obligations; investigate; and
- f) provide advice to the Council on alleged breaches of Council's governance policies in accordance with the relevant governance policy and to consider and provide advice on any other matter that goes towards Council's systems of governance including reports from regulatory authorities such as the Auditor General, ICAC, SA Ombudsman and requests for review of Council decisions under section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Independent Members of the Committee are paid a sitting fee of \$300 (+GST) per meeting attended, and the Independent Chair is paid a sitting fee of \$350 (+GST) per meeting attended. Elected Members are not remunerated for committee roles.

The Governance Advisory Panel met on 8 November 2021.

## **Audit & Risk Committee**

*(Section 41 – Local Government Act 1999)*

The Audit & Risk Committee is established pursuant to Section 41 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1999. The functions of an audit committee include reviewing annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the state of affairs of the Council; proposing, and providing information relevant to, a review of the Council's strategic management plans or annual business plans; proposing and reviewing, the exercise of powers under Section 130A; liaising with the Council's auditor; and reviewing the adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices of the Council on a regular basis.

Council at its meeting held on 14 December 2021 resolved to appoint Mr Ian Swan as an independent member on the Audit & Risk Committee. Independent Members of the Committee are paid a sitting fee of \$800 (+GST) per meeting attended, and the Independent Chair is paid a sitting fee of \$1,000 (+GST) per meeting attended. Elected Members are not remunerated for committee roles.

Audit & Risk Committee met on the 26 October 2021, 11 January 2022, 1 March 2022 and 19 May 2022.

## **Chief Executive Review Committee**

*(Section 41 – Local Government Act 1999)*

The purpose of the Chief Executive Review Committee is to facilitate a fair and equitable CEO performance review process on an annual basis inclusive of establishing a Council Committee to be known as the Chief Executive Review Committee and requiring the engagement of a qualified independent advisor with skills and experience in human resource management to assist in the conduct of the annual performance review process.

The Chief Executive Review Committee met on 29 July 2021 and 14 September 2021.

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### **Building Fire Safety Committee**

*[Section 157(16) – Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016]*

The Building Fire Safety Committee is established pursuant to Section 157(16) of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and is responsible for ensuring the on-going safety of building occupiers and users, by investigating whether buildings are being maintained within appropriate levels of fire safety by building owners.

The Building Fire Safety Committee met on 10 August 2021 and 30 May 2022.

### **Airstrip Committee**

*[Section 41 – Local Government Act 1999]*

The purpose of the Committee is to manage the operations and facilities of the Airstrip in align with the Trust Deed between the Booleroo Centre and District Ambulance Services Incorporated and the District Council of Mount Remarkable dated 23 June 2009.

The Airstrip Committee met once during the reporting period on 17 February 2022.

### **Workplace Health & Safety Committee**

*[Section 75 – Work Health & Safety Act 2012]*

The Workplace Health & Safety Committee is established pursuant to Section 75 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012. The functions of a health and safety committee are to facilitate co-operation between the person conducting a business or undertaking and workers in instigating, developing and carrying out measures designed to ensure the workers' health and safety at work; to assist in developing standards, rules and procedures relating to health and safety that are to be followed or complied with at the workplace; and any of functions prescribed by the regulations or agreed between the person conducting the business or undertaking and the committee.

The committee must meet at least once every 3 months and during the reporting period the Workplace Health & Safety Committee met on 31 August 2021, 16 November 2021, 8 March 2022 and 7 June 2022.

### **Flinders Regional Assessment Panel**

*[Section 84(1)(a) and Schedule 8, Clause 13(1)(b) – Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016]*

The Panel is responsible for assessing and determining all applications for planning consent which are the subject of a delegation from the constituent councils and in line with the legislative provisions prescribed in the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. The Panel Members must be accredited professionals and act in the best interest of the Council area.

No development applications were received within the Council areas supported by the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel and therefore the Panel was not required to meet during the reporting period.

# COUNCIL AND SECTION 41 COMMITTEES ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following tables provides a summary of the attendances of Council Members at various Council and Committee Meetings during the financial year ending 30 June 2022:

Elected Members	Ordinary Meetings	Special Meetings	Audit & Risk Committee <i>(Section 41)</i>	Governance Advisory Panel <i>(Section 41)</i>	Chief Executive Review Meetings <i>(Section 41)</i>	Airstrip Committee	Total Meetings Attended
	Number of Meetings Held Per Committee						
	12	4	4	1	2	1	
Mayor PM Heaslip	12	4			2		18
Cr DP Norton	11	4					15
Cr GJ Prestridge <i>(resigned 27/6/22)</i>	9	3	3		1		16
Cr BJ Richards <i>(resigned 28/2/22)</i>	8	2	2		2		14
Cr IG Keller	11	3				1	15
Cr SR McCarthy	12	2	1	1			16
Cr CE Nottle	11	4					15

# REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY (SECTION 43 COMMITTEE – LEGATUS GROUP)

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As at 30 June 2022, Council has one regional subsidiary that falls within the provisions of Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Regional Subsidiary is LEGATUS and Mayor Heaslip was elected as LEGATUS Group Chairperson in September 2021 for a twelve month term.

The regional subsidiary is required to produce its own Annual Reports and the Local Government Act 1999 provides that each constituent Council must incorporate the annual report of each regional subsidiary into its own annual report. The LEGATUS Annual Report is attached as Appendix One.

## OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES

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There are several committees and outside bodies which the Council was actively involved with throughout the 2021/2022 financial year, including:

- » Mount Remarkable Country Fire Service Group
- » Local Government Association of SA
- » Local Government Finance Authority of SA
- » Flinders Mobile Library  
(Section 41 Committee Northern Areas Council)
- » Zone Emergency Management Committee
- » Flinders Mid-North Yorke (FMNY)  
Regional Bushfire Management Committee
- » Flinders Alliance
- » Northern & Yorke Landscape Board

# ELECTOR REPRESENTATION REVIEW AND QUOTA

Pursuant to Section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the council, and the issue of the division, or potential division, of the area of the council into wards, are comprehensively reviewed at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations.

Council commenced its prescribed representation review in March 2021 and after complying with the provision outlined within Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 received certification from the Electoral Commissioner on 18 October 2021 of successfully completing the review process.

The Minister for Local Government, by notice in the Gazette, determines the relevant period and schedule for Councils' representation reviews. Councils may also choose to undertake a review into aspects of its composition or ward structure at any time or they may be requested to undertake a review within a specified period by the Electoral Commissioner.

## Council's Representation Quota

The representation quota is the number of electors for the Council area divided by the number of Elected Members (including the Mayor). The District Council of Mount Remarkable representation consists of a seven Elected Members including the Mayor and six Ward Councillors. The following table provides a comparison between other similar size and type Councils' representation.

COUNCIL	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORS PER MEMBER
<b>MOUNT REMARKABLE</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>313</b>
Flinders Ranges	1189	9	154
Orroroo/Carrieton	691	6	115
Northern Areas	3509	9	389
Peterborough	1236	9	137

The above LGA Representation Quotas 2021-2022 is derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA and current as at the last collection of elector figure statistics for House of Assembly (30/6/2022) and Council Supplementary Roll (31/08/2021).

# ELECTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE AND BENEFITS

## Elected Members' Allowances

Allowances are determined pursuant to Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010. The level of allowances (minimum and maximum amounts) are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal which is appointed by the State Government and outside the control of Council.

The Remuneration Tribunal SA determines council member allowances on a four yearly basis, with an adjustment occurring on the first, second and third anniversaries (November each) to reflect changes in the CPI. Allowances for the current Council are as follows:

<b>GROUP 5 COUNCIL</b>	<b>NOV 2018 – NOV 2019</b>	<b>NOV 2019 – NOV 2020</b>	<b>NOV 2020 – NOV 2021</b>	<b>NOV 2021 – NOV 2022</b>
<b>Mayor</b>	\$26,000	\$26,968	\$27,252	\$27,932
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	\$8,125	\$8,427	\$8,516	\$8,728.75
<b>Council Member</b>	\$6,500	\$6,742	\$6,813	\$6,983

In addition, a Travel Time Allowance is payable to Council Members, excluding the Principal Member, if specific criteria is met in relation to the Council's principal office from their usual place of residence, via the most direct route. These allowances are also indexed annually.

Cr Keller's usual place of residence is at least 30kms but less than 50kms from the Council's principal office, and receives an additional allowance of \$441 per annum.

Cr McCarthy's usual place of residence is at least 50kms but less than 75kms from the Council's principal office, and receives an additional allowance of \$752 per annum.

## Members' Reimbursement of Expenses

Elected Members are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing and discharging the functions and duties of their office as a Member of the Elected Body of the Council. The Council Members Allowances and Benefits Policy provides specific guidelines for those expenses that will be reimbursed to assist Members in fulfilling their role.

### Allowances and Benefits Register

Pursuant to Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council maintains a register which details the annual allowance payable to the member; details of any expenses reimbursed by the council under section 77(1)(b); and details of other benefits paid or payable to, or provided for the benefit of, the member of the council.

The following benefits are issued to Elected Members to assist them in undertaking their roles and responsibilities:

MEMBER	BENEFITS
Mayor	Laptop computer and internet connection and data plan up to a value of \$50 per month, mobile phone with a plan enabling both calls and data up to a value of \$120 per month, administrative support, access to Council motor vehicle, meals and refreshments while at council meetings and access to a wellbeing support program
Councillors	Laptop computer and internet connection and data plan up to a value of \$50 per month, access to Council motor vehicle, access to Council motor vehicle, meals and refreshments while at council meetings and access to a wellbeing support program

### Register of Interest

Elected Members are required to complete annually and update when changes occur, a Register of Interest. Pursuant to Section 70 of the Local Government Act 1999 the Elected Members Register of Interest must be published on Council's website. The Register including the Member's income sources or employer, the name of any political party, body or association formed for political purposes or any trade or professional organisation of which the member is a member, and certain gifts received by the member.



# ELECTED MEMBERS' TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND GIFTS (INCLUDING HOSPITALITY)

Pursuant to Regulation 35(2) provides that Council must ensure a summary of the details (including the cost) of any interstate and international travel (excluding prescribed interstate travel), including cost of travel, and gifts or hospitality above the value of \$50 either individually or cumulatively are published in its Annual Report. The following information ensures compliance with these requirements:

## **Interstate and International Travel and Accommodation**

During the reporting period, there was no interstate or international travel and accommodation costs incurred by Elected Members.

## **Gifts and Hospitality**

No gifts or hospitality above the value of \$50 either individually or cumulatively were received by Elected Members within the reporting period.

# ELECTED MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has in place an Elected Members Training and Development Policy which is available for inspection or purchase by the public from the Council Office or alternatively on Council's Website.

Elected Members attended a Risk Management Information Session on 24 November 2021 which was facilitated by Local Government Risk Services at no cost to Council.



*Weeroona Island Boat Ramp*

# MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING (INCLUDING ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE)

A review of the organisational structure was taken by the Chief Executive Officer during the reporting period as a result of a vacancy in the role of Manager Corporate Services. The structure at the time included four senior positions of Council; Chief Executive Officer, Manager Infrastructure & Regulatory Services, Manager Administrative & Community Services and Manager Corporate Services and the table below outlined their respective areas of responsibility.

In reviewing Councils of similar size and service delivery profile, it was considered more appropriate that Council reduce its senior management team to three senior positions rather than the current structure of four. As a result, the senior management team has been consolidated to three senior management roles; Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure & Regulatory and Director Community & Corporate.

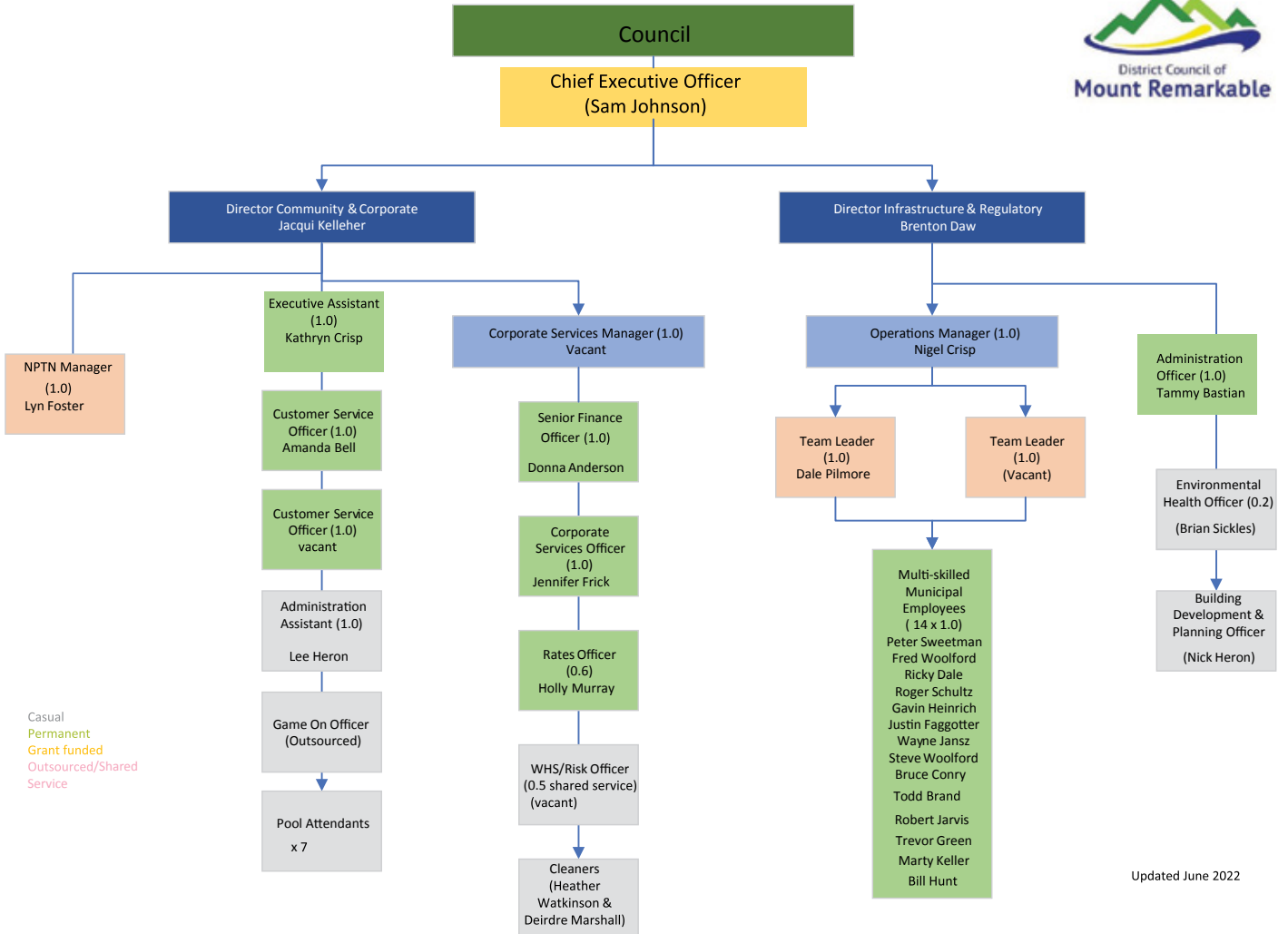
Manager Infrastructure & Regulatory Services	Manager Corporate Services	Manager Administrative & Community Services	Chief Executive Officer
Culture	Culture	Culture	Culture
Infrastructure (roads & buildings)	Finance	Customer Service	Economic Development
Environment	Procurement	Administration	Tourism
Customer Service Requests (back end – action)	Contractor Management	Governance	Strategic Plan
Maintenance	Payroll	Customer Service Requests (front end- customer service)	External Relations
Waste	Information Technology	Executive Assistance	Elected Members
Booleroo Airstrip	Rates	Community Groups	Strategic Projects (e.g. Sale of assets)
Community Waste Management Systems	WHS & Risk	Communications (newsletter, social media)	CEO Review Committee
Asset Management	Audit & Risk	Records Management	LEGATUS Group
Fleet	Leases and Licences	Australia Post	
Dog & Cat Management		Swimming Pools	
Booleroo Airstrip Committee		Human Resources	
Building Fire Safety Committee		Caravan Parks	
Fire Protection		Governance Advisory Panel	
Flinders Regional Development Assessment Panel		Game On/STAR Club	
Cemeteries		Flinders Mobile Library	
Weeroona Island Water Supply		Grants	
Environment Health (EHO)			

The table below provides an overview of the new areas of responsibilities pertaining to each senior management role.



<b>Director Infrastructure &amp; Regulatory Brenton Daw</b>	<b>Director Community &amp; Corporate Jacqui Kelleher</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer Sam Johnson</b>
Culture	Culture	Culture
Infrastructure (roads & buildings)	Customer Service	Economic Development
Environmental	Administration	Tourism
Building & Planning	Governance	Strategic Plan
Customer Service Requests (back-end action)	Leases, Licenses & Contractor Management	External Relations
Maintenance	Community Services	Elected Members
Waste	Community Groups	Strategic Projects (sale of assets, etc)
Booloroo Airstrip	External Communications	Executive Assistant
Community Waste Management Systems	Records Management	Key Committees
Asset Management	Human Resources	
Fleet	Finance	
Dog & Cat Management	Procurement	
Cemeteries	Information Technology	
	Rates	
	Work Health Safety & Risk	

**District Council of Mount Remarkable Organisational Structure:**



Casual  
Permanent  
Grant funded  
Outsourced/Shared  
Service

Updated June 2022

### Senior Officer Remuneration

During the reporting period, the senior officers received the following allowances and benefits:

Position	Annual Contract Salary	Nominated Super Scheme 15.4% of salary	Nominated Super Scheme 10% of salary	Full private use of Council Vehicle	Commuter Use Only	Income Protection	Provision of Uniform
Chief Executive Officer Sam Johnson	\$170,000	\$26,180	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$500
Director Infrastructure & Regulatory Brenton Daw	\$123,600	-	\$12,360	\$10,000	-	\$1,379	\$350
Director Community & Corporate Jacqui Kelleher	\$123,600	-	\$12,360	\$10,000	Y	\$1,379	\$350
Manager Corporate Services Craig Mudge July 2021- January 2022	\$103,095				Y		
Manager Community & Economic Development Ebony Rodda July 2021 Only	\$86,263		\$829.45		Y		

# CORPORATE CREDIT CARD USAGE

During the reporting period the following officers were provided Council's corporate credit cards and the total amounts expended during the period is as follows:

OFFICER NAME	TOTAL AMOUNT
Sam Johnson (CEO)	\$8,611.74
Brenton Daw (Director)	\$6,168.25
Jacqui Kelleher (Director)	\$7,312.48
Craig Mudge (Manager)	\$5,475.14
Ebony Rodda (Manager)	\$327.67
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$27,895.28</b>

## EMPLOYEE TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND GIFT (INCLUDING HOSPITALITY)

During the reporting period no employees travelled interstate or internationally on official Council business.

The table below provides details of any gifts including hospitality over the value of \$50 received by Council employees during 2021/2022:

Name of Employee	Date Received	Name of Donor	Description of Item	Value of Gift	Reason for Offer	To Council Property <i>(name of recipient of Gift)</i>
Craig Mudge	23/8/2021	National Australia Bank	Caps, Pens and Compendiums	\$75	Gift	Disbursed to various Council Staff

# EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is committed to providing a work environment that is free of discrimination and reflects the diversity and needs of the community it serves.

Council is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in employment for all employees and potential employees.

Pursuant to the provisions of the SA Equal Opportunity Act 1984, the Local Government Act 1999 and Federal Equal Opportunity laws Council acknowledges its legal obligations and in addressing equal opportunity within the workplace by:

- » ensuring that recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer and training are based solely on the merit principle; and
- » ensuring that the services provided to residents will be delivered in a fair and equitable manner.

## Staffing Details

As at the 30 June 2022, Council employed thirty seven (37) staff across the organisation. Twenty two (22) staff are employed on a full time basis, two (2) on a part-time basis, seven (7) on a casual basis and six (6) under a contract arrangement. The gender profile of employees is thirteen (13) female employees and twenty four (24) male employees of which two (2) are within the age profile of 25-34 year category, seven (7) in the 35-44 year category, six (6) in the 45-54 year category and twenty two (22) in the 55 years and over category.

## Injury Management

As detailed in the graphs to the right, there has been a significant decrease in the number of injuries reported since 2020 when 8 injuries occurred, 3 injuries in 2021, and 2 injuries being reporting up to 30 June 2022. It could be assumed that a reason for the level of injuries decreasing may be contributed to new management practices implemented as well as the influence of various training programmes in regard to cultural change across the organisation.

