

Alexandrina Council

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

Annual Report 2008-2009



2009 Wooden Boat Festival



Middleton



Port Elliot



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Alexandrina Council's 2008-09 Annual Report.



Our communities major challenges over the past year has been due to the economic downturn and coping with the negative impacts of receding water levels in the Lower Lakes and Goolwa Channel, rising salinity and the threat to the environment of exposed acid sulphate soils.

While the building of temporary environmental flow regulators at Clayton and in Currency Creek have neutralised the acid sulphate soils and raised the pool level in the Goolwa Channel, we, and our community, remain most concerned about the state of the Lower Lakes, their environment and those people that live around them.

Council has taken on the economic downturn with a positive and ambitious capital works and renewal program. This has been greatly supported by visionary Elected Members and professional staff, and we have successfully demonstrated good planning and the ability to carry out these programs, which has led to Alexandrina Council receiving significant Federal Grant funding.

We continue to be blessed with a great volunteer base that enhances all aspects of our lives and social wellbeing.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council to those wonderful volunteers.

I would also like to thank the Elected Members, staff and community for their continued support.

I commend this Annual Report to you.

Kind regards

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.



Workshop for Council Staff & Elected Members
Held to formulate new Vision & Mission Statement for Council
19th January 2009



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

I am pleased to present this Annual Report on the achievements of Council and the numerous business, infrastructure and financial plans which will shape the future of our community. We have enjoyed another successful year of achievement and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone involved. Without wishing to further elaborate on them, I wanted to briefly talk about some governance responsibilities which I see as being important to achieve our future goals.



The Alexandrina Council, comprising the elected members and staff, are responsible for the good government of the Council district. This responsibility requires the Council to act in a responsible and due diligent manner. This responsibility can take many forms like, having regard to the historic character of our towns and district as they respond to development pressures. Areas like infrastructure, cultural awareness, health and social issues in addition to climate change, are but a few of the myriad of ever growing local government responsibilities. To fulfil these duties in a responsible and legislative compliant manner requires due consultation and involvement of our community, together with

accessing and gaining the best possible advice to assist in the democratic practices of making decisions. History shows this can be a difficult and challenging task, where at times not everyone will agree with the decision made. But nevertheless a decision has to be made based on the best possible advice available.

We live in a country where we have freedom of speech. This right has been hard fought and we should never lose sight or underestimate the value of this important democratic freedom. This leads me to the teaching I, and many of you, received in your growing and developing years, and that is one of respect. Respect for one another's point of view, whether you agree with it or not. Respect for each other, our values and our beliefs, because if we do not, we will see the very foundations we, as a society, base our existence on begin to falter.

Life presents many daily challenges, some of which we can influence and make a difference and some we cannot. However, the secret I suggest lies in the spirit and understanding of respect and working together. If we keep this foremost in our minds, we can together contribute to building and sustaining a healthy society and importantly, a healthy planet for our children and their children.

With my very best wishes

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.**

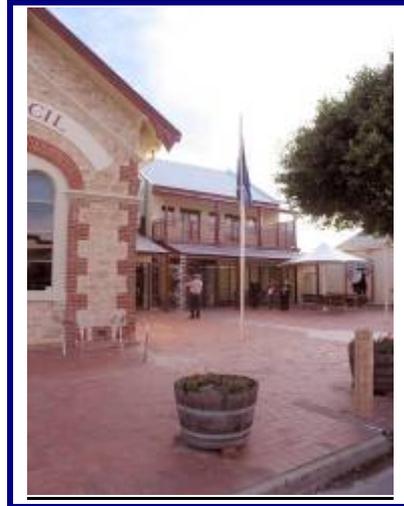


*Smoke Ceremony performed by Ngarrindjeri
Basham's Beach 25th Anniversary
9th December 2008*



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



Whilst the principal office is at Cadell Street, Goolwa, Council provides a service at the Strathalbyn Office.

