

Alexandrina Council

*Preserving the Past, Securing the Future,
Together Enhancing Our Lifestyle*

Annual Report 2009-2010



Tour Down Under Finish Goolwa
22nd January 2010





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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Alexandrina Council's 2009-10 Annual Report.



There has been a lot of talk in the past 12 months about one of our region's biggest issues – water.

We have had improved seasonal conditions, which has seen some improvement in the water levels in the Lower Lakes and Goolwa Channel, but there are, unfortunately, still no flows through the barrages and the Murray Mouth.

The improved levels are an important step towards Alexandrina Council's goal of a freshwater future for the Lower Lakes and a long term sustainable river system and may herald the beginning of the recovery of our River and Lakes system

In June we were told of Chief Executive John Coombe's decision to step down from his role by Christmas 2010. We would like to thank John for his outstanding commitment to the Alexandrina Council and our community over a very successful career in Local Government. We are currently in the process of recruiting a replacement and it is critical that we find the right person to fill this important position.

We are extremely pleased to have been recently awarded the Regional Centre of Culture and also to be named as the hosts for the National Regional Arts Conference, both in 2012. The Regional Centre of Culture is special funding for yearly performance and facilities upgrade of up to \$800,000 for capital works to either establish a new or enhance an existing cultural facility which is then followed by \$1 million to support a program of arts and cultural activities throughout 2012. This will be a great boost for our extensive cultural community. It will mean an enormous social and economic benefit to the Alexandrina region and indeed the entire Fleurieu Peninsula.

As we are nearing the end of the current Council term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Elected Members for their great support and vision. I wish those that are renominating all the best, and those who choose not to a healthy and happy retirement.

I would encourage all residents to take an interest in and exercise their right to vote in the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

I commend this Annual Report to you.

Mayor Kym McHugh



VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

*Preserving the Past, Securing the Future,
Together Enhancing our Lifestyle*

Provide Leadership to our community with equitable, efficient and effective services to achieve present and future needs.



Visit by 817 Squadron





COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2009 – 2013

Goal 1:

A vibrant, cohesive and diverse community providing a healthy, quality lifestyle.

Goal 2:

Sustainable economic growth supporting industries and businesses.

Goal 3:

Sustainable natural and built environments that meet the needs of a growing community and economy

Goal 4:

Progressive leadership, good governance, efficient and effective services



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

This will be my last Annual Report as Chief Executive of the Alexandrina Council. Having begun its life in 1997, Council has risen to be recognised as one of the most successful Councils as a result of amalgamation, which took place in the late-90s. Why is this so?



I believe we have always endeavoured to do what is in the best interests of our community, be it the type and quality of the service, through to innovative and effective delivery of these services. We continually review and reassess areas for improvement. As with all relationships, communication is an essential component. Be it engaging and consulting across all areas of our community, if the communication is not right, the relationship will suffer.

As a Council we value and respect our community, just as we do the Elected Members and staff. The caring, professional team we have has been able to achieve many successful outcomes in all areas of financial management, environmental awareness and social programs, which contribute to healthy communities through to new and well-maintained community infrastructure. This report does not permit me to highlight more of our positives, but let me touch on culture. Organisational culture is a powerful element of success. We are more than just a local government authority. We are an organisation which believes in what we do. As Elected Members and staff, we feel part of our community and when our community experiences pain and suffering, so do we. When we achieve, we need to celebrate together. Ours is not just a job, it is a way of life. It is about utilising the skills and expertise we have to build on the unique quality of life we enjoy.

The challenges before us will be many and varied, and yet we can look forward with confidence as our past has been paved with many successful achievements. Our future will be bright and exciting.

It has been a privilege and honour to have been given the responsibility to be your Chief Executive. I stand aside knowing I am a better person for the experience. I leave with fond memories and life-long friendships.

John Coombe
Chief Executive



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS 2006 –2010



Left to Right: Councillors Jim Davis, Alan Oliver, Grant Gartrell, Mary Beckett, Barry Featherston, Rod Potter, Rick Medlyn, Deputy Mayor Councillor Anne Woolford, Trent Rusby, Mayor Kym McHugh and Councillor Frank Tuckwell

Absent: Councillor Ian Saunders (inset)



ELECTED MEMBERS & SENIOR STAFF

Following the election held in November 2006, elected to the Alexandrina Council for the term of November 2006 to November 2010 were:

MAYOR

Kym McHugh

ELECTED MEMBERS

Grant Gartrell	Nangkita–Kuitpo Ward
Judith Anne Woolford	Strathalbyn Ward
Trent Rusby	Strathalbyn Ward
Barry Featherston	Angas–Bremer Ward
Roderick Roy Potter	Angas–Bremer Ward
Mary Elizabeth Beckett	Port Elliot–Middleton Ward
Alan Oliver	Port Elliot–Middleton Ward
Leon Frank Tuckwell	Goolwa–Hindmarsh Island Ward
Rick Medlyn	Goolwa–Hindmarsh Island Ward
Jim Davis	Goolwa–Hindmarsh Island Ward
Ian Saunders	Goolwa–Hindmarsh Island Ward

SENIOR OFFICERS

Chief Executive	John Coombe
Deputy Chief Executive	Michael Shelley
General Manager Health & Community Development	Kim Vivian
General Manager Planning & Development Services	Sally Roberts
General Manager Finance & Corporate Services	Robyn Dunstall
General Manager Engineering Services	Simon Grenfell
General Manager Infrastructure Planning & Development	Neville Styan
General Manager Strategy, Environment & Economic Development	Graham Webster

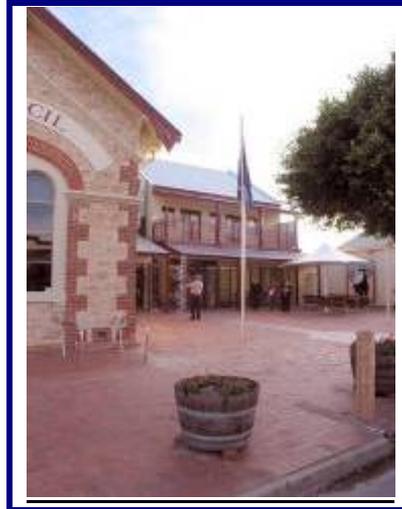
**Alexandrina Council and its communities
acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the
traditional custodians of the lands and waters of
our Council district.**





COUNCIL OFFICES

Principal Office	11 Cadell Street GOOLWA SA 5214
Strathalbyn Office	1 Colman Terrace STRATHALBYN SA 5255
Postal Address	PO Box 21 GOOLWA SA 5214
Telephone	(08) 8555 7000
Facsimile	(08) 8555 3603
E-mail	alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
Website	www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Whilst the principal office is at Cadell Street, Goolwa, Council provides a service at Strathalbyn. The Strathalbyn Council Office and Library Redevelopment is currently underway with the redevelopment scheduled for completion in August 2011.

The Strathalbyn Office has been temporarily relocated to the Strathalbyn Institute, High Street, Strathalbyn. This office provides general advice on Council and community issues, and processes rate payments, dog registrations and account enquiries.

Professional staff are available at Strathalbyn by appointment





DISTRICT DETAILS

Area	1,800 km ²
Estimated population	23,160
No. of rateable assessments	17,702
No. of electors	24,111
No. of Elected Members	11 Councillors
Mayor (elected at large)	1
Length of sealed road	528 kilometres
Length of unsealed local roads	800 kilometres

Major Industries:

Clipsal Manufacturing and Training Centre at Strathalbyn, saleyards and abattoirs, brewery, viticulture, general farming and dairying, tourism, primary production, fruit production, local manufacturing, commercial flour mill, electrical engineering, boat building, furniture manufacturing and cheese making.

Major Tourist Attractions:

Beaches, river, wine-growing areas, Signal Point, heritage buildings, Cockle Train, riverboats, surfing, fishing, swimming, sail-boarding, South Coast Regional Arts Centre, coastal walks, boardwalks, bike tracks, community festivals and events, Wooden Boat Festival, trout farm, whale watching





STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF COUNCIL

Council, through its Elected Members, is the decision-making body and established its strategic direction through its Community Strategic Plan 2009 – 2013.

Council is committed to a high standard of corporate governance in ensuring that the community's future goals and expectations will be met.

Council's departmental structure consists of:

- Governance
- Finance & Corporate Services
- Strategy, Environment & Economic Development
- Health & Community Development
- Planning & Development
- Engineering Services
- Infrastructure Planning & Design

Each of the Departments is overseen by a General Manager who reports directly to the Chief Executive.



*Strathalbyn Swimming Pool Funding Announcement
L - R Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Deputy Mayor Anne Woolford, Minister Kate Ellis MP,
Mayor Kym McHugh & David Moyle
8th May 2009*



COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Name of Committee	Staff Member	Councillor Representative/s
Alexandrina Arts & Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee	Kim Vivian Jenn Cole Leah Grace Graham Webster	Cr Mary Beckett
Alexandrina Art Committee	Pauline Bence	
Alexandrina Council District Bushfire Prevention Committee	Lisa Hoyle	Mayor McHugh, Cr Ian Saunders Cr Trent Rusby
Alexandrina Volunteers Committee	Tanya Mitchell Trish Muller	Cr Rod Potter Cr Rick Medlyn
Armfield Slip Committee	Mike Shelley	Cr Mary Beckett
Audit Committee	Robyn Dunstall	Cr Rick Medlyn Cr Grant Gartrell Mr John Comrie (Independent Member)
Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee	Simon Grenfell David Mullins Natalie Barry	Cr Mary Beckett Cr Alan Oliver
Currency Creek Cemetery Committee	Simon Grenfell	Cr Frank Tuckwell
Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee	Jenn Cole	Cr Rod Potter
Friends of P.S. Oscar 'W'	Graham Webster	Cr Jim Davis Cr Rod Potter
Friends of the Goolwa Library	Jill Patmore	Cr Frank Tuckwell
Goolwa Sports Stadium Management Committee	Kim Vivian	Cr Ian Saunders
Grants Committee	Kim Vivian Mike Shelley Graham Webster Simon Grenfell	Mayor Kym McHugh

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Committees of Council (cont'd)

Name of Committee	Staff Member	Councillor Representative/s
Heritage Advisory Committee	Sally Roberts	Cr Frank Tuckwell Cr Anne Woolford
Langhorne Creek Progress Association		Cr Barry Featherston
Milang Cemetery Advisory Committee	Simon Grenfell	Cr Rod Potter
Occupational Health & Safety Committee	Mike Shelley Simon Grenfell David Mullins George Maslin Paul Minks 2 Work Reps	Cr Alan Oliver Cr Anne Woolford (proxy)
Plant and Machinery Committee	Simon Grenfell	Mayor Kym McHugh Cr Rick Medlyn Cr Rod Potter Cr Alan Oliver
Port Elliot Institute Committee		Cr Alan Oliver
Port Elliot RSL Hall Management Committee	Mike Shelley	Cr Alan Oliver
Southern Communities Transport Advisory Committee	Jenn Cole	Cr Rod Potter
Strathalbyn Library Management Team	Mike Shelley Jill Patmore Lynne Hansen	Cr Anne Woolford
Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens Committee	David Moyle Simon Grenfell	Cr Anne Woolford Cr Trent Rusby
Strathalbyn Visitors Centre	Tanya Mitchell	Cr Anne Woolford
Wooden Boat Festival Committee	Graham Webster	Cr Jim Davis Cr Rick Medlyn

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Committees of Council (cont'd)

Name of Committee	Staff Member	Councillor Representative/s
Woodshed Committee	Kim Vivian	Cr Trent Rusby
Youth Advisory Committee	Lucretia Sperring	Cr Alan Oliver Cr Barry Featherston



Farm Gate Festival



ALLOWANCES PAID TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Mayor	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> , and Regulations Number 245 of 1999 Motor vehicle. Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business Telephone line rental, facsimile plus Council calls Laptop computer, printer and modem
Deputy Mayor	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> , and Regulations Number 245 of 1999 Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business Telephone line rental plus Council calls Laptop computer, printer and modem
Councillors	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> , and Regulations Number 245 of 1999. Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business printer and modem Telephone line rental plus Council calls Laptop computer

Senior Executive Officers Remuneration

Chief Executive	<i>Performance-Based Contract package</i> Motor vehicle—full private use Council-provided telephone/data service for Council Business and mobile phone Superannuation Guarantee Contribution 2 weeks extra annual leave per annum
Deputy Chief Executive	<i>Performance-Based Contract package</i> Motor vehicle—full private use Council-provided telephone/data service for Council Business and mobile phone Superannuation Guarantee Contribution
General Managers Engineering Services Strategy, Environment & Econ. Dev. Finance & Corporate Services Health & Community Dev. Planning & Development Infrastructure Planning & Design	<i>Performance-Based Contract package</i> Motor vehicle—full private use Council-provided telephone/data service for Council Business and mobile phone Superannuation Guarantee Contribution



CORPORATE INFORMATION

Auditor	Dean Newbery & Partners
Bank	Bank SA
Solicitors	Lempriere Abbott and McLeod, Norman Waterhouse and Wallmans
Debt Collection	Collection House

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held on the 1st Monday and 3rd Monday of each month commencing at 4.30pm.

All meetings are open to the public, the Agendas and Minutes of meetings are on display at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Offices, and available on Council's website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au for public inspection.

STAFF OVERVIEW

Council as at 30 June 2010 employed:

Full time staff	118
Full Time Contract	10
Part time Contract	10
Part Time	24
Casual staff	17
Trainee (Maxima)	2
Maxima Staff	9



Goolwa Depot Staff



Strathalbyn Depot Staff



IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Council developed a five-year Strategic Plan titled *Community Strategic Plan 2009 - 2013* in consultation with our community, Council staff and agencies. The Plan was also referenced in part to Council's Budget and Three-Year Projections. The Plan is linked to the South Australian Strategic Plan, with other major strategic plans of Council being:

- The 10-year Infrastructure Plan
- The Development Plan
- The Financial Plan

Reports are tabled before Council to assess the level of compliance and achievement. Targets or Action Plans have been established.



Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens



GOVERNANCE

Business Unit	Service Areas
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive's Office • Mayor & Elected Members • Communications • Governance Administration • Risk Management & OHS • Human Resource Management
Corporate Operations	
Council Property Management	

Business Unit: Governance

Chief Executive's Office

Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre

Expressions of Interest now closed for the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre. Candetti's appointed to prepare a Feasibility Study.

Update on Alexandrina Region - Water Issues

Council has continued to provide leadership at the political, business and community level with regards to water issues. Meetings have been held with:

- State & Federal Politicians
- Local Business & Community Organisations

Council ran an extensive publicity campaign on the water issues to ensure local and wider community are informed on actions and progress taken.

Council has been a strong advocate in obtaining the new mains water pipeline to Langhorne Creek and Clayton and continues to lobby for expansion to Pt Sturt and Hindmarsh Island.

Council will continue to lobby for a freshwater solution for the lower lakes.

Council Recognition Through Awards & Funding

Council has developed strong partnerships with key stakeholders within local, state and federal government. This has enabled Council to be recognised as a strong leader with the services we offer. This is also evident through the awards Council has been nominated for and/or being presented with:

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- MOSHC Learning Community of the Year Award
- 2 Leadership Excellence Awards
- Silver Tourism Medal to Goolwa Visitor Information Centre
- Oscar W Volunteers Awarded
- 2 Pride of Workmanship Awards
- 3yrs in a row - recognised for our Public Health Achievement at a Regional Level
- PIA Planning Excellence Award



Council has also been successful in obtaining various grant funding towards major projects, as follows:

- \$2.37 Million for Strathalbyn Pool Upgrade
- Over \$335,000 for Shared/Bike Path Projects
- \$444,000 Goolwa Stormwater Harvesting
- \$180,000 Water Management & Climate Change Impact
- \$10,000 Pt Elliot Stormwater Management
- \$400,000 for Airport Road Upgrade (2 grants) - Blackspot Funding & Blackspot Level Crossing
- \$40,000 - McDonald Street Milang – Stormwater

Represent the Council at civic functions

Representation, promotion and support of community groups by Council:

- Goolwa Alive
- Cittaslow
- Australia Day Awards
- Citizenship Presentations



Ensure compliance with relevant legislation

Council has continued receiving unqualified financial audit opinion from our auditors. This is the highest recognition possible and continues Council's position as financially sustainable in the long term.

Council continues to work with our neighbouring Councils to provide cost effective and service excellence programs in fields of core support for our age, youth, social and welfare areas. Shared services in the important areas of IT Support are provided to the Kangaroo Island and Yankalilla Councils. The recent creation of the regional waste authority will enhance the continued cost effective and efficient service of waste collection, recycling and value add green waste products.

Mayor & Elected Members**Provide training and development for Elected Members**

Actions highlighted at the annual 'Camp Coombe' strategic planning days will achieve improved governance and leadership excellence.



Actions completed are as follows:

- Policing Issues: Meetings held with Superintendent of Police and local officers
- Council Rep on Bashams Beach Trust: New Council Rep is Simon Grenfell
- Wellington Weir: Council made submission on the Weir
- Strategic Land Purchases: Council have purchased Lot 3 Arthurs Land at Mt Compass & Old Post Office Building at Goolwa.
- Car Rallies & Road Closures: Policy developed
- Wooden Boat & Music Festival: Received \$30,000 Grant from SA Tourism



Actions well underway are as follows:

- Developing policies on the Environment and Energy
- Increased support for business development
- Review of operations and building works at Signal Point
- New Regional Development Agreements: Council receiving regular updates
- Chiton Rocks SLSC: Awaiting commitment from SLSC

Business Unit: Corporate Operations

Governance Administration

Electoral Boundary Review Update

Notification received from the Electoral Commissioner on 14th September 2009 advising that the Review has been conducted appropriately and has complied with the requirements of Section 12 of the Local Govt Act. Notice was placed in the Govt Gazette on 15th October 2009 advising of the revised composition and elector representation arrangements.