**TOTAL CLAIMS** 3

**OPEN CLAIMS** 0

**CLOSED CLAIMS** 3

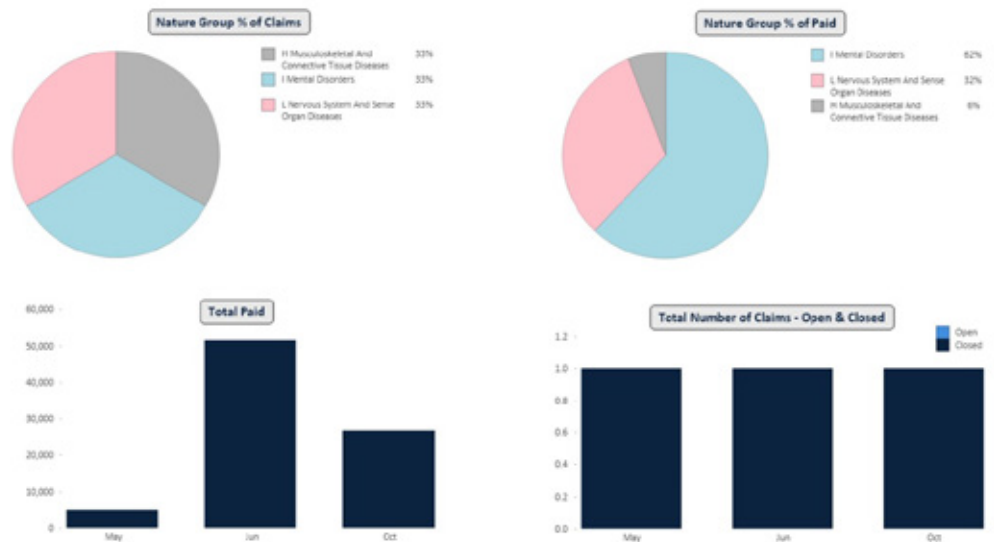
2021 Incurred 3

2020 Incurred 8



2021 Paid \$83,150

2020 Paid \$35,527



**TOTAL CLAIMS** 2

**OPEN CLAIMS** 2

**CLOSED CLAIMS** 0

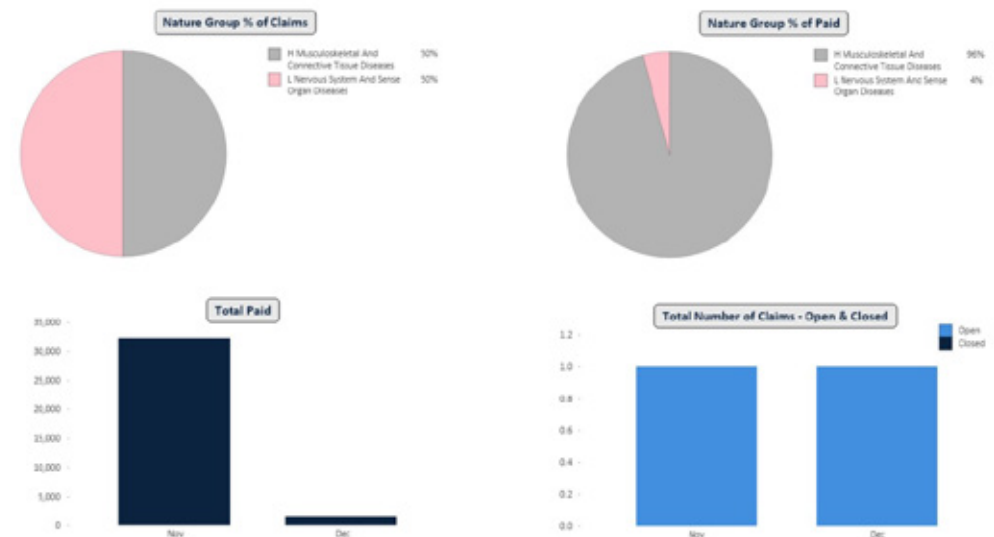
2022 Incurred 2

2021 Incurred 3



2022 Paid \$33,565

2021 Paid \$83,150



# SECTION 4 STRATEGIC PLAN AND PERFORMANCE

GOAL 1: A REMARKABLE COMMUNITY TO BE A PART OF

GOAL 2: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO LIVE

GOAL 3: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO WORK OR BE IN BUSINESS

GOAL 4: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO VISIT

GOAL 5: WHAT WE DO, WE STRIVE TO DO REMARKABLY WELL

GOAL 6: A 'CAN DO' COUNCIL





# GOAL 1: A REMARKABLE COMMUNITY TO BE A PART OF

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>1.1 Foster a sense of pride, community participation and civic contribution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Encourage and support a high level of community participation and volunteering</li> <li>» Support and engage with Community Groups, attending where possible and necessary</li> <li>» Support community events</li> <li>» Develop a unique identity for living in the District to promote pride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» CEO attendance at Progress Meetings</li> <li>» Support for the Fat Tyre Festival (Community Event) for Road Closure</li> <li>» Developed draft District Economic Development Plan</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Fat Tyre Festival

The Fat Tyre Festival took place on the long weekend in June 2022 and included a street party vibe with a safe environmental for children.

Council facilitates the event organising committee with in-kind support and also arranges the necessary road closures for the event. The event attracts hundreds of locals and visitors to the District.



### Community Markets

July 2021 saw the Wirrabara Producers' Market celebrate their 200th market. The market is held on the third Sunday of the month and offers an assortment of locally grown produce, general stalls, coffee shops and BBQ (pictured left).



The Port Germein Foreshore Market (pictured left) is held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Stalls include home baked goods, preserves, plants, craftwork, collectables, egg & bacon damper and produce. Grab a coffee and cake at the local cafés and ride the Crab Train while in town.

### Big Toys of the Mount Event

The Big Toys of the Mount event was held in July 2021 with close to 500 people attending. The day provides an opportunity for children and adults to get up close and explore a range of new and vintage agricultural machinery. Food and drink stalls run by volunteers from the Booleroo Athletics Club, BMW Football Club and Booleroo & Districts Lions Club were popular and were sold out by the end of the day.



STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>1.2 Promote Inclusiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Implement a Disability and Inclusion Action Plan</li> <li>» Development and implement a Reconciliation Action Plan</li> <li>» Explore ways to meaningfully engage with youth.</li> <li>» Support Ageing population Strategies</li> <li>» Pursue opportunities to enhance community wellbeing and social inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Completed development and implementation of Disability and Inclusion Action Plan</li> <li>» Completed new concrete footpaths in Booleroo Centre and the inclusion of approximately 20 new disability compliant ramps.</li> <li>» Commenced development of Reconciliation Action Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>1.3 Support Community Wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Enhance recreational activities and facilities</li> <li>» Work with community Groups</li> <li>» Maintain and enhance walking, running and cycling trails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Rail Trail works have continued with the extension of the trail from Melrose to Booleroo Centre and Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut including the subsequent maintenance of these.</li> <li>» Maintenance to existing trails</li> <li>» Supporting Department for Environment and Water and Regional Development Australia Yorke &amp; Mid North in the development of the Remarkable Southern Flinders Project</li> <li>» Developed an Infrastructure Standards Agreement for Murray Town between Council and the Progress Group.</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Willowie Bike Trails**

20km of new mountain bike trails at Willowie have been opened and include improved day visitor facilities such as:

- » picnic area
- » accessible toilets
- » refurbished carpark
- » essential facilities for mountain bikers such as tyre pumps.

These new trails contribute to the popular mountain bike trail network that exists in nearby Melrose.

All upgrades were made possible through the \$10m Remarkable Southern Flinders Project – a partnership between the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional Council and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid-North, the Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation and the State and Commonwealth Governments.

**Rail Trails – Melrose to Booleroo Centre**

The Melrose to Booleroo Centre Rail Trail was officially opened in February 2022. The trail will greatly benefit the local tourism sector with additional biking opportunities and improved access along the route.

Bike Melrose Club Members watching on as Mayor Heaslip, Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP and Member for Stuart the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP (pictured above) cut the ribbon at the opening of the Rail Trail from Melrose to Booleroo Centre and turning of the first sod on the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut section of the Rail Trail (pictured left).



### Rail Trail – Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut

The turning of the first sod for the commencement of works on the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut portion of the Rail Trail also occurred in the reporting period.

Clearing of the trail has commenced, starting at the Booleroo Centre end. Council continues to work with those stakeholders that may in some way be affected by the installation of the trail.

Approximately 70% of the total cost of the project is funded by State and Federal Government grants. Over 25km's of trails will be constructed with the new trail when completed stretching from Wilmington to Stone Hut. Ultimately this will see it linking in with the Riesling Trail in Clare.

### Weeroona Island Fishing Club Celebrates 10 Years

The Weeroona Island Fishing Club is a community club and has celebrated its 10th Birthday. The Club is an important part of the Weeroona Island community and is proactive in seeking opportunities to improve the Island. The club is considered an important gathering place and social hub for the community.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>1.4 Provide, maintain &amp; enhance Community Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Invest in, and advocate for, community facilities that support cultural and community participation</li> <li>» Maintain and improve the standard of Council cemeteries in accordance with the Cemetery Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Council support to community facilities (halls, community buildings, supporting Wilmington Progress with new community gym</li> <li>» Cemeteries have been maintained to a standard suitable for community use and in accordance with the Cemetery Management Plan.</li> </ul>



### 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Appila Memorial Hall

With joint funding from Council and the Appila Improvement Committee the Appila Memorial Hall received a facelift with a new paint job and other repairs such as new windows. Council continues to work with community groups to improve community assets and provide lasting infrastructure for future generations.

#### New Community Bus

Council was successful in upgrading the Community Bus during the reporting period by working with the Burnside Council who was disposing of two of its community buses. After some negotiation, it was agreed that Burnside would sell to the District Council of Mount Remarkable its disability access bus. This negotiation resulted in savings for Council and provides the community with a newer more comfortable Community Bus. The Community Bus is also for hire to community groups and members.



*CEO Sam Johnson (pictured left) collecting the community bus from Burnside CEO Chris Cowley.*

### Community Assistance Grants Awarded to Community Groups

On an annual basis, Council allocates a community grants budget to provide financial assistance to local community groups to achieve projects that they may otherwise be unable to fund. During the reporting period, Council supported the following groups:

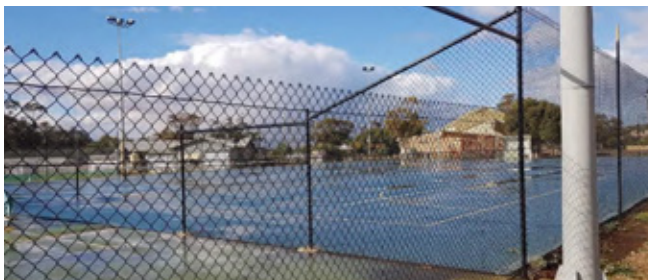
COMMUNITY GROUP	GRANT
Wilmington Progress Association – Purchase cabinetry, signage and catalogues for gem collection museum	\$10,000.00
Wilmington Oval Committee – Replace two coaches boxes	\$ 2,000.00
Wilmington Tennis Club – Clubhouse major refurbishment (stainless steel island bench) and solar installation	\$ 3,948.50
Melrose Community Development Association – Replace carpet in meeting room at hall	\$ 1,869.50
Bike Melrose – gabion basket racks for Melrose/Booloroo	\$ 3,104.00
Booloroo Willowie Cricket Club/Athletics – Install shed for storage of equipment	\$ 3,416.82
Wilmington Community Gym – New rubber flooring for gym facility	\$ 2,047.50
Port Germein Golf Club – Removal and replacement of the clubroom roof sheets and reinforcement of roof structure	\$ 4,477.50
Port Germein Village Project Association Inc – Solar panels and NBN	\$ 3,641.00
Port Germein Progress Association – Internet, paving and repairing garden, hub areas needing surface repairs	\$ 2,772.84
Booloroo Centre Bowling Club – Level and seal with bitumen the footpath and carpark	\$ 3,948.50



### Drought Communities Program

The Drought Communities Program has seen 23 successful projects approved across Appila, Booloroo Centre, Melrose, Murray Town, Port Germein, Rocky River, Wilmington and Wirrabara with a total value of 1 million dollars being injected throughout the District as part of the program since 2019.

Some of works captured as part of this very worthwhile program included painting & repairs, paving, landscaping and earthworks, fencing, roofing, plumbing, new shelters, cricket nets, purchase of new tools and furniture, installation of air conditioning, solar systems and new and upgraded kitchens.



*Melrose Remarkable Trail Head Shelter (top) and Wilmington Tennis Club re-fencing (middle) and Clubhouse Kitchen Upgrade (bottom)*



STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>1.5 Foster Civic Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Foster civic awareness and the development of future community leaders, volunteers and advocates by working with schools and youth groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Recognition of Student Achievements</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Student Recognition of Achievements**

Council acknowledged outstanding efforts by students as part of their educational activities. Certificates of Achievement were awarded to Lawrence (Wilmington), Grace (Melrose) and Zaiden (Booleroo Centre) (L-R). Each student received a certificate and a \$50 book voucher.

**2021 Christmas Event – ‘Father Christmas’ Tour of the District**

Council arranged a Father Christmas Tour of the District to celebrate the festive season. Following the turmoil of COVID -19 pandemic over the past 2 years, it gave Council an opportunity to celebrate with its community the joy of Christmas and a special opportunity to engage with members of the community across the District.

## GOAL 2: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO LIVE

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>2.1 Advocate for Essential Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Advocate for retention and improvements to essential services such as medical and health services, Police, SES, CFS, Ambulance and Schools</li> <li>» Advocate for improved telecommunications connectivity across the District</li> <li>» Lobby SA Water and advocating to State Government for improved water quality</li> <li>» Support measures to harvest stormwater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Lobbied State Government for future use opportunities of the Wirrabara Police Station</li> <li>» Lobbied SA Water for upgraded water supply from Booleroo Centre to Quorn (in conjunction with Flinders Ranges Council)</li> <li>» Lobbied SA Water for investment and ownership in the Weeroona Island water supply</li> <li>» Lobbied Federal Government for improved investment in Black Spot Funding (mobile phone network)</li> </ul>

**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Welcome to new Doctor at Booleroo Centre**

In December 2021, the District was very fortunate in gaining the services of Dr Oladapa (‘Dapo’) Olutayo at the Booleroo Medical Centre. He also attends the Wilmington Outreach Clinic and provides medical services to the Booleroo Centre District Hospital. Dr Olutayo has experience in critical care, anaesthesia, general medicine and accident and emergency.

He is also joined by his wife Mrs Joseph-Olutayo who is an experienced Registered Nurse and she has commenced work at the Laura and Booleroo Centre hospitals.



STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>2.2 Develop &amp; promote a District Community identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Develop a unique identity for liveability in the District</li> <li>» Promote the liveability of the District as an attractive resettlement or retirement proposition for people in surrounding Districts and beyond in support of encouraging population growth and maintenance of a sustainable population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Development of the 2022 State Election Strategy advocating for increased population and sustainability of the broader District</li> <li>» Development of a draft District Economic Development Plan, outlining new and emerging industries</li> <li>» Continued use of the 'Remarkable' brand</li> <li>» Advocacy and engagement with existing service providers to maintain and grow current services</li> <li>» Improved signage throughout District</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.3 Maintain &amp; Enhance Town Presentation &amp; Amenity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with community groups to upgrade and maintain presentation of towns</li> <li>» Maintain and upgrade identified Council reserves</li> <li>» Support a streetscape program to create inviting public places</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with Progress Groups to enhance and support community amenities.</li> <li>» Centenary Park upgrades</li> <li>» Infrastructure Standards Service Agreement developed and executed between Council and Murray Town Progress Group</li> <li>» Reserves maintained to a high standard and improvements to the infrastructure within reserves continues to meet community expectations</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Council staff out and about**

Council's parks and gardens team undertake a number of tasks on a daily basis. These range from regular programmed maintenance of existing gardens and lawned areas, to responding to customer request for service.

Recently Council staff attended to some programmed maintenance of existing garden bed along with some customer request for service.

## STRATEGY & ACTIONS

### 2.4 Support Public Safety & Health Outcomes

- » Pursue public health outcomes in alignment with Regional Public Health Plans and the South Australian Public Health Act
- » Perform a range of regulatory and compliance public safety and environmental health functions
- » Support community safety initiatives
- » Work with stakeholders on local bushfire management area planning
- » Maintain and enhance lighting in public places including street lighting and reserve lighting
- » Maintain Council's Disaster Recovery Plan
- » Enact measures and advocate for improved public fire safety including effective planning such as reduction of fuel load and provision for effective access and egress

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- » Through the Fire Prevention Officer Program, Council works with community and the CFS to provide townships and rural areas with guidance to meet relevant legislative requirements in regard to fire management.
- » Council is a member of the local Zone Emergency Support Team (ZEST) and undertook a desktop exercise involving a fire at Melrose and Mount Remarkable.
- » Council always on standby for disaster events.



### 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

Council's Fire Prevention Officers work tirelessly throughout the fire season to ensure that fire fuel loads across the District are maintained at an appropriate level to reduce the risk of fire wherever possible.

#### Wilmington 14 Country Fire Service – New Appliance Delivered

Wilmington CFS received a new appliance to replace an ageing Wilmington 14 vehicle. The new appliance hosts new safety features and design improvements that assist in providing greater safety to the volunteer firefighters as well as making their work easier.



#### Public and Environmental Health

The District Council of Mount Remarkable employs an Environmental Health Officer through a Shared Service arrangement with the Port Pirie Regional Council.

The Environmental Health Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with legislative provisions captured within the South Australian Public Health Act in 2011, Safe Drinking Water Act 2011, Food Act 2001, Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 and the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016. Inspections of food handling and preparation premises are undertaken with the overall aim to ensure that all such premises are operating to the required standards, along with water, legionella, other testing regimes as well as handling complaints received under the various Acts.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>22.5 Provide Planning and Development Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide an effective and efficient planning and development function that supports appropriate community and industry outcomes encouraging where appropriate development that is sympathetic to the character of the District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provided Planning Services via planning contract consultant</li> <li>» Provided Building Inspection services as required</li> <li>» Building Fire Safety Inspections</li> </ul>

PERIOD	APPLICATIONS	VALUE
2021/2022	86	\$6,580,000
2020/2021	81	\$7,970,000
2019/2020	72	\$4,743,269

**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Planning and Building Services**

The table to the left illustrates the number and value of development applications submitted in the 2021/2022 financial year, compared to the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial years.

Further information regarding development applications can be viewed on the Plan SA website:  
[https://plan.sa.gov.au/development\\_application\\_register](https://plan.sa.gov.au/development_application_register)

**Building Fire Safety Committee**

The Building Fire Safety Committee were active throughout the reporting period and undertook inspections of 12 properties for building fire safety compliance.

As a result of these inspections, 3 property owners have completed their compliance responsibilities and a further 9 property owners are in the process of undertaking compliance works. The Committee will continue to monitor and reinspect works once completed to ensure compliance.

**Swimming Pool Inspections**

During the reporting period the District Council of Mount Remarkable had 4 swimming pools lodged via the portal.

The criteria for Council to inspect swimming pools is outlined in Practice Direction 8. Practice directions are issued by the State Planning Commission under Section 42 of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (Act), for the purposes of Section 156(5) of the Act to ensure that swimming pools and designated safety features for swimming pools are inspected.

A council must comply with the requirements of the practice direction as it relates to the Council.

Councils must inspect 100% of swimming pools and swimming pool safety features constructed over the course of the relevant reporting year within 10 business days of the Council being notified.

During the reporting period 3 of the 4 swimming pools lodged had contacted Council as required and Council contacted the owner of the 4th pool to seek clarification as to the status of the build as notification had not been received in relation to the pools status.

Currently, there is one pool owner which requires some assistance from Council in relation to appropriate barriers.



# GOAL 3: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO WORK OR BE IN BUSINESS

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>3.1 Partner with Stakeholders on Economic Development &amp; Employment Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with a range of stakeholders to encourage and facilitate and support economic development</li> <li>» Work with Regional Development Australia (RDA) to foster economic development opportunities</li> <li>» Develop and foster relationships to support, strengthen and grow our agricultural and primary production industries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with Regional Development Australia Yorke &amp; Mid North (RDA) and LEGATUS Group</li> <li>» Membership of key agricultural groups such as UNFS</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.2 Foster Economic Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Create an Economic Development Framework</li> <li>» Encourage development of new industries and/as well as industries that value add to our existing industries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Draft Economic Development Framework developed in conjunction with RDA</li> <li>» Continued work with key larger industries (local and neighbouring)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.3 Support Local Business &amp; Industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Support local businesses to work together</li> <li>» Develop district identity to promote the attractiveness of the District for new and further investment in local industries and businesses</li> <li>» Engage with local industry and business to encourage and support economic development and job</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Continued engagement with local businesses and suppliers</li> <li>» Engagement with neighbouring industries to promote the broader Council area as possible alternative for accommodation of workers</li> <li>» Development of a draft District Economic Development Plan, outlining new and emerging industries</li> <li>» Participation with local groups to support and encourage existing operators</li> <li>» Use of Council procurement to enable local purchasing.</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### 'Under The Mount' takes out Award as SA Tourism Industry Awards

Donald and Kristen Norton (pictured left) owners of 'Under the Mount' in Melrose were presented a silver medal at the 2021 Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TiCSA) awards (3-3½ star accommodation category of the awards).