This service 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	22,350
No. of rateable assessments	17,702
No. of electors	24,338
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 it 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 went through an organisational restructure towards the end of 2008 with the new structure now comprising of seven departments:

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

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



*Strathalbyn Swimming Pool Funding Announcement
8th May 2009*



COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Name of Committee	Staff Member	Councillor Representative/s
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 Jo Cowan Trish Muller	Cr Rod Potter Cr Rick Medlyn
Armfield Slip Committee		Cr Mary Beckett
Audit Committee	Graham Webster	Cr Rick Medlyn Cr Grant Gartrell Mr John Comrie
Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee	David Moyle Simon Grenfell David Mullins	Cr Mary Beckett Cr Alan Oliver
Currency Creek Cemetery Committee	Simon Grenfell	Cr Frank Tuckwell
Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee	Jenn Cole (Jo Cowan as proxy)	Cr Rod Potter
Friends of P.S. Oscar 'W'	Steve Ashley	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 Jo Cowan Simon Grenfell	Mayor Kym McHugh
Heritage Advisory Committee	Sally Roberts Andrew Sladden	Cr Frank Tuckwell Cr Anne Woolford

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Committees of Council (cont'd)

Name of Committee	Staff Member	Councillor Representative/s
Langhorne Creek Progress Association		Cr Barry Featherston
Plant and Machinery Committee	Simon Grenfell	Mayor Kym McHugh Cr Rick Medlyn Cr Rod Potter Cr Barry Featherston Cr Jim Davis
Milang Cemetery Advisory Committee	Simon Grenfell	Cr Rod Potter
Occupational Health & Safety Committee	Mike Shelley Simon Grenfell David Mullins George Maslin Ian Hentschke 2 Work Reps	Cr Alan Oliver Cr Anne Woolford (proxy)
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 Des Commerford	Cr Anne Woolford Cr Trent Rusby
Strathalbyn Visitors Centre	Tanya Mitchell	Cr Anne Woolford
Wooden Boat Festival Committee	Steve Ashley	Cr Jim Davis Cr Rick Medlyn
Woodshed Committee	Kim Vivian	Cr Trent Rusby
Youth Advisory Committee	Lucretia Sperring	Cr Alan Oliver Cr Barry Featherston



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	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Performance-Based Contract package</i></p> 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	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Performance-Based Contract package</i></p> Motor vehicle—full private use Council-provided telephone/data service for Council business and mobile phone Superannuation Guarantee Contribution
General Managers	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Performance-Based Contract package</i></p> Motor vehicle—full private use Council-provided telephone/data service for Council Business and mobile phone Superannuation Guarantee Contribution
Engineering Services Strategy, Environment & Econ. Dev. Finance & Corporate Services Health & Community Dev. Planning & Development Infrastructure Planning & Design	



CORPORATE INFORMATION

Auditor	Dean Newbery & Partners
Bank	Bank SA
Solicitor	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 2009 employed:

Full time staff	138
Full Time Contract	10
Part time Contract	0
Part Time	29
Casual staff	16
Trainee (Maxima)	3
Maxima Staff	5



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.





GOVERNANCE

General Administration

During the year Governance completed its Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan for the Council area. Consultation occurred with the community and relevant agencies with regard both plans.

Council also completed a Periodical Review of Elector Representation, with the final report reflecting the retention of a Mayor elected at large and to also maintain the existing five ward system.

Council's Community Land Management Plans were reviewed and adopted and are now available on Council's website.

Human Resources

Council has continued to consolidate the achievements of previous years by retaining and developing quality staff within the organisation. Additionally, Council is reviewing all Human Resources policies and procedures to ensure that best practice goals are achieved. Through this process of continuous review of policies Council will continue to enhance its reputation as an employer of choice, not only within local government, but also in the region.

Training and Development

Council is continuing to train and develop staff of quality, and emphasis continues to be placed on specific skills development at both the corporate and individual levels.

The Training and Advisory Committee continues to provide a central focus on training activities to ensure that resources are committed to programs designed to achieve optimum benefit for employees and Council.