Correspondence was sent to the affected ratepayers on 15th October 2009 advising of the review and the boundary change between Angas-Bremer Ward and Nangkita Kuitpo Ward and providing map showing amendments.

Co-ordinate and Administer Council elections

Letters prepared along with Enrolment forms which have been sent to approx 8,000 ratepayers regarding enrolment to vote in elections.

General Governance Administration

Council's By-Laws were reviewed and adopted by Council in September 2009 and passed through the Legislative Committee.

Council participated in the Local Government Association's Good Governance Program and received a very pleasing score of 3 out of a possible 4 for compliance.

Council also applied for and was successful in obtaining a twelve month extension to the Strathalbyn Dry Zone and has also successfully applied for a Dry Zone within the township of Port Elliot.



Risk Management & OHS

Encouragement of a safety culture and monitoring of workers compensation claims through OH&S Committee

Over the past three years an increased commitment to OHS&W has seen a number of new systems, practices and policies developed and implemented with the aim of reducing the frequency of workplace injuries. This commitment is now being realised at an operational level with the field services staff finishing the 2008/2009 financial year without a single lost time injury. This is a significant achievement for the team and is a reflection on the culture of workplace safety that has been fostered over the past few years.

Human Resource Management

Co-ordinate staff training and development programs

Outlook and Excel Training completed. Good feedback received from staff attended. Presentation and Public Speaking training also scheduled.

Business Unit: Council Property Management

Property Management

Strathalbyn Oval Controlling Committee Lease

Strathalbyn Oval Lease completed. Licences with sub-tenants being followed up by Committee. Strathalbyn Lions Club Licence for quarterly markets

Property Management - Leases & Licences

In total completed 22 leases & licences for 2009/10 financial year

Building Management

Update on Key Major Projects - Strathalbyn Swimming Pool and Strathalbyn Library & Customer Service

Strathalbyn Swimming Pool - successful completion of this major project.
Library & Customer Service Centre at Strathalbyn - initial architect design undertaken.

Successful Completion of Major Project - Re-development of Strathalbyn Swimming Pool

Council successfully re-developed the Strathalbyn Community Pool with an opening held by Alexandrina Council Mayor Kym McHugh and Senator Don Farrell on Saturday, December 12 2009. The redevelopment of the Strathalbyn Community Pool includes a new kiosk, change rooms, swimming club room, children's pool, shade structures, solar heating, conversion of the main pool to a wet deck system and increasing overall pool depth by 300mm. Council received \$160,000 through Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Grant and \$2,367,000 through Regional and Community Strategic Projects toward the \$4million project.



Implement and manage capital projects for construction and maintenance of Council owned buildings and facilities

Strathalbyn Swimming Pool completed and operational. Final report re funding yet to be completed and final funding payment received.

Strathalbyn Library project in plan development phase. Held workshop with Elected Member's to update information on progress. Awaiting formal approval to proceed to completion of planning. Signal Point internal display walls completed.

Ensure Council owned community buildings and facilities are serviced and well-maintained

Currently upgrading fire safety compliance under instruction from Alexandrina Fire Safety Committee. Glass sliding doors installed at Middleton Institute at a cost of \$10,000 from existing budget.

New kitchen installed at Pt Elliot RSL through a grant. Plumbing, electrical, tiling funded by Council from current budget.

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

During the 2009/2010 financial year, Alexandrina Council has built on the strong foundations that have been laid over the past three years in the area of Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare.

Over the 12 month period the focus has been on ensuring that a robust OHS&W system is in place. With the help of the LGA Workers Compensation Scheme, this has been achieved through the adoption and implementation of the "One System" set of OHS&W policies and procedures. The LGA Workers Compensation Scheme have identified that all Council's across the state have unique and varying sets of policies and procedures which have varying levels of effectiveness. The "One System" range of documents have been developed to help Council's implement a comprehensive and effective OHS&W system. Alexandrina Council is already starting to see the benefits of this system which is reflected in an excellent claims performance.

A training needs analysis was undertaken which identified the training requirements of our staff to ensure that they are well equipped to carry out their job safely and efficiently. This led to a training program being developed which schedules all training sessions that staff will be subject to over the course of the year.

Overall, the culture of safety is growing across the organisation which has ensured that staff are increasingly conscious of their OHS&W obligations whilst at work. Alexandrina Council has developed a range of performance indicators which have reinforced this message.



New truck which Council converted to allow the Council employees to water trees without having to get in and out of the truck. Excellent OH & S initiative



FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

Business Unit	Service Areas
Finance Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Control• Financial Accounting• Financial Management• Payroll• Rates• Debtors• Creditors
Library & Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Libraries• Customer Service
Information Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Communication Technology Advisory• Information Communication Technology• Records Management

Business Unit: Financial Services

Audit Control

Council, at its meeting held 21 June 2010, reappointed its existing auditors Dean Newbery & Partners as Councils auditor for a further five year term commencing 1 July 2010.

Dean Newbery & Partners have undertaken Councils Balance Date Audit at 30 June 2010 and issued an unqualified audit opinion.

The external Auditor acknowledges that Council is continuing to operate within a well disciplined fiscal environment with a strong focus on continual review and improvement of internal processes and procedures.

Council's administration have undertaken significant work recently in reviewing the current asset management practices and adopted accounting principals with a consideration of amending the current asset management methodology and practices.

Financial Accounting

Updates of major Accounting Policies have been undertaken and endorsed by Council.



Financial Management

Council's finances have been effectively managed in accordance with legislative requirements and Australian Accounting Standards. The key financial indicators reflect a financially sustainable Council as detailed in the Financial Accounts producing:

- a small Operating Surplus (before capital) of \$1,402. This measures the extent to which operating revenue is sufficient to meet all of the costs of providing council services, which include depreciation.
- a Net Financial Liabilities ratio of 56%, this ratio is well within Council's target range of 100% which is a conservative target given the Council's growth. This measure indicates the capacity of the Council to meet its financial obligations from revenue streams. Where the ratio is falling, it indicates that the Council's capacity to meet its financial obligations from revenue streams is strengthening. Conversely, where this ratio is increasing, it indicates that the Council's capacity to meet its financial obligations is deteriorating.
- an Asset Sustainability Ratio of 76%. This measure expresses net capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets as a percentage of the optimal level for such expenditure as shown in Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan. This measure can assist in identifying the potential decline or improvement in asset condition and standards. Council's target Asset Sustainability Ratio is currently $\geq 90\%$, however, Council is undertaking a condition assessment of its Road & Footpath assets and this will enable Council to review its target for this ratio.
- Council aims for an Interest Cover Ratio of $< 10\%$, for the year ended 30 June 10 Council's Interest Cover Ratio was 2.2%. This measure indicates the extent to which Council's commitment to interest expenses are met by total operating revenues.

Council took out a further \$12 Million Cash Advance Debenture facility with the LGFA during the year to assist with cash flow requirements

Budget reviews were undertaken in accordance with LG Act with results within Council's Financial Performance Indicators.

Payroll

Identification and implementation of process improvements included, emailing of payslips, electronic signatures and electronically storage of payroll reports.

Rates

Electoral Roll was reviewed in accordance with new legislation. A review of eligible properties for CWMS connections and service charges was undertaken and the development of standard operating procedure has commenced.



Debtors

Implementation of a workflow for the actioning of Section 83 Fire Notices and resulting debtor invoices was completed.

Creditors

Council has continued to roll-out an electronic purchasing system; this included the training of 68 staff. The system processes on average 160 electronic orders per month.

Business Unit: Library & Customer Service

Libraries

Alexandrina Library and Customer Service Team worked in partnership with Victor Harbor Public Library on several projects, beginning with a successful Poetry Slam in October 2009. Calling on all poets, hip hop artists and other outspoken wordsmiths to polish their rhymes and lyrics, Alexandrina and Victor Harbor jointly hosted this exciting event and started planning for the Mayors' Short Story Challenge.



Alexandrina and Victor Harbor Mayors

The Local and Family History Room at Goolwa continued to grow in popularity, with the alexhistory.pbworks.com which gives an online guide to this collection 24/7 via the internet. As part of History Week Celebrations in May 2010, local historian Walter Pretty was recognised for the massive body of work – 3800 files – which form the backbone of the History Room collection.



Walter Pretty with Mayor Kym McHugh



Council received significant and constructive feedback to its proposal to redevelop the existing Strathalbyn Library and Council Office into a one stop shop Library and Customer Service Centre at its Colman Terrace site in Strathalbyn. This new concept blends heritage preservation with modern design, to create a vibrant hub which will serve the current and future needs of the Strathalbyn and surrounding community. The site is bigger, will embrace new technologies and feature multi-purpose meeting rooms, an adult lounge, local history room and high-speed internet access. The redevelopment of the heavily used Community Centre will be timely and provide additional parking spaces.



Customer Service

During the 2009-2010 financial year, the Alexandrina Library and Customer Service Team:

- welcomed 253,243 people through the door;
- our 14,276 library members checked out 227,602 of our 65,461 library items;
- completed 2,203 Section 7 searches;
- our switchboard handled 59,532 calls;
- with our after hours service taking an average of 19.34 seconds to answer calls thereby reaching 92.57% of their service level target of answering calls within 30 seconds.

Business Unit: Information Services

Information Communication Technology (ICT) Advisory

Shared Services Software Licensing

Alexandrina Council has successfully negotiated a combined software licensing agreement with Microsoft which covers the requirements of Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island Councils as well as Alexandrina. As a group we have obtained better pricing, technical training, software support and software upgrades for the next three years.

Combined Technology Program

A common network firewall system has been installed for all three Councils. This allows for centralised, pro-active firewall management, anti-virus management, email monitoring and computer network management. This will reduce the requirement for on-site IT support visits to Kangaroo Island and Yankalilla Councils and ensure consistent computer system availability for the three Councils.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)**Strathalbyn High Speed Wide Area Network (WAN) - Completion of Tower and Radio Links**

Strathalbyn Tower Site - L-R, Alan Aichinson (MIMP) Mayor McHugh, Mark Sommerville, Tim Jarrett, Ryan Hill and Colin Shackelford.

On 19th November - Council launched its new inter-town wireless network that cuts more than \$20,000 in annual communication costs between council premises in Goolwa and Strathalbyn.

With a two-and-a-half-year payback, the wide area wireless network eliminates expenses relating to the annual cost of fixed telephone lines, data lines and calls between council premises in the two towns. It links five Council sites in Goolwa with the four Council sites in Strathalbyn.

What this means for our community is faster and more effective service provision across our region. It enables consistent, high speed access to tools and information for Council staff as they provide services across the community.

Update on SA Council Maps Project

Council has participated in a successful pilot of the award winning SA Council Maps project. This interactive website will be “switched on” from July 2010 and will provide Council related information for the public on the location of services within our Council area including Schools, Transport, Libraries, Council Offices, Visitor Information Centres and other services.

Check it out at www.sacouncilmaps.sa.gov.au and see what is around the corner!

Records Management**Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests**

Council completed ten Freedom of Information requests for 2009/10. The Executive have identified the need to investigate and clarify with the FOI Legislation the degree to which costs can be recovered in the provision of this service.

Records Management Group

A Records Management Group was established to review and evaluate the records management practices and systems. The aim of the Group is to evaluate the requirements of adequate records management standard to meet best practice. Members of the Committee consist of General Manager Finance & Corporate Service, Manager of Records, representative from Customer Service, Planning and Engineering services and other representative as required. The group commenced in February 2010 and has focused on the electronic storage of records including property searches, cemetery records and dog registration.



STRATEGY, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Unit	Service Areas
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy Alignment & Community Engagement
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Sustainability
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development• Major Events & Business Development• Goolwa Visitor Information Centre• Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre

Business Unit: Strategy

Strategy Alignment & Community Engagement

Since the adoption of Council's Community Strategic Plan in March 2009, we have continued to develop Council's corporate planning and reporting system.

In conjunction with the development of the 2009-2010 Annual Business Plan & Budget, Council undertook a review of its services.

The service review focussed on assessing the current approach to service delivery, identifying the future approach, implementing Continuous Improvement (CI) Actions to improve efficiencies of Council and developing operational key performance measures to effectively monitor and report on the delivery of each service area.

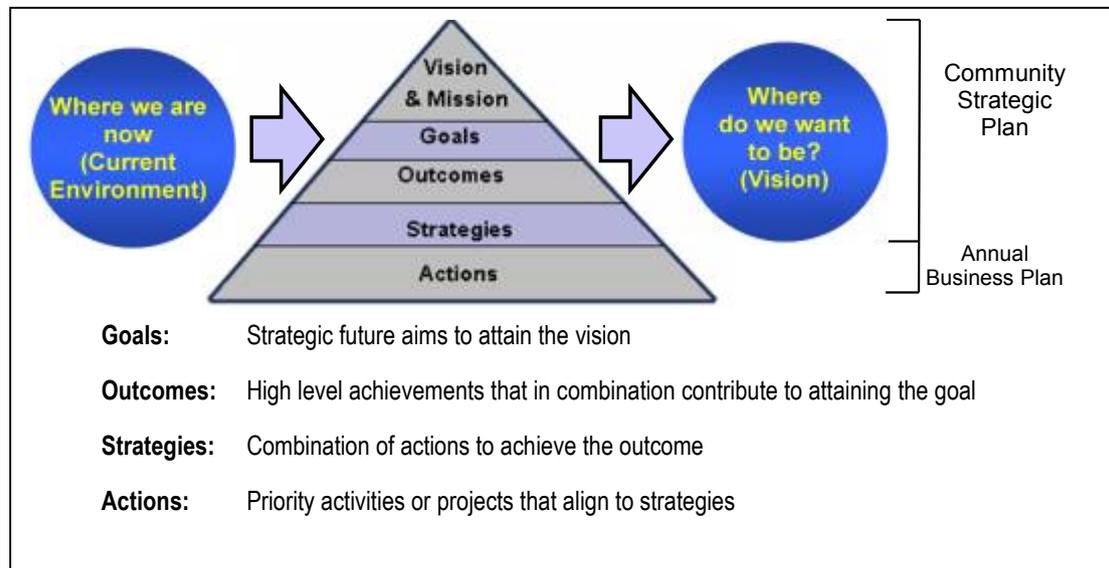
After the adoption of the 2009-2010 Annual Business Plan, Council established an Executive Reporting Framework to ensure effective monitoring and reporting of all business plan actions and key performance measures.

The Executive Reporting Framework led to the implementation of corporate planning and reporting software across the organisation. This software assists Council to effectively plan, manage and report against actions from the Annual Business Plan, which in turn assists us to report on the progress of the Community Strategic Plan 2009-2013.

The corporate reporting process has been introduced to all service areas of Council.

Corporate reports, which identify Business Highlights (key achievements or impacts), are being produced and presented to Council on a monthly basis. These highlights are also published within Council's quarterly newsletter which is available to the community and have, in turn, been collated to assist with the development of the Annual Report for this year.

Council continues to ensure consistency with planning and reporting across the organisation through working with all service areas or external stakeholders to establish alignment of related plans with Council's Community Strategic Plan.



Business Unit: Environment

Environment Sustainability

Council has continued to ensure environmental sustainability is a key consideration for all service areas in 2009-2010.

The Sustainable Alexandrina Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2010 finishes in 2010 and Council has already begun the process of developing a new environmental sustainability plan.

Water

In 2009-2010 Alexandrina Council continued its membership and participation in the ICLEI Water Campaign. This year saw Council awarded Milestone 2 and Milestone 3 of the campaign. Council has developed the Alexandrina Council Water Action Plan 2010-2013 which sets water conservation and water quality goals and outlines water actions Council has planned for the next three years.

Council hosted the Swap and Save program in October which resulted in anticipated water savings of over 10.4 million litres of water by Alexandrina residents.



Goolwa residents Ann and Brian Wright swap their old shower head for a new efficient WELS rated shower head with Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh.

Council is also facilitating the Water Savers program which provides information and advice on water saving initiatives for the home or work place. These programs have contributed to Alexandrina residents reducing per capita water consumption by around 24% since 2001.

In November 2009 Council hosted a Water Sensitive Urban Design Workshop for developers and the building industry which was attended by around 30 local business operators, water industry personnel and Natural Resource Management Board staff.

Biodiversity

In 2009-2010 Council developed the Alexandrina Council Roadside Vegetation Management Policy. This important document will provide direction for the management of native vegetation on roadsides. Council also developed management plans for specific sites with high biodiversity value.

In June 2010 Council adopted a new Weed Management and Control Policy which provides clear responsibilities for weed management on Council lands.

Council continues to partner with the Bush for Life program and in 2009-2010 had eighteen bushland sites jointly managed under this program. Council has established several bush condition monitoring points in rural reserves to monitor biological change over time.

Council closed several undeveloped road reserves for conservation after negotiation and agreement with adjacent land owners and secured \$78,000 in external funding for the Friends of Nurragi Conservation Reserve to revegetate some of these reserves and manage remnant bushland.



Revegetation works on a closed road reserve.

In 2009-2010 Council conducted extensive pest plant and animal control works and rehabilitation works on Council lands including the coastal dunes and rural reserves. These works were done in partnership with other groups or through Council managed projects.

Climate Change

In 2009-2010 Council, in partnership with the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme, conducted a series of workshops to identify potential risks posed by climate change and develop mitigation and adaptation strategies. Each service area assessed the threat projected changes posed and then developed actions and strategies to decrease or eliminate those risks. In March 2010 a report on the process and strategies was presented to Council.

Council has also developed a 'Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator' which can determine what amount of greenhouse gases are being produced by Council services and facilities.

Council also participated in the Community Purchase of Renewable Energy Program (C-PREP). This program offered discount solar power systems for residents and resulted in over 900 households installing solar systems across the Fleurieu Peninsula. This has resulted in a reduction of over 1170 tonnes of CO₂-e annually. The program will also save over \$250,000 in power bills each year.

Council is continuing with its own solar installation for the Cadell Street office. This project has been moving through a number of technical and legal obstacles but is now on track for a 2010 installation.