The award winning accommodation was developed to address the needs of people traveling to the area to participate in the ever-growing sport of mountain biking. 'Under the Mount' stands out amongst local accommodation options thanks to the extra features that have been added, including a bike lock up, cleaning area and specially designed pump track.

### Port Germien Progress Association Business Awards

Robbie and Daryl operators of Poppy & Buster - The Red Post Shop Café Port Germein won the inaugural Port Germein Progress Association Business Award.

They successfully restored the old building, protecting its heritage and character.

The Café provides support to local businesses and producers, and is a great location for community networking, essential supplies to the community and visitors.





*Ag Town of the Year Awards 19 November 2021 at Hahndorf Convention Centre – Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Booleroo Centre Community and Tourism Development Association representatives Jess Koch and Emma Waters and the Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development Hon David Basham MP*



*ACSA Executive Director Government & Public Affairs Derek Dittrich with Mount View Homes staff Lisa Guttridge, Ellen Kakoschke, Heather Richens and CEO Jenny Deer*

### **Agricultural Town of the Year Finalist – Booleroo Centre**

The Agricultural Town of the Year Award, established in 2019, recognises South Australian towns that are excelling in agricultural practices and the flow on effect they have on communities.

Booleroo Centre was a finalist in the 2021 awards and was acknowledged for its farming and social cohesive and intergenerational networking, including the growing opportunities and development as the local hub supported by a strong agricultural presence, including international manufacturing business Kelly Engineering. Although Booleroo Centre was not the winner in 2021, it can be proud of what it offers not only the immediate community but also other communities throughout the district.

### **Mount View Homes wins National Award**

Booleroo Centre’s Mount View Homes were announced the winner at the Aged and Community Services Australia State Awards as the Regional, Rural and Remote Provider of the Year, and then went on to win the National Awards.

The Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions made by ACSA member organisations, teams and individuals in the aged care industry.

Mount View Homes CEO Jenny Deer and the team attended the December 2021 on-line National Awards and congratulations are extended to Jenny and the entire team of workers and volunteers for their dedications and support to the residents at Mount View Homes and the wider community.

### **Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Installation**

With the closure of banking services within the District and in particular in Melrose, local businesses raised concerns with Council regarding the lack of ATM access to cash during weekend trade and/or public holidays and especially during busy public periods when events are held in the town and tourists and visitors require access to cash.

To support the community in providing this service, Council approved entering into a Licence Agreement with *Armaguard Technology Solutions Pty Ltd* whereby Council would hosts the ATM in the shopfront of the Stuart Street Administration building. This arrangement has been achieved during the reporting period and the community and visitors now have access to an ATM in Melrose.

# GOAL 4: A REMARKABLE PLACE TO VISIT

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>4.1 Partner with Tourism Stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with a range of tourism stakeholders in developing and executing effective and efficient tourism strategies including eco-tourism</li> <li>» Partner with SA Tourism and other State and Regional agencies to promote tourism across the District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Established relationship with South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.2 Develop our District Tourism Proposition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Define our District Tourism brand and proposition</li> <li>» Development and implement a District tourism plan</li> <li>» Encourage events that present a genuine tourism or economic development opportunity</li> <li>» Support the appropriate use of National Parks in providing recreational opportunities including eco-tourism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Developed draft Strategic Tourism Plan</li> <li>» Developed draft Bridle Track Strategic Plan</li> </ul>



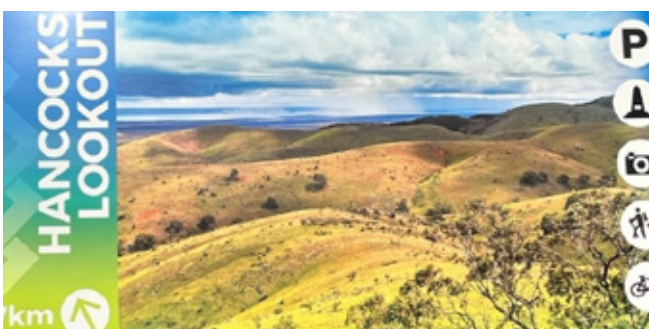
## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Bridle Track Strategic Plan

Council instigated the development of a Bridle Track Strategic Plan in consultation with adjoining land owners and other key stakeholders such as the Port Pirie Regional Council. The formulation of the Plan will identify how best to manage the track, how to promote the track and opportunities for attracting capital investment.

A draft Bridle Track Strategic Plan has been finalised and public consultation on the Plan will be undertaken early in 2022/2023. The Bridle Track is a public access road that is 4wd access only and provides spectacular views of the area.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>4.3 Develop our Tourism Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Maintain and improve Council's tourism infrastructure</li> <li>» Make improvements to directional signage for visitors to the District</li> <li>» Improve town entrances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Increased tourism signage for Hancock's Lookout (Wilmington) and The Bluff (Wirrabara)</li> <li>» Investment in tourism assets (The Bluff, Rail Trails)</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Hancocks Lookout Sign

Following consultation with the Wilmington Progress Group, Council has made allowance within its budget to upgrade the signage at the intersection of Horrocks Pass Road and Hancocks Lookout Road.



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### The Bluff Lookout

The Wirrabara community gained a remarkable asset with the construction of the Bluff Lookout, which was achieved with the assistance of funding through the Federal and State Government's \$10m Southern Flinders Ranges Precinct project.

The Bluff Lookout was officially opened on the 17 September 2021 by Mayor Phillip Heaslip, the Hon David Speirs MP (Minister for Environment & Water) and the Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP (pictured below) provides stimulus and growth to the immediate area. It is a unique tourism based project that allows members of the public to travel to the top of the Southern Flinders in the Wirrabara Forest area by road and offers spectacular views from the purpose built viewing platform.



### Tourism Signs for Booleroo Centre

The Department of Infrastructure (DIT) has installed new tourism attraction signage at the entrance to Booleroo Centre. Tourism is a key strategic objective of Council and one which Council has been investing in for a number of years across the District.

Council acknowledges the ongoing working relationship with DIT which enables projects like new and additional signage to be installed throughout the Council area.

*Cr Colin Nottle with new tourism signage (Left)*



### Port Germein Jetty

Council has had several meetings with the Department of Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) concerning the long term future and current repairs to the Port Germein Jetty.

Council, in partnership with DIT, is preparing a business case for the upgrade of the jetty and envisages that the business case will be completed by the end of 2022.

### Grey Nomad Awards – Finalists - Booleroo Centre

Booleroo Centre community were thrilled that the community's new van park was named as a finalist in the National Grey Nomad Awards. The Booleroo Centre RV Park has been shortlisted in the 2021 Best Grey Nomad Community Stay category after proving to tourism leaders that it provided an exceptional experience for visitors aged over 50.



STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>4.4 Support Heritage and History</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide support for promotion of local heritage and history</li> <li>» Protect local heritage through the Planning and Design Code</li> <li>» Improve heritage signage across the District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Support and engagement with local history group</li> <li>» Increased signage</li> <li>» Completed upgrade to Melrose Museum</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Melrose Museum Upgrade**

The Melrose Heritage Museum received grant funding to re-roof the Heritage museum, courthouse and police station and the works were completed during the reporting period. The upgrade has ensured that the facility is maintained in a high standard and provides an important tourism facility within the Melrose community.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>4.5 Support Protection of the Natural Environment while retaining access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work with stakeholders in supporting measures to protect and preserve the natural environment while ensuring we reasonably and appropriately access natural resources</li> <li>» Explore initiatives to raise awareness of environmental impacts within community</li> <li>» Support initiatives to raise awareness and develop resilience to a changing climate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Financial support provided to the Regional Landscape Board</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Clean up Australia Day within our District**

Wilmington Progress' 21st Clean Up Australia Day event was a great success and very well attended with a total of 56 voluntary hours spent in the clean-up effort. Areas cleaned up included Centenary Park, town streets, oval and playground, Hancocks Lookout Road, Alligator Gorge Road and cemetery, Amyton and Stony Creek Roads and the parking bays through Horrocks Pass.



**Port Germein Progress Association Inc**

A great effort by the Port Germein Progress Association and volunteers this year saw the clean-up of the levee bank, High Street and foreshore. The Progress Association will trial small containers with sand and signage in strategic spots around the town in an effort to reduce the inappropriate disposal of cigarette butts.

Council acknowledges the Progress Groups and the volunteers who assisted in their communities to make a positive contribution to the beautification of the area.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>4.6 Support Management of Native Flora and Fauna</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Encourage initiatives to control weed species in conjunction with other agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Council continues to financial contribute to the Regional Landscape Board</li> </ul>

**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Regional Landscape Levy**

In South Australia there are eight regional landscape boards who work with partners to deliver practical, on-ground programs to manage landscape. The partnership investment assists in also leveraging Australian Government funding towards managing and protecting our productive and natural landscapes. In 2021/2022, Council contributed \$133,588 to the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board through the collection of the Regional Landscape Levy. The Northern & Yorke Landscape Board delivers a diverse range of programs and projects for the region.

The following is an extract from the SA Landscape website: In the 2021/2022 financial year the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board initiated the following project at a cost of \$969,900:

**Resilient Coastal Ecosystems in Northern and Yorke Caring for our Coastal Way – Sustainable ways to showcase and protect our coast**

This project, developed in partnership with the Northern & Yorke Regional Alliance and Legatus ‘Coastal Council Alliance’, aims to build the resilience of the natural Northern and Yorke Coastline, to achieve a viable coastal eco-system which supports and enhances sustainable coastal communities and tourism opportunities.

For further information on the work being undertaken by the Board, within the Northern & Yorke District visit the Board’s website on <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/home>.

# GOAL 5: WHAT WE DO, WE STRIVE TO DO REMARKABLY WELL

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>5.1 Maintain &amp; Enhance roads, stormwater, footpaths &amp; associated infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Advocate to State and Federal Governments for increased funding to maintain and enhance the District's road network</li> <li>» Advocate for financial support to ensure the infrastructure and services needs of the community are met</li> <li>» Maintain and improve the standard of Council owned roads</li> <li>» Plan for the effectiveness and inclusiveness of infrastructure and services to cater to the needs of community, visitors and local business and industry</li> <li>» Pursue partnerships and opportunities to support infrastructure development</li> <li>» Develop service level standards for asset and infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Grant applications through supplementary road funding</li> <li>» Federal road funding program</li> <li>» Develop Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan</li> <li>» Road to Recovery funding</li> <li>» Continuing applications for funding of road and bridge infrastructure.</li> <li>» Completed the Transport Asset Management Plan</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Booleroo Centre Concrete Footpaths and Improved Disability Access

Council as part of its 2021/2022 budget, approved funding to replace concrete and sealed footpaths in Booleroo Centre. The new footpaths will replace sections that are currently old and failing and will incorporate sections on Stephens Street, Arthur Street and Saunders Street.

As part of these works and in accordance with the Council's Disability Action Plan, several intersections will have disability access crossings placed in accordance with Australian Standards.

### Upgrade to Horrocks Highway between Wilmington and Gawler

Council acknowledges the ongoing works undertaken by the State Government, which includes 80% Federal Government funding, in upgrading sections of Horrocks Highway which has resulted in widening and resealing road surfaces. The upgrades have made significant improvements for road users.

### Asset Management Plan

During the reporting period, Council continued with the important work in developing a draft Asset Management Plan and has determined the risk analysis criteria that will be used in assessing transport assets. This valuable information allows Councils to compare condition assessment scoring against the risk rating to enable informed decision making in relation to determining future budget allocations.



STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>5.2 Conduct sound Asset Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Implement, maintain and review Council's asset management plans and programs to ensure effective management of assets and infrastructure in a financially-sustainable manner</li> <li>» Development and implement preventative maintenance programs for assets and infrastructure</li> <li>» Advocate at all levels of Government for financial support to ensure the infrastructure and services needs of the community are met</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Asset Management Plan identifies a large backlog of items that require urgent attention and the development of the Budget and Business Plans for 2022/2023 have taken this information into account.</li> <li>» Planning for Operational (maintenance) Budgets address Asset Management Plan identified works.</li> <li>» Completed 4.1km resheeting of category 1 roads.</li> <li>» Completed 22.1km resheeting of category 2 roads.</li> </ul>



*Mount Remarkable Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Cr Denise Higgins and Mayor Ben Browne (Northern Areas Council) with Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP at the Pine Creek Bridge.*

**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Commonwealth Bridges Renewal Program Announcement**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable welcomed the announcement from the Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey MP relating to funding and investment into the much needed bridge infrastructure upgrades both within the Council area, and the broader immediate area.

The approved projects for funding under the Commonwealth Bridges Renewal Program announced in April 2022 include:

- » \$2,928,896 Pine Creek Bridge upgrade, Appila-Laura Road, Laura – upgrade and widening.
- » \$1,600,000 Horrocks Highway Culvert Replacement, Yacka - Replacement of a 2 lane concrete culvert on the Horrocks Highway 1.1km south of Yacka including widening and installation of safety barriers.
- » \$3,280,000 Horrocks Highway Wild Dog Creek Culvert Replacement including increased weight limit of 166tonne, road widening and new traffic barriers.

Council acknowledges the Federal Government for its commitment in funding these much needed projects.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>5.3 Provide Quality Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide a high standard of customer experience and service</li> <li>» Leverage opportunities for greater efficiency in service delivery through further opportunities for volunteering, employment programs and schools as well as shared service arrangements with other Councils</li> <li>» Foster improved relationships with neighbouring Councils in sharing of resources to enable more efficient and cost-effective delivery of services</li> <li>» Encourage and support volunteering and community participation against Council's strategic outcomes</li> <li>» Increase adoption of digital services including online and social media to support improved service delivery and accessibility.</li> <li>» Provide sustainable waste management services</li> <li>» Develop and implement a strategy for CWMS renewals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Improved Customer Service Experience</li> <li>» Council has Shared Service arrangements in the areas of Waste, Environmental Health and WHS.</li> <li>» Council is progressing with the construction of a Waste Transfer Station (completion October 2022) at the Willowie Waste facility.</li> <li>» Negotiations with SA Water have commenced for the development of an agreement to undertake works in relation to the Community Waste Management Systems (CWMS) in the townships of Wilmington, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and the Waste Water Treatment Plant and relevant sewer system at Wirrabara.</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Waste Management

Green bins were successfully rolled out during the 2021/2022 financial year and residents are utilizing them for green waste disposal accordingly.

Port Germein and Wirrabara Waste Transfer Stations have been closed and Council is moving towards 100% of its waste being removed from landfill at Willowie, by partnering with Clare Valley Waste. The existing landfill site at Willowie has transitioned to a Waste Transfer Station during the reporting period and has significantly increased recycling and reduced the amount of waste going to landfill.

Once the Waste Transfer Station is operational, Council will commence the process to close the landfill component of the facility with the EPA. This will see 100% of general waste and recycling items transported to Inkerman for processing and separation.

Council has undertaken a review of its waste activities as part of a recent Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026, undertaken by LEGATUS in partnership with Green Industries SA and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

This review was undertaken after the State Government released the South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-25, showing Regional Waste Management Plans are to be in place for all SA Regional Local Government areas. To ensure the ongoing needs around waste and recycling services of the community are met in a timely and financially viable manner, Council has adopted a Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026 which will outline the goals and actions required to improve how to manage waste and recycling materials and create a consistent approach across the region.

The Strategy highlights four (4) main initiatives that include:

- » Implementing alternative kerbside collection services
- » Developing regional resource recovery infrastructure
- » Increasing regional collaboration to achieve financial and service improvements
- » Developing the circular economy



### Flinders Alliance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

To improve service delivery and promote resource sharing, Council initiated and entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Port Pirie Regional Council, District Council of Orreroo Carrieton, District Council of Peterborough and the Northern Areas Council to establish the Flinders Alliance to:

- » enhance the local economy of the member councils,
- » improve individual internal processes for compliance, probity and deliver efficiencies,
- » promote opportunities for skills development and collaboration of staff,
- » standardise documents utilised by the group for the benefit of local suppliers,
- » provide cost savings and efficiencies with operational expenditure, and
- » provide cost savings, efficiencies and improved delivery of capital expenditure
- » protect the employment in the towns and districts of the participating councils

### Customer Services Experience

Council has carried out a great deal of works in improving the customer experience in relation to Customer Service Requests (CSR's). The new system will involve an inspection within 5 working days, a response email to the complainant describing what and when the request will be completed. The works will be programmed with a completion date, and the CSR will be completed with a reply email sent to the complainant.

### Flinders Mobile Library

Libraries offer an important service in our communities and although Council does not operate a formal library, it has a partnership with the Northern Areas Council and Port Pirie Regional Council to operate the Flinders Mobile Library. This Mobile Library services 16 towns on a fortnightly basis. Costs are shared between the three Councils with the District Council of Mount Remarkable contributing \$90,451 in the 2021/2022 financial year towards its ongoing operation. The Flinders Mobile Library also visits local schools in Melrose, Wilmington and Booleroo Centre.



*Volunteer Driver Janet Ridge and clients Pam Baty (left) and Margaret Rowe (right).*

### **Northern Passenger Transport Network**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable manages the Northern Passenger Transport Network in conjunction with other participating Councils (District Council of Peterborough, District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton, Flinders Ranges Council, Northern Areas Council and Port Pirie Regional Council) and receives funding support from external bodies such as the Department of Human Services, Commonwealth Home Support Program, and Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

The functions of the Northern Passenger Transport Network are to provide a community passenger transport service that meets the needs and demands of an ageing population and the transport disadvantaged communities in the Upper North Region.

Volunteers play a vital role in ensuring the service runs efficiently and effectively and they have made an enormous contribution over the 22 years that the service has been operating. An example of the value of volunteers, based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics figures identifies that volunteers are worth \$45.60 per hours, which equates for a worth of \$200,776.80 for the 2021/2022 financial year alone.

### **Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) Future Operations**

Council endorsed an independent review of the NPTN. Consultants UHY Haines Norton Service were engaged to undertake the review which focused on the financial operations and provided Council with a report on future options for this service.

The independent report from UHY Haines Norton Service received was considered by all NPTN partner Council's (Port Pirie Regional Council, Northern Areas Council, The Flinders Ranges Council, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, District Council of Peterborough and District Council of Mount Remarkable) and collectively endorsed to investigate future opportunities for NPTN to be operated by an independent service provider. This decision also took into account advice from the State Government regarding the Minister's review of passenger transport services prior to confirming ongoing funding commitments. With the support of all parties involved, Council entered into a subcontracting arrangement for Care in Motion to continue to provide the NPTN service from July 2022 for an eight month period.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>5.4 Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council services</li> <li>» Pursue resource sharing with other Councils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Shared services – WHS, Risk Management, Environmental Health Services, Building &amp; Planning, Infrastructure</li> </ul>



**2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**New addition to the fleet**

As part of the 2021/2022 Council committed to purchasing a new grader to replace one of the existing four graders within Councils plant & equipment fleet.

Council presently has three patrol graders and one construction grader. With a continued focus on road maintenance, Council hopes to replace its plant and equipment as required in the coming years to ensure the fleet remains modern, safe, reliable and efficient to undertake the tasks as required.

Council has almost 2,000kms of unsealed road all requiring grading to keep them maintained at a suitable standard.

**Sport and Recreation**

Council supports various sporting and recreational activities within the District through a Game On/Starclub funding partnership. The partnership with other neighbouring Councils, enables the employment of a 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) Mid North Sport and Recreation Development Officer, who is responsible for working with sporting and recreational clubs to grow and improve their sustainability and future operations.

During the reporting period clubs were supported by the Mid North Sport and Recreation Development Officer through various opportunities such as Webinars on Cyber Security Webinar and Strategic/Financial Planning, as well as identifying grant funding opportunities and how to write a grant funding application and support in reviewing of constitutions.

Council further assists sporting clubs with the provision of Council reserves at a minimal lease fee with an expectation that the club or community group maintain the facility to a specific standard. Council assists with sponsor costs and in-kind support in grant application to improve sport and recreational facilities.

# GOAL 6: A 'CAN DO' COUNCIL

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>6.1 Demonstrate Community Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Adopt effective community engagement processes to inform Council decisions, pursue opportunities and deliver better community outcomes</li> <li>» Explore measures to facilitate greater visibility of Council's active engagement with the community by the Mayor, Elected Members and Council staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Enhanced Council newsletter</li> <li>» Improved social media</li> <li>» Live streaming of Council Meetings</li> <li>» Introduction of Community Question Time</li> <li>» Move Council meetings every quarter to a different town for community accessibility</li> <li>» Information briefing sessions</li> <li>» Council Bus Trips (through District)</li> <li>» Participation at Industry Events</li> <li>» Council staff attending Community Meetings</li> </ul>



## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Remembrance Day

To acknowledge Remembrance Day Mayor Phillip Heaslip (at Port Germein) and Deputy Mayor Cr Don Norton (at Melrose) addressed the services, laid wreaths and paid respects on behalf of Council.