Council employees continue to participate in skills training and professional development education programs, involving formal study, corporate skills training programs, and attendance at conferences and seminars.

Council has again participated in the LGMA Management Challenge, providing a team of six young officers with a challenging experience in dealing with a wide range of problems in a very limited time.



Leases and Licences

During the 2008/09 financial year 20 leases, lease renewals and licences have been finalised with ongoing discussion and negotiation continuing on a further 16.

Commercial lease properties with river access and river access/jetty permits have been reviewed due to the low water levels with rebates of 50% issued.

Road rentals are under continuous review with updating of Council records required as properties are sold.

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

Council's investment in occupational health and safety over the past three years is now being realised at an operational level with some excellent outcomes achieved during the 2008/2009 financial year.

The past three years has seen some rigid OH&S systems implemented with a focus on risk management and training which has ensured Council's workforce are well skilled and qualified for all tasks they undertake. These systems have also ensured that Council is fully compliant with SafeWork SA and WorkCover requirements and in many areas exceeds the requirements.

The outcome of the focus on OH&S over the last three years was realised last financial year in our claims performance. All claims targets were achieved and it was very pleasing to see that not a single lost time injury was recorded within the outdoor workforce. It is unlikely that there would be another Council in Australia that can boast the same achievement for the 12 month period.

A number of projects were undertaken during the year which has further improved the overall level of OH&S across the organisation. A detailed training needs analysis and training program have identified what training is required and when it is scheduled to occur. An OH&S Plan has been adopted which contains programs to address identified high risk activities. There has also been a range of performance indicators developed to keep management informed of the occurrence and frequency of workplace injuries.





L – R: Her Excellency Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Mayor Kym McHugh, Mike South, Di Davidson and Gloria Jones (back to camera)

11th October 2008



FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

Financial Management

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

- a small Operating Deficit (before capital) of \$148,000. This measures the extent to which operating revenue is more than sufficient/(will not be sufficient) to meet all of the costs of providing council services, which include depreciation.
- a Net Financial Liabilities ratio of 30%, this ratio is well within Council's target range of 100%. 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 49%. 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. The main influences on the ratio for this period have been an increase in depreciation due to a revaluation of infrastructure assets and a decrease in expenditure on capital renewal; this can be attributed to relatively new infrastructure being depreciated on a straight line basis but not requiring renewal at this point in time. Council's target Asset Sustainability Ratio is currently 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 <math><10\%</math>, for the year ended 30 June 09 Council's Interest Cover Ratio was 1.4%. This measure indicates the extent to which Council's commitment to interest expenses are met by total operating revenues.

Council has continued to implement improved financial control procedures throughout the 12 months under review resulting in a positive audit report and unqualified audit opinion.



Alexandrina Library and Customer Service

Alexandrina Council's organisational review saw the Library and Customer Service Team, move to Finance and Corporate Services.

The Goolwa Library celebrated its 20th Birthday in August 2008. Festivities included events for people all ages including a birthday party, live bands and author visits. A highlight was the mosaic pieced together by members of the community and local school children. The mosaic is proudly displayed in the courtyard.



Former Institute Librarian, Dora Tuckwell and current Library & Customer Service Manager Jill Patmore cut the Birthday Cake

Goolwa Library and the Friends of the Goolwa Library were awarded SABA's 2008 Customer Service Special Recognition Award for "... providing an outstanding facility supported by helpful and innovative services like the valuable History Room and "kid friendly" staff who make the Library a wonderful place to be. The Goolwa Library is recognised and congratulated by the Southern Alexandrina Business Association Inc."



Jill Patmore, George Maslin and Councillor Anne Woolford at the SABA Customer Service Awards

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Alexandrina Library and Customer Service

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Roberta Taylor, who plays tough cop Gina Gold on “*The Bill*,” launched her second book “*The Reinvention of Ivy Brown*” to a crowd of 150 guests at the Currency Creek Winery, hosted by the Alexandrina Library Service. Surrounded by vines Roberta wowed the audience with readings from her latest book and insights into her life as an actor on the Bill.