Business Unit: Economic Development**Economic Development****Goolwa Wharf Precinct**

A reference group has been established to further develop the historic Goolwa Wharf Precinct. Members of the reference group have been appointed comprising of persons operating either at the Wharf or with direct interest in the Wharf. The Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation plan has been developed by the Working Group.

Revitalisation Project

The Working Group, supported by Council, has established the following priorities as part of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation plan:

- That the branding be strengthened around the historic nature of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct supported by activities such as PS Oscar 'W' and Steamranger's Steam to Steam theme and that all historic buildings and structures be developed to bring more tourism activity to the Wharf Precinct.
- That the committee call for Business Plans based around the Signal Point complex being leased as a function centre.
- That staff seek out interested persons to establish a tourism based attraction in this building.
- That an external assessment of the future demand and supply for tourist accommodation around Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island be obtained.
- To support the funding application for the 2012 SA Regional Centre for Culture Grant and the Minister be advised accordingly, and
- To redesign the traffic movement around the Wharf Precinct to create additional car and bus parking.

PS Oscar 'W'

The regular one hour cruises offered onboard the PS Oscar 'W' are becoming very popular generating income to cover maintenance and running costs. The boat is also available for charter providing additional income and promotional opportunities.

The Friends of the Oscar 'W' Volunteers are working well as a team and have agreed to lease a section of the Goolwa Wharf Shed for a ticketing office and display space for the promotion of the paddle steamer era. The Goolwa Wharf shed will be refurbished this year.

**Review of Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism Strategic Plan**

A review of Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism Strategic Plan has commenced with renewed focus on food, wine and accommodation. As part of this review Council has called for a refocus on the marketing plan to achieve more bookings for our operators.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) - Update

A new Regional Model for Regional Development Australia has been completed.

Council will be working with RDA on new strategies to commence in 2010/11.

Purchase of the Old Goolwa Post Office Building

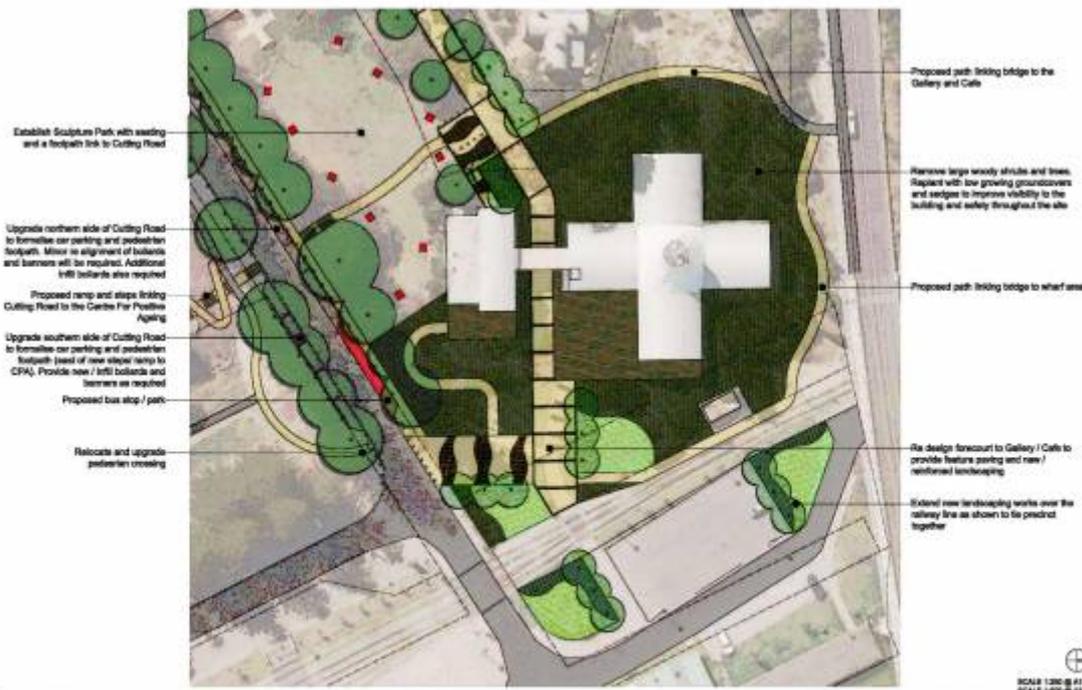
Council undertook the strategic property purchase of the old Goolwa Post Office building at the corner of Cadell Street and Cutting Road. Council relocated the Visitor Information Centre to this prominent site, freeing up the old site within Signal Point for a commercial lease.



Images: c1914 and 2010

Signal Point

The review of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct and Signal Point has progressed well. A new business plan for Signal Point has been developed with the re-location of the Visitor Information Centre to the 'old Post Office Building'. The business plan incorporates a function centre, local food and wine promotion and hospitality training.



Major Events & Business Development

Festivals Events & Attractions

Festivals and events play an integral role in shaping and building our communities, attracting new visitors to the region and promoting our towns as high quality tourism destinations. It has been a very successful year of major events held in Alexandrina with the following examples;

Strathalbyn Collectors Hobbies and Antique Fair maintains Strathalbyn's profile as the "Antiques Town" within Alexandrina Council and South Australia. It attracted dealers and approximately 3000 visitors from around Australia. Various venues around the town are connected by the complimentary shuttle bus service and accommodation was heavily booked.

Goolwa Alive celebrated its 5th year showcasing local business, food, wine and produce with a street closure and great crowds. Business and community participation continues to grow and this event is proving to be a solid event on our event calendar.

Images: Goolwa Alive (right) and the Finish Line in Goolwa (below)



The spectacular Tour Down Under event, including the Mutual Community Challenge, in January travelled through Alexandrina and brought over 40,000 people to the area with the finish of stage 4 in Goolwa worth over \$300,000 in income to our business communities.

Alexandrina has already made plans to host the finish of stage 4 including the Mutual Challenge Tour in Strathalbyn in 2011. Yesterday's Power Rally at Milang changed locations from the Railway Museum lawns to the Milang Oval which has been essential and positive, enabling space for this growing event. Estimated visitors to the event were approximately 3000 included local, interstate, and other South Australian regions; many extended their stay beyond the weekend with accommodation heavily booked at Milang and in the neighbouring towns.

Many young people attended the Heatwave Music Event held in Middleton. Due to mixed feedback received, Council will identify alternative locations should the event be repeated.

The inaugural Port Elliot Film Festival was held on the 11th -13th March. A great evening was enjoyed by those who attended. Planning has commenced for the next event from 3rd - 5th February 2011.

An International Poetry Festival event - 'Salt on the Tongue' was held in Goolwa during April with participants travelling from interstate and intrastate, heavily booking local accommodation and ensuring local business enjoyed busy days.

The Fleurieu Railfest, in conjunction with History Week activities, was held on the 29th (in Goolwa) and 30th (in Victor Harbor) May 2010. This event was a cooperative event with SteamRanger, Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor. Attendance was lower than expected due to inclement weather.

The Goolwa 180 event was well attended by our community, over 100 students from schools on the Fleurieu Peninsula, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia, and local members of parliament. The event included a re-enactment, demonstration of 1830s dances by local school children, unveiling of a cairn at Bristow-Smith Reserve to commemorate Captain Sturt's epic journey down the Murray River and a formal dinner.



The crowd and the Fort Glanville Historical Association ready to present arms

Festivals Events Funding

The revised Festivals and Events Policy adopted by Council in February includes Alexandrina's community festivals and events funding program. A call for funding applications was finalised in April 2010 to bring our grant program in line with Council's Budget. Over 18 key community events will be funded by Council for the 2010/11 year.

Alexandrina Visitor Services

The Alexandrina Council supports 2 accredited Visitor Information Centres (Goolwa and Strathalbyn). Our Visitor Information Centres are open 7 days a week to promote tourism services and experiences by providing a professional information and booking service with specialist knowledge of the Alexandrina Council Region, Fleurieu Peninsula and beyond. We have 56 volunteers with a passion for tourism and their community who support the daily operation of the Visitor Centres in Goolwa and Strathalbyn and provided 10,665 hours to the Centres this year.

Alexandrina Visitor Services launched a booking policy, after it was adopted by Council in February 2010. Letters were sent to accommodation operators inviting their participation and Council received a broad acceptance.

 **Goolwa Visitor Information Centre** 

Awards

SA Tourism Awards

The Goolwa Visitor Information Centre was awarded a Silver medal at the 2009 SA Tourism Awards. The Centre won the Silver medal in the Visitor Information and Services category after winning the category in 2007 and 2008.

Goolwa Cittaslow

The Goolwa Visitor Information Centre received a 2010 Cittaslow Goolwa Award in recognition of their contribution to the community and the tourism industry.

Re-location

The Goolwa Visitor Information Centre relocated to the main street into the original Goolwa Post Office building and opened for business on Thursday 1st April 2010. Council purchased this property to provide improved service to community and the tourism industry, also increasing car and van parking options. Renovations to the former post office building have commenced and will continue this year.

 **Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre** 

The Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre has been refurbished with a re-design of brochure and retail displays, new photocopying and public internet access room. The new layout of the Centre has improved access and created more saleable space.



Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre



HEALTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Business Unit	Service Areas
Health & Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Health• Compliance Officers• Fire Prevention
Arts & Lifestyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts & Cultural Development• Youth Services• Fleurieu Families• Community Transport• Community Advisory Services• Home & Community Services• Community Development Services

Business Unit: Health & Compliance

Environmental Health

Food Safety Education and Enforcement

This year has been highly successful in the area of providing regulation, promotion and information in relation to food safety. We have inspected all food businesses in accordance with our inspection schedule which is based on the National standard for inspection frequencies. This is the most compliant with these frequencies that this team has ever been and the standard of hygiene being seen in food businesses is improved as a result of our more regular presence. Food safety training was also offered to our food businesses and we introduced an online training package that our food businesses can access free of charge to aid our businesses in training their food handling staff in food safety. We also published a quarterly food safety newsletter to share up-to-date information with food businesses in the district.

Alexandrina Council was successful in obtaining a Food Safety Week Grant from the South Australian Department of Health. The grant provided the opportunity to enhance and expand the proposed Food Safety Week project for 2009. The project was developed, co-ordinated and implemented by Council's Environmental Health team and targeted Council office staff with the aim of improving the food safety knowledge of our employees. The key principle was to encourage staff to talk about food safety rather than simply telling them the rights and wrongs. The project was a success and evaluation of the program which was conducted after the week, involved in food safety week and would be keen to be involved in similar activities in the future.



*Karen Rokicinski & Angela Sorger
Food Safety Week*

The responses showed that the project not only increased staff awareness of food safety hazards, it also increased their knowledge of the role of Environmental Health, "I feel we gained a better understanding of what our EHO's are involved in....it's not just septic tanks etc." We aim to further this project for next year by extending it out to the public, due to its high level of success internally during its trial year.

Public & Environmental Health Management Plan

The Public & Environmental Health Management Plan was thoroughly revised and released for public consultation before adoption by Council. The revised plan captured the aspects of Environmental Health which have changed due to legislative amendment as well as a new focus to improve efficiencies within team processes.

Mosquito Management Program

The mosquito management program remained largely the same this year, although extensive revision has now commenced which will take effect in the new year. Key amendments for this year have been entry into a new two year period for the chemical treatment of mosquito breeding sites and an audit of known and potential breeding sites was undertaken, with several new sites listed on the routine larvicide treatment schedule.

Immunisation Program

Staff flu vaccinations were completed and our regular program of vaccinations continues, now that the supply of flu vaccines has been made available to Councils. It has been a particularly busy year for Council's immunisation program with the Swine Flu vaccine being offered free of charge to the community, causing an increase in the number of structured clinics than we had initially anticipated. The school program ran as per the correct schedule and achieved excellent rates of coverage.

Council's Health Module Software Upgrade

Additions to the module for the year have included a new module for handling complaints, inspections and Orders, as well as interactions between the module and other modules of Synergy. Standard letters with direct mail merge have also been established along with several reports that assist officers in keeping track of inspections and other items with due dates. A new register for handling CWMS pump-outs has also been established, with the next phase to bring interactions with Exponare mapping software. The new hardware (12" terminal server netbooks) has now been purchased and set up, with Council's Environmental Health team each having their own functional unit which allows for entry of data directly into the system from out in the field. The efficiencies that have been gained from this project are extremely significant and allow staff to focus more of their time on important functions of the role and have reduced administrative effort. Linkages made within the Synergy system also assist with the accuracy of Section 7 property Searches.

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This project has been a significant joint effort between the IT and Environmental Health teams, with many developments also being utilised by other areas of Council. These modifications have even been commended by other Councils who now wish to adopt the same setup. A visit was recently made to Berri Barmera Council to assist them in reaching the same goals in their system setup. Feedback received is that they too are experiencing brilliant efficiencies from the new system.

Wastewater Management

This year saw changes to the Environmental Health team's procedures for inspections of wastewater system installations. In the later part of the year, where the new system was up and running, greater attendance at inspections was achieved. The team also worked quite closely with the Planning team to ensure that changes to Planning legislation through the new residential code did not adversely impact on timeframes and quality of assessment for wastewater system applications. The team also provided significant input to the draft Wastewater Code which is to be released early in the new year, which will significantly alter Council's approval powers and extend into the assessment of alternative engineered systems for wastewater management.

Compliance Officers

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



Council's Compliance Officers continue to implement short and long term strategies to educate the community on responsible animal management practices, in particular in relation to dogs and cats. Council's Animal Management Plan continues to provide solutions and direction to the community to encourage responsible animal management whilst protecting the welfare of all domestic animals. The Plan continues to promote Council's requirement for all cats to be micro chipped by June 2012.



The focus for 2009-10 centred on the importance of dog registration with part one of a two year Unregistered Dog Door Knock occurring between September and November 2009. In excess of 4,000 properties were visited and over 400 unregistered dogs were identified. The program proved so effective that a further 500 dogs were registered with Council once the public became aware that the program was underway. The numbers of registered dogs is now at its highest with over 6,000 registered dogs within Alexandrina Council.



Compliance Officers continued to enforce Council By-laws and Government Legislation in regards to other offences including illegal parking, illegal dumping of rubbish and illegal camping. Again, with education the primary target, parking patrols were increased with expiations and warnings issued where appropriate.

Fire Prevention

Education on fire prevention occurs all year within the Alexandrina Council area, with an increase in publicity and information during the approach to, and during the fire danger season. With two fire danger districts to work in between November and April annually, Councils Fire Prevention Officers adhere to the conditions and legislation under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 when inspecting private land and slashing road verges as part of Councils fire mitigation works program.



Council completed a "Fire Risk Audit of Open Space Areas" plan during 2009 which comprehensively identified all rural Council owned land parcels and rated the fire risk associated with each parcel, recommendations on future land use and viability of each open space.



During the 2009 -10 fire danger season, Councils block clearing program resulted in the issuing of 105F notices to 1,400 property owners requiring them to reduce the fuel load on their property to suppress the outbreak or spread of fire through their land. Generally 75% of property owners completed the required work with Council completing the remaining work and on charging those property owners. Council designed and implemented a software system to record and manage the process more efficiently in October 2009.



The roadside verge upgrade on Callington Road began in early 2010 with the removal of rocks, dead trees and wire from the road verge. Identified as a major, high use, strategic road by the District Bushfire Prevention Committee, the clearance of the road verge ensures practical and effective long term fire management strategies can be implemented to reduce the risk of the spread or outbreak of fire from this busy arterial road.



Business Unit: Arts & Lifestyle Services

Arts & Cultural Development

\$7,500 Funding Approval - Arts SA - Arts Facilities and Equipment Program

Correspondence was received from Hon Mike Rann, Premier and Minister for the Arts, advising that Council's recent application to Arts SA's Arts Facilities and Equipment Program, had been approved for financial assistance, Council received \$7,500 for the installation of a flexible lighting system for Signal Point Interpretive Centre.

Positive Economic Outcome from Funding Forum Held for Local Art Workers

The forum was held with representatives from the Australia Council, the South Australian Youth Arts Board and Country Arts SA.

Attendance rates were high with 25 artists and art workers from across the southern Fleurieu region in attendance.

Two delegates who attended the forum, used the knowledge and skills obtained, to apply for and be successful in, receiving grant funding to the total value of \$22,000, for projects within the Alexandrina region.

Alexandrina Council was shortlisted for \$1.8million in Funding and Update on Other Great News for Arts & Culture

Alexandrina Council was shortlisted with its bid for the 2012 Regional Centre for Culture (RCC) initiative. Council's funding application centred on the redevelopment of Centenary Hall as a facility of excellence for performing arts.



Goolwa Centenary Hall

Signal Point's Heysen Trail exhibition held during February/March - of the six venues across the State, 'Signal Point' at Goolwa ranked second best for sales of artwork. The Farm Gate Festival was held between 27th March & 25th April 2010 - anecdotal evidence suggests a significant increase in visitation to the area during this month.



Signal Point



FarmGate

Historic Boating Public Art Work at Goolwa Wharf

Council has been successful in its grant application and received \$5,000 for seed funding to explore sculpture on the Goolwa Wharf.



Goolwa Wharf

Two Arts Projects Nominated for Ruby Award

The Heysen Trail Exhibition and the Alexandrina Farm Gate Festival have been nominated for Ruby Awards (Premier Arts & Cultural Awards in South Australia) for innovation and community/regional impact.



Youth Services

Successful Youth Engagement

The Youth Engagement Seminar (YES) provided a great opportunity to celebrate young people's participation in our communities, to examine what services and programs already exist for young people across the region, highlighted what could be improved upon, and explored and discussed "Youth Participation".

YES was held at the McCracken Convention Centre in Victor Harbor on the 22nd September 2009. The forum was attended by over 110 young people, teachers and service providers.

The YES was a Regional initiative of the Southern Fleurieu Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and was totally youth led, by members of the Southern Fleurieu Youth Advisory Committee.