### Anzac Day

Council Members laid wreaths on behalf of Council and joined with local community members at the following dawn services:  
 Port Germein - Mayor Heaslip and Cr McCarthy;  
 Booleroo Centre - Cr Nottle, Cr Prestridge;  
 Wilmington - Cr Prestridge; Appila - Cr Keller.

*Melrose Gate of Honour (Left)*

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>6.2 Seek Community Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Pursue a range of mechanisms for collecting customer feedback about Council services</li> <li>» As required, adopt mechanisms for engaging with youth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» A range of opportunities were provided for community members to provide feedback and ask questions in relation to Council Activities as outlined in Section Four of this report.</li> </ul>

## 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

### Consultation on Draft Budget

Council is always keen to provide information to, and obtain feedback from, the community as part of its ongoing operations.

In January 2022 Council provided an opportunity for members of the community to submit budget submissions for consideration. Council utilised a range of options to promote this opportunity including attending a special meeting of Council to make a verbal submission, written submissions via email, promotion of the submission process via Facebook and Council's website and newsletter. An advertisement promoting the public consultation period was also placed in the local newspaper. Council also extended the consultation period to ensure community members were provided every opportunity to submit feedback on the draft budget. As a result Council received submissions which Council had regard to in developing its 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

### Upgrade of Council's telecommunications system

Council's phone system has been upgraded following a recent review of its information and communications technology. The new phone system streamlines the customer contact process enabling faster response times and allowing for data collection to assist with resource planning.

The new system allows for calls to be directed to individual teams and staff members with voice messages accessible in multiple formats to ensure accessibility of messages is not delayed if staff are off site at meetings or working remotely due to COVID restrictions.

STRATEGY & ACTIONS	ACHIEVEMENTS
<p><b>6.3 Enact Strong Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Ensure Council has effective mechanisms for good governance, policy control and legislative compliance</li> <li>» In accordance with Council policy, ensure transparency in Council's decision making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Policy review and implementation</li> <li>» WHS system review and Skytrust implementation</li> <li>» Review of Council Resolution Register</li> <li>» Reduced number of Confidential Orders for Council decision (refer to Section Five of this report)</li> <li>» Improved Confidential Order review process implemented and Confidential Items Register included on Council Website</li> <li>» Annual Reviews of Delegations</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.4 Provide Financial Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Maintain and regularly review Council's Long Term Financial Plan</li> <li>» Conduct Annual Business Planning</li> <li>» Explore measures to improve productivity and reduce costs across Council operations</li> <li>» Maintain and review procurement policies and procedures that ensure financial transparency</li> <li>» Prepare and maintain a prioritised list of shovel ready projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Completed development of a new Long Term Financial Plan.</li> <li>» Service Reviews (Australia Post/Northern Passenger Transport Network).</li> <li>» Review completed of Melrose Caravan Park Management.</li> <li>» Completed Audited Financial Statements for 2021/2022 (Refer Appendix Two).</li> </ul>

#### 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

##### Financial Statements Summary:

The District Council of Mount Remarkable (the Council) had another positive year, again indicating its continual commitment to financial sustainability.

Pursuant to the provisions of Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999, a full copy of Council's Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2022 form part of this Annual Report and are included in Appendix Two.

The Council is committed to ensuring its long-term financial sustainability. This sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, its expenses are at least matched by its revenue. In addition, capital expenditure on existing infrastructure and other assets should be optimised, to minimise the whole-of-life cycle costs of assets.

Detailed below are result for the Key Financial Indicators of sustainability.

##### Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio

The Operating Surplus Ratio expresses the operating surplus/ (deficit) as a percentage of the total operating income. Council experienced a deficit of (2.0%) for the financial year ending 30 June 2022

##### Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

The Net Financial Liabilities Ratio measures the level of debt the Council has, and takes into account items such as employee leave entitlements and other amounts payable, as well as the level of the Council's available cash and investments. The negative result of (28%) for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 indicates the Council is a net financial assets position

The Operating Surplus Ratio and Net Financial Liabilities Ratio listed above are presented as 'adjusted' to remove the timing differences caused in the ratios by the pre-payment of financial assisted grants in June 2022.

##### Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

The Asset Renewal Funding Ratio indicates whether the Council is renewing or replacing existing non-financial assets at the same rate as its overall stock of assets is wearing out. The ratio is calculated by measuring capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of assets relative to its Asset Management Plans. The result for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 is 79%.

## Rates, Rate Rebate and Remissions

### Rates

In the 2021/2022 financial year, Council adopted a 4.5% increase in general rate revenue, fixed charge and service charges. Council's Rates Policy (04.78) is available on Council's Website for easy access by the community, or alternatively a copy can be obtained from the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose at a charge as determined by Council within the Fees and Charges Register.

### Rate Rebates and Remissions

The Local Government Act 1999 provides for two categories of rate rebates – mandatory and discretionary.

**Mandatory Rebate** provisions require that Council must provide a rate rebate on land that is used for specific purposes and these provisions also specify the rebate percentage. Where a mandatory rebate is set at 75%, Council also has the discretion to set a higher rebate rate.

**Discretionary Rebates** may be granted by a Council for purposes that are specified within Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1999, with the percentage of the rebate being at the discretion of the Council.

During the reporting period, Council applied a total of \$50,616.25 in rate rebates to the following entities:

- » Melrose Community Development Association
- » Murray Town Progress Association Inc
- » Wilmington Tennis Club Inc
- » Port Germein Progress Association
- » Appila Improvement Association
- » Wilmington Progress Association
- » Booleroo Centre & Districts Lions Club Inc
- » Melrose Districts History Society Inc
- » Mt View Homes Inc
- » Uniting Housing Co Ltd
- » Booleroo Centre & District Kindy Inc
- » Mid North Health Advisory Council Inc
- » Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie
- » Booleroo Centre Evangelical Lutheran Parish Inc
- » Booleroo Ministry Centre Inc
- » Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church
- » National Office of the Lutheran Church of Australia
- » Lutheran Church of Australia Inc
- » Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)
- » Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- » The Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Willochra Inc

## STRATEGY & ACTIONS

### 6.5 Develop Organisational Capability

- » Develop the Council Administration's people, financial, and resourcing capability to enact the Community Plan, provide a high standard of services, projects and infrastructure maintenance and enhancement and meet Council's responsibilities

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- » Investing in People (training and development)
- » 11 staff completing their Diploma in Local Government
- » Annual culture survey completed.



### 2021/2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Staff Training Opportunities

Staff participate in various training and development opportunities throughout the year to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their roles and responsibilities to a high standard.

### Target Measures for 2022/2023:

The following provides an overview of planned works to be undertaken during the 2022/2023 financial year and have been captured within the Annual Budget and Business Plans.

STRATEGIC PLAN	PLANNED ACTIONS FOR 2022/2023
<p><b>Goal 1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Commence CEO Engagement with School Principals</li> <li>» Attendance of CEO at quarterly Progress Meetings</li> <li>» Continue construction of Disability Access Ramps at Booleroo Centre</li> <li>» Continue maintenance program for the existing Rail Trails</li> <li>» Continued support for community events</li> <li>» Complete Rail Trail construction between Booleroo Centre and Stone Hut</li> <li>» Upgrades to various Cemeteries</li> <li>» Building and Hall upgrades at Booleroo Centre, Wirrabara, Weeroona Island, Melrose, Port Germein including Disability Access</li> <li>» General upgrades to Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool</li> <li>» Investigation into Port Germein Boat Access increased boat launching capability (subject to accessing external funding).</li> <li>» Undertake feasibility into proposed Community Centre at Weeroona Island.</li> <li>» Finalise Bridle Track Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Continue working with Emergency Services and Community Safety Programs in relation to Fire Prevention</li> <li>» Preparation of Weeroona Island Water Supply system assessment.</li> <li>» Improve Parks and Playgrounds</li> <li>» Repainting of Public Conveniences at Wilmington, Melrose, Port Germein and Booleroo Centre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Continued partnership with RDA Yorke &amp; Mid North</li> <li>» Promotion of business opportunities within the District</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Upgrade lighting at Booleroo Centre Airstrip (subject to accessing external funding)</li> <li>» Directional signage replacement and upgrades</li> <li>» New Horse Trough sign at Booleroo Centre</li> <li>» Finalise Strategic Tourism Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Replace bridge with floodway Appila-Tarcowie Road</li> <li>» Undertake Road Resheeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wilmington Road 3.35km (DCMR Boundary to Moochra Road)</li> <li>- Collins Road 1.75km (Pinda Road towards Greig Road) and 3.10km (Whim Road to Reichstein Road)</li> <li>- Forrest Road 6.00km (Marner Road to DEW Headquarters)</li> <li>- Mahood Road 7.5km (Pine Creek Road to Appila Wirrabara Road)</li> <li>- Appila Wirrabara Road 2.20km (Greyhound Track to Almondale Road).</li> </ul> </li> <li>» Wirrabara CWMS upgrade</li> <li>» Complete Willowie Waste Transfer Station</li> <li>» Refurbishment of existing Port Germein bridge</li> <li>» General bridge repairs including rail replacement, structure repairs and replacement</li> <li>» Replacement of plant and equipment</li> <li>» Stormwater upgrade Whitby Street and cross drain replacement (under floodway).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Ongoing audits of financial performance</li> <li>» Continued community participation in Council activities</li> </ul>

# SECTION 5 COMPLIANCE REPORT

COUNCIL AUDITOR

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# COUNCIL AUDITOR

Section 128(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to disclose, as part of its Annual Report, the remuneration payable for the annual financial audit.

Ian G McDonald FCA was appointed as Council's Auditor in November 2020 for a five (5) year term.

A payment of \$7,150 (GST inclusive) was made to Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants in November 2021 for the completion of the 2021/2022 financial year audit and a further payment of \$7,150 (GST inclusive) in June 2022 being the cost of an Interim Audit.

The Audited Financial Statements for 2021/2022, as adopted by Council, are attached as Appendix Two to this report.

## LEGAL COSTS INCURRED BY COUNCIL

During the reporting period Council incurred the following legal costs across the organisation:

COUNCIL OPERATION	LEGAL COSTS INCURRED
Council Administration	\$136,494.90
Business Undertakings	\$21,243.25
Community Services	\$5,611.80
Environment	\$5,145.00
Regulatory Services	\$5,916.15
Transport	\$880.75
Plant and Depot	\$2,094.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$177,386.35</b>

# COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Pursuant to Section 196 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must prepare and adopt a Management Plan or Management Plans for its Community Land. Council adopted its current Community Land Management Plan on 19 February 2019 and has scheduled a review of the Plan in February 2024.

The purpose of the Community Land Management Plan is to clarify direction, both to Council staff and the general public, regarding the approved use, resource management and maintenance of the community land.

A copy of Council's Community Land Management Plan is available for viewing free of charge on the Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) or for purchase, as per Council's Fees and Charges Register, at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose during normal business hours.

Council did not undertake any revocation of community land classification proposals during the 2021/2022 financial year.

## INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

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Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires that Council must establish grievance procedures for the review of decisions of the Council, employees of the Council and other persons acting on behalf of the Council. Council has a formal Policy Document in this respect entitled "Internal Review of a Council Decision" which is available for inspection on Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) free of charge or purchase from the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose, as per the Council's Fees and Charges Register, during normal business hours.

Council received no requests for Internal Review of a Council Decision in the 2021/2022 financial year

# LOCAL NUISANCE AND LITTER CONTROL

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016, the following information outlines the details of Council performance in enforcing the provisions of the Act:

A total of six (6) complaints of local nuisance or littering were received by Council during the reporting period.

No. of Offences	Nature of Offences	Expiated	Prosecuted	Notices Issued	Civil Penalties	Court Orders
1	Litter	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Nuisance (1) Air Pollution (4) Noise	Nil	Nil	2 noise abatement notices issued	Nil	Nil

# COMPETITIVE TENDER STATEMENT

Council has prepared and adopted a 'Procurement Policy and Preferred Suppliers Procedure' in accordance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999. Copies of this document are available for inspection free of charge on Council's Website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) or purchase at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose, as per Council's Fees and Charges Register, during normal business hours.

Public or Selective Tender	Tender Details	Value
Public	Booleroo Centre Footpath	\$420,675.59
	Bitumen Sealing	\$276,273.27
Selective	New Grader	\$415,000
	Fleet Vehicles	\$226,335.06
	Professional Services for District Tourism Plan	\$22,240

# NATIONAL COMPETITION PRINCIPLES

Competitive neutrality policy is based on the principle that significant government businesses should not enjoy any net competitive advantages over private businesses operating in the same market simply as a result of their public sector ownership.

The objective of competitive neutrality is the removal of net competitive advantages for significant government business activities, arising simply from the fact that they are government owned.

Further, complaints regarding any breach of competitive neutrality in regard to a business activity of Council must be received in writing, detailing the nature of the complaint and how they believe such activity by the Council is disadvantaging the complainant. The complaint will be processed in accordance with Council's Complaint Handling Policy. Copies of this document are available for inspection, free of charge on Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) or purchase at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose, as per Council's Fees and Charges Register, during normal business hours.

Council is required to include in its Annual Report, specific information related to significant business activities, competitive neutrality, by-laws and complaints.

## BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Council operates three significant business activities that fall within the ambit of the National Competition Policy and these include:

- » Melrose Caravan Park
- » Melrose Post Office
- » Weeroona Island Water Supply

**Melrose Caravan Park** is the only caravan park in Melrose and therefore there is no direct market competition within the community.

**Melrose Post Office and Weeroona Island Water Supply** are both operated by Council as there is no other operator willing to take on the these ventures.

To ensure the community and visitors have access to the services offered by the above business activities, Council has resolved to continue to operate and manage these functions.

## BY-LAWS

Further, Council following a review of its By-Laws, resolved on 19 April 2022 to adopt the following By-Laws:

- » Cats
- » Dogs
- » Local Government Land
- » Moveable Signs
- » Permits and Penalties
- » Roads

The purpose of each by-law is as outlined below:

**Permits & Penalties** - provides a legal framework for council by-laws including a permit system, sets penalties for breaches of by-laws and matters of liability, evidence and related matters

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Permits and Penalties By-Law Review

There is no potential to restrict competition within the provisions of the Permits and Penalties By-law 2022, taking into account any likely benefit or detriment to the community. Recommendation:

**Moveable Signs** - sets standards for movable signs, including regulating their placement to protect the visual amenity and provide for public safety on roads and footpaths. This by-law is used to regulate the use of movable signage including A-frames

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Moveable Signs By-Law Review

The restrictions in the by-law have the potential to restrict competition by placing controls over the positioning of and number of moveable signs that may be displayed. The requirement to obtain a permit in circumstances outside of those contemplated by this by-law also has the potential to restrict competition. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council which can be used selectively without any objective criteria

The potential restrictions on competition within the provisions of Moveable Signs By-law 2022 favour the community by proper control of the design, construction, appearance and placement of moveable signs on roads which the Council has a responsibility to manage properly in the interests of the community at large. The costs to the person requiring a permit and the community are outweighed by the benefits to the community to be achieved from the by-law.

**Roads** - used to manage certain activities on public roads which are not captured in other legislation including camping, use of motor vehicles, animals on roads and advertising

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Roads By-Law Review

This by-law has been identified as one in which parts of the by-law have the potential to restrict competition.

The requirement to obtain a permit has the potential to restrict competition by limiting the number of providers of goods and services and/or by restricting the space or area the permit holder may occupy. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council that can be used selectively without any objective criteria

**Local Government Land** - used to manage certain activities on Local Government land including parks and reserves; to assist in preserving the appeal and amenity of these areas

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Local Government Land By-Law Review

The requirement to obtain a permit has the potential to restrict competition by limiting the number of providers of goods or services and by restricting the space or area the permit holder may occupy. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council that can be used selectively without any objective criteria.

The potential restrictions on competition within the provisions of Local Government Land By-law 2022 favour the community by proper control of activities on local government land over which the Council has a responsibility to manage properly as trustees for the community at large and which the Council holds for the benefit of all of its community. The costs to the person requiring the permit and the community (if any) are outweighed by the benefits for the community to be achieved from the by-law. It should also be noted that in any event very few of the costs and benefits are likely to be measurable in financial terms.

**Dogs** - used to manage dog related matters including dog exercise areas, dog on leash areas, dog free areas and also provides limits on dog numbers on premises

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Dogs By-Law Review

This by-law has been identified as one which will not have the potential to restrict competition.

**Cats** - used to limit the number of cats that can be kept on a premises in certain circumstances. The Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 defines the responsibilities on owners to desex, microchip and register via Dogs and Cats Online at no cost.

Extract from Neutrality Report as part of Cats By-Law Review

This by-law has been identified as one in which will not have the potential to restrict competition.

A by-law comes into operation four months after the day on which it is published in the Gazette and therefore the above by-laws will come into operation as from 5 September 2022, which is inline with the Government Gazette publication dated 5 May 2022.

## COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS

There were no complaints received by Council during the reporting period relating to competitive neutrality.



# SECTION 6 INFORMATION STATEMENTS

*(Pursuant to Section 9(1a) - Freedom of Information Act 1991)*

PRINCIPAL ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF A COUNCIL

DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

COUNCIL SERVICES

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTS

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS



# INFORMATION STATEMENT

*Published pursuant to Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991*

Council must, at intervals of not more than 12 months, cause an up-to-date information statement to be published. The Council ensures its compliance with Section 9(1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 with the publication of the following information.

Under the system of local government established under the Local Government Act 1999, a council is established to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular

## **Principal Role of a Council:**

To act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community by:

- » Providing and co-ordinating various public services and facilities and developing its community and resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner
- » Encouraging and developing initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community
- » Representing the interests of its community to the wider community
- » Exercising, performing and discharging the powers, functions and duties of local government under this and other Acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted.

## **Functions of a Council:**

- » Plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area
- » Provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area
- » Determine the appropriate financial contribution to be made by ratepayers to the resources of the Council
- » Provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community
- » Take measure to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards
- » Manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity
- » Provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area (including infrastructure that helps to protect any part of the local or broader community from any hazard or other event, or that assists in the management of any area)
- » Promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism.
- » Establish or support organisation or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally
- » Manage and, if appropriate, develop public areas vested in, or occupied by the council
- » Manage, improve and develop resources available to the council
- » Undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under an Act.

# DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

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## Council

Council consists of seven (7) Ward Councillors including the Mayor and is the decision making body on all policy matters.

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held on the third Tuesday of every month, commencing at 4.30pm. Meetings are generally held at the Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose however meetings are also scheduled to be held once a year at each of the following townships: Wirrabara (Institute) 35 High Street, Wirrabara, Wilmington (Bowling Club) 49 Horrocks Highway, Wilmington, Booleroo Centre (Bowling Club), 10 Stephens Street, Booleroo Centre and Port Germein (The Hub), Cnr Karpfager & Pedersen Street, Port Germein.

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of any matter that is subject to an order of confidentiality (Section 90 Local Government Act 1999).

## Committees & Advisory Groups

Committees and Advisory Groups have been established by Council to discuss/administer Council and Community business. These groups meet as required, and members of the public are welcome to attend. These Committees and Advisory Groups include:

- » Audit & Risk Committee (Section 41 Local Government Act 1999)
- » Airstrip Committee (Section 41 Local Government Act 1999)
- » Building Fire Safety Committee (Pursuant to Section 157(17) of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016)
- » Workplace Health & Safety Committee (Pursuant to Section 75 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012)
- » Flinders Regional Assessment Panel (Pursuant to Section 81(1)(a) and Schedule 8, Clause 13(1)(a) of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016)
- » LEGATUS (Regional Subsidiary)

## Informal Gathering/Information or Briefing Sessions

Informal Gatherings/Information or Briefing Sessions - held on an as needs basis. Section 90A of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that Council can call an Informal Gathering/Information or Briefing Session. As part of the comprehensive Local Government Reforms Informal Gatherings were abolished and replaced with Information or Briefing Sessions during the reporting period. Information or briefing sessions provide a valuable opportunity to enhance the decision-making processes by providing opportunities for Council Members to become better informed on issues and seek further clarification or to participate in training and development opportunities. A matter at an Information or briefing sessions must not be dealt with in such a way as to obtain, or effectively obtain, a decision on the matter outside a formal meeting of the council.



# AGENDAS AND MINUTES

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Agendas of all Ordinary Council and Committee meetings are placed on display no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes of the meetings are placed on display within five days of the meeting. Agendas and Minutes are also available for viewing on Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au).

## DELEGATIONS

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Councils have certain functions and duties which they must perform, and certain powers which they may exercise, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) as well as a range of other Acts. In most cases the relevant Acts grant these obligations and powers directly to the Council.