Council received significant and constructive feedback to its proposal to redevelop the existing Strathalbyn Library & Council Office into a one stop shop Library and Customer Service Centre at its Colman Terrace site in Strathalbyn.



Roberta Taylor with Dulcie Hunt

The Library and Customer Service Team placed an emphasis on working smarter and delivering efficiencies without compromising on customer service levels.

The following chart gives an overview of some of the key performance indicators for Library and Customer Service for 2008-2009.





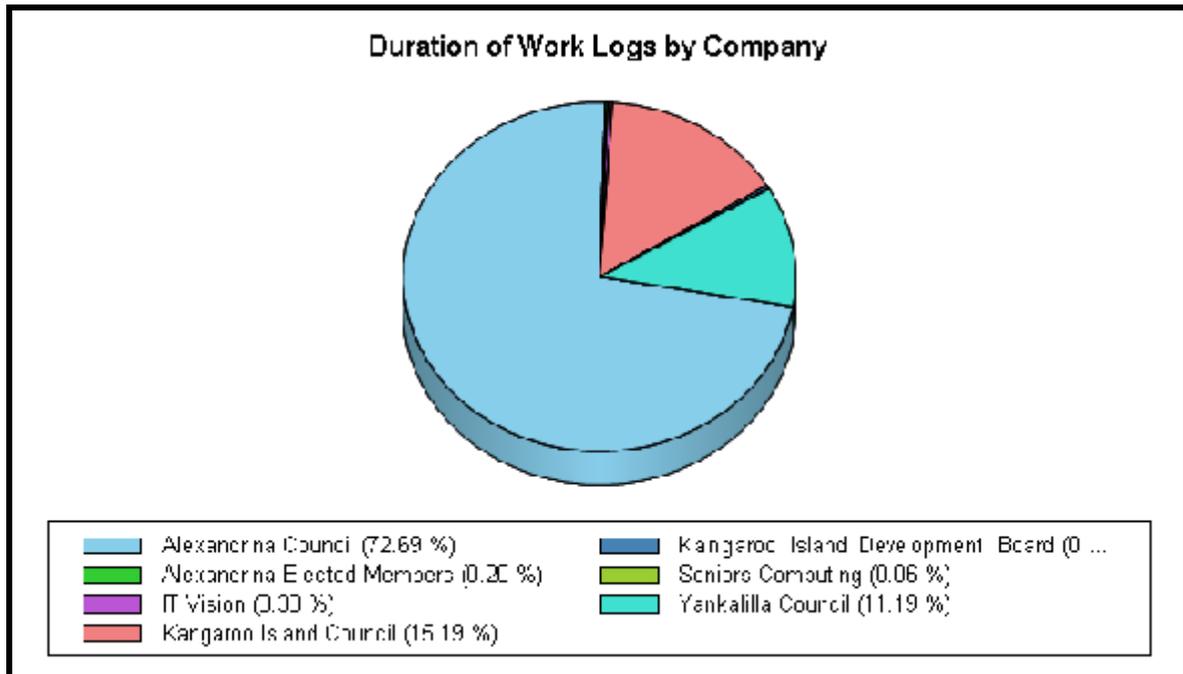
Information Communications Technology

Alexandrina's ICT department continued with building and supporting a complex and diverse network environment to support the operations of Council throughout the year. We also extended our support services to the District Council of Yankalilla and signed off on 3 year support contracts with Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island Councils.

Our busy ICT staff worked through 5210 helpdesk tasks which is a 40% increase on the previous year (see table below).

Financial Year	Task Count
2004/2005	1608
2005/2006	2549
2006/2007	1554
2007/2008	3115
2008/2009	5210
2009/2010	1594
Total	15630

The chart below shows the division of the 5210 tasks between the various groups and Councils that we managed over the 2008/2009 year.



This chart shows that 26% of all helpdesk tasks are generated from our contracted service provision to our neighbouring Councils.