Support increased youth participation through investigating potential external funding and sponsorships for youth programs

Staff and YAC team members have identified and sourced new external funding for the Youth Theatre Program.

Successful Youth Fusion Event and YAC Member Recognition



More than 300 young people from across the region participated in the highly successful Fusion 2010 Youth Music and Skating event, held on the 27th February 2010. Local resident and member of Southern Fleurieu Youth Advisory Committee, Oliver Delveccio, entered a short film in the National Youth Week Launch Competition.

The Federal Minister for Youth, the Hon Kate Ellis, has just announced Oliver as the winner. As a result, the Alexandrina and Victor Harbor Council region will benefit from the staging of a significant youth event in this region, which will be funded entirely by the Federal Government, to launch National Youth Week on the 10th April 2010.

Support increased youth participation through investigating potential external funding and sponsorships for youth programs



An increase in youth participation has been achieved through advocacy and promotion with Schools, networks and partnerships with other organisations. Wet Paint Productions currently has 11 new participants and the Youth Advisory Committee has 5 new members. Gallery: Wet Paint's 2009 performance took place in July with over 70 people attending as audience members.

*Wet Paint Productions Members Imogen Sperring
Timisha Ward, Allen Blazey and Simone Jowett*



Southern Fleurieu Youth Services Action Plan

A report was presented to Council on 6th April 2010, recommending that the Southern Fleurieu Youth Services Action Plan be adopted as a guide for Council, in developing stronger partnerships and collaboration between key services, in working towards improved services for younger people.

Successful Youth Events & Presentation

The region's first Blue Light Disco was held on the 26th March 2010, 140 young people in attendance with 20 volunteers (10 young people and 10 adults).

National Youth Week Launch was held on 10th April 2010 with approx. 280 people in attendance with 15 Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) volunteering during the event.



Victor Harbor Lights



Mt Compass

YAC and Action at the Youth Film Festival

The Youth Development Officer and Youth Advisory Committee successfully held the Annual Youth Short Film Festival "Show Us Ya Shorts" at Mount Compass and Victor Harbor during National Youth Week 15th and 16th April 2010, with over 150 young people attending the event. The Nangkita-Kuitpo Ward Councillor attended the event on behalf of the Mayor. Manager of Arts & Lifestyle invited the Youth Advisory Committee to present to the Local Government Community Managers Group at Alexandrina Council Chambers on 30th April 2010, highlighting local youth achievements, events and youth issues. Feedback received was very positive.



YAC Members Liam, Luke and Emily entertaining the crowd at FUSION 2010



Youth Update projects and events.

Youth Development Officers held the Drug Action Week Expos throughout the region at all high Schools, working with Local Youth Services and SAPOL. The Expos' were a great success with students attending from Year 8 - Year 12. Feed back has been extremely positive from both teachers and students.

Fleurieu Families

Operation of an effective and efficient Fleurieu Families service

Effective and accessible services to families have been provided throughout the region through the provision of parenting and support groups, playgroups and the provision of a home visitation program. As well as 120 people attending the Safe Families Safe Communities Forum over two days, workshops for 174 local students.(these workshops included after hours workshops being run to meet the needs of working families) were held.

Provide early intervention and family support services to the Fleurieu region

A Family Study was commissioned to greater understand the increasing complexities of families in the region. Excellent connections were made with Families SA through the provision of the High Risk Infants Team Meetings. A number of parenting and support groups have been established.

Further develop partnerships to improve funding, service enhancement and service delivery of Fleurieu Families

There has been the facilitation of 4 Early Childhood Network. Staff attended networks both at local and state levels. Collaborative planning and joint projects with Families SA, Anglicare, Women's Health and the Southern Fleurieu Health Services were successfully achieved

Community Transport

There has been ongoing participation in regional and Local Government transport-related forums and meetings and regular attendance at Community Passenger Network meetings with both Southern Community Transport Scheme (SCOTS) and Hills Community Passenger Network (HCPN).

Community Advisory Services

Attendance to regular monthly meetings of the Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee, with ongoing monitoring and review of all Regional programs through periodic direct reporting to the Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee (FRCSAC) continues. With regular verbal and written reports tabled by regional collaborative partners and providers ensuring access and delivery of services are being provided to eligible Alexandrina residents. Staff have been partnering and working closely with SCOTS, HCPN, Strathalbyn Home Assist and Community Care and Milang and Clayton Bay Community Care and other relevant regional transport providers, to provide transport services to eligible residents. Council staff has advocated on behalf of all transport disadvantaged sectors across the community to relevant transport funding government departments and agencies.

Review and monitor partnership arrangements with collaborative partners within Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee programs

Volunteers Recognition Day



The 2010 Volunteer Recognition Day Movie Day event was a collaborative venture between Alexandrina, Adelaide Hills and Mt Barker Councils. In all close to 1,000 volunteers attended the event which was a free movie at Wallis Cinema Mt Barker. We have received very positive feedback about the success of the event which proved popular across all age groups

The event was held 5th May 2010, with 250 volunteers from across the Alexandrina Council region attending.



Very positive feedback was received from participants with regard to the organisation and the type of event that was offered to celebrate and thank volunteers for their generous contribution to our communities.

NAIDOC Week – Flag Raising

2010 NAIDOC Day was held in Goolwa with more than 150 people attending the flag raising ceremony followed by a light lunch and the official launch of Jekejere Park





Home & Community Services

Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing

In December 2009, of Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing (ACPA) Volunteering Action Group (VAG) (Ageing services staff only) was formed. The VAG will review ACPA's compliance with National Volunteering Standards, support systems, policies, training and induction procedures, with a view to collate and present findings to Council,. This will support the across Council management, action and organisational approach to Volunteer Coordination. The VAG have recently developed a draft Alexandrina Volunteering Handbook.

Strathalbyn, Milang and Clayton Bay communities – Community Transport

Arts & Lifestyle Services have successfully complied with all service outputs and aspects of funding and service agreements as reported through the Home & Community Care Minimum Data Set (HACC MDS). Statistical data enables frequent and ongoing monitoring of access and delivery of transport services to the Strathalbyn, Milang and Clayton Bay communities. Council's Ageing Services team have ensured a coordinated approach to all aspects of service provision resulting in improved outcomes to HACC eligible residents. The Team Development Officer - Ageing Services has assisted and supported and regularly attended appropriate aged services network and aged service provider meetings. Preparations for ACPA HACC NSS Review/Appraisal which falls due in early 2011 have commenced. A full review of services compliance, with regard to policies and procedures with the HACC NSS, has been completed. A HACC NSS trained consultant has been engaged to oversee this process and will continue to undertake preparatory work towards the 2011 appraisal.

Review staffing and funding for the Neighbour Aid program into the future

Limitations in being able to provide services to non HACC eligible clients due to constraints and guidelines imposed by program funding bodies continues, however every endeavour is made to support all residents either through direct service provision, where eligible, or referral to an appropriate agency or service. The Department for Families and Communities (DFC) funded 'Goolwa and Port Elliott Neighbour Aid Scheme' is currently the only non HACC eligible program however, meetings with OFTA may see this change to a HACC funded program in 2011. Discussions with OFTA are continuing. Discussions have been undertaken between Council staff, the Office for The Ageing, the Neighbour Aid Scheme Coordinator and the Team Development Officer to seek and consider all options that will ensure appropriate and adequate funding is harnessed which will support the continuation of this valuable community program at current service levels. DFC agreed to continue to provide 'transitional' funding to this program until December 30 2010.

Community Advisory Services - Feasibility Study

A Feasibility Study to explore the need of a services "hub" or presence for service providers in Strathalbyn was undertaken. Participation at an Executive level in the development of the Adelaide Hills Positive Ageing Plan 2020 which includes the Strathalbyn & Milang areas in its strategic planning for the future continued.

Community Connect

Community Connect continues to be a vital part of rural Alexandrina, giving individuals the opportunity to reconnect with their community.



Arts & Cultural Development

Operation of an effective and efficient Arts & Cultural Development service

There was continual updating to the Arts & Cultural Policy and establishment of the Terms of Reference for the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee.

Arts and Cultural Advisory committee member received National Regional Award

Alexandrina's Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee member, Suzanne Rex, is awarded the "Outstanding Contribution Volunteer Award" at the National Regional Arts Conference in Launceston. This highly competitive award was presented by his Excellency Michael Bryce AM, AE, Patron of Regional Arts Australia.





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Development Assessment

In 2009 - 2010:

- 1,503 Development Applications were lodged with Council for a variety of development types ranging from dwellings to retirement villages and agricultural activities.
- 86 applications for land division were received creating a total of 337 new allotments throughout the Council area.
- 18 applications went before the Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP), who met a total of 10 times through the year. Of the applications presented to the CDAP, 14 were approved (some subject to State Government Development Assessment Commission concurrence), and only 4 were refused.
- No appeals were lodged in the Environment Resources & Development (ERD) Court during this period. This is a good measure to indicate that the function and role of the CDAP and the development assessment team is working effectively.

A new initiative from the Planning and Development Team has been the introduction of a touchscreen computer for documents requiring public consultation. It is currently located in the Goolwa Office however with the new Strathalbyn Library and Customer Service Office, it is intended that a further touchscreen will be installed there. The touchscreen will allow the community to access any planning documents requiring public comment such as Category 3 development applications, Development Plan Amendments and town plans. This facility is not just for the use of the Planning and Development team but for all Council departments and is designed to reduce the amount of paper we use as well as making these documents more accessible.

Policy Planning

One of the highlights of the year was the successful completion of the Rural Areas Review and acknowledgement of its uniqueness and quality with the acceptance of the Planning Institute of Australia Award for Planning Excellence, SA Division, in the Rural and Regional Planning Category. This was followed up with winning the Rural and Regional Planning Achievement Award at the Planning Institute of Australia National Awards for Planning Excellence 2010 presented in Canberra on 26 March 2010.

Aside from that work has continued on a number of Development Plan Amendments (DPA) and strategic planning documents throughout the year with the introduction of the State Governments' 30 Year Plan providing some interesting debates within the planning industry. The following summarises the projects worked on during the year and their current status.



Hindmarsh Island – Kumarangk DPA

After many years this DPA finally received the Minister's approval and is now incorporated into Council's Development Plan.

Better Development Plan DPA

With the approval of the Hindmarsh Island – Kumarangk DPA this DPA was able to be progressed with the final draft nearing completion towards the end of the reporting period.

Strathalbyn Commercial/Industrial DPA

This DPA was also completed and approved by the Minister and is now incorporated into Council's Development Plan.

Currency Creek DPA

Government agency consultation has now been completed following the need to undertake an Environmental Site Audit by the Environment Protection Authority. Currently Council is awaiting the Minister's approval to undertake public consultation.

Goolwa Town Plan

The implementation of this plan has continued with the following projects:

- Cadell Street Streetscape Improvement Plan – the objectives of this project were to review the character of the street and identify any issues or opportunities to reinforce the streets' 'sense of place'; investigate design options to provide a safe and efficient traffic environment for local residents and visitors using all modes of transport; identify easily implementable projects such as landscaping, street furniture and signage; and develop an overall vision for Cadell Street to guide future development. This plan was completed and Stage 1 of the project which was to pave the footpaths and construct the corner protuberances between Crocker and Moore Streets was designed and commenced.
- Goolwa Open Space and Recreation Plan – the objectives of this project is to identify existing open space and recreation areas and facilities and develop a strategy and management plan to determine the viability of such assets and identify ways of integrating existing facilities and where Council may need to provide additional facilities and linkages. Work continued throughout the year with the consultants with a draft pending in the coming year.
- Goolwa Cultural Precinct Plan – with the redevelopment of the Signal Point facility and the need to continue with the revitalisation of the Goolwa Wharf it was identified that an overall strategy for this precinct in terms of access for pedestrians and vehicles, landscaping and signage was required. This project was completed with the plans being picked up by the newly formed Goolwa Wharf Working Party for implementation.



Rural Areas Review and Rural Areas DPA

As indicated this plan was completed and nationally recognized with a PIA award. The implementation process has now commenced with the formation of the Alexandrina Sustainable Agricultural Round Table, ASART. This group has been established to assist with the implementation process and has already met and been integral in the development of the Rural Areas Development Plan Amendment Statement of Intent (SOI). Membership of the group consists of representatives of key agricultural industries in the district, elected members, staff and appointed consultants. The SOI has been completed and approval is currently being sought from the Minister for Urban Development and Planning prior to proceeding with the Development Plan Amendment process. Council has been successful in obtaining \$40,000 in funding through the Federal Government's Strengthening Basin Communities program.

Goolwa Airport DPA

This DPA has been completed and is currently awaiting the Minister's approval to proceed to Government agency and public consultation.

Heritage Matters

As part of the History Week celebrations Council held a very successful Heritage Award evening at Milang on 27th May 2010. The evening was well attended with 1 recognition award, 12 commendation awards and 1 major award being presented to the property owners. An appreciation award was presented to the students of the Milang Campus of the Eastern Fleurieu School for their excellent poster displays and model of the Milang jetty and shacks. Council's Heritage Advisor continued to be busy with a total of 310 heritage inspections/advice being given during the year. Of these there were 126 in Strathalbyn, 77 in Goolwa and 70 in Port Elliot. The balance, 37, was either in other smaller townships or within the rural communities.

A project brief has now been prepared and sent to consultants to undertake the Milang and South Coast Townships Local Heritage Development Plan Amendments with a decision on the successful consultancy pending.





PROJECT	STATUS	% COMP	PROGRESS COMMENTS	RESP. OFFICER	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Currency Creek DPA	In progress	70%	Submitted to Minister for approval to undertake public consultation.	GMPD	\$50,000	\$23,431 inc. site audit for EPA
Rural Areas DPA	In progress	35%	Statement of Intent complete & waiting Minister's approval to proceed.	GMPD	\$50,000	\$10,000
Better Development Plan DPA	In progress	80%	The draft document is nearing completion.	GMPD	\$70,000	\$50,000
Cadell Street Streetscape Improvement Plan and Implementation	Complete		Plan was completed along with Stage 1 design & development.	GMPD	\$54,000 & \$32,000	\$85,745
Goolwa Cultural Precinct Plan	Complete		Plan was completed.	GMPD	\$16,000	\$16,000
Goolwa Open Space & Recreation Plan	In progress	50%	Initial work commenced with site audits and consultation.	GMPD	\$40,000	\$20,000

Building Section

The mission of the Building team is to ensure that Council meets its statutory responsibilities in regard to assessment, compliance, building fire safety and building inspections.

The Development Act requires Council to set and adopt a policy for inspecting building work within its area. Building inspection statistics for the 2009 - 2010 financial year have revealed that Council's Building Section is achieving its nominated target of inspecting at least 20% of all dwellings and dwelling additions on at least one occasion during the construction process.

The total number of Class 1A (Dwelling and Dwelling Addition) approvals during this period was 439 and the total number of inspections undertaken of footings and framing was 213, an overall inspection rate of 48%.

Recently the State Government has flagged its intention to mandate a level of inspection for structural framing, in particular roof framing, by the release of draft regulations for consultation. The draft legislation proposes a minimum level of 66% of all building work involving roof frames. If implemented, this will have a significant impact on the ability of the building team to meet the statutory obligations of Council.

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The programme of audit inspections for swimming pools has continued and a further 5 pools have been inspected. The programme was put on hold as from 1st May 2010 pending the introduction of new regulations, as to continue would have resulted in confusion for pool owners. To date those regulations have not been implemented.

During the 2009-2010 financial year the Building Fire Safety Committee has widened its focus to include assembly buildings. The objective of the Committee is to achieve an acceptable standard of fire safety in all buildings (other than domestic buildings) throughout the Council area. In all instances where an upgrade of fire safety provisions has been required, the Committee has undertaken follow-up inspections in order to determine that satisfactory progress has been made toward completion of the required upgrade work. In this period 20 premises in Port Elliot, Middleton, Goolwa and Strathalbyn were reinspected, and in most cases satisfactory progress was made. Work required to upgrade the fire-safety provisions in 5 premises has been completed to the satisfaction of the Committee. Seven additional premises were inspected by the Committee, resulting in the issue of two Notices of Fire Safety Defect and one Emergency Order. The emergency order has since been lifted and the two notices are in the process of being enforced.





INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & DESIGN

Business Unit	Service Areas
Infrastructure Planning & Design Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asset Planning• Development Assessment – Engineering• GIS• Infrastructure Services

Asset Planning

Goolwa Wharf Floating Recreational Boating Facility

Whilst river levels were at a record low, Alexandrina Council took the opportunity to dredge the riverbed area adjacent to Hector's Jetty. The dredging sees the commencement of construction of a recreational boating facility adjacent to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. The facility will consist of floating pontoons, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant gangways and an upgrade to the existing timber boardwalk. Due to fluctuating river levels, Council will construct floating pontoons which will allow small recreational boats to tie up adjacent to Hector's Jetty and enable boat owners to enjoy the many attractions within the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

Dredging of the riverbed was completed in August 2009 with preliminary design and approvals for the floating pontoons and the widening of the existing wooden boardwalk completed shortly thereafter. Pending external funding it is hoped that the construction of the pontoons and boardwalk will be completed prior to the next Wooden Boat & Music Festival to be held in February 2011.



Goolwa Wharf Dredging



Update on Traffic & Parking Studies

During the past year Alexandrina Council has commissioned Traffic and Parking Studies for the Mount Compass Commercial Precinct and Port Elliot Commercial area. The traffic and parking studies identify the need and requirements for additional parking and also make recommendations relating to traffic management to improve the movement of traffic through these busy commercial areas.

Based on recommendations detailed in the report, Council will undertake a series of improvements in future financial years to help address parking and traffic management problems in both areas.