As it is not practical nor efficient for the Council as a body of Elected Members to perform the many operational activities that are required in the day-to-day administration of the Council's roles and functions, Section 44 of the Act allows a Council to formally delegate many of its powers and functions (within certain stated conditions and exemptions) to the Chief Executive Officer and in some circumstances direct to Officers, such as Fire Prevention Officers. The Chief Executive Officer, if approved by Council, may then sub-delegate these powers and functions to other responsible staff.

All delegations made by the Council can be revoked at any time and do not, except in limited circumstances, prevent Council from acting in a matter itself. In addition, an officer to whom a delegation has been made may choose not to exercise that delegation and bring a matter direct to Council for direction.

Delegations are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that are accurate and reflect current legislative provisions. Staff also receive training on delegations to ensure they are aware of their powers and functions including any conditions or limitations, when undertaking their duties on a day to day basis.

The Sub-delegations Register is available free of charge on Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)

# COUNCIL SERVICES

Councils have specific responsibilities under an array of legislative provisions and these include but are not limited to:

- » numerous regulatory activities;
- » supporting the elected Council;
- » setting rates, preparing an annual business plan and budget, and determining long-term strategic management plans and financial plans for the area;
- » management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, public open spaces;
- » street lighting and storm-water drainage;
- » street cleaning, rubbish collection, recycling and waste management;
- » development planning and control, including building and fire safety assessment;
- » various environmental and public health services.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable provides the following services for the benefit of its community and visitors, performs or contributes to a range of additional services and programs in response to community needs, including (but not limited to):

Mobile Library Service	Safe Food Handling Training	Leases
Cemeteries	Drum Muster	Star Club Program
Booleroo Centre Airstrip	Desludging Programs	Rural Road Signs
Melrose Licensed Post Office	Environmental Health	Urban Street Signs
Community Wastewater Management Systems x 4	Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act	Street Trees and Gardens
Community Bus	Building Approvals	Swimming Pool (Public)
Community Development	Planning Approvals	Tourist and historical sites
Community Grants	Boat Launching Facility	Traffic Control
Community Engagement and Information	Tidy Towns	Green Waste Collection
Community Passenger Transport	Immunisation	Willowie Landfill Management
Community Halls and public venues	MyLocal Services App	Jetty Management
Abandoned Vehicles	Asset Management	Waste Collection
Council Newsletters	Animal and Plant Control	Recycling Collection
Customer Service	Walking and Riding Trails and Rail Trails	Council Website
Caravan Parks	Parking	Council Facebook Page
Dog and Cat Management	Playgrounds	Kerbing Watertable Footpaths Floodways
Economic Development	Property Searches	Tourism information and promotion
Fire Prevention	Public Toilets	Weeroona Island Water Supply
Food Act Administration	Medical Facility	Regional Development
Health Act Administration	Recreation and Sporting Facilities	Coastal Protection
Safe Drinking Water Act Administration	Road Construction and Maintenance	Citizenship Ceremonies

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Council is required to make numerous decisions in relation to a vast array of matters for the benefit of the community. Any such decision may or may not have a positive or adversely effect on a particular member or group of members of the community. Council at all times endeavours to act in an open and transparent manner in its decision making processes and Council encourages members of the community to be involved in its decision making processes.

Council Agendas and associated reports are placed on public display no less than three days prior to meetings and are also available for easy access via Council's Website. Council also utilises social media to inform members of its community of upcoming meetings.

Community members are encouraged to attend Council Meetings, to enable them to keep abreast of Council activities that interest them or have an impact on them in any way. Council also makes available to the public a live stream of Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers in Melrose wherever possible. In addition a recording of Council Meetings is available as soon as practicable after the meeting and is placed on the Council website.

## Opportunities for Public Participation in formulation of Council Policy and Exercise of Functions:

- 1. Elected Members** – members of the public are able to contact Elected Members within their respective Wards to discuss any issues relevant to them.
- 2. Written Submissions** – member of the public can make a written submission to Council on any Council practice, procedure, activity or service. All Written submissions should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose SA 5483 or by email to [postmaster@dmtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@dmtr.sa.gov.au)
- 3. Petitions** – written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction. A petition must be legibly written or typed or printed, clearly set out the request or submission of the petitioners, include the name and address of each person who signed or endorse the petition and addressed to the Council and delivered to the principal office of the Council. Refer Council's Code of Practice - Procedures at Council Meetings.
- 4. Deputations to Council** – A person or group of persons who wish to appear personally before a Council or Council Committee in order to address the Council or Committee. A deputation allows individuals or groups in the community to personally address the Council and present their opinions to the meeting which must for. Refer Council's Code of Practice – Procedures at Council Meetings.

**5. Community Engagement** – Council is committed to open, accountable and responsive decision making, which is informed by effective communication and consultation between the Council and the community. The Council's 'Public Consultation Policy' outlines the steps that Council it follow in cases where the Local Government Act requires consultation on a matter and other cases involving the Councils decision making.

**6. Council Website** – The Council Website is utilised to provide up to date information to the community in relation to the activities of the Council, whether it is advice on upcoming meeting, monthly Newsletters, general Council information and access to public documents, services and facilities including a vast array of general information.



*Community members attending Community Question Time at Council Meeting held at Wirrabara 17 August*

**7. Community Question Time** – prior to each ordinary council meeting the Mayor, Elected Members and the Chief Executive Officer are available to receive and answer as appropriate questions from members of the community.

## Public Consultation & Engagement Activities undertaken during 2021/2022:

Month	Consultation/Engagement relating to:
January 2022	Booloroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool
	Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park – Future Operations
February 2022	By-Laws Review
	Budget 2022/2023
May 2022	Memorials Policy Review
	Annual Business Plan & Budget 2022/2023

# PUBLIC ACCESS TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council has legislative responsibilities under the State Records Act 1997 in maintaining the management of official records. A records management system provides a planned, co-ordinated set of policies, procedures, systems and activities to ensure the ongoing management of records. Council's operates SynergySoft records management system and adopted its Records Management Policy (Policy 04.43) on 17 March 2015 and regularly reviews and updates the policy to ensure its compliance.

There are a range of documents mandated to be available for public inspection at the Council Offices free of charge or alternatively on Council's Website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au).

Following is a list of Council documents that are available for inspection free of charge or via Council's Website:

## Registers

- » Elected Members Register of Interest
- » Elected Members Register of Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
- » Elected Members Expenses & Reimbursements
- » Elected Members Gifts and Benefits
- » Campaign Donation Returns
- » Council Employees Gifts and Benefits
- » Fees and Charges
- » Community Land Management
- » Public Roads
- » By-Laws
- » Register of Interments
- » Register of Interment Rights

## Codes

- » Code of Conduct for Council Members
- » Code of Conduct for Council Employees
- » 04.32 - Code of Conduct Volunteers
- » 04.02 - Code of Practice – Procedures at Meetings
- » 04.05 - Access of Council Meetings and Documents

## Policies/Procedures

- » 04.00 – Policy Framework Policy
- » 04.01 – Council Members Allowances and Benefits Policy
- » 04.02 – Entertainment and Hospitality Policy
- » 04.06 – Internal Review of a Council Decision
- » 04.13 – Council Members Training and Development Policy
- » 04.14 – Use of Council Resources and Electronic Communications Policy
- » 04.15 – Fraud, Corruption, Misconduct and Maladministration Prevention Policy
- » 04.18 – Caretaker Policy
- » 04.19 – Road Name and Numbering and Public Place Names Policy
- » 04.20 – Complaints Handling Policy and Procedure
- » 04.21 – Public Consultation Policy
- » 04.23 – Request for Service Policy and Procedure
- » 04.24 – Customer First Policy
- » 04.25 – Procurement Policy and Preferred Supplier Procedure
- » 04.26 – Credit Care Policy and Procedure
- » 04.28 – Internal Financial Control Policy
- » 04.29 – Risk Management Policy
- » 04.30 – Enforcement Policy
- » 04.31 – Building Inspection Policy
- » 04.33 – Community Wastewater Management Scheme Policy
- » 04.35 – Prudential Management Policy
- » 04.39 – Rate Remission and Hardship Policy
- » 04.40 – Cemeteries and Natural Burial Grounds Policy
- » 04.41 – Order Making Policy
- » 04.43 – Records Management Policy
- » 04.45 – Social Media Policy
- » 04.48 – Debt Recovery Policy
- » 04.49 – Community Group Loan Policy
- » 04.50 – Informal Gatherings Policy – revoked inline with LG Reforms
- » 04.52 – Entry and Occupy Land Policy
- » 04.56 – Safe Environment for Children Policy
- » 04.57 – Complaint Handling Procedure under Council Members Code of Conduct
- » 04.58 – Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy
- » 04.62 – Asset Accounting Policy
- » 04.63 – Volunteer Management Policy and Procedure
- » 04.64 – Trees Policy
- » 04.70 – Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- » 04.71 – Emergency Management Policy
- » 04.72 – Mayor Seeking Legal Advice Policy
- » 04.77 – Rate Rebate Policy
- » 04.78 – Rates Policy
- » 04.79 – Treasury Management Policy

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### Other Documents

- » Freedom of Information Statement (Included in Section Six of the Annual Report)
- » Assessment Records
- » Voters Roll
- » Long Term Financial Plan
- » Community Plan 2021-2031 (also known as Strategic Plan)
- » Draft Asset Management Plans
- » Annual Business Plan and Budget
- » Annual Reports
- » Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- » Dog and Cat Management Plan
- » Public Health Plan
- » Better Development Plan
- » Roadside Vegetation Management
- » Road RACK Plans (Rural and Urban)
- » Work Health & Safety Policies and Procedures
- » Minutes and Agendas

Members of the public may obtain copies or extracts of documents listed above at a charge as outlined within Council's Fees and Charges Register.

Enquiries concerning the procedures for inspecting and purchasing Council's policy document should be made during normal business hours (9am–5pm – Monday to Friday) to:

Ms Jacqui Kelleher  
Director – Community & Corporate  
District Council of Mount Remarkable  
3 Stuart Street  
MELROSE SA 5483

# OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTS

Members of the public have the ability to access other information and documentation held by Council via legislative provisions captured within the Freedom of Information Act 1991 and Freedom of Information (General) Regulations 2017. Council invites the public to discuss their information needs with the Council's Freedom of Information Officer.

## Freedom of Information (Fol) Requests

An application must be in writing, specify that it is made under the Freedom of Information Act, include the relevant fee as may be prescribed, contain such information as is reasonably necessary to enable the document to be identified, and must specify an address in Australia to which notices should be sent. Forms of access may include inspection or copies (subject to copyright laws) of documents, hearing and/or viewing of audio and/or video tapes, transcripts of recorded documents, transcripts of words recorded in shorthand or encoded form, or the reproduction of documents from digitised information.

Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory thirty (30) days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information (Fol) Requests Form, together with the application and search fees. An extension of time may be granted by the Chief Executive Officer of the Council if the application is for access to a large number of documents or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and dealing with the application within 30 days would unreasonably divert the Council's resources or documents to which consultation is required and therefore will not be reasonably practicable to comply with the 30 day timeframe.

## Personal Affairs

Pursuant to Section 26 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991, if the documents relate to the applicant's personal affairs or are being sought on behalf of another person relating to their personal affairs, Council will take such steps as are reasonably practicable to obtain the views of the person concerned, as to whether or not the document is an exempt document.

## Amendment to Council Records

A member of the public may gain access to Council documents, pursuant to Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 to make amendments concerning their personal affairs. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

## Freedom of Information (Fol) Requests

Applications forms for access to Council documents and/or information should be forwarded to:

Freedom of Information Officer  
District Council of Mount Remarkable  
PO Box 94  
MELROSE SA 5483  
Phone: (08) 86662014

## Freedom of Information Activities for 2021/2022:

The District Council of Mount Remarkable did not receive any FOI applications during the reporting period.

# CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting for a variety of reasons. Where an order is made to exclude the public, a note must be made in the minutes of the making of the order, outlining the grounds on which it is made, as well as the duration of the order.

The table below provides details of the confidentiality orders made and the number of occasions each of these provisions were enforced during the 2021/2022 financial year:

<b>TOTAL ORDERS MADE DURING 2021/2022</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Section Used</b>	<b>Number of Times Used</b>
Section 90(3)(a) – Personal Affairs of a Person (living or dead)	1
Section 90(3)(b) – Commercial Advantage	2
Section 90(3)(c) – Trade Secret	-
Section 90(3)(d) – Prejudice the Commercial Position	-
Section 90(3)(e) – Security of Council, Members or Employees	-
Section 90(3)(f) – Prejudice the Maintenance of Law	-
Section 90(3)(g) – Does not breach any Law or Court	-
Section 90(3)(h) – Legal Advice	1
Section 90(3)(i) – Litigation will take place	-
Section 90(3)(j) – Information provided by Minister or another agency	1
Section 90(3)(k) – Tenders	-
Section 90(3)(m) – Draft Instrument or Amendment under the DPI Act	-
Section 90(3)(n) – Review of Determination under the FOI Act	-
Section 90(3)(o) – Proposed Award	-

The following table provides an overview of the topics, provisions, when the order was made, period of confidentiality and date documents have been released, ceased to apply or revoked during the reporting period:

No.	Topic & Provisions	Order Made	Period	Documents Released
1	Australia Day Citizen of the Year 2022 90(3)(a)	14/12/2021	1-2 months	27/1/2022
2	Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park - Future Operations 90(3)(b)	18/1/2022	Until further order of Council	No
3	Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park - Future Operations 90(3)(b)	24/3/2022	Until further order of Council	No
4	Feedback on Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) proposed Framework and Approach 90(3)(j)	17/5/2022	Until information is publicly available by LGA	No
5	Wirrabara Community Wastewater Management Scheme 90(3)(h)	21/6/2022	Until conclusion of legal proceedings	No

During the 2021/2022 financial year Council resolved 220 Issues, of which 5 were subject to confidentiality. This equates to 2.2% of all issues considered by Council being treated under confidentiality and this is outside of the Ombudsman's recommendation of 3%. The Ombudsman's recommendation was made as part of a review undertaken some years ago on Council's use of confidential orders.

During the 2021/2022 financial year 1 order expired, ceased to apply or was revoked and 4 orders remain in place.



*Ordinary Meeting of Council held at Wilmington Bowling Club*



In addition to the previous orders made in 2021/2022, Council also retained 14 historical matters under confidential provisions and a further 12 items with redacted information, that have been operational for a period longer than 12 months. These matters have been under confidential orders for a period greater than 12 months and are reviewed on an annual basis subject to Section 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999:

No.	Topic	Order Made	Date Expired or Released During the Reporting Period	Last Review Date
1	Sale for Non Payment of Rates (2 Properties Section 90(3)(a))	16/2/2021		14/12/2021
2	Sale for Non Payment of Rates (2 properties) Section 90(3)(a))	16/2/2021		14/12/2021
3	Sale for Non Payment of Rates (2 properties) Section 90(3)(a))	15/6/2021		14/12/2021
4	Discretionary Rebate Section 90(3)(d))	6/7/2021		14/12/2021
5	Legal Advice Wirrabara CWMS Section 90(3)(h))	29/7/2021		14/12/2021
6	Legal Matter via LGA – Pre-Action Response & Dispute Management Agreement Section 90(3)(h))	29/7/2021		14/12/2021
7	Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park – Future Operations Section 90(3)(b))	29/7/2021		14/12/2021
8	CEO – Annual Review 2020/2021 Section 90(3)(a))	17/8/2021		14/12/2021
9	Legal Matter via LGA – Pre-Action Response & Dispute Management Agreement Section 90(3)(h))	19/10/2021		14/12/2021
10	Sale for Non Payment of Rates (2 properties) Section 90(3)(b))	17/11/2020		14/12/2021
11	Deed of Settlement & Discharge between Mr W Hart & Council Section 90(3)(a))	20/10/2020		14/12/2021
12	Legal Advice staffing matter Section 90(3)(h))	27/5/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
13	Legal Advice staffing matter Section 90(3)(h))	5/5/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
14	Report on staffing matter Section 90(3)(h))	3/4/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
15	Legal Advice staffing matter Section 90(3)(h))	23/3/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021

No.	Topic	Order Made	Date Expired or Released During the Reporting Period	Last Review Date
16	CEO Employment Contract Section 90(3)(a)	17/3/2020		14/12/2021
17	Report from Consultant R Wallace – staffing matter Section 90(3)(b)	6/3/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
18	Road Reserve – Request to Purchase Section 90(3)(b)	18/2/2020		14/12/2021
19	Request for a Licence for Underground Infrastructure Section 90(3)(b)	21/1/2020	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
20	Rate Rebate (Property A43482) Section 90(3)(a)	17/9/20219	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
21	CEO – Annual Review Section 90(3)(b)	29/8/2019		14/12/2021
22	Confidential Report Section 90(3)(g)	20/8/2019	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
23	CEO – Annual Review Section 90(3)(b)	20/3/2018	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
24	Legal Advice – Review Report Section 90(3)(h)	15/11/2016	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
25	Legal Advice – staffing matter Section 90(3)	14/6/2016	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021
26	Legal Advice – LGA Workers Compensation Scheme Section 90(3)(h)	17/3/2015	Part Release 15/12/2020	14/12/2021

# SECTION 7 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

## Citizen of the Year

Wirrabara local Greg "Pechy" Pech was awarded the 2022 Citizen of the Year award.

Greg Pech has been an active community member for many years, through his involvement in sporting groups in his younger days, a CFS volunteer including captain for 20 years, Apex and Wirrabara Progress Association member and a driving force behind the monthly Wirrabara Producer's Market including being a committee member since its inception. Greg also established the picturesque Arboretum in the parklands and continues to maintain this area.

He is the owner of Wirrabara Farm Service and he has contributed to many community projects over the years.



## Community Event of the Year

Melrose Tennis Club Easter Tournament was awarded the 2022 Community Event of the Year. The Club proudly has organized the Tournament for 76 years which attracts many visitors to the District and raises funds to ensure the court facilities are sustainable.

The Tournament is widely known in the tennis fraternity as one of the best run events in the State and tourism and hospitality businesses flourish during Easter and beyond.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip (pictured right) presenting members of the Melrose Tennis Club the award for 2022 Community Event of the Year.



## Port Germein Celebrates Australia Day

Australia Day awards were in full swing this year at Port Germein. Port Germein Progress who organised the award ceremony, awarded local Port Germein resident Tony Saunders with an award for incredible support to the Port Germein community.

Tony, (pictured right) with Chris Pole representing Port Germein Progress, is described as an active and vital members of HATs, market volunteer, member of the Hall Committee, helped establish the local op shop, helped establish and still continues volunteering in the local community garden, assists with local Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day services, a former local dump volunteer, assists locals with general yard maintenance, maintains trees and verges, and a member of the Village Committee. Tony is described as happy, and always willing to lend a hand in a practical and friendly way.



# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

## Community Volunteer

In July 2021, Emma Waters of Booleroo Centre received a Premier's Certificate of Recognition in recognition of her volunteer work and dedication to her local community.

## Booleroo Centre Ambulance Volunteers Awards

The Booleroo Centre Ambulance Service acknowledged three community members who have been involved as a volunteer with the Service and supported the community through their commitment and dedication over many years.

Michael Wigg has been a volunteer for 40 years, Liz Jaeschke for 20 years and Lili Sun for 5 years.

It is community members like these who make our communities a great place to life and work and they are all congratulated for their efforts.

Lili Sun, Michael Wigg and Liz Jaeschke (pictured L-R) receiving their awards at the SA Ambulance Station Christmas break-up in December 2021.

## Northern Passenger Transport Network

NPTN Volunteers Sue Prosser and Lyall Arthur from Melrose were presented with their 15 year service awards for volunteer driving. The awards were presented by Northern Areas Council Mayor Ben Brown at the annual NPTN Volunteers Christmas Luncheon which was held in Jamestown.



# AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Father Ramel Morales of Booleroo Centre and Ms Yun (Lili) Sun of Melrose (pictured left) undertook the Oath to become Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chambers on 21 September 2021.

Members of Council and guests of the two inductees witnessed the ceremony officiated by Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

Members of Council recently witnessed the citizenship ceremony conducted by Council for Mr Ross Dalton formerly of New Zealand and who now resides at Weeroona Island.

The Ceremony was held prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at the Wilmington Bowling Club.

Mr Ross Dalton (pictured right) receiving his Certificate of Australian Citizenship from Mayor Phillip Heaslip



# COMMUNITY MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Mount View Homes Residents turn 100

In September 2021 Mount View Homes Booleroo Centre celebrated the 100th birthdays of residents Mrs Mabel Trabolt (pictured right top) and Mrs Spice in May 2022 (pictured right bottom).



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### **Trevor Roocke AM JP**

Former Mount Remarkable Mayor and Councillor Trevor Roocke AM JP passed away suddenly on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Trevor was elected to Council in 1983, and served on Council for over 30 years including as Chairman for 23 years 1985-2011.

Trevor served as Vice Chair of the Central Local Government Association and the Northern Local Government Association and as a member of the former LGA State Executive Committee. Through his involvement in the local government and agricultural sectors, he was appointed on numerous State Government committees, working parties and advisory boards.