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Information Communications Technology

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In addition to the ICT support services, the following project work was completed by the department:

- A new data storage system (a Storage Area Network) was purchased and installed to provide greater data protection and increased capacity for the next 5 years.
- An optical fibre cable was installed between the Goolwa Office and Depot to provide data and voice services for the existing offices as well as the new Depot office extension to be built in 2009/2010. A secondary server room was created at the Depot to provide for our off-site data backup and disaster recovery systems.
- The plans for the communications tower at Strathalbyn were completed and the land secured for construction. Due to delays in supplying power to the site and gaining the required approvals, the tower construction will not be completed until October 2009.
- New software, VM Ware, was purchased and installed to reduce the number of physical servers in use from 30 to 10. This system will reduce the amount of power used in our server room and improve our ability to manage and recover from major hardware failures. It works in tandem with our Storage Area Network to give us improved data and systems protection as well as rapid deployment of new systems when required.
- The bi-annual purchase of aerial photography was successfully negotiated with Aerometrex on behalf of the Fleurieu Councils.
- A refresh of Alexandrina's managed printer fleet was successfully negotiated and completed. We increased the number of devices from 15 to 21 by negotiating to keep our existing devices at no lease cost. This has enabled us to provide a consistent print, copy, scan and fax service in all Council offices and Depots. We also provided 5 devices to our neighbouring Councils and receive \$500.00 per month as rental income from these. As part of the negotiations, we reduced our cost per page by 14% for colour and 20% for black and white.





Records Management

The Records staff have had another busy year with no reduction in the amount of information coming into Council in various forms. This year has seen the lead up to and the final roll-out of electronic records registration at the officer level. This has been a very long process but will lead to more efficient capture and storage of Council information. Records staff also processed 6 FOI requests for this year up from 4 last year. FOI requests can be very time consuming and operate along fixed timeframes.

The table below shows the amount of information managed by the department this year compared with last year.

Document Types	2007/2008	2008/2009
Total Incoming	23761	23390
Total Outgoing	12540	12035
Total Internal	2214	2061
Incoming Emails	8722	8295
Incoming Faxes	2407	2074
Incoming Circulars	362	474
Outgoing Emails	3573	3810
Grand Total	38515	37486

Total Electronic	15064	14653
% electronic	39	39

The main projects for this year have been the development of Records policies and training programs for Council staff along with the continual assessment and boxing of long term records for off-site storage.

We also employed specialist contractors to sort, assess and sentence much of our unsorted historical records from the Strathalbyn and Goolwa Councils.



STRATEGY, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Service

Strategic and Sustainable Financial Management

Objectives

To ensure that Council's strategic plans align with the SA Strategic Plan and higher order strategies and plans, annual budgets & Council's long term financial plan and regularly review the rating policy that ensures a fair and equitable contribution from all rate payers across the district.

Targets

To commence the review of Council's Strategic and Corporate Plans

The key strategy met the State Government's Financial Sustainability criteria whereby Council revised its funding procedures and policies, accounting and audit controls, and developed a 10 year Long Term Financial Plan as well as adopted new financial accounting reporting procedures as detailed below.

Action	Status
Develop a Treasury Management Policy	Completed.
Develop Accounting Procedures	Developed
Establish an Audit Committee and review internal audit controls.	Completed.
Review organisational strategies.	Re-organisation completed.
Review rating policy.	The 08/09 Rating Policy was updated.
Review Information Communications Technology services.	A new ICT Strategic Plan was completed as was the ICT department review. A Disaster Recovery Plan was formulated along with a Business Continuity Plan. ICT support contracts have been put in place with Kangaroo Island Council and Yankalilla Council.
Develop draft Long Term Financial Plan.	Completed.

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Service

Economic Development

Objectives

To create opportunities across Council for business, trade, employment and training and to promote the area as an investment prospect.

Targets

A key target is to ensure a supply of suitable land to meet the demand for development that attracts