Development Assessment – Engineering

Development Assessment

Over the past 12 months Infrastructure Planning & Design (IP&D) staff members have been involved in several large land divisions currently under construction within the Alexandrina District. Council staff assess the engineering requirements in relation to all major and minor land divisions and ensure that developer constructed assets are built to the appropriated standards using techniques and materials that will result in minimal maintenance requirements for Council. Council staff also negotiate with developers for the provision of high-value assets including bike tracks, wetlands, park furniture and wastewater recycling infrastructure. Recent land divisions include Braemer Heights, Aberdeen Park and the very successful Beyond Today development in Port Elliot.



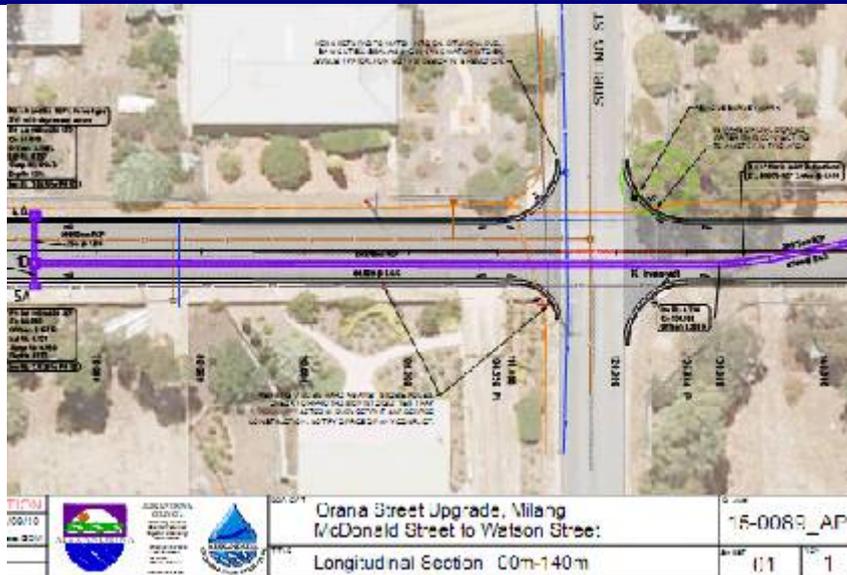
Aberdeen Park, Strathalbyn



Beyond Today – Hayborough

Engineering Design

To ensure the accurate and efficient delivery of engineering designs for road construction projects Council has employed an Engineering Design Officer. The Design Officer replaces the need for Council to use external consultants for the production of engineer designs which has proved to be an expensive and time consuming process in the past. Council's Design Officer has already completed designs for the Fenchurch Street Upgrade (stages 1 & 2), Riverside Road Strathalbyn, Bosisto Lane, Milang urban streets, the Goolwa and Strathalbyn shared paths and Goolwa Wharf Precinct Strategic Plan.



Sample of engineering design – original in A1 size. IP&D will provide better quality for production purposes.

GIS

The IP&D Department has successfully implemented a new mapping system across Council. The MAPINFO mapping program is widely used by many local councils across the State and helps Council keep track of its 35,000 individual assets in the district. The mapping program is used by all internal and external staff members and also incorporates aerial photography consisting of high resolution (0.15 metre pixels) across the townships and low resolution (0.6m pixels) across the rural areas. The December 2008 photography can be viewed at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Council offices and is available for purchase in hard copy format. Council has also recently implemented the Assetics Asset Management Software. This software allows Council to track the performance and deterioration of its asset stock currently worth in excess of \$260 million dollars (excluding buildings). The software identifies when an asset is due for renewal and can also predict the most appropriate corrective treatment to ensure Council gets the most value with minimal maintenance expenses over an asset's lifecycle. By developing long term asset renewal programs Council can sustainably budget for the renewal of community assets well into the future. Recently the new Assetics software has been used to produce the 2010/2011 road resal program, rural road resheeting program, kerb replacement program and footpath renewal program.



Councils new asset management software will prevent this type of situation occurring.



Infrastructure Services

Successful Funding & Capital Grants

Over the past 12 months the IP&D Department has been very successful in securing external grant funding including:

Stage 2 – Goolwa Stormwater Harvesting Project

Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Water, Environment, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) under the State-wide Wastewater Recycling Project for the construction of stage 2 of the Goolwa Stormwater Harvesting Project.

This project involves the construction of a 62 Megalitre HDPE lined storage lagoon to store stormwater captured from the Murray Smith stormwater detention pond adjacent to Council's Administration building in Goolwa. The lagoon will be situated at the former facultative lagoon site on Kessell Road, Goolwa and will involve the construction of a 4 metre deep, HDPE lined lagoon with floating cover to minimise evaporation. Fill for the construction of the earth embankments will be acquired from the excavation of a stormwater channel west of the proposed pond linking to the swamp area north of Kessell Road. The stormwater channel will ultimately be planted to form a treatment wetland which will be used to treat stormwater generated from future development north of the effluent pond site. The swamp area north of Kessell Road will also be excavated, reshaped and replanted as a functional stormwater detention basin.

Stormwater stored in the new lagoon will be used to irrigate the Goolwa Oval, Neighbour Reserve, Jaralde Park, town centre gardens and in the future the recycled water will be used to help irrigate the South Lakes Golf Course.

The total cost of the project has been estimated as \$1,128,000 with DEWHA contributing \$444,000 towards the project.



Goolwa Stormwater storage lagoon under construction



Angas River and Riverside Shared Paths

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP has announced that Alexandrina Council was successful in obtaining grants for the construction of bike paths in Goolwa and Strathalbyn under the National Bike Paths Project (NBP). The NBP is part of the Federal Jobs Fund which is a \$650 Million Australian Government initiative to support and create jobs and increase skill through innovative projects that build community infrastructure and increase social capital in local communities across the country. The Australian Government has set aside \$40 million over one year for the construction of bike paths under the Local Jobs stream of the Jobs Fund.

The Strathalbyn Angas River Shared Path (Stage 1) consists of a 1.6 kilometre sealed bicycle and pedestrian path along the Angas River corridor from the Terminus Hotel to the Angas Glen Estate situated on Parker Avenue, Strathalbyn. The shared path consists of a 3 metre wide asphalt track with numerous bridge and culvert crossings over the Angas River. A series of 2.5 metre wide, asphalt sealed linkage tracks will connect the shared path to High Street, Fairfield Drive and Langhorne Creek Road. The total project cost of the Strathalbyn shared path is estimated at \$280,830 with 50% to be funded by the National Bike Paths Project.

The Goolwa Riverside Shared Path (Stage 1) consists of a 3m wide, 3.3 kilometre asphalt bicycle and pedestrian path along Liverpool Road linking Laffins Point to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. The shared path will be located predominately along foreshore reserves and is in keeping with recommendations made in the Goolwa Local Area Bike Plan May 1999 (Frank Siow & Associates). The total estimated project cost for the Goolwa shared path is \$390,654 with 50% to be funded by the National Bike Paths Project.



Strathalbyn Angas River Shared Path



Goolwa Riverside Shared Path

Strengthening Basin Communities Project

Under the Strengthening Basin Communities Program the Federal Government has provided funding for local government bodies in the Murray Darling Basin to systematically assess the risks and implications associated with climate change with a particular focus on water availability into the future.

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The South Australian applications were successful in attracting \$1.6 Million in Federal funding to deliver a series of plans to assess the impact anticipated climate change will have on communities, their local water dependant industries, urban water resources management, development plan policy and other strategic planning documents for local government.

Of the \$1.6 Million total funding offer, Alexandrina Council has been allocated \$140,000 for the preparation of Integrated Water Management Plans (IWMPs) for the township of Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island and surrounding districts. \$40,000 has been allocated for the development of the Rural Areas Development Plan Amendment to be coordinated by the General Manager Planning & Development.

The Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island IWMPs will help local communities to plan to diversify their water supplies, reduce reliance on rainfall, and use water more wisely. The IWMPs will also focus on future growth areas identified in Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island under the State Government's 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide. Ultimately the planning undertaken in the SBC project will identify the water needs of future developments to ensure that water generated from development is recycled and reused in a sustainable manner.



Area of Goolwa identified for future urban growth under the State Governments 30 year plan for Greater Adelaide



ENGINEERING SERVICES

Business Unit	Service Areas
Engineering Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineering Services• Waste Management• Community Waste Management Schemes (CWMS)• Bridges & Stormwater Management• Wastewater Recycling/Re-use• Depot Operations• Footpaths & Cycle Tracks• Recreation & Open Space• Roads & Car Parks

Engineering Services

Introduction

Engineering Services works closely with the Infrastructure, Planning & Design department to plan, manage and maintain Councils civil assets including:

- Roads
- Footpaths and Cycle Tracks
- Bridges and Stormwater
- Recreation and Open Space Assets including parks & garden, Foreshore and Riverfront assets
- Waste Management
- Water supply and Waste Water (Community Wastewater Management Schemes)

The department also manages eight Council Cemeteries and also oversees the development of new residential and commercial subdivisions as well as providing extensive customer service for the community. Engineering Services undertake these duties with field staff, plant and machinery and sub-contractors based at Council depots in Goolwa and Strathalbyn.

Review of Key Performance Indicators & Services

During the year Engineering Services extended our range of measures to include other key Customer Request issues. Maintenance Service Levels and Key Performance Indicators are continually being developed and monitored to assist us to develop our maintenance service levels prior to the next Annual Business Plan. All of the services undertaken by Engineering Services were reviewed. We have reviewed: CWMS, Depot Operations, Plant and Machinery, Engineering Services, Roads, Stormwater and Parks and Gardens. An extensive list of 'Key Performance Indicators' have been developed which all service units are utilising in the management of their business.



In The Field Newsletter

The first edition of Engineering Services' monthly newsletter "In the Field" was posted on the Alexandrina Council website in March 2010. The "In The Field" newsletter is updated on a monthly basis and is available on the Council Website for the community to view. Information includes details of various projects and works happening throughout the Council district in the field i.e. road works, footpath upgrades, parks & gardens projects, waste & recycling, road closures and much more. The information will vary monthly depending on the works programmed for the month.

We see this as a good way of keeping our community informed of field works happening around the district.

Waste Management

Transfer operations of collection services and transfer stations to regional body

The formation of the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority is progressing well. An independent chairperson was appointed in October 2009 and the final Charter was approved by Council in November 2009. An Executive Officer and Regional Co-ordinator commenced working in July 2010.

Alexandrina Council now diverts 60% of its waste from landfill

A recent audit of waste streams entering the Goolwa Waste to Resource depot and kerbside waste found that 60% of waste collected is recycled, this includes green waste, plastics, cardboards, kerb side recyclables and other salvageable items. This is done in conjunction with Council's partners in recycling - Finding Workable Solutions and South Coast Bottle & Can Co.

Collect and process dry recyclables

Alexandrina Council's waste operations exceeded its goals in recycling. Income exceeded the 2009-10 budget by \$5,000 and last years total by \$15,000. This is due to greater diversion of waste to recycling products by some customers. Income across all functions of waste management were met.

Additional dry recycling collections was undertaken over summer to allow for additional dry recycling materials to be disposed of which have accumulated over the Christmas period. Participation rates were not high despite advertising in local papers and the Council newsletter. The Christmas collection dates have now been added to the 2010 kerbside collection calendar.

Green Organic Recycling volumes increased by 9% without a build up of stock piles. Green Organic material collected from the City of Victor Harbor region is now also being processed at the Goolwa Waste and Recycling depot.

Waste Diverted from Landfill

Staff at Council's Waste Transfer Stations continue to increase our diversion of waste from landfill. The graph below tracks our performance which exceeded our target in 11 of the 12 months.



Community Waste Management Systems (CWMS)

Goolwa Biosolids plant commissioned

Goolwa Biosolids Depot has been opened for use by septic tank pump out contractors. Local contractors have utilised the new facility and have provided positive feedback regarding this facility. The Biosolids cake is now being composted into our kerbside green organics waste, which we are currently stockpiling the composted material for further testing.



Biosolids Depot located at the Goolwa Waste & Recycling Depot

Goolwa North Vacuum Pump Station

The Goolwa North Vacuum Pump Station was built to cater for the growth in the low lying areas of Goolwa North and beyond. Completion and commissioning of the station was completed at the end of the June 2010. The station currently services the new AV Jennings (Riverbreeze) subdivision. The Vacuum Trunk Main has been extended to the far eastern end of Banfield Road and also has the ability to be able to service areas in and around Byrnes Road .This station will ultimately be able to handle 2,000 connections.

Stormwater Lagoon & Wetland

This project was part of the initiative to provide water to Goolwa’s parks, gardens and ovals. Construction work has been delayed due to heavy rains which have made the site difficult to access. Funding for this project was received from the Department of Water, Environment, Heritage and Arts who contributed 40% of the costs with the other 60% being contributed by Council.



Construction works at the Stormwater Lagoon & Wetland, Kessell Road, Goolwa



Strathalbyn Wastewater Treatment Plant

Council has started the construction of the Strathalbyn Wastewater Treatment Plant along Michelmore Road. This project is the result of the township of Strathalbyn continuing to grow along with outdated and undersized infrastructure that Alexandrina Council currently operates. A 104 megalitre lagoon has been built on Michelmore Rd with the reused water from this plant being used for agricultural purposes as well as being used for irrigation of the Strathalbyn Racing Club.

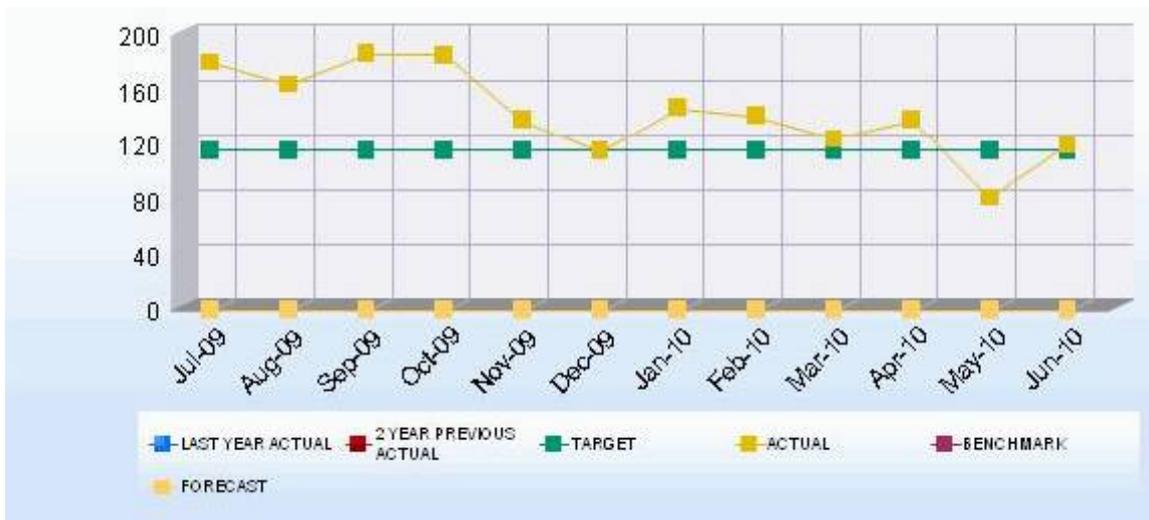
Depot Operations

Goolwa Depot Expansion

The Goolwa Depot expansion was completed with the Official Opening held on the 18th March 2010. The expansion of the Depot included six additional new office spaces, a print room, a training facility, meeting room, reception area and other staff facilities. The Depot has been welcomed by our outside staff and is being considered as a training venue for a local training provider.

Depot Operations – Customer Requests

The key performance indicators for depot operation customer requests include all customer requests received by Engineering Services. The graph below shows a decrease in customer requests. This has been achieved through analysis of data and the implementation of specific maintenance programs.



Footpaths & Cycle Tracks

Angas River Shared Path, Strathalbyn

The construction of the Angas River Shared Path at Strathalbyn has been completed. The path is 1.7km long and consists of four pedestrian bridges. The path starts behind the Terminus Hotel and finishes at the Cobb & Co Estate and links into High Street and Langhorne Creek Road. The project was jointly funded by the Federal Government.

Riverside Shared Path, Goolwa

The Riverside Shared Path at Goolwa has been completed. The path starts on Liverpool Road and finish at Laffin's Point, Goolwa North. The pathway covers a distance of 3.2km. The path is an off-road path which follows Liverpool Road on the river side. The project was jointly funded by the Federal Government.



Riverside Shared Path, Goolwa

Both paths are already proving popular with the community.

Bridges & Stormwater Management

North Parade Pedestrian Bridge, Strathalbyn

Council has approved the budget amendment for additional expenditure for the North Parade pedestrian bridge construction at Strathalbyn. The bridge was purchased in 2009-10 financial year with the installation of the bridge to commence in November 2010.

Phillips Creek Bridge

Council replaced the Phillips Creek Bridge at a cost of \$42,000. This bridge was replaced as the existing bridge became unsafe to use.

Bridges & Stormwater Customer Requests

In the area of bridges and stormwater maintenance we met customer request key performance indicators. Our target for the year was 35 requests and we received 36. The graph below shows peak events in September, October and April.





Securing a Fresh Water Future



Council's "Securing a Fresh Water Future" water strategy encapsulates all of our water saving initiatives including effluent and stormwater reuse, water sensitive urban design, the ICLEI program, community education and events, water saving initiatives in Council buildings, and open space irrigation policies. All of these areas have the same aim, namely to reduce our reliance on water from the fragile River Murray and also, more importantly, an unwavering commitment from this Council to ultimately secure a fresh water solution for the River Murray, Coorong and Lower Lakes.

Council and the community are striving to utilise water in the best possible and most sustainable manner and act as an ambassador for our magnificent river system to ensure our children inherit a river and lakes environment that is recognised as an Australian icon for generations to come.

Council has received national recognition of Water Conservation and Waste Recycling programs.

Council has implemented stormwater harvesting projects to allow for harvested stormwater to be used on open space areas. 75 megalitres of water has been harvested from Murray Smith Reserve for irrigation of the Goolwa oval and surrounding reserves.