In his hometown of Booleroo Centre, Trevor played a huge role being involved in various capacities through the Booleroo Centre and Districts Ambulance Service Board, Country Fire Service, Mount View Homes, Civic Centre, Southern Flinders Lutheran Parish, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Primary School, Centenary Committee, 125 year Celebrations Committee, Wepowie Agricultural Bureau, Football Club, Bowling Club, Willowie Golf Club, Flinders Football League and North Western Bowling Association.

Trevor was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2011 for his services to local government, emergency services, agricultural advisory boards and the rural community. Trevor received a Local Government Association certificate recognising his 30 years of service to local government in 2013.

An extraordinary man who gave so much in a voluntary capacity to his community.



# STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

## Staff Fundraising Endeavours

As a result of fundraising efforts throughout the year, Council staff were able to donate \$92.30 to Jeans for Genes Day and \$150 to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

They also contributed \$100 to support the Melrose District Historical Society, with funds raised via their monthly Casual Wear Friday, by sponsoring a tile for Court House/Police Station re-roofing program. To date Casual Wear Friday has raised \$576 and Council staff are looking for other opportunities to distribute remaining funds.

## CEO Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia

Council's CEO Sam Johnson OAM attended the official investiture ceremony at Government House on 3 November 2021 to receive a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to community and to local government.

*CEO Sam Johnson OAM and Governor of SA Hon Frances Adamson AC (pictured right)*



## New staff join the Remarkable team

Following recent recruitment processes due to a resignation and an organisation restructure, we welcome two new staff to Team Remarkable.

## Operations Manager – Nigel Crisp

Nigel Crisp joined the Remarkable team on 6 December 2021 and previously worked as a key leader in the parks and gardens team at The Flinders Ranges Council. Nigel brings local government and private enterprise experience including skills in project management and managing teams.

## Customer Service Officer – Amanda Bell

Amanda Bell joined the Remarkable team on 29 November 2021 and brings extensive customer service and Australia Post experience. Amanda is a former local of the District who has returned recently.

## Multi Skilled Municipal Employee – Bill Hunt

Bill Hunt joined the Remarkable team on 27 April 2022 as a multi-skilled municipal employee. Bill and his partner Amanda recently returned to the District after spending a few years away working around Australia.





### **Council participates in Local Government Professionals SA - Rural Management Challenge**

In November 2021, four District Council of Mount Remarkable employees took a leap out of their comfort zone and participated in the Local Government Rural Management Challenge.

The Challenge, facilitated by LG Professionals SA, is a sophisticated professional development exercise for Local Government employees that builds leadership capacity, team work and problem solving skills.

Four staff from Council were selected for the Challenge – Holly Murray, Rates Officer, Tammy Bastian, Regulatory Administration Officer, Jennifer Frick, Corporate Services Officer, and Kathryn Crisp, Senior Administration Officer (pictured left-right).

Preparation for the Challenge included a pre-challenge task which focussed on how technology will assist Council in meeting the community demands of tomorrow.

The program culminated with a Challenge Day in Adelaide, where we were joined by teams from City of Port Lincoln, Mid Murray Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge, Port Augusta City Council and, the winners, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

The day itself included simulated tasks and situations which relate to various management themes specific to the Local Government sector, and helped participants to develop strategic thinking, leadership, analytical and communication skills.

### **Council employee reaches 40 year local government service milestone**

Council's Director of Infrastructure & Regulatory, Brenton Daw (pictured below), was recently awarded a certificate of recognition for reaching 40 years of service in Local Government.

Brenton's first job when leaving school was a position at his local council in the works department. Some 40 years later, Brenton is still involved in local government, and still within the infrastructure and works area.

Council is proud to have Brenton as a member of our remarkable team, as he provides a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Congratulations Brenton on a stellar career in Local Government.



# APPENDIX ONE



## 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**The Legatus Group Charter requires that the AGM receive the Legatus Group Annual Report which may incorporate reports from committees and any representatives reports from other organisations. The Legatus Group AGM held on Friday 9 September 2022 adopted this report.**

The Legatus Group Charter clause 6.3 Annual Report

6.3.1 The Legatus Group must each year, produce an Annual Report summarising the activities, achievements and financial performance of the Legatus Group for the preceding Financial Year.

6.3.2 The Annual Report must incorporate the audited financial statements of the Legatus Group for the relevant Financial Year.

6.3.3 The Annual Report must be provided to the Constituent Councils by 30 September each year.

The Legatus Group is a regional subsidiary of:

- Adelaide Plains Council
- Barunga West Council
- Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
- Copper Coast Council
- District Council of Mount Remarkable
- District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton
- District Council of Peterborough
- Light Regional Council
- Northern Areas Council
- Port Pirie Regional Council
- Regional Council of Goyder
- The Barossa Council
- The Flinders Ranges Council
- Wakefield Regional Council
- Yorke Peninsula Council

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority. It now continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of its member Councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 by the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

In 2016 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Legatus Group to which it is referred. The Legatus Group is established to:

- undertake co-ordinating, advocacy and representational roles on behalf of its Constituent Councils at a regional level
- facilitate and co-ordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to community and economic development with the object of achieving improvement for the benefit of the communities of its Constituent Councils
- develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and co-operation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other governments, private enterprise and the community
- develop further co-operation between its Constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities of 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 of the region
- undertake projects and activities that benefit the region and its communities
- associate collaborate and work in conjunction with other regional local government bodies for the advancement of matters of common interest.

The Legatus Group is a body corporate and is governed by a Board of Management which has the responsibility to manage all activities of the group and ensure that they act in accordance with its Charter.

**Contact Details:** Address: 20 King Street Mintaro SA 5415 PO Box 1 Mintaro SA 5415 Telephone: 0407819000 Email: [ceo@legatus.sa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@legatus.sa.gov.au) Website: [www.legatus.sa.gov.au](http://www.legatus.sa.gov.au)

**Legatus Group Board of Management:** The Board consists of all principal members (Mayors) of the Constituent Councils which for 2020/2021 were:

Council	Delegate
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Wayne Thomas
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Phillip Heaslip
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Mayor Kathie Bowman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O'Brien
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Ben Browne
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey OAM

The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Greg Flint
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund

**Office Bearers for 2021/22**

Chairman	Mayor Phillip Heaslip
Deputy Chairs	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Rodney Reid
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor Peter Matthey Mayor Bill O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Simon Millcock
Auditor	Dean Newberry and Associates

The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2021/22 year:

- 3 September 2021 Annual General Meeting Orroroo
- 3 September 2021 Ordinary General Meeting Orroroo
- 3 December 2021 Special Meeting online
- 10 December 2021 Ordinary General Meeting Kadina
- 14 February 2022 Special Meeting online
- 21 February 2022 Special Meeting online
- 11 March 2022 Ordinary General Meeting Nuriootpa
- 10 June 2022 Ordinary General Meeting Melrose

There were four advisory committees in 2021/2022 and all agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and these committees are published on the Legatus Group Website. All advisory committee minutes were provided with the agendas to the Legatus Group meetings. The Constituent Councils are provided during the year with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Report, Business Plan, Budget and Financial Reports.

Committee	Members
Audit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Kathie Bowman (Chair)</li> <li>• Mayor Rodney Reid</li> <li>• Mr Peter Ackland</li> <li>• Mr Colin Byles</li> <li>• Mr Ian McDonald</li> </ul>
Management Group (Council CEOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Sam Johnson OAM (Mt Remarkable) (Chair)</li> <li>• Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains)</li> <li>• Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa)</li> <li>• Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West)</li> <li>• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys)</li> <li>• Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast)</li> <li>• Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges)</li> <li>• Mr David Stevenson (Goyder)</li> <li>• Mr Brian Carr (Light)</li> <li>• Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas)</li> <li>• Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo/Carrieton) replaced by Mr Paul Simpson</li> <li>• Mr Stephen Rufus</li> <li>• Mr Peter Ackland (Pirie Regional)</li> <li>• Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield)</li> <li>• Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula)</li> </ul>
Road & Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Helen Macdonald Chair (CEO Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council)</li> <li>• Lee Wallis (Goyder)</li> <li>• Steve Kaesler (Barossa)</li> <li>• Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains)</li> <li>• Mike Wilde (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN)</li> <li>• Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo Carrieton)</li> <li>• Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula)</li> <li>• Stuart Roberts (Wakefield)</li> <li>• Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges)</li> </ul>
Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew MacDonald Chair (CEO Wakefield)</li> <li>• Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys)</li> <li>• Adam Broadbent (Light)</li> <li>• Matthew McRae (Copper Coast)</li> <li>• Riaz Uddin (Goyder)</li> <li>• Hayden Battle (Wakefield)</li> </ul>

### Chairs Report – Mayor Phillip Heaslip

It has been my pleasure to serve in this my inaugural year as Chair and I take this opportunity to report on some of the highlights of the past year.

Internally we have undertaken workshops and surveys to update our Strategic Plan which has been distributed to member councils for their consideration. This will be the subject of a report at the 9 September 2022 Legatus Group Ordinary meeting. We extended the contract of our CEO Mr Simon Millcock until 30 June 2024.

The board has taken an approach over the past three years to not significantly increase members fees whilst using the reserves to undertake both administration and project work including the appointment of an Administration Officer. The board has noted this will need reviewing in the coming year, we plan to have met the targets for our reserves as previously agreed to by June 2023.

The board has focused this year on the key areas of:

- Roads and Transport Infrastructure
- Waste Management – including Wastewater
- Community Capacity Wellbeing
- Environmental Stainability

The Legatus Group provides a pivotal role to member councils in advocating on regional and state-wide issues and this has included:

- Rating equity associated with major energy producers that resulted in Hon Geoff Brock MP introducing a Private Members Bill in December 2021 which was not able to progress as time ran out to pass the Bill during that Parliament. The Legatus Group continued to lobby prior to the State election and then with all Local Members of the new Parliament to reintroduce and support the Bill.

- Wellbeing and Mental Health via a Memorandum of Understanding with Lifeline Country to Coast to support the existing and develop new Connect Centres within the region. This has gained traction with Hon Geoff Brock MP, Fraser Ellis MP and Penny Pratt MP co-signing a letter to the Minister for Health to support the Legatus Group – Lifeline recommendations. This included support for the extension of the two Family and Business Support Mentors through Dept Primary Industries and Regions within our northern councils.
- Assisted with matters relating to Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS) which has seen a review and CWMS reform program.
- Delivered the SA Regional Organisation of Councils a SA Regional Road Priority Project.
- Assisted with the Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan in partnership with Regional Development Australia Organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The Legatus Group provided support at a regional and state level with forums, workshops and webinars including:

- SA CWMS Conference
- Legatus Group Waste Forum
- Yorke Mid North Alliance Regional Planning Forum
- Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum
- Accessible Tourism Forum
- Ageing and Disability Lifestyle Expo
- Community Development Forum
- Aboriginal self-determination Webinar
- Native Foods Cultural Awareness Forum

Key reports and projects supported this year by the Legatus Group were:

- Smart Irrigation (Copper Coast & Orroroo Carrieton)
- Stormwater Harvesting (Copper Coast, Light & Adelaide Plains)
- CWMS Pump Monitoring and Management (Copper Coast)
- South Flinders Storytelling Brighter Futures Podcast project
- Legatus Group Regional Local Roads Plan database updates
- CWMS on-line training project
- Handling Customer Request processes
- Assessment of Bridge and Culverts report
- Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026
- Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement
- Opportunities for the Development of Accessible Tourism on the Yorke Peninsula
- Remarkable Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism report

Whilst we have commenced the Regional Workforce Attraction, Development & Retention Action Plan for the Legatus Group LGAs in collaboration with Torrens University Australia.

Direct support has been provided to successful grant applications for the region:

- 2021 SLRP grants resulting in over \$3.8m for local roads.
- Resilient Coastal Ecosystems for Environment and Tourism works in coastal areas adjacent to the Walk the Yorke trail with just under \$1m awarded as part of a \$1.6m, 3-year project.

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Current grant applications that the Legatus Group are involved with are:

- Pilot Organics Processing Plant at Peterborough
- Carbon Offsetting for Local Government
- Climate Resilient Asset Capacity Augmentation for Community Wastewater Management with Constructed Floating Wetland Systems
- Caravan / RV Dump Point Project
- LG Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils

The Legatus Group continued to support the South Australia Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub as a Local Government project partner and it was pleasing to see its head office open in Roseworthy and one of the nodes in Orroroo.

Roadworks on National and State Highways continues to progress whilst the Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee have been active this year via updates to our Regional Roads Plan and renewed Deficiency Action Plan.

There has been significant support for equity associated with the Special Local Roads Program funding and we look forward to positive outcomes especially for the Yorke Peninsula Council application in the upcoming announcements.

The 2021 Legatus Group Road and Transport Forum provided the opportunity for member councils to come together and discuss and be more informed on issues around areas such as heavy vehicle access.

Whilst not relevant to all member councils the Assessment on Bridge and Culverts report is a valuable step in identifying the regions priorities.

The release of the Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026 has been of major interest to members in the area of waste and recycling. Local Government needs to work cooperatively with the SA Government including both Green Industries SA and the EPA in making a significant contribution to positive reforms currently taking place in South Australia.

The South Australian Government released the South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-25, showing that Regional Waste Management Plans are to be in place for all SA regional local government areas and/or regional city clusters by 2023. The Plans are required to set regionally appropriate and progressive waste diversion targets. The 20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy identifies opportunities for development in regional areas, including in investment in:

- equipment and facilities for waste compaction and bulk hauling to reduce costs of transporting waste to end markets;
- expanding or developing commercial composting organics from MSW and industries such as vineyards, orchards and other agriculture; and
- developing high-value organics products.

In March 2021, the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils through the Legatus Group released a Report on Waste Management Infrastructure for South Australian Regional Councils to assist with future actions regarding Waste Management for Regional Local Governments in SA.

Through our partnerships with the University sector, we have released in 2021 reports on:



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- Making and Using Organic Compost
  - Implementing the Circular Economy in SA
  - A supply chain analysis of the circular economy in regional South Australia

The Legatus Group has identified a series of targeted projects that leverage advocacy and collaboration activities to deliver targeted outcomes for the region through the Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026 and its Action Plan.

We continue to encourage and foster closer working relationships with the three Regional Development Australia (RDA) organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The region has been proactive in supporting the challenges of our changing environment through the development of the Sector Agreement for the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and we now have the Barossa Light Adelaide Plains councils incorporated into this plan. The continued support for the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan included the coordination of workshops and a grant application through the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board. The Legatus Group have been an active supporter of the SA Coastal Council Alliance.

The Legatus Group have supported and are an active partner in the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee and staged a number of webinars, workshops and forums.

We acknowledge the RDA's who have committed their staff to be members of several Legatus Group Advisory Committee and or Project Reference Groups. The Legatus Group CEO and staff committed large amounts of time to the development of many Conferences and Forums. I also note with positivity the CEO and staff's efforts to support other regional councils through their roles.

The collaboration and establishment of MoUs and partnerships with universities has been strengthened during the past year and provided valuable reports through research and partnerships and provides cost effective research projects.

The Audit and Risk Management Group Committee have ensured that the work plan has assisted us in improving our governance and recommendations around variations to our policies.

There has been valuable feedback gained from the Legatus Group Management Group meetings and information sharing opportunities by and for this CEO group.

The Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee assisted in gaining a further extension of the Joint CWMS program until June 2023, staging of a successful SA conference, developing an online training program and assisting with the reforms being developed by the LGA CWMS Committee.

It was noticeable that there was a reduced attendance by the State Government Members of Parliament and our Federal Member although the Hon Geoff Brock MP is an exception and is a regular attendee.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has taken a proactive role in progressing the strategic initiatives of the region. I thank Mayors Bill O'Brien and Rodney Reid for your roles as Deputy Chairs, Mayors Bill O'Brien and Peter Matthey as our SAROC representatives and Mayor Kathy Bowman as Chair of our Audit and Risk Management Committee.

I note that the reports prepared by the Legatus Group CEO and progressed to SAROC and other stakeholders and partners in all tiers of government continue to be well received. The organisations

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positive approach to strong partnerships and a collaborative approach, with our other regional local government associations, stakeholders and tiers of government continues.

These activities are coordinated and managed by our CEO Mr Simon Millcock. I wish to thank him for his committed, dedicated and consistent approach in the development and delivery of the goals and directions of the board.

I would like to acknowledge all the Board members and those who have committed time to the Advisory Committees. Your valuable service to our communities and the region continues to provide much needed leadership into the future.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip

Chairman Legatus Group

### **CEO Report – Mr Simon Millcock**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the support provided to me by the Chair Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Deputy Chairs Mayor Rodney Reid and Bill O'Brien, Board, CEOs, Committees, Regional Partners and the Legatus Group staff for the past year.

This year saw the scaling back on some of project work with a focus on a more consolidated approach by the board to reflect the strategic priorities whilst continuing to support state-wide, regional and subregional programs and research.

This was made possible by the boards continued approach to reducing their reserves and utilising the carry over and grant funding from the LGA Regional Capacity Building Allocations.

We were not as successful with grant applications compared to recent years but all contracts for grants and projects have been acquitted and reported on accordingly. In last year's annual report, I outlined consideration is needed to not raise expectations of increased capacity and or project delivery into the future due to the reliance on grants. This has now included the closure of the Legatus Group Office and its associated costs. Whilst the financial services have seen a significant increase as we moved away from member councils providing this service at a reduced rate.

\$103,927 was generated from other income streams and council contributions were \$170,400. As such 62% of the Legatus Group's income came from its membership fees. The 15-member council contributions during the previous five years had been on average around 26% of the Legatus Group Income. Individually members contributions to the overall income were 4% and is significantly lower than other Regional LGAs.

The result is that the Legatus Group is in a sound financial position to cover its forthcoming liabilities and this is reflected in the 2022 – 2023 business plan and budget. The board has noted that the current use of reserves to fund some administration costs beyond June 2023 is not sustainable and that this is to be addressed in the coming year.

Due to the APR.Intern program no longer being accessible there was a reduction in the level of funding available for cost effective research although the partnerships with the Universities have continued to add value to our programs.

This year saw my attendance and deliver of agendas, minutes and reports to close to 40 Legatus Group Board, Advisory Committee, Yorke Mid North Alliance and SAROC meetings whilst managing the delivery of state and regional forums, workshops and webinars. There was considerable time spent with the development and management of reference groups for nearly all projects.

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Employment numbers were reduced this year to a part time Project Manager Dr Paul Chapman (partly funded through the LGA CWMS Management Committee). The board supported having a part time administration officer and after the initial contract fell through, we were able to contract Tracey Rains who commenced in November 2021. This caused some reduced level of productivity but has now provided beneficial outcomes with Tracey having been in place for several months.

A significant amount of time was provided on the review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan which is currently with Councils for their consideration whilst the Charter updates are also with member councils and these are reflective of the current thinking of the board.

Following a variation to the format for the Legatus Regional Management Group (CEOs) they have taken on a forum style approach as opposed to a meeting style.

In collaboration with the LGA this year saw a large commitment of my time in progressing the advocacy on Rating Equity through initially the Legatus Group then SA Regional Organisation of Councils and the LGA Board.

My representation includes as a member of the Yorke Mid North Alliance, LGA Regional CEOs Forum and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

I provided a regional voice to help support the local government sector in the following areas:

- Local Govt Grants Network Best Practice Grants Guide
- Judge for the Local Government Information Technology SA Incorporated Awards
- Creative Industries Think Tank
- SA Volunteer Conference and Regional Network

The Legatus Group Website was updated and a bi monthly CEO Newsletter developed along with increased publication on social media to keep members and partners informed. The following were delivered and or published and they flow on from previous projects and reports.

#### Waste

- Legatus Group Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy and Action Plan
- Implementing the Circular Economy in SA research paper
- A supply chain analysis of the Circular Economy in Regional South Australia
- 3 videos featuring volunteer based recycling projects in the Barossa Valley and Clare and Gilbert Valleys
- Endorsement of the content for 9 CWMS on-line training videos

#### Roads / Transport

- SA Regional Road Priority Report
- Bridge Deficiency Report
- Legatus Group Road Deficiency Action Plan 2022 Minor Update

#### Community / Tourism

- SA Film Corp publication featuring 9 of the member councils as Film Friendly Councils from the Flinders Ranges, Southern Flinders and Yorke Peninsula regions

- Brighter Futures Storytelling / Podcasts featuring 7 communities across the Southern Flinders Ranges
- Partner with the Opening the Door to Nature – accessible tourism project to be delivered across the region in 2022/2023
- Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences Yorke Peninsula report
- Remarkable South Flinders Ranges Tourism Alliance report

An update on the Wellbeing Gap Analysis was completed in June 2022 and this has been used as the basis for the joint approach to the Minister for Health by local MPs, Lifeline and Legatus Group for increased resources in the centralised model for mental health.

Following a workshop to identify business systems for member councils and with some seed funding the project Handling Customer Request Processes was developed by the Port Pirie Regional Council with several member councils involved.

The Local Govt Workforce research project with Torrens University commenced and a final report is due in September 2022.

I would like to sincerely thank the support I received from Paul Chapman, Tracey Rains and Colin Davies. Working as a team in isolation across a myriad of topics had its challenges but the resulting work from all was of a professional standard that reflected well for the Legatus Group.

Simon Millcock

CEO Legatus Group

#### **Chair Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee – Mayor Kathy Bowman**

This is a summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2021-2022.

The committee met on 4 occasions with 2 special meetings which is accordance with the Charter with the following attendance.

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of Members Attending</b>
24 August 2021	4
30 August 2021(Special Meeting)	3
22 November 2021	4
30 November 2021(Special Meeting)	5
1 March 2022	5
24 May 2022	4

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>No of Meetings Attended</b>
Chairman Mayor Kathie Bowman	3
Mayor Rodney Reid	6

Peter Ackland	4
Colin Byles	6
Ian McDonald	6

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2021-2022 year.

Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Board
Financial Report	No issues, unqualified audit, adopted for the 21/22 financial year.
Review of budget against actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure identified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets.
Review of work plan, internal controls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work planned maintained and adoption of recommendations by Auditor re policies.</li> <li>2. Recommended and supported workshop on strategic plans and long term financial plan with appropriate recommendations to the board.</li> <li>3. Assisted with and provided recommendations re the provision of Financial Management Services.</li> </ol>
Charter	Recommended the Legatus Group adopt a variation to the Legatus Group Charter and supported the development of workshop to review the updated charter and its subsequent recommendation to distribute the revised charter to the board for their consideration.
Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the development of the 2021-2022 business plan and budget and its quarterly updates.</li> <li>2. Noted and supported the development of a workshop for updating the Legatus Group Strategic Plan and provided input to the review.</li> </ol>
Membership	Recommendations to Board re membership of Audit Committee
Equity / reserves	Recommendations to Board on the levels to be held

Mayor Kathy Bowman

Chairman Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee

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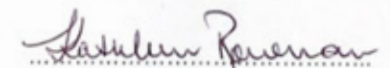
### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2022

#### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Group 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 Group's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Group provide a reasonable assurance that the Group's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Group's accounting and other records.

  
Simon Francis MILLCOCK  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

  
Mayor Kathie BOWMAN  
CHAIR, Audit & Risk Management  
Committee

Date: 9 SEPT 2022.



**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Council Contributions	2	<b>170,400</b>	177,525
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	<b>93,783</b>	333,151
Investment income	2	<b>7,032</b>	8,188
Reimbursements	2	-	75,400
Other income	2	<b>3,108</b>	15,279
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>274,323</u></b>	<b><u>609,543</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	<b>263,171</b>	352,082
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	<b>305,395</b>	555,477
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	<b>7,209</b>	5,489
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>575,775</u></b>	<b><u>913,048</u></b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(301,453)</b>	<b>(303,505)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(301,453)</b>	<b>(303,505)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b><u>(301,453)</u></b>	<b><u>(303,505)</u></b>

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

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2022

ASSETS	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	657,733	929,918
Trade & other receivables	4	<u>2,152</u>	<u>39,970</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b><u>659,885</u></b>	<b><u>969,888</u></b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	5	<u>13,872</u>	<u>19,361</u>
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b><u>13,872</u></b>	<b><u>19,361</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>673,757</u></b>	<b><u>989,249</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	6	15,037	37,162
Provisions	6	<u>23,881</u>	<u>19,350</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>38,918</u></b>	<b><u>56,512</u></b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6	<u>15,667</u>	<u>12,113</u>
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>15,667</u></b>	<b><u>12,113</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b><u>54,585</u></b>	<b><u>68,625</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>619,172</u></b>	<b><u>920,624</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		349,402	650,854
Other Reserves	7	<u>269,770</u>	<u>269,770</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b><u>619,172</u></b>	<b><u>920,624</u></b>

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2022

		Accumulated Surplus	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2022	Notes	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		650,854	269,770	920,624
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(301,453)</b>	-	<b>(301,453)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		<b>349,402</b>	<b>269,770</b>	<b>619,172</b>
2021				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		704,359	519,770	1,224,129
Restated opening balance		704,359	519,770	1,224,129
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(303,505)</b>	-	<b>(303,505)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>				
Transfers between reserves	7	250,000	(250,000)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		<b>650,854</b>	<b>269,770</b>	<b>920,624</b>

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Council Contributions		170,400	177,525
Investment receipts		7,032	8,188
Grants utilised for operating purposes		131,599	387,027
Reimbursements		-	75,400
Other revenues		3,108	15,279
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(255,086)	(338,002)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(327,520)	(653,504)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	8	<b>(270,467)</b>	<b>(328,087)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,720)	-
Purchase of investment property		-	-
Net purchase of investment securities		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loans made to community groups		-	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(1,720)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		-	-
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		-	-
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(272,187)</b>	<b>(328,087)</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	8	929,919	1,258,006
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	8	<b>657,733</b>	<b>929,919</b>

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

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

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

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

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

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

#### 1.1 Historical Cost Convention

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

#### 1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Legatus Group ("the Group") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Constituent Councils are:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Barossa Council               | 2. District Council of Mount Remarkable  |
| 3. Barunga West Council              | 4. Northern Areas Council                |
| 5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council | 6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| 7. Copper Coast Council              | 8. District Council of Peterborough      |
| 9. The Flinders Ranges Council       | 10. Port Pirie Regional Council          |
| 11. Regional Council of Goyder       | 12. Wakefield Regional Council           |
| 13. Light Regional Council           | 14. Yorke Peninsula Council, and         |
| 15. Adelaide Plains Council.         |  |

All funds received and expended by the Group have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

#### 1.3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Group 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 Group's operations for the current reporting period.

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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

Receivables for generally unsecured and do not bear interest. All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 10.

#### 1.5 Vehicles & Contents

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

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Group for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows:

Contents	\$2,000
Motor Vehicles	\$5,000

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

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below.

Contents	1 to 5 years
Motor Vehicles	3 to 5 years

#### 1.6 Payables

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

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

#### 1.7 Employee Benefits

##### Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

The Group has 2 FTE employees as at the 30 June 2022, a Chief Executive Officer, a part-time Project Officer and a part-time Admin Officer. Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10 year bond rates.

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

#### 1.8 Superannuation

The Group contributes the statutory 10.0% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff. This will increase to 10.5% for the 2022-23 financial year.

#### 1.9 GST Implications

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

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

#### 1.10 Leases

In the previous year, the Group performed an assessment of the potential impact of AASB 16 *Leases*. The Group is only engaged in a short-term lease as per Section 5 of AASB 16 and therefore the lease is recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### 1.11 New Accounting Standards

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

The Group has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2022 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 2018-6 Amendments to Australia Accounting Standards – Definition of a Business

AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvement 2018-2020 and Other Amendments

AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

The Group 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.

#### 1.12 Economic Dependencies

The Group is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Group. Should the Group not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Group to continue operating as a going concern.

#### 1.13 Disclaimer

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

#### 1.14 Comparative Information

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

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 2 - INCOME

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<u>General Contribution</u>	<u>170,400</u>	<u>177,525</u>
	<u>170,400</u>	<u>177,525</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	7,032	8,185
Banks	-	3
	<u>7,032</u>	<u>8,188</u>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
- for Internships	-	75,400
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,400</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship	3,108	15,279
	<u>3,108</u>	<u>15,279</u>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Waste Management	-	60,000
CWMS	28,000	61,000
Coastal Management	-	140,000
Research & Development	-	26,000
Regional Capacity	42,783	-
SA Road Funding	15,000	-
NRM - - Landscape Priority	8,000	-
Sundry	-	46,151
	<u>93,783</u>	<u>333,151</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 10.</i>		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
State government	8,000	174,000
LGA	85,783	159,151
	<u>93,783</u>	<u>333,151</u>



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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>		
Salaries and Wages	198,882	281,829
Employee leave expense	31,768	33,226
Superannuation	22,064	28,510
Workers' Compensation Insurance	4,232	2,012
Professional Development	127	400
FBT	6,098	6,106
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>	<b>263,171</b>	<b>352,082</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>		
Auditor's Remuneration	2,338	2,238
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	2,338	2,238
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>		
Contractors & Consultants	241,380	461,067
Legal Expenses	80	-
Unleaded Fuel	4,075	3,053
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	2,752	2,754
Members Allowances & Support	4,125	5,500
Meetings & Conferences	4,807	23,692
Insurance	8,921	7,980
Rental - Premises	9,603	9,442
Advertising	704	3,905
Accommodation	1,932	3,587
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	263	2,790
Travel - Reimbursement	1,124	2,086
Catering & Meals	7,372	17,142
Telephone & Internet	3,871	5,797
IT & Web	10,963	-
Postage/Stationery	784	594
Sundry	300	3,849
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	303,057	553,239
	<b>305,395</b>	<b>555,477</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Motor Vehicle	5,489	5,489
Contents	1,720	-
	<b>7,209</b>	<b>5,489</b>

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

##### CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	12,324	91,271
Deposits at Call	645,409	838,647
	<u>657,733</u>	<u>929,918</u>

##### TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Accrued Revenues	495	224
Debtors - General	-	39,270
GST / FBT Recoupment	1,657	476
	<u>2,152</u>	<u>39,970</u>

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 5 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS - VEHICLES & CONTENTS

	2021 \$				2022 \$			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Motor Vehicles	-	28,967	(9,606)	19,361	-	28,967	(15,095)	13,872
Contents	-	3,948	(3,948)	-	-	3,678	(3,678)	-
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	-	32,915	(13,554)	19,361	-	32,645	(18,773)	13,872
<i>Comparatives</i>	-	<b>32,915</b>	<b>(8,065)</b>	<b>24,850</b>	-	<b>32,915</b>	<b>(13,554)</b>	<b>19,361</b>

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$										2022 \$	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals		Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT	
		New/Upgrade	Renewals					In	Out			
Motor Vehicles	19,361	-	-	-	(5,489)	-	-	-	-	-	13,872	
Contents	-	1,720	-	-	(1,720)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	19,361	1,720	-	-	(7,209)	-	-	-	-	-	13,872	
<i>Comparatives</i>	24,850	-	-	-	(5,489)	-	-	-	-	-	19,361	

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 6 - LIABILITIES

	2022		2021	
	\$		\$	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>				
Goods & Services	2,205	-	32,740	-
Payments received in advance	7,500	-	-	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	4,082	-	2,160	-
Accrued expenses - other	1,250	-	1,759	-
GST & PAYG	-	-	503	-
	<u>15,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,162</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROVISIONS</b>				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	23,881	-	19,350	-
Employee entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	15,667	-	12,113
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc				
Other				
	<u>23,881</u>	<u>15,667</u>	<u>19,350</u>	<u>12,113</u>

#### Note 7 - RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	269,770
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<u>269,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,770</u>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<u>519,770</u>		<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>269,770</u>

#### PURPOSES OF RESERVES

##### Other Reserves

*This reserve was established to provide for one year of basic operation (employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, materials), should no revenue be received.*

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### 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	2022 \$	2021 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	<u>657,733</u>	<u>929,918</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>657,733</u>	<u>929,918</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(301,453)	(303,505)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		7,209	5,489
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		8,085	14,080
		(286,159)	(283,936)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		37,818	53,875
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(22,125)	(98,027)
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<u>(270,466)</u>	<u>(328,088)</u>

#### (c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

#### (d) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	1,000	1,000
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### Note 9 - FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Region are categorised into the following programs, projects & activities:

- 1 Corporate Function
- 2 P001 - Regional & Community Sustainability
- 3 P003 - Regional Waste Management
- 4 P005 - Natural resources Management
- 5 P007 - LGA R&D projects
- 6 P009 - CWMS & Climate Change Co-ordinator
- 7 P017 - Waste Management Composting
- 8 P019 - Coastal Adaptation
- 9 P022 - Roads & Transport
- 10 P027 - Community Capacity Building
- 11 P028 - Regional Capacity Building
- 12 P029 - LGA R&D Projects
- 13 P032 - Sustainability Hub
- 14 P031 - Digital Maturity Index
- 15 P034 - N&Y Coastal Management Action Plan
- 16 P036 - LGA - R&D Regional Youth Volunteering
- 17 P037 - Creative Industries Project
- 18 P038 - Regional Waste Strategy
- 19 P040 - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- 20 P042 - Drought Wellbeing Project
- 21 P043 - Stormwater Harvesting Trial
- 22 P044 - IT Data Gathering & Digital Research
- 23 P045 - Aboriginal Engagement Committee

Income and expenses have been attributed to the functions/activities throughout the financial year.

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

##### Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits** **Accounting Policy:** Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

**Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 1.05% as at 30 June 2022

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

**Receivables - Trade & other debtors**

**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.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**

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

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

##### Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	657,733	-	-	657,733	657,733
Receivables	2,152	-	-	2,152	2,152
Other Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>659,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>659,885</b>	<b>659,885</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,250
Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	929,918	-	-	929,918	929,918
Receivables	39,970	-	-	39,970	39,970
Other Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>969,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>969,888</b>	<b>969,888</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	35,002	-	-	35,002	35,002
Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,002</b>	<b>35,002</b>

##### Net Fair Value

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

##### Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 11 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2022	2021	2020
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

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

#### Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(109.9%)	(49.8%)	31.2%
Total Operating Income			

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

#### Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(221%)	(148%)	(165%)
Total Operating Income			

*Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

#### Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	0%	0%	305%
Depreciation Expenditure			

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

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 12 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Group 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

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income	274,323	609,543
Expenses	<u>(575,775)</u>	<u>(913,048)</u>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>	<b>(303,505)</b>
<b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,209	5,489
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>7,209</b>	<b>5,489</b>
<b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>	<b>(1,720)</b>	-
Amounts received spec. for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>(1,720)</b>	-
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b><u>(295,964)</u></b>	<b><u>(298,016)</u></b>



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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Note 13 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

#### KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Group include the 15 Mayors/Chairpersons of the constituent Councils and the CEO. In all, 1 person was paid the following total compensation:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	158,801	154,050
Member Allowance	4,125	5,500
Post-employment benefits	15,880	14,635
FBT	6,098	6,106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184,904</b>	<b>180,291</b>

The Group received the following amounts in total:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

During the reporting period, no Key Management Personnel or parties related to them had any transactions on more favourable terms than those available to the general public.

#### OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from Related Parties during the financial year and owed by Related Parties at the end of the financial year (inclusive of GST).	Received 2022 \$	Outstanding 2022 \$
The Barossa Council	12,496	-
Barunga West Council	12,496	-
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	12,496	-
Copper Coast Council	12,496	-
The Flinders Ranges Council	12,496	-
Regional Council of Goyder	12,496	-
Light Regional Council	12,496	-
Adelaide Plains Council	12,496	-
District Council of Mount Remarkable	12,496	-
Northern Areas Council	12,496	-
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	12,496	-
District Council of Peterborough	12,496	-
Port Pirie Regional Council	12,496	-
Wakefield Regional Council	12,496	-
Yorke Peninsula Council	12,496	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187,440</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Description of Services provided to all Related Parties above:

The Legatus Group is the peak regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The Legatus Group's primary purpose focuses on the wealth, wellbeing and social cohesion of these communities via a sustainable approach of productive landscapes and natural environment. Its focus is on the key roles of local government.

The Group has Five Primary Goals and numerous strategies to achieve these are outlined in the Group's Strategic Plan 2018-2028 which is available on the Group's website.

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## **LEGATUS GROUP**

### **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022**

#### **Note 14 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

#### **Note 15 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE**

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2022 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

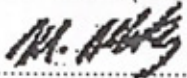
# LEGATUS GROUP

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2022

### CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Legatus Group for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

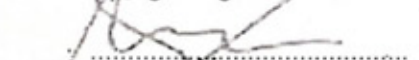
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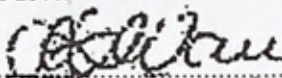
  
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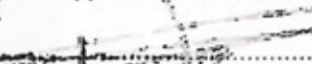
  
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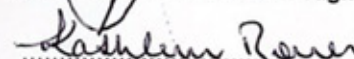
  
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Kathleen Boreman  
CHAIR, Legatus Group  
Audit & Risk Management Committee

  
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CHAIR  
Legatus Group

Date: 9 SEPT 2022

# APPENDIX TWO

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## **District Council of Mount Remarkable General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2022**

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**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
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**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

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**District Council of Mount Remarkable  
Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**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 2022 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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**Sam Johnson**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Stephen McCarthy**  
**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR**

**Date:** 15 February 2023

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	4,278,404	4,083,355
Statutory charges	2	93,507	71,593
User charges	2	888,641	933,342
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,521,349	3,740,742
Investment income	2	34,672	54,168
Reimbursements	2	89,132	103,556
Other income	2	435,335	180,535
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>9,341,040</b>	<b>9,167,291</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	2,312,019	2,542,074
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	4,097,785	3,843,099
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	2,445,898	2,417,078
Finance costs	3	57,495	38,188
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>8,913,197</b>	<b>8,840,439</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>427,843</b>	<b>326,852</b>
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	162,245	(6,370)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	635,411	612,000
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b> (transferred to Equity Statement)		<b>1,225,499</b>	<b>932,482</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>1,225,499</b>	<b>932,482</b>

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

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 30 June 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	<b>4,830,264</b>	4,607,008
Trade & other receivables	5	<b>874,886</b>	761,069
Inventories	5	<b>11,000</b>	8,782
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b><u>5,716,150</u></b>	<u>5,376,859</u>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Financial assets	6	<b>81,734</b>	176,658
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	<b>63,911,064</b>	64,284,691
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b><u>63,992,798</u></b>	<u>64,461,349</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>69,708,948</u></b>	<u>69,838,208</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	<b>603,760</b>	1,239,270
Borrowings	8	<b>78,936</b>	131,540
Provisions	8	<b>286,928</b>	366,965
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>969,624</u></b>	<u>1,737,775</u>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	8	<b>637,270</b>	1,220,206
Provisions	8	<b>47,290</b>	50,962
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>684,560</u></b>	<u>1,271,168</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b><u>1,654,183</u></b>	<u>3,008,943</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>68,054,765</u></b>	<u>66,829,265</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		<b>38,690,626</b>	37,465,126
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	<b>27,857,330</b>	27,857,330
Other Reserves	9	<b>1,506,809</b>	1,506,809
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b><u>68,054,765</u></b>	<u>66,829,265</u>

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



## District Council of Mount Remarkable

### Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	Notes	Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period			37,465,126	27,857,330	1,506,809	66,829,265
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>			<b>1,225,499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,225,499</b>
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		9	<b>38,690,626</b>	<b>27,857,330</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>	<b>68,054,765</b>
Balance at end of previous reporting period			36,532,644	27,857,330	1,506,809	65,896,783
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>			<b>932,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>932,482</b>
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		9	<b>37,465,126</b>	<b>27,857,330</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>	<b>66,829,265</b>

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

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Rates - general & other		4,245,921	4,121,686
Fees & other charges		102,858	78,752
User charges		1,096,213	995,213
Investment receipts		27,073	55,005
Grants utilised for operating purposes		3,873,484	3,815,557
Reimbursements		98,045	12,462
Other revenues		391,777	2,305
<i>Payments:</i>			
Employee costs		(2,359,504)	(2,481,649)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(5,387,099)	(4,484,948)
Finance payments		(57,495)	(38,188)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>		<b>2,031,274</b>	<b>2,076,194</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		635,411	612,000
Sale of replaced assets		313,864	126,255
Sale of surplus assets		-	190,500
Repayments of loans by community groups		102,138	26,379
<i>Payments:</i>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,541,483)	(2,178,217)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(682,408)	(1,090,993)
Loans made to community groups		-	(80,000)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(1,172,478)</b>	<b>(2,394,076)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	560,000
<i>Payments:</i>			
Repayments of borrowings		(635,540)	(72,289)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>(635,540)</b>	<b>487,711</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>223,255</b>	<b>169,829</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	10	4,607,008	4,437,179
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4,830,264</b>	<b>4,607,008</b>

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

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**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 dated 13 February 2023.

**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 dollar.

**1.5 Covid-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the 2021/22 financial statements. The financial impacts are a direct result of either Council's response to the pandemic or due to mandatory shutdowns as directed by the Australian Government and the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and SA Health.

**2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

The District Council of Mt Remarkable is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 3 Stuart Street, Melrose SA 5483.

**3 Income recognition**

**3.1 Revenue**

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

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

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

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

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2016-17	3,037,238	2,005,111	+	1,032,127
2017-18	2,010,993	1,989,496	+	21,497
2018-19	2,506,403	2,674,000	-	167,597
2019-20	2,056,844	2,001,362	+	55,482
2020-21	1,986,465	2,010,327	-	23,862
2021-22	2,667,883	2,065,975	+	599,392

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

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 14 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

### 3.2 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. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

## 4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

### 4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

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.

### 4.2 Other Financial Instruments

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 also form part of Note 11.