We have also extended our irrigation to Neighbour Reserve, Goolwa Wharf - Jaralde Park, Harbour Masters Reserve, Continental Park and Commodore Reserve, Port Elliot.

Council is continuing investigations into supplying recycled stormwater to South Lakes Golf Club in Goolwa. Subject to grant funding, Council are hopeful that recycled stormwater will be provided to the South Lakes Golf Club by January 2011.

Cadell Street Stormwater Drainage

Work has commenced on the Cadell Street, Goolwa stormwater drainage with Stage 1 constructed and completed. Stage 2 is scheduled to be constructed in October 2010. The project is valued at \$450,000.

Recreation and Open Space

Horseshoe Bay and Harbour Masters Reserve Redevelopment

The Horseshoe Bay redevelopment and Harbour Masters Reserve is now complete. This included the installation of subsurface drainage, the relocation of an historic anchor and the redevelopment of the foreshore promenade.

Upgrades to Alexandrina Coastal Infrastructure

Work has continued on Alexandrina Council's coastal infrastructure with new beach access steps being completed at Chapman Road beach car park at Middleton and Stage 2 of the Coastal Warning signs completed in December.



Freeman's Knob Steps, Port Elliot

A new set of steps and hand rail has been constructed from Freeman's Knob lookout to the first walking path connecting to the second set of existing steps and the lower walking path. This enables people to access the lower levels of Freeman's Knob and the slate walking paths linked to this location.

Parks and Gardens Update

The croquet court at Continental Park, which has been closed for some time due to dry conditions, is open again as of the 7th April 2010 for usage. The grassed areas will be maintained by Council's Parks and Gardens Department

Jekejere Park, Goolwa

Jekejere Park is now completed. The park was officially opened by Mr Tom Trevorrow, Ngarrindjeri Heritage Committee, in conjunction with NAIDOC week. The opening was also televised on State television.

Consultation started in 2006 involving the Ngarrindjeri Heritage Committee before construction started in early 2007. Part of the consultation concluded that there were to be no excavation works at the site, so all work was done on top of the existing earth.

Jekejere Park is designed to create an open space area to preserve and enhance the history and recognise the significance of the Aboriginal and European connection. The park provides an open space area for gatherings and meetings, a pathway connection to Signal Point, preservation and enhancement of significant stands of existing flora and represents the merging of the Aboriginal and European cultures. Historic buildings located around the park are also enhanced and signage has been installed to provide information on the history and significance of these buildings.



Jekejere Park, Goolwa

Highlights of the park include landscaping using Aboriginal foods and medicine plants, which was carried out by Council's parks and gardens staff, a straw bale wall construction, a beautiful mosaic, interpretive signage and a flowing wooden seat.

The Department of Planning and Local Government contributed a \$30,000 grant towards the project.

As a result of this project, there is now a historic place in Goolwa designed for healing, a place associated with unfinished business, a representation of the merging of cultures, a meeting place and path with stories to educate.

Additional Open Space for Alexandrina

Due to development over the past twelve months an extra 7.74 Hectares of open space will be handed over to Council from developers to maintain in the 2010-11 financial year.



Corella Control Program Complete

Council undertook an extensive public consultation process and Corella Control Program which was successful in moving the birds out of the townships. The program was completed with 1,000 birds being trapped in line with the Department of Environment & Heritage permit. Despite the change in weather there are still a number of birds in the Strathalbyn area. The final community meeting was held on 12th May 2010.

Roads & Car Parks

Capital Road Program

Council's Capital Road Program was carried out on schedule this financial year. Roads which were constructed include:

- McDonald Street, Milang - Urban street upgrade, 1km in length, includes stormwater, kerbing and sealing of the road. Cost \$350,000
- Dry Plains Road, Strathalbyn - Rural road upgrade and relocation of intersection, 1km sealing of road. Cost \$150,000
- Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn - Sealing of 1km of rural road. Cost \$200,000
- Fenchurch Street, Goolwa - Urban street upgrade includes stormwater, kerbing, footpaths and asphalt sealing of the road. Cost \$800,000
- Bulkeley, Chapel, Stephenson, Maroo and Nanda Streets, Milang - Urban Street upgrade to include minor stormwater system, kerbing and sealing of the roads. Combined total of \$320,000



Construction works on Fenchurch Street, Goolwa



Completed Section of Fenchurch Street, Goolwa

Implement Region Wide Street Sweeping Contract

A regional Street Sweeping contract has been put in place with savings of approximately \$5,000 annually achieved. This is a joint contract between Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor and the District Council of Yankalilla. Council are currently investigating the establishment of a regional line marking contract.

Airport Road

Construction works for the upgrade of Airport Road has been completed. The project was jointly funded by the Local Government Association and the Alexandrina Council. The project took 3 years to complete the reconstruction of 6km of new road. The works also included several major road realignments, construction of a new railway level crossing and a major intersection. There was six land acquisition required to realign the road. The road was officially opened to traffic on 28th April 2010 and has been received by the public very well.

Reseal & Renewal Sealed Road Program

Council had an expenditure of \$600,000 for resealing and renewal of existing Council roads throughout the Council area.

Re-sheeting Unsealed Roads

Council had an expenditure of \$1,100,000 to re-sheet unsealed roads throughout the Council area.

Review Roadside Management Plan and Clearance Envelopes

The Roadside Vegetation Management Plan was presented to Council at a workshop held on 21st June 2010. The Native Vegetation Council (NVC) is seeking feedback from councils on the proposed DRAFT operational framework for managing native vegetation along roads and rail crossings for the purpose of public safety. Feedback will be provided to the NVC secretariat.



Jekejere Park, Goolwa



LISTING OF CODES OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act, 1999*, the following Codes of Conduct are held at Council's Principal Office:

- Elected Members Code of Conduct
- Employee Code of Conduct
- Code of Practice for Access to Council Documents, Council Committees & Council Meetings.
- Financial Governance Code of Practice



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- Register of Primary Interest – Elected Members
- Register of Ordinary Interest – Elected Members
- Register of Allowances & Benefits – Elected Members
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries & Benefits – Employees
- Register of By-laws
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Community Land



MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR COMMUNITY LAND (CHAPTER 11)

Management Plans are developed for all Community Land; that includes foreshores, public reserves, parklands and other land and buildings under Council's care and control. A review of Council's Community Land Management Plan was undertaken in May 2009.

These plans identify each land parcel and include any existing plans that may affect the land, such as the Development Plan and its zoning criteria. They also identify any trusts or dedications over the land that may affect the use of the premises and they identify any relevant legislation that applies to the land, including State and Federal Acts and regulations and relevant local by-laws.

The Community Land Management Plans are available for viewing at Council's Principal Office and on Council's website.



Signal Point



CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS 2009 – 2010

The following were "Confidential Items" in accordance with Section 90(2) and 91(7) of the *Local Government Act, 1999*.

Meeting Date	Subject
6th July 2009	Confidential Item Due for Review - Strathalbyn Pool Redevelopment Confidential Item Due for Review - EPA Approval Biosolids Land Spreading at S2066 Gun Club Road Milang Confidential Item Due for Review - Strathalbyn Pool Redevelopment
20th July 2009	Whittam Transport Request for Financial Assistance
3rd August 2009	Goolwa North Pump Station
17th August 2009	Confidential Item Due for Review - Contract Management Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Milang Regatta Club Street Sweeping Contract 2009 - 2012
7th September 2009	Waste Water Reuse and Lease Application for Rates Rebate Traffic & Parking Study - Port Elliot Traffic & Parking Study - Mount Compass
21st September 2009	Supported Residential Facility (SRF) Licence Granted to Falling Waters - Strathalbyn Land Purchase at Lots 10 & 11 Loveday Street, Goolwa Strathalbyn Library/Customer Service/Community Centre Redevelopment
19th October 2009	Confidential Item Due for Review - Former Port Elliot Primary School Site Small Recreation & Sport Grant Community Halls Capital Grant Recreation Capital Grant Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Management Contract Confidential Items for Review Purchase of Property - Lot 156 Goolwa Tce
2nd November 2009	Possible Purchase of Property - Lot 156 Goolwa Tce

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Confidential Items 2009 - 2010

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Meeting Date	Subject
16th November 2009	Confidential Items Due for Review - Australia Day Awards 2009 Langhorne Creek Bowling Club
7th December 2009	Confidential Item Due for Review - Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Redevelopment Confidential Item Due for Review - Signal Point Roof Works Tenders Confidential Item Due for Review - Temporary Barrier Proposals Confidential Item Due for Review - John Comrie Report - Organisational Review Confidential Item Due for Review - Communication Tower Management Confidential Item Due for Review - Terramin Australia Ltd Ex Gratia Payment Australia Day Awards 2010 - Nominations
21st December 2009	Flying Fish Café
18th January 2010	Confidential Item Due for Review - Review of Council Decision - Flying Fish Café Rent Review Langhorne Creek Bowling Club
1st February 2010	Confidential Item Due for Review - Goolwa Stormwater Harvesting Project Funding Opportunities Goolwa Stormwater Lagoon and Wetland Tender Name Change - Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism (to McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism)
9th March 2010	Confidential Item Due for Review - Purchase of Old Port Elliot Primary School Building and Allotment 69 Confidential Items Due for Review - Chief Executive Confidential Item Due for Review - River Access Permit & Mooring Fees Confidential Items Due for Review - Engineering & Infrastructure Confidential Items Due for Review - Engineering Services (Greg Hill) Stormwater Drainage - Cadell Street, Goolwa - Tender Acceptance Goolwa North Development Opportunity Strath Hub Wastewater Infrastructure Fleurieu Peninsula Regional Aquatic Facility Progress Update

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Confidential Items 2009 - 2010

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Meeting Date	Subject
22nd March 2010	Confidential Item Due for Review - Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Redevelopment Tenders Confidential Item Due for Review - Alexandrina Community Photography Competition 2009 Performance Reviews Fleurieu Tourism - 3 Year Funding Agreement Confidential Item Due for Review - Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Redevelopment Tenders Fleurieu Tourism - 3 Year Funding Agreement
6th April 2010	Engineering Services - Confidential Item Due for Review Infrastructure, Planning & Design - Confidential Items Due for Review Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority
19th April 2010	Confidential Item Due for Review - Belluna Pty Ltd Confidential Item Due for Review - Milang Regatta Club "Healing Hands" Painting - Copyright Tenders for Construction Management - Strathalbyn Library and Customer Service Centre Asset Review Committee
3rd May 2010	Festivals and Events Proposed Funding 2010/2011
7th June 2010	Confidential Items Due for Review - Engineering Services Expressions of Interest - Goolwa Wharf Shed Expressions of Interest - Lease of Chart Room Confidential Item Due for Review - Gemmell Hill Radio Tower Strengthening Basin Communities (SBC) - Contract for the Preparation of Integrated Water Management Plans Flying Fish Café
21st June 2010	Alexandrina Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee Minutes 27th May 2010 Confidential Item Due for Review - Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Wall Artwork Public Amenities Cleaning Contract



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Applications

Eleven (11) applications for the provision of information under the Freedom of Information legislation were received during the year.

Freedom of Information Act Statement

This Information Statement is published by Alexandrina Council in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

Alexandrina Council is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries.

An updated Information Statement will be published every twelve months.

1. Structure and Functions of Council

1.1 Council

Council, consisting of 11 Ward Councillors and the Mayor is the decision making body on all policy matters. Ordinary meetings of the Council are held on the first & third Monday of every month. In the event that such Monday is a public holiday, the meeting is deferred to the next day (Tuesday). Members of the public are welcome to attend.

1.2 Council Committees:

The following are Committees of Council including Advisory Committees, Boards as formed under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999 as such members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

Alexandrina Arts & Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee
Alexandrina Arts Committee
Alexandrina Council District Bushfire Prevention Committee
Alexandrina Volunteers Committee
Armfield Slip Committee
Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee
Currency Creek Cemetery Advisory Committee
Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee
Friends of the PS Oscar 'W'
Friends of the Goolwa Library
Goolwa Sports Stadium Management Committee
Grants Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee
Langhorne Creek Progress Association
Milang Cemetery Advisory Committee
Port Elliot Institute Committee
Port Elliot RSL Hall Management Committee
Southern Communities Transport Advisory Committee

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Strathalbyn Library Management Team
Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens Committee
Wooden Boat Festival Committee
Woodshed Committee
Youth Advisory Committee

1.3 Agendas and Minutes

Agendas of all Full Council meetings are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes of each meeting are available for public inspection within five days of the meeting. Minutes of Council Committee meetings and any recommendations made are included in the agendas for the meetings of the Full Council.

1.4 Delegations

The Chief Executive and other Officers have the delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are listed in the Policy Manual and are reviewed annually by Council.

In keeping with the legislative requirement;

- To determine policies to be applied by Council in exercising its discretionary powers,
- To determine the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by the Council, and
- To develop comprehensive management plans, budgets, financial controls and performance objectives and indicators for the operations of Council,

the Council makes decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources which are able to be made available to undertake such works and services. Decisions are also made to determine whether or not approvals are to be granted for applications from residents for various forms of development.

2. Services for the Community

Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to the services that are provided to ratepayers, residents, and members of the public. These services include:

Roads, Footpaths and Kerbing
Traffic Control Devices
Parking Controls

Stormwater Drainage
Bicycle Tracks
Effluent Drainage

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Public Cemeteries	Street Lighting
Car Parks	Street Sweeping
Street Tree Planting	Litter Bins
Public Toilets	Garbage Collection
Public Seating	Public Libraries
Parks, Gardens & Reserves	Boat Ramps & Jetties
Playground Equipment	Immunisation Programs
Community Halls	Dog Control
Foreshore Facilities	Aged Care Centres
Environmental Health Matters	Clean Air Controls
Sporting & Recreation Facilities	Development Controls

3. Public Participation

3.1 Council Meetings

Members of the public have a number of options whereby they may put forward their views on particular issues before Council.

- (1) **Deputations:** With the permission of the Mayor, a member of the public may address the Council personally or on behalf of a group of residents.
- (2) **Presentations to Council:** With prior notification and arrangement with the Mayor, a member of the public may address the Council for up to ten (10) minutes on any issue relevant to Council.
- (3) **Petitions:** Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.
- (4) **Written Requests:** A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council policy, activity or service
- (5) **Elected Members:** Members of the public can contact their Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

3.2 Community Consultation:

Alexandrina Council consults with ratepayers and local residents on particular issues which affect their neighbourhood.

- (1) **Reserve Development:** Property owners and residents may be consulted on the types of facilities and equipment required during the design of public reserves.
- (2) **Meetings of Electors:** All residents and electors are eligible to attend meetings and vote on any proposals to lease Council reserves to local community groups.
- (3) **Community Forums:** Forums are held from time to time to allow residents to view plans and proposals and to voice their views on any issue affecting their ward or the District generally.

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- (4) **Development Applications:** Residents and ratepayers are notified of some Development Applications requiring the approval of Council. Some types of applications are exempt from public notification by the Development Act. When an application is publicly presented, residents and ratepayers have the opportunity both to write to Council expressing their view of the application and to subsequently address the Council before a decision is made.

4. Access to Council Records**4.1 Documents Available for Inspection**

The following documents are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council Offices. Copies of the documents may be purchased at the fees listed below.

Description	Unit	Price
Complete copy of Assessment Book on Compact Disc or Floppy Disk	each	\$970.00
Complete copy of Council's policy manual and delegations	per document	\$31.00
Council Meeting Agenda Copy	per page	\$0.40
Council Meeting Minutes Copy	per page	\$0.40
Committee Agendas and Minutes Copy	per page	\$0.40
Council Policy Manual copy	per page	\$0.40
Code of Conduct copy	per page	\$0.40
Council's Annual Business Plan & Budget Statement copy	per page	\$0.40
Annual Report Copy	per page	\$0.40
Annual Financial Statements copy	per page	\$0.40
Council By Laws copy	per page	\$0.40
Voters Roll – Ward Roll	roll	\$24.00
Voters Roll – Complete Roll	roll	\$220.00
Development Register copy	per page	\$0.40
Supplementary Development Plans – previously on display copy	per page	\$0.40
Register of Fees and Charges copy	per page	\$0.40
Bushfire Prevention Plan copy	per page	\$0.40
Extract from Dog Register	per extract	\$1.20
Rate Assessment Book copy	per extract	\$1.40
Register of Public Streets and Roads copy	per extract	\$1.40
Register of Elected Members allowances and benefits copy	per document	\$1.40
Register of Employees Salaries Wages and Benefits copy	per document	\$1.40
Building and Planning approvals, documentation & plans	application	\$36.00

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4.2 Other Information Requests

Requests for other information not included in clause 4.1 above will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information provisions of the Local Government Act. Under this legislation an application fee and, where appropriate, a search fee must be forwarded with the completed request form, unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

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

Freedom of Information requests should be addressed to;

The Freedom of Information Officer
Alexandrina Council
PO Box 21
GOOLWA SA 5214

Forms are available from the Council Offices.

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

5. Amendment to Council Records

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

To gain access to such Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information Request Form as set out in clause 4.2 above, outlining the records that he or she wishes to inspect.



Australia Day 2010 – Goolwa



Australia Day 2010 – Strathalbyn



SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCILS

Legislative Services

Councils administer:

Beach controls
Building regulations
Dog control/registration
Litter controls
Parking controls
Planning regulations
Sign controls
Zoning control

Councils advise on:

Fire regulations
Infectious diseases
Pest eradication
Pool hygiene

Councils inspect & licence:

Food premises
Nursing/rest homes
Outdoor signage
Private hospitals
Sanitary conditions

Councils provide & maintain:

Aged accommodation
Bus shelters
Community buses
Roads, footpaths, kerbing and cycle tracks
Skateboard ramps
Some traffic lights/school crossings
Street lighting
Street sweeping
Street tree planting
Traffic control
Plant nurseries
Parking bays/street closures
Garbage collection
Car parks
War memorials/fountains
Seats/signs
Litter bins
Public libraries
Public toilets
Swimming pools
Parks/gardens
Beach/foreshore areas
Bike tracks
Recreation Centres

Community halls/centres
Ovals/reserves
Nursing homes
Playgrounds
Tennis courts

Councils conduct:

Citizenship ceremonies
Immunisations
Health education programs

Councils assist:

CFS/MFS
Royal District Nursing Societies
Kindergartens
Youth clubs etc.
Sporting clubs etc.
Senior citizens clubs
Meals on Wheels
Information centres
Community centres
Surf life saving clubs
History and heritage
Ethnic groups
Volunteer coordination
Neighbourhood houses
Ambulance

Discretionary Services

The Alexandrina Council provides the following discretionary services to its community:

National Child Care Links
(formerly Family Links)
Fleurieu Families
Goolwa Skill
Strathalbyn Shared Skill
Southern Fleurieu Youth
Network
Goolwa Neighbour Aid
Alexandrina Centre for
Positive Ageing

Strathalbyn Stationmasters
Gallery
Goolwa Skate Park
Goolwa Sports Stadium
Alexandrina Housing
Association
Milang Old School House
Community Centre
Strathalbyn Home Assist
Milang Home Assist

Southern Communities
Transport Scheme
Cemetery Advisory
Committees
Wooden Boat Festival
Committee



PRINCIPAL ROLE OF A COUNCIL

(Local Government Act, 1999)

A council is, under the system of local government established by this Act, established to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular:

- to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community; and
- to provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and
- to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and
- to represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- to exercise, perform and discharge 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 COUNCIL

The functions of a council include:

- to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area;
- to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area (including general public services or facilities—including electricity, gas and water services, and waste collection, control or disposal services or facilities—health, welfare or community services or facilities, and cultural or recreational services or facilities);
- to provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community;
- to take measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
- to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;
- to provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area;
- to promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally;
- to manage and, if appropriate, develop, public areas vested in, or occupied by, the council;
- to manage, improve and develop resources available to the council; and
- to undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under an Act.



LISTING OF COUNCIL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees & Council Documents - Code of Practice	Employees - Casual Employees - Study Leave Fees - Fines Fees - Parking	Road Signage Policy Roadside Timber—Removal of Safe Environment Policy
Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners	Fencing	Salaries and Wages Payment in Advance
Alexandrina Library Service Collection Development Policy	Festivals and Events Policy Financial Governance Code of Practice	Search Fee for Preserved Documentation & Plans
Alexandrina Library Service General User Policy	Garbage Collection - Private Golf - On Reserves Graffiti	Search Requests—Certificate of Liabilities
Approval for Sitting on Boards and Committees	Hire of Council Meeting Rooms	Smoking in the Workplace Speed Limits at Roadworks
Arts & Cultural Tourism Policy	House Numbering	Snake Management
Assessment Book—Changes to	Human Resource Policy & Procedures	Oil Spills on Council Sealed Roads
Asset Management & Accounting	Industrial Representation Information Policy	Staff Policies and Practices STEDS - Maintenance
Australia Day Awards	Insurance - Council Assets	Street Lighting
Badge Days, Raffles, Street Stalls, Trading Tables	Internal Control Procedures Internal Review of Council Decisions	Streets and Reserves, Naming of within the Council Area
Bees—Snakes—Wasps (Pest Control)	Irrigated Public Open Space Water Use Policy	Superannuation - Joining the Fund
Biosolids Depot Discharge Policy	Liquor Licence Approvals	Surf Contests
Budget Carry Forwards	Litter - General	Sustainability Policy
Building Inspections	Long Service Leave	Temporary Road Closures - Road Works
Caretaker Policy	Machinery, Use in a Major Disaster	Temporary Road Closures - Special Events
Cat Traps, Hire of	Media - Documents Available to the Local Media	Temporary Stock Control Signs
Cemetery Policy	Media Policy	Transportable Buildings - Pre- Used
Citizenship Ceremonies	Media - Response to Media Statements	Transportable Homes - Base Infill
Committees, Membership— Mayor and CE	Mobile Phone Policy	Treasury Management Policy
Communication Policy	Money, Acceptance of	Trees - Planting of in Rural Areas
Community Groups - Payment of Fees	Notice Display Policy	Trees - Removal of
Community Memorial Brick & Memorial Seat	Occupation of Two Dwellings on a Rural Allotment	Trees - Seed Collection
Sponsorship	Offences - Cancellation of Order Making Policy	Trees - Street
Complaints, Anonymous	Over-dimensional Vehicles	Trees - Trimming - Road Reserves Rural
Complaints Compliments	Payment Arrangements (Special)	Uniforms—Corporate
Computer Systems Usage Policy	Petitions - Procedure	Uniforms—Outdoor Staff
Consultants	Pipes Under Road -	Urban Design for Town Entry
Contracts, Tenders & Purchasing		



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Correspondence - Late	Commercial	Urban Verge Maintenance
Council Cheques, Signing of	Pipes Under Road - Domestic	Vegetation Clearance for
Council Equipment	Playgrounds—Surface	Dairy Access
Council Fees and Charges,	Materials	Vehicles or Equipment
Review of	Police Clearance	Involved in Accidents
Corporate Credit Cards	Pooled Vehicle Fleet	Visitor and Contractors
Crossover to Properties	Postponement of Rates	Service & Maintenance
Dead Animals on Road	Pram Ramps	Register
Reserves	Principal Officer	Volunteer Policy
Depot Security	Protocol for Proximity Cards	Volunteer Reimbursements
Deputy Mayor	Public Consultation Policy	Weddings
Development Applications—	Public Liability Coverage for	Weed Control
Refund of Fees following	Events & Functions	Whistleblower Policy
Withdrawal of	Public Relations	Working from Home
Donations	Public Relations	Works - Common Effluent
Donations & Rebates to Halls	Rate Rebate Policy	Drainage
and Community Groups	Rates - Sale of Land for Non	Works - Implementation of
Drivers Licence, Loss of	Payment of	Approved
Elected Member Training &	Rating Policy 2009 - 2010	Works - Road Reserve
Development Policy	Recognition of Staff and	
Elected Members - Agenda	Elected Members	
Enquiries	Records - Council	
Elected Members - Code of	Records Management Policy	
Conduct	Recreational Use of Council	
Elected Members - Expenses	Reserves & Public Spaces	
and Benefits	Reserves - Recreation	
Elected Members -	Refuse Collection	
Grievance against	Risk Management Policy	
Employees	River Access Permits and	
Election Signs, Control of	Mooring Licences	
Electricity—Under-grounding	Road Reserve - Right of Way	
of Cables - Private Supply	Road Reserve Management	
Service	Plan	
Electricity Mains, Approval of	Road Sealing - Non-	
Extensions to	Budgeted	
Employee & Community Plant	Roads - Grading	
Hire	Road Signage— Community	
Employee Code of Conduct	Event	



Statement of Council's Representation Quota

Alexandrina Council's Representation Quota (as advised by the Local Government Association of South Australia) from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 is 1400

Statement of the Average Representation Quota for Councils of a similar size

Barossa Council	1116
Berri Barmera	655
Copper Coast	843
Light Regional	816
Loxton Waikerie	617
Murray Bridge	1257
Port Pirie	1091
Victor Harbor	940
Wattle Range	712
Yorke Peninsula	732

Competitive Tendering & Service Reviews

Council has a Policy in compliance with Section 49 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, covering Contracts, Tenders and Purchasing. A review of this policy is undertaken annually or as deemed necessary. Within Council's strategic focus and forming part of Council's adopted Ten (10) Year Asset Infrastructure Plan, regular reviews are undertaken on our service delivery to ensure the community continues to receive cost effective services.

National Competition Policy

Council has had regard to the National Competition Policy (NCP). Council has no significant business activities to declare under the Application of Competition Principles to Local Government agreement.

No complaints were received during 2009/10



Lakala Reserve Port Elliot

The background of the cover features a large flag on a pole. The top portion of the flag is the Union Jack, and the bottom portion is white with the Alexandrina logo. The flag is set against a bright, slightly hazy sky.

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Financial Statements

30th June 2010

Preserving the Past – Securing the Future

At the bottom of the page, there is a faded, wide-angle photograph of a coastal town with buildings and trees along a waterfront.

Alexandrina Council
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2010

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	22,700	21,251
Statutory charges	2	806	744
User charges	2	2,355	2,250
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	2,676	3,611
Investment income	2	72	226
Reimbursements	2	1,216	758
Other income	2	503	381
Net gain - joint ventures & associates	19	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>
Total Income		<u>30,351</u>	<u>29,235</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	10,141	9,479
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	10,559	11,118
Finance costs	3	731	629
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	7,518	8,154
Net loss - joint ventures & associates	19	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Expenses		<u>28,949</u>	<u>29,383</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,402	(148)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(811)	209
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	2,231	3,911
Physical resources received free of charge	2	<u>1,598</u>	<u>2,969</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		4,420	6,941
transferred to Equity Statement			6,941
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	<u>33,441</u>	<u>5,753</u>
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>33,441</u>	<u>5,753</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>37,861</u>	<u>12,694</u>

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

Alexandrina Council

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,398	3,306
Trade & other receivables	5	2,640	3,566
Inventories	5	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>4,078</u>	<u>6,904</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	385	388
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	94	71
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	336,685	290,813
Other Non-current Assets	6	<u>3,937</u>	<u>3,690</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>341,101</u>	<u>294,962</u>
Total Assets		<u>345,179</u>	<u>301,866</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	3,293	3,653
Borrowings	8	1,632	2,689
Provisions	8	<u>187</u>	<u>219</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>5,112</u>	<u>6,561</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	366	414
Borrowings	8	14,396	7,617
Provisions	8	<u>1,524</u>	<u>1,354</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>16,286</u>	<u>9,385</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>21,398</u>	<u>15,946</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>323,781</u>	<u>285,920</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		141,534	136,400
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	181,381	147,940
Other Reserves	9	<u>866</u>	<u>1,580</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>323,781</u>	<u>285,920</u>

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

Alexandrina Council

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2010

2010	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period	9	136,400	147,940	1,580	285,920
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards					-
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies					-
Restated opening balance		136,400	147,940	1,580	285,920
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		4,420			4,420
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			33,441		33,441
Transfers between reserves		714		(714)	-
Balance at end of period		141,534	181,381	866	323,781
2009					
Balance at end of previous reporting period	9	127,986	142,187	3,053	273,226
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards					-
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies					-
Restated opening balance		127,986	142,187	3,053	273,226
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		6,941			6,941
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			5,753		5,753
Transfers between reserves		1,473		(1,473)	-
Balance at end of period		136,400	147,940	1,580	285,920

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

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		30,768	30,351
Investment receipts		78	307
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(20,845)	(22,997)
Finance payments		<u>(459)</u>	<u>(656)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		9,542	7,005
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,231	3,911
Sale of replaced assets		912	519
Sale of surplus assets		-	304
Repayments of loans by community groups		51	68
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(6,650)	(4,534)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(13,671)	(8,660)
Loans made to community groups		<u>(45)</u>	<u>(263)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(17,172)	(8,655)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		7,045	1,263
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		<u>(1,323)</u>	<u>(1,257)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		5,722	6
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(1,908)	(1,644)
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>3,306</u>	<u>4,950</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	<u>1,398</u>	<u>3,306</u>

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 2010

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 equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations (UIGs) and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 11 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* dated 18th October 2010.

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Alexandrina Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 11 Cadell Street, GOOLWA. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

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

3 Income recognition

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as income 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 income in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

As at 1 July 2008, Council has elected not to recognise any values for land under roads acquired before the commencement of AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*.

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".

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

6.3 Materiality

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

Infrastructure	\$5,000
Land	\$0,001
Land Improvements	\$5,000
Buildings	\$5,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$3,000
Equipment	\$3,000
Other	\$3,000

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture & Fittings	10 to 25 years
Office Electrical Equipment	4 to 5 years
Computer Equipment	2 to 5 years
Major Equipment	Units of usage
Minor Equipment	5 to 10 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings	30 to 75 years
Infrastructure	
Road Surfacing – Sprayed Seals	13 to 18 years
Road Surfacing – Asphalt	25 to 30 years
Road Pavement – Collector Roads	45 to 55 years
Road Pavement – Minor & Local Roads	75 to 85 years
Road Pavement – Distributor Roads	45 to 55 years
Road – Unsealed	12 to 35 years
Bridges	70 to 80 years
Footpaths – General	12 to 25 years
Footpaths – Concrete	50 to 55 years
Footpaths – Block Paved	35 to 45 years
Kerbing	40 to 70 years
Stormwater Drainage	15 to 100 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	4 to 7 years
Common Effluent Treatment Plant	Varies per condition rating

6.6 Impairment

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

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

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

10 Construction Contracts

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

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.

The Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, The District Council of Mt Barker and Rural City of Murray Bridge, this organisation operates as a regional waste management authority within the combined area.

The Southern and Hills Local Government Association has been created as regional subsidiary to represent the interest of all Councils in the Southern Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, within Local Government in SA. The group meet on a monthly basis and discuss Local Government policy and procedures, and provide advice back to the LGA from a regional perspective.

12 Leases

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

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

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

13 GST Implications

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

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

14 Comparative Information

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

15 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2010 reporting period.

- AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*
- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*
- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*
- AASB 110 *Events after the Reporting Period*
- AASB 117 *Leases*
- AASB 118 *Revenue*
- AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*
- AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*
- AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets*
- AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*
- AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- AASB 1031 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- AASB 2009-11 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12]*
- AASB 2009-12 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]*
- AASB 2009-13 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19 [AASB 1]*
- AASB 2010-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters [AASB 1 & AASB 7]*
- *Interpretation 4* *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*
- *Interpretation 14* *AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*
- (Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

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

16 Full Cost Attribution

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		20,056	18,923
Less: Mandatory rebates			
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(184)	(239)
		19,872	18,684
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		306	248
Water supply		3	17
Community wastewater management systems		2,428	2,216
		2,737	2,481
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		91	86
		91	86
		22,700	21,251
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		211	203
Town planning fees		226	203
Animal registration fees & fines		135	118
Health Services		170	164
Sundry		64	56
		806	744
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		121	98
Lease/Rental non-investment property		309	287
Hall & equipment hire		70	74
Water supply		19	30
CWMS		607	467
Waste management fees		888	833
Sundry		341	461
		2,355	2,250
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		62	209
Banks & other		10	17
		72	226

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		407	22
- for private works		444	275
- other		365	461
		1,216	758
 OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		5	35
Sundry		498	346
		503	381
 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,231	3,911
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		2,420	3,377
Individually significant item - additional Grants Commission payment	see below	256	234
		4,907	7,522
 <i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
 Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		2,149	1,833
State government		1,966	3,341
Other		792	2,348
		4,907	7,522

Individually Significant Item

On 30 June 2010, Council received payment of the first quarter instalment of the 2010/11 Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) and has treated this advance payment as income in 2009/10. The treatment of the advance payment of the grant is consistent with the treatment applied to the advance payment received in the previous financial year.

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Alexandrina Council

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Conditions over grants & contributions			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		1,086	1,000
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		(182)	(778)
<i>Other Services</i>		(819)	(146)
<i>Subtotal</i>		(1,001)	(924)
 <i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		-	182
<i>Other Services</i>		203	828
<i>Subtotal</i>		203	1,010
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		288	1,086
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>			
		(798)	86
 PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Infrastructure - Roads		423	965
Infrastructure - Bridges		118	-
Infrastructure - Stormwater		544	1,201
Infrastructure - CWMS & Water		80	803
Infrastructure - Footpaths		286	-
Infrastructure - Kerbs		147	-
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED		1,598	2,969

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		8,338	7,808
Employee Leave Expense		1,096	1,008
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	484	451
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	323	335
Workers' Compensation Insurance		426	417
Accident & Sickness Insurance		125	110
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(651)	(650)
Total Operating Employee Costs		10,141	9,479
 Total Number of Employees		 154	 158
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		10	10
Elected Members' Expenses		491	514
Election Expenses		6	6
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		507	530
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,616	3,485
Waste Management		1,106	1,045
Community Wastewater Management Schemes		324	387
Roadside Vegetation		376	379
Legal Expenses		121	168
Professional Services		609	424
Energy		963	899
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		310	246
- Other Levies		101	90
Insurance		397	394
Sundry		3,129	3,071
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		10,052	10,588
		10,559	11,118

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		<u>731</u>	<u>629</u>
		<u>731</u>	<u>629</u>
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		967	971
Infrastructure			
Footpaths		185	247
Kerbs		312	319
Bridges & Major Culverts		156	156
Stormwater		502	495
CWMS		717	706
Water		17	27
Roads		3,199	3,887
Rec & Open Space		231	169
Equipment		854	788
Furniture & Fittings		98	107
Other		29	32
Library Bookstock		<u>251</u>	<u>250</u>
		<u>7,518</u>	<u>8,154</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2010	2009
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	912	519
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>1,723</u>	<u>576</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>(811)</u>	<u>(57)</u>
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	-	304
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>-</u>	<u>38</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>266</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>(811)</u>	<u>209</u>

The significant increase in loss on disposal can be attributed to the disposal of water assets transferred to SA Water and disposal of building assets now reconstructed.