## 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.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**6.1 Initial Recognition**

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

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

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

**6.2 Materiality**

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

**6.3 Subsequent Recognition**

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

**6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

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

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

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in Note 7. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

**6.5 Impairment**

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

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

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

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

**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**

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

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 Provisions**

**9.1 Employee Benefits**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

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

Superannuation:

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 15.

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**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

**9.2 Provisions for reinstatement, restoration, rehabilitation.**

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

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

**10 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.

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 2 - INCOME**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>			
<u>General Rates</u>		<b>3,192,108</b>	3,154,196
Less: Mandatory rebates		<b>(34,131)</b>	(42,594)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		<b>(50,745)</b>	(46,060)
		<b>3,107,232</b>	3,065,542
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Landscape Levy		<b>136,960</b>	135,092
Waste collection		<b>503,542</b>	340,621
Water supply		<b>56,385</b>	54,288
Community wastewater management systems		<b>432,850</b>	442,770
		<b>1,129,737</b>	972,771
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		<b>35,200</b>	37,896
Legal & other costs recovered		<b>6,236</b>	7,146
		<b>41,435</b>	45,042
		<b>4,278,404</b>	4,083,355
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>			
Development Act fees		<b>48,707</b>	39,833
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		<b>8,754</b>	1,714
Animal registration fees & fines		<b>23,401</b>	15,102
Fire Prevention fees & fines		<b>807</b>	6,138
Rates & Property Searches fees		<b>11,838</b>	8,806
		<b>93,507</b>	71,593
<b>USER CHARGES</b>			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		<b>18,270</b>	21,832
Waste Management fees		<b>136,023</b>	131,464
Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park fees		<b>676,976</b>	719,780
Community Bus fees		<b>5,411</b>	5,035
Weeroona Island Water Supply fees		<b>13,657</b>	12,124
Melrose Post Office fees		<b>35,719</b>	40,272
Sundry		<b>2,585</b>	2,835
		<b>888,641</b>	933,342



**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 2 - INCOME (con't)**

<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		21,881	20,695
Banks & other		2,651	7,596
Loans to community groups		10,140	25,877
		<b>34,672</b>	<b>54,168</b>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>			
Private works		841	6,988
Environmental Health Officer		3,592	-
Insurance Claim Reimbursements		30,828	-
Booloroo Centre Swimming Pool Reimbursements		27,041	24,023
LGA Workers Compensation Scheme Reimbursements		-	-
LG Income Protection Fund Reimbursement		-	6,988
Other		26,830	65,557
		<b>89,132</b>	<b>103,556</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Northern Passenger Transport Network		44,165	37,102
Fuel Tax Credits		32,521	28,613
Economic Development Income		101,607	-
Sporting Facilities		33,516	-
Road Reserves & Rental		27,500	26,872
Sundry		196,026	87,948
		<b>435,335</b>	<b>180,535</b>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		635,411	612,000
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		2,667,883	2,282,126
Roads to Recovery		612,000	678,150
Northern Passenger Transport Network		228,259	253,016
Sundry		13,207	527,450
		<b>3,521,349</b>	<b>3,740,742</b>
		<b>4,156,760</b>	<b>4,352,742</b>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 11.</i>			
<b>Sources of grants</b>			
Commonwealth government		1,247,411	1,290,150
State government		2,909,349	3,062,592
Other		-	-
		<b>4,156,760</b>	<b>4,352,742</b>

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 3 - EXPENSE**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		1,998,939	2,308,551
Employee leave expense		237,883	468,395
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	198,464	183,407
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	15	23,621	36,108
Workers' Compensation Insurance		82,893	70,378
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(229,781)</u>	<u>(524,765)</u>
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b><u>2,312,019</u></b>	<b><u>2,542,074</u></b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		13,000	19,898
Elected members' expenses		81,966	83,099
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>94,966</u>	<u>102,997</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Electricity		50,505	48,338
Gas		1,185	2,225
Water		118,847	102,286
Telephone & Internet		47,798	41,430
Fuels		299,970	206,893
Levies paid to government - Landscape levy		133,588	129,259
- Other Levies		103,643	108,494
Road & General Maintenance Materials		173,275	36,608
Office Consumables		3,776	8,722
Information Technology		203,019	133,827
Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park		270,272	427,317
Other Materials		234,148	199,015
Cleaning		90,943	-
Consultancy & Professional Services		221,656	149,020
Waste Management Services		246,070	254,224
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs		272,141	269,820
Capital Expenditure		1,994,110	3,619,693
Freight		7,293	4,407
Desludging		-	23,535
Other Contractual Services		465,438	586,707
Legal Expenses		177,468	60,654
Fringe Benefits Tax		45,122	20,917

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE con't**

	2022	2021
Notes	\$	\$
Travel & Accommodation	22,105	19,597
Conferences & Seminars	68,431	70,249
Memberships & Subscriptions	32,472	29,604
Printing & Postage	29,874	25,011
Publishing & Advertising	43,073	30,685
Contributions - Flinders Mobile Library	90,451	89,160
Contributions - Other	26,736	28,714
Vehicle Registrations	69,567	72,194
Grants to External Bodies	67,277	57,605
Insurances	268,032	220,780
Other Expenses	93,597	257,620
Melrose Post Office - Stock Purchases	10,533	12,182
Bank Fees	14,515	13,003
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs	<u>(1,994,110)</u>	<u>(3,619,693)</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	<u>4,002,820</u>	<u>3,740,102</u>
	<u>4,097,786</u>	<u>3,843,099</u>
 <b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Plant & Equipment	351,468	354,603
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	1,317,015	1,336,051
CWMS	174,424	186,649
Other Assets	143,094	95,191
Buildings	430,966	412,892
Office Furniture & Equipment	<u>28,931</u>	<u>31,692</u>
	<u>2,445,898</u>	<u>2,417,078</u>
 <b>FINANCE COSTS</b>		
Interest on Loans	<u>57,495</u>	<u>38,188</u>
	<u>57,495</u>	<u>38,188</u>

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**Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		313,864	126,255
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		151,619	112,956
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>		<b>162,245</b>	<b>13,299</b>
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		-	190,500
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		-	210,169
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(19,669)</b>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</b>		<b>162,245</b>	<b>(6,370)</b>

**Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS**

<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		1,334,084	993,709
Deposits at Call		3,496,180	3,613,299
		<b>4,830,264</b>	<b>4,607,008</b>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
Rates - General & Other		553,754	521,271
Accrued Revenues		8,176	577
Debtors - general		87,375	206,083
GST Recoupment		113,827	-
Prepayments		85,830	-
Loans to community organisations		25,924	33,138
		<b>874,886</b>	<b>761,069</b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Stores & Materials		11,000	8,782
		<b>11,000</b>	<b>8,782</b>

**Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>			
<b>Receivables</b>			
Loans to community organisations		81,734	176,658
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		<b>81,734</b>	<b>176,658</b>

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)**

	Fair Value Level	2021				2022			
		Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
		\$				\$			
Land	2	4,562,778	-	-	4,562,778	4,562,778	-	-	4,562,778
Plant & Equipment		-	6,650,113	(3,382,365)	3,267,748	-	6,815,729	(3,364,734)	3,450,995
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	3	46,997,726	4,078,345	(16,853,686)	34,222,385	46,997,726	4,749,388	(18,170,701)	33,576,413
CWMS	3	12,781,592	-	(3,590,119)	9,191,473	12,781,592	-	(3,764,543)	9,017,049
Other Assets	3	2,346,230	764,649	(788,502)	2,322,377	3,028,638	948,754	(931,596)	3,045,796
Buildings	3	24,800,537	642,342	(14,843,543)	10,599,336	24,800,538	642,342	(15,274,509)	10,168,370
Office Furniture & Equipment		-	204,147	(85,553)	118,594	-	204,147	(114,484)	89,663
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>		91,488,863	12,339,596	(39,543,768)	64,284,691	92,171,272	13,360,360	(41,620,567)	63,911,064
<b>Comparatives</b>		91,488,863	9,393,511	(37,477,173)	63,405,201	91,488,863	12,339,596	(39,543,768)	64,284,691

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	2021	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year							2022
	\$	\$							\$
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Impairt	Net Reval'n	Carrying Amount	
	New / Upgrade	Renewals							
Land	4,562,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,562,778	
Plant & Equipment	3,267,748	-	686,335	(151,619)	(351,468)	-	-	3,450,995	
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	34,222,385	-	671,043	-	(1,317,015)	-	-	33,576,413	
CWMS	9,191,473	-	-	-	(174,424)	-	-	9,017,049	
Other Assets	2,322,377	682,408	184,105	-	(143,094)	-	-	3,045,796	
Buildings	10,599,336	-	-	-	(430,966)	-	-	10,168,370	
Office Furniture & Equipment	118,594	-	-	-	(28,931)	-	-	89,663	
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>	<b>64,284,691</b>	<b>682,408</b>	<b>1,541,483</b>	<b>(151,619)</b>	<b>(2,445,898)</b>			<b>63,911,064</b>	
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>63,405,201</b>	<b>1,090,993</b>	<b>2,528,700</b>	<b>(323,125)</b>	<b>(2,417,078)</b>			<b>64,284,691</b>	

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**Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

**Valuation of Assets**

**General Valuation Principles**

**Accounting procedure:** Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

**Highest and best use:** For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council's care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the "highest and best use" available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the "highest and best use". The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council's assets being other than the "highest and best use" relates to Council's principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

For buildings and other structures on and in the land, including infrastructure, "highest and best use" is determined in accordance with the land on and in which they are situated.

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

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

**Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets:** There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

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

**Capitalisation thresholds** used by Council for a representative range of assets are shown below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

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

<b>Asset Category</b>	<b>Asset Recognition Threshold</b>	<b>Useful life for Depreciations</b>
Land	N/A	N/A
Buildings	\$10,000	7 to 100 years
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	\$5,000	20-80 years
Plant and Equipment	\$5,000	4-20 years
CWMS	\$5,000	10-70 years
Office Equipment Furniture & Fixtures	\$1,000	3 to 100 years
Other Assets	\$1,000	7 to 100 years

**Land & Land Improvements**

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

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



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**Buildings & Other Structures**

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2019 by Gayler Professional Services.

**Infrastructure**

Transportation assets were valued by Gayler Professional Services at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2020, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting periods ended 30 June 2019. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Gayler Professional Services as at 1 July 2019 at depreciated current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2019. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2020 by Gayler Professional Services. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

**Plant, Furniture & Equipment**

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

**All other assets**

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

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**Note 8 - LIABILITIES**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>					
Goods & Services		438,061	-	1,211,503	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		63,990	-	27,767	-
GST Payable		22,084	-	-	-
Other Payables		79,625	-	-	-
		<u>603,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,239,270</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BORROWINGS</b>					
Loans		78,936	637,270	131,540	1,220,206
		<u>78,936</u>	<u>637,270</u>	<u>131,540</u>	<u>1,220,206</u>

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

**PROVISIONS**

LSL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	152,717	47,290	198,985	50,962
AL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	134,211	-	167,980	-
	<u>286,928</u>	<u>47,290</u>	<u>366,965</u>	<u>50,962</u>

**Movements in Provisions - 2022 year only**

*(current & non-current)*

Opening Balance	417,927
Add Additional Amounts recognised	154,175
Less Payments	237,883
Closing Balance	<u>334,219</u>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES**

<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>	1/7/2021	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2022
<b>Notes</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	6,972,883	-	-	6,972,883
Plant & Equipment	5,042,017	-	-	5,042,017
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	12,156,675	-	-	12,156,675
CWMS	3,374,763	-	-	3,374,763
Water Supply & Other Infrastructure	310,988	-	-	310,988
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,857,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,857,326</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>27,857,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,857,330</b>

<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
NPTN	224,494	-	-	224,494
Wirrabara CWMS	210,209	-	-	210,209
Weeroona Island Water Supply	247,646	-	-	247,646
Community Bus	27,139	-	-	27,139
Wilmington CWMS	268,867	-	-	268,867
Melrose CWMS	238,228	-	-	238,228
Booleroo Centre CWMS	188,491	-	-	188,491
Willowie Landfill	101,735	-	-	101,735
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,506,809</b>

**PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

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

**Other Reserves**

Other reserves are intended to identify excesses of amounts collected over expenses incurred for each of the items included above. It is likely that these reserves will no longer be maintained as part of the AFS. A comprehensive review will be undertaken in the 2022-23 financial year with the findings reflected in the 2022-23 financial statements

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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	2022 \$	2021 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>4,830,264</u>	<u>4,607,008</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>4,830,264</u>	<u>4,607,008</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		1,225,499	932,482
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		2,445,898	2,417,078
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(47,485)	60,425
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(635,411)	(612,000)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>(162,245)</u>	<u>6,370</u>
		2,826,256	2,804,355
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(98,947)	(120,590)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(2,218)	(4,068)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>(693,817)</u>	<u>(603,503)</u>
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<u>2,031,274</u>	<u>2,076,194</u>

**(c) Financing Arrangements**

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

Bank Overdrafts	15,000	15,000
Corporate Credit Cards	30,000	30,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	580,000	580,000

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



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**Note 11 (con't) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**Business Undertakings**

Abattoirs, Caravan Parks, Electricity Supply, Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale, Marinas/Boat Havens, Markets/Saleyards, Off-street Car Parks – fee paying, Private Works, Property Portfolio, Sewerage/CWMS, Water Supply – Domestic, Town Bus Service, and Other – please specify.

**Community Services**

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Nursing Homes, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Elderly Citizens Facilities, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Child Care Centres, Children and Youth Services, community Assistance, Community Transport, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries / Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, Telecommunications Networks, and Other Community Amenities.

**Culture**

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

**Economic Development**

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

**Environment**

Agricultural Services, Agricultural Water, Animal/Plant Boards, Landcare, Other Agricultural Services, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

**Recreation**

Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

**Regulatory Services**

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

**Transport**

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

**Plant Hire & Depot**

**Unclassified Activities**

**Council Administration**

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

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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**      **Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned

**Terms & conditions:** Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1% and 3% (2021: 0.25% and 0.75%).

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

**Receivables - Rates & Associated**      **Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

**Terms & conditions:** Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.05% (2021: 5.02%) 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:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

**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:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

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

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

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## District Council of Mount Remarkable

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

#### Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

##### Receivables - Retirement Home

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

**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:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate

**Terms & conditions:** secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable; interest is charged at fixed rates between 3.95% and 4.8% (2021: 3.95% and 4.8%)

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

##### Liabilities - Finance Leases

**Accounting Policy:** accounted for in accordance with AASB 16 as stated in note 17



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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Analysis**

<b>2022</b>	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	4,830,264	-	-	4,830,264	4,830,264
Receivables	870,790	-	-	870,790	870,790
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,701,054</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,701,054</b>	<b>5,701,054</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>					
Payables	603,760	-	-	603,760	539,770
Current Borrowings	107,623	-	-	107,623	78,936
Non-Current Borrowings	-	560,605	175,744	736,349	637,270
<b>Total</b>	<b>711,383</b>	<b>560,605</b>	<b>175,744</b>	<b>1,447,732</b>	<b>1,255,975</b>

<b>2021</b>	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	4,607,008	-	-	4,607,008	4,607,008
Receivables	937,727	-	-	937,727	937,727
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,544,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,544,735</b>	<b>5,544,735</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>					
Payables	1,287,484	-	-	1,287,484	1,211,503
Current Borrowings	166,478	-	-	166,478	131,540
Non-Current Borrowings	-	552,389	985,461	1,537,850	1,220,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,453,962</b>	<b>552,389</b>	<b>985,461</b>	<b>2,991,812</b>	<b>2,563,249</b>

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

	<b>30 June 2022</b>		<b>30 June 2021</b>	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Other Variable Rates	0.00	-	2.00	560,000
Fixed Interest Rates	4.00	716,206	4.00	977,850
		<b>716,206</b>		<b>1,537,850</b>

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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**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 impairment. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

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

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

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	4.6%	3.6%	-2.9%
Total Operating Income			

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

**Net Financial Liabilities Ratio**

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	-44%	-27.7%	-31%
Total Operating Income			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

**Adjustments to Ratios**

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

<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b>	-2.0%	3.9%	-3.8%
<b>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>	-28%	-16.0%	-18.0%

**Asset Renewal Funding Ratio**

<u>Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	79%	132%	108%
Asset Renewals - IAMP			

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

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**Note 14 - 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

	2022		2021
	\$		\$
Income	9,341,040		9,167,291
Expenses	<u>(8,913,197)</u>		<u>(8,840,439)</u>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>427,843</b>		<b>326,852</b>
 <b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>			
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(1,541,483)		(2,178,217)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	2,445,898		2,417,078
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>313,864</u>		<u>126,255</u>
	<b>1,218,279</b>		<b>365,116</b>
 <b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>			
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>	(682,408)		(1,090,993)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	635,411		612,000
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-		190,500
	<u>(46,997)</u>		<u>(288,493)</u>
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b><u>1,599,124</u></b>		<b><u>403,475</u></b>

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**Note 15 – SUPERANNUATION**

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

**Accumulation only Members**

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.5% in 2020-21; 10.0% in 2021-22). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

**Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members**

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2020-21) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.34(a), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2022. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

**Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes**

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

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**Note 16 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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.

**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. 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 0 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.

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**Note 17 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 13 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	<b>559,650</b>	615,222
Termination benefits	<b>39,927</b>	275,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>599,577</b>	890,222

**PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

No material transactions to report between Council and related parties

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**Note 18 - PRIOR YEAR RESTATEMENTS**

During the preparation of the 2021-22 financial statements errors were detected in the 2020-21 financial statements that were material in nature. Accordingly the comparatives have been amended as illustrated below.

Area of Financial Statement	Previous 2020-21 \$	Amended 2020-21 \$
<i>Statement of Comprehensive Income:</i>		
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4,193,582	3,843,099
Total Expenses	9,190,922	8,840,439
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(23,631)	326,852
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	581,999	932,482
<i>Statement of Financial Position:</i>		
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	63,934,208	64,284,691
Total Non-current Assets	64,110,866	64,461,349
Total Assets	69,487,725	69,838,208
NET ASSETS	66,478,782	66,829,265
Accumulated Surplus	37,114,643	37,465,126
TOTAL EQUITY	66,478,782	66,829,265
<i>Statement of Changes in Equity</i>		
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	581,999	932,482
Balance at end of period	37,114,643	37,465,126
TOTAL EQUITY	66,478,782	66,829,265
<i>Note 3 - EXPENSE</i>		
Other Contractual Services	937,190	586,707
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	4,090,585	3,740,102
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES	4,193,582	3,843,099
<i>Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</i>		
Plant & Equipment - Acc' Dep'n	(3,732,848)	(3,382,365)
Plant & Equipment - Carrying Amount	2,917,265	3,267,748
Total IPP&E - Acc' Dep'n	(39,894,251)	(39,543,768)
Total IPP&E - Carrying Amount	63,934,208	64,284,691
Disposals	(673,608)	(323,125)



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**Note 18 - PRIOR YEAR RESTATEMENTS**

Area of Financial Statement	Previous 2020-21	Amended 2020-21
	\$	\$
<i>Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT</i>		
<i>(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities</i>		
Net Surplus (Deficit)	581,999	932,482
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(253,020)	(603,503)
<i>Note 11 - FUNCTIONS:</i>		
Administration Expense	2,032,931	1,682,448
Transportation Assets	25,116,021	25,466,504
<i>Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS 2020-21:</i>		
Operating Surplus Ratio	-0.3%	3.6%
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	0.0%	3.9%
<i>Note 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES</i>		
Expenses	(9,190,922)	(8,840,439)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(23,631)	326,852
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	52,992	403,475

# Ian G McDonald FCA



## District Council of Mount Remarkable Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a general purpose financial report, of the District Council of Mount Remarkable (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

### Opinion

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

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to Australian Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

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

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

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

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

Ian G McDonald FCA  
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 16 February 2023

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## Independent Assurance Report on the Internal Controls of the District Council of Mount Remarkable

We have audited the compliance of the District Council of Mount Remarkable (Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects on the Internal Controls of the matter referred to in the Basis for Opinion section the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

### Basis for Opinion

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

As a result of a staffing restructure during the financial year the evidence in relation to appropriate reports from the subsidiary ledgers to support the balances in the Statement of Financial Position was not complete.

### Limitation on Use

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

### Inherent Limitations

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

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

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

### Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable *Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements*, issued by the *Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board*, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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

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



**Ian G McDonald FCA**  
Chartered Accountant  
Registered Company Auditor 16458  
Signed at Grange, 16 February 2023

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**  
**Annual Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2022**  
**CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the District Council of Mount Remarkable for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Ian G McDonald FCA, 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*.



.....  
**Sam Johnson**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**Michele Bennetts**  
**PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 15 February 2023

Ian G McDonald FCA



## District Council of Mount Remarkable

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For the year ended 30 June 2022

### Audit Certificate of Audit Independence

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Mount Remarkable for the year ended 30 June 2022, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

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

Ian G McDonald FCA

Date: 29 November 2022





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