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		342	282
Deposits at Call		<u>1,056</u>	<u>3,024</u>
		<u>1,398</u>	<u>3,306</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		746	625
Accrued Revenues		10	16
Debtors - General		1,737	2,399
Prepayments		114	485
Loans to Community Organisations		44	41
Total		<u>2,651</u>	<u>3,566</u>
Less: Provision for Impairment		<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,640</u>	<u>3,566</u>
 INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>
		<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>

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

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Receivables			
Loans to Community Organisations		370	379
Other - Deferred Debtors		<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>385</u>	<u>388</u>
 EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
<i>Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority</i>	19	89	67
<i>Southern & Hills Local Government Association</i>	19	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
		<u>94</u>	<u>71</u>
 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress Stormwater		247	444
Capital Works-in-Progress Footpaths		1,132	-
Capital Works-in-Progress Roads		246	1,541
Capital Works-in-Progress CWMS		2,098	989
Capital Works-in-Progress Bridges & Major Culverts		6	-
Capital Works-in-Progress Buildings		<u>208</u>	<u>716</u>
		<u>3,937</u>	<u>3,690</u>

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	2009 \$'000				2010 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT								
Land	50,721	427	-	51,148	90,628	10	-	90,638
Land Improvements	-	35	-	35	-	35	-	35
Buildings & Other Structures	56,883	331	(28,959)	28,255	55,983	4,999	(29,153)	31,829
Infrastructure								
Footpaths	6,565	846	(2,653)	4,758	8,405	770	(1,608)	7,567
Kerbs	21,657	397	(6,709)	15,345	21,391	460	(6,813)	15,038
Bridges & Major Culverts	13,143	84	(7,024)	6,203	13,187	205	(7,164)	6,228
Stormwater	38,043	1,473	(8,153)	31,363	39,224	1,633	(10,743)	30,114
CWMS	35,343	2,948	(10,035)	28,256	38,152	1,817	(8,668)	31,301
Water	1,742	4	(742)	1,004	1,155	-	(493)	662
Roads	133,303	4,564	(23,539)	114,328	126,360	7,332	(22,624)	111,068
Rec & Open Space	2,831	1,048	(788)	3,091	3,870	1,352	(1,013)	4,209
Equipment	5,742	3,220	(3,670)	5,292	5,742	4,640	(4,091)	6,291
Furniture & Fittings	1,098	353	(795)	656	1,096	427	(893)	630
Other	412	196	(320)	288	412	215	(348)	279
Library Bookstock	1,569	-	(778)	791	1,058	520	(782)	796
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	369,052	15,926	(94,165)	290,813	406,663	24,415	(94,393)	336,685
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	349,481	16,927	(86,202)	280,206	369,052	15,926	(94,165)	290,813

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	2009 \$'000	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$'000							2010 \$'000
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT									
Land	51,148	10	-	-	-	-	-	39,480	90,638
Land Improvements	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Buildings & Other Structures	28,255	4,929	70	(340)	(967)	-	-	(119)	31,829
Infrastructure									
Footpaths	4,758	770	-	-	(185)	-	-	2,223	7,567
Kerbs	15,345	384	76	-	(312)	-	-	(454)	15,038
Bridges & Major Culverts	6,203	205	-	-	(156)	-	-	(25)	6,228
Stormwater	31,363	1,633	-	-	(502)	-	-	(2,380)	30,114
CWMS	28,256	1,788	29	-	(717)	-	-	1,943	31,301
Water	1,004	-	-	(329)	(17)	-	-	4	662
Roads	114,328	3,707	3,625	-	(3,199)	-	-	(7,393)	111,068
Rec & Open Space	3,091	1,105	247	(3)	(231)	-	-	-	4,209
Equipment	5,292	2,734	170	(1,051)	(854)	-	-	-	6,291
Furniture & Fittings	656	50	24	-	(98)	-	-	-	630
Other	288	-	19	-	(29)	-	-	-	279
Library Bookstock	791	93	-	-	(251)	-	-	162	796
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	290,813	17,408	4,260	(1,723)	(7,518)	-	-	33,441	336,685
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	280,206	9,928	3,694	(614)	(8,154)	-	-	5,753	290,813

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

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost for the purposes of AIFRS.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

The valuation of these assets was determined by a consultant with Council using an asset listing determined from visual inspection as at 1st July 2000, with revaluation on an individual basis using 50% of present day costs, with exception of historical items and the computer network. A revaluation is planned for major plant assets during 2011/2012. Minor plant assets (light vehicles) are changed over on a regular basis so asset values remain accurate. Additions are recognised at cost.

Land & Land Improvements

The 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.

Council has a community land register from in-house information and has matched this with the valuation from the Valuer General as at 30th June 2010. Additions are recognised at cost.

Buildings & Other Structures

Maloney Field Services performed a desktop valuation as at 1st July 2009 of all Council owned Buildings. Assets have been broken up into components and depreciated individually.

Infrastructure

Council is in the process of implementing an Asset Management System to assist in the more accurate capture of Council's infrastructure assets. Council engaged its external contractors ACEAM Pty Ltd to undertake a condition based assessment of Council's road and footpath assets during the 09/10 financial year which has been applied as at 1 July 2009.

Incorporating advice from these consultants Council has reviewed and where applicable revised its Replacement Cost Unit Rates for Footpath, Kerb, Roads, Bridges and Major Culverts, CWMS, Water and Stormwater assets as at 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010.

Council has incorporated residual values for:

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------|
| • Footpaths | 30% | (10-30% previously) |
| • Road Pavement | 30% | (25-35% previously) |

The remaining useful lives of some footpath, kerb and road assets have changed as a result of a condition assessment undertaken during the year, with unit rates also being revised. The impact on depreciation from this revision is a reduction of \$637,000.

Additions are reported at cost.

Council plans to undertake condition based assessments of its Infrastructure assets on a four-yearly rolling program according to the following schedule in consultation with its external asset management consultants.

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|------------------------------|---------|
| • CWMS and Water Supply | 2010/11 |
| • Stormwater | 2011/12 |
| • Bridges and Major Culverts | 2012/13 |
| • Parks and Open Spaces | 2012/13 |
| • Roads, Kerbs and Footpaths | 2013/14 |

All other assets

These assets are recognised on a cost basis. Library books' and other lending materials' valuations are based on unit prices, depreciation periods and residual values determined by the Public Libraries Board.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2010 \$'000		2009 \$'000	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		1,940	-	2,528	-
Payments received in advance		176	-	199	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		734	323	698	414
Accrued expenses - other		373	43	161	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		70	-	67	-
		<u>3,293</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>3,653</u>	<u>414</u>
BORROWINGS					
Loans		<u>1,632</u>	<u>14,396</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>7,617</u>
		<u>1,632</u>	<u>14,396</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>7,617</u>

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

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	177	1,249	171	1,069
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc	<u>10</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>285</u>
	<u>187</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>1,354</u>

Movements in Provisions - 2010 year only (current & non-current)

	<i>Future Reinstatement</i>	<i>Employee Entitlements</i>
Opening Balance	333	1,240
Add Additional amounts recognised	-	237
(Less) Payments	(66)	(114)
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	18	63
Closing Balance	<u>285</u>	<u>1,426</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2009	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2010
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Buildings & Other Structures	9,220	(119)	-	9,101
Land	30,568	39,480	-	70,048
Infrastructure				
Footpaths	2,788	2,223	-	5,011
Kerbs	7,916	(454)	-	7,462
Bridges & Major Culverts	2,681	(25)	-	2,656
Stormwater	28,608	(2,380)	-	26,228
CWMS	5,361	1,943	-	7,304
Water	569	4	-	573
Roads	59,221	(7,394)	-	51,827
Equipment	39	-	-	39
Furniture & Fittings	467	-	-	467
Library Bookstock	502	163	-	665
TOTAL	147,940	33,441	-	181,381
<i>Previous Year Totals</i>	<i>142,187</i>	<i>5,753</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>147,940</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2009	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2010
Open Space	128	5	-	133
AHRWMA	67	21	-	88
S&HLGA	4	2	-	6
CWMS	60	3,794	(3,795)	59
Water Supply	73	18	(44)	47
Boating	108	92	(89)	111
Library	10	12	(14)	8
Other	1,130	2,151	(2,867)	414
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	1,580	6,095	(6,809)	866
<i>Previous Year Totals</i>	<i>3,053</i>	<i>6,977</i>	<i>(8,450)</i>	<i>1,580</i>

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 and available-for-sale financial assets. Previously Buildings and Other Structures and Land were reported together, they are now disclosed separately.

Open Space

In compliance with Div 4 s50(10)(a) of the Development Act 1993, Council has created a reserve for Open Space Contributions

AHRWMA - Adelaide Hills Regional Waste Management Authority

Alexandrina Council's interest in the Adelaide Hills Regional Waste Management Authority

CWMS - Community Wastewater Management Scheme

In compliance with s155(6)(a)&(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has created a reserve for Community Wastewater Management Schemes

Water Supply

Council supplies water to Finnis

Boating

Boating activities funds held in reserve for Section 41 Committee of Council

Library

Friends of Goolwa Library funds held in reserve for Section 41 Committee of Council

Other

Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre, Strathalbyn Woodshed funds and Alexandrina Arts Committee held in reserve for Section 41 Committee of Council and unspent grants and contributions

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

		2010	2009
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Unexpended amounts received from Other Levels of Government		203	1,010
Developer Contributions		-	128
CWMS Schemes		60	60
Water Schemes		47	72
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		310	1,270

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Note 11 - 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	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>1,398</u>	<u>3,306</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>1,398</u>	<u>3,306</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	4,420	6,941
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	7,518	8,154
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease	(23)	(11)
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	131	(43)
Change in allowances for under-recovery	11	(30)
Non-cash asset acquisitions	(1,598)	(2,969)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(2,231)	(3,911)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<u>811</u>	<u>(209)</u>
	9,039	7,922
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	912	(910)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	(8)	13
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(353)	129
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	<u>(48)</u>	<u>(149)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>9,542</u>	<u>7,005</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

- Physical resources received free of charge	3	<u>1,598</u>	<u>2,969</u>
<i>Amounts recognised in Income Statement</i>		1,598	2,969

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	1,200	1,200
LGFA Cash Advance Facility	12,340	7,740
Corporate Credit Cards	51	49

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Council also has immediate access to a short-term draw-down facility, and variable interest rate borrowings under a cash advance facility, both from the Local Government Finance Authority of SA.

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES										
INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2010	2009	2010	2009	
2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Governance	468	575	3,613	3,632	(3,145)	(3,057)	1	10	51,809	38,703
Building, Planning & Community Development	1,689	1,456	3,520	3,493	(1,831)	(2,037)	714	664	495	528
Engineering & Infrastructure	6,118	6,287	15,453	16,300	(9,335)	(10,013)	1,070	2,174	287,098	257,156
Finance & Corporate Services	21,702	20,595	5,223	4,836	16,479	15,759	657	721	5,032	4,691
Strategy, Environment & Economic Development	374	322	1,140	1,122	(766)	(800)	234	42	745	788
TOTALS	30,351	29,235	28,949	29,383	1,402	(148)	2,676	3,611	345,179	301,866

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

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Note 12 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Governance

Elected members, CE's Office and Other Governance, General Administration, Human Resource Management, Management of Council Owned Properties (inc Halls, Administration Centres, Public Conveniences, Caravan Parks etc) and Riverport Precinct

Building, Planning & Community Development

Centre for Positive Ageing, Aged/Disabled/Disadvantaged Homes, Goolwa Sports Stadium, Community Bus, Community Aid Services, Fleurieu Families/Family Links, Community Services General, Youth Services, Other Sport & Recreation, Cultural Services, Health Services, Health Prevention Services, Noxious Insects, Development Assessment (Planning & Building), Oscar W, Wooden Boat Festival, Goolwa Visitor Information Centre, Strathalbyn Visitor Centre, Recreational Boating, General Inspectors (Dog & Cat Management, Impounding Livestock, Parking), Fire Protection and General Inspection

Engineering & Infrastructure Services

Public Conveniences, Street Lighting, Swimming Centres, Parking Off Street, Sport and Recreation Facilities, Caravan Parks, Private Works, Foreshore Protection, Alexandrina Riverfront, Parks and Gardens, Playgrounds, Road Reserves, Cemeteries, Water Supply Scheme, Effluent Drainage, Sanitary and Garbage, Street Cleaning, Stormwater Drainage, Traffic Control, Road Maintenance, Resheeting, Footpath/Cycle Tracks, Vandalism, Plant Operations, Works Depot, and Technical Services, Infrastructure/Assets/Contracts Management

Finance & Corporate Services

Rate Revenue, Finance General, Rate Processing, Debtors, Payroll and Creditors, Loans & Investments Management, Information Technology, Records Management, Libraries (Goolwa and Strathalbyn) and Customer Services

Strategy, Environment & Economic Development

Strategic Management, Economic Development, Tourism and Events, Signal Point Interpretive Centre, Natural Resources

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

<p>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 2.75% and 4.5% (2009: 2.75% and 7%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<p>Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<p>Receivables - Fees & other charges</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<p>Receivables - other levels of government</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
<p>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
<p>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal six-monthly instalments of principal and interest.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
<p>Liabilities - Finance Leases</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2010	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	2,186			2,186	2,186
Current Borrowings	2,123			2,123	1,632
Non-Current Borrowings		13,470	2,954	16,424	14,396
Total	4,309	13,470	2,954	20,733	18,214

2009	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	2,794			2,794	2,794
Current Borrowings	3,293			3,293	2,689
Non-Current Borrowings		5,828	3,803	9,631	7,617
Total	6,087	5,828	3,803	15,718	13,100

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

	30 June 2010		30 June 2009	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Non Interest Bearing		2,186		2,794
Overdraft	6.25		4.61	
Other Variable Rates	6	8,412	4.00	1,427
Fixed Interest Rates	6.37	7,616	6.38	8,879
		18,214		13,100

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and short-term draw down facilities that it can access.

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

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2010 Notes \$'000	2009 \$'000
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Infrastructure	827	3,809
Community Wastewater Management Scheme	<u>621</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,448</u>	<u>3,809</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	1,448	3,689
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>
	<u>1,448</u>	<u>3,809</u>
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	60	10
Other	<u>597</u>	<u>207</u>
	<u>657</u>	<u>217</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	199	217
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	446	-
Later than 5 years	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>657</u>	<u>217</u>

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2010	2009	2008
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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.

Operating Surplus	1,402	(148)	1,787
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Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Adjusted Operating Surplus	1,380	(382)	1,787
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*In June 2010 the Commonwealth Government again made an advance payment of \$255,822 which represents one quarter of the 2010/11 Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 2). The **Adjusted Operating Surplus** and **Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio** adjust for the effect of the advance payment in both 2009 and 2010.*

Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	6%	(1%)	9%
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	6%	(2%)	9%
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This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities	16,975	8,686	8,234
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	56%	30%	30%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			

Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	2.2%	1.4%	1.0%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			

Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	76%	49%	50%
Depreciation Expense			

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.

Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	72%	76%	73%
Gross value of depreciable assets			

Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a uniform and consistent basis. The uniform presentation represents a simplified version of reporting under the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) framework of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

All Councils in South Australia voluntarily 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

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Income	30,351	29,235
<i>less</i> Expenses	<u>28,949</u>	<u>29,383</u>
	1,402	(148)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	6,650	4,534
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,518	8,154
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>912</u>	<u>519</u>
	(1,780)	(4,139)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	13,671	8,660
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	2,231	3,911
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	304
	<u>11,440</u>	<u>4,445</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(8,258)</u>	<u>(454)</u>

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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 2.

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Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

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

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2009/10 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2008/09). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit) 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 of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2008/2009) of "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2009, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

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Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

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

2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
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Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority

The Authority is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, The District Council of Mt Barker and Rural City of Murray Bridge. This organisation operates as a regional waste management authority within the combined area.

Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority

Council's respective interests are:

- interest in outputs of the joint operation	8%	7%
- ownership interest in the joint operation	9%	9%

Movements in Investment in Joint Operation

Opening Balance	67	53
Share in Operating Result	21	14
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	88	67

Southern & Hills Local Government Association

The Southern and Hills Local Government Association has been created as a regional subsidiary to represent the interest of all Councils in the Southern Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, within Local Government in SA. The group meet on a monthly basis and discuss Local Government policy and procedures, and provide advice back to the LGA from a regional perspective.

Southern & Hills Local Government Association

Movements in Investment in Joint Operation

Opening Balance	4	7
Share in Operating Result	2	(3)
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	6	4

Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority

The Authority is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of City of Victor Harbor, Alexandrina Council, Kangaroo Island Council and Yankalilla District Council. This organisation operates as a regional waste management authority within the combined area. The Authority did not have any operating activities in 2009/10 to be recorded in Council's Financial Statements.

Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority

Council's respective interests are:

- ownership interest in the joint operation	35%	-
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Basham Beach Trust

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. Council performs a custodial role in respect of Basham Beach Trust monies, and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not brought to account in the financial report, but are disclosed for information purposes.

Basham Beach Trust

Movements in Investment in Joint Operation

Opening Balance	370	542
Add Port Elliot Caravan Park Lease (55%)	71	63
Grants	-	1
Interest	15	24
Other	-	1
	456	631
Less Reimbursed Expenditure	17	261
	439	370

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Note 20 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

1. 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.

2. 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. 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 21 – EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

Council has entered into several large contractual arrangements since 30 June 2010. These contracts total approximately \$6,000,000.

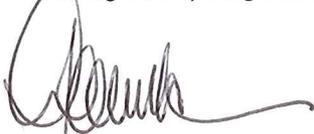
Floods occurred across the Council area on Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th September 2010 causing damage to various infrastructure assets, including a concrete sleeper bridge and two additional bridges (1x8m and 1x12m) in Strathalbyn. Repairs to these assets will be carried out in the 2010/2011 financial year.

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STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, John Lynton Coombe, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of Alexandrina Council, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2010 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



J. L. Coombe

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Dated this 12th day of OCTOBER 2010

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Alexandrina Council and adopted on the 18th day of OCTOBER 2010.



B. K. McHugh

MAYOR

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ABN 30 164 612 890

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Alexandrina Council, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of the Alexandrina Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud and error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Chief Executive Officer, 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 an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Alexandrina Council as of 30 June 2010, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**



**DON VENN
PARTNER**

Signed on the 12th day of October 2010,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.

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CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Alexandrina Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners Chartered Accountants, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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



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J. L. Coombe
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 5th OCTOBER 2010

Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to the Alexandrina Council.

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Alexandrina Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (4) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



DON VENN

Partner

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
214 MELBOURNE STREET
NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5006**

NORTH ADELAIDE, this 12th day of July 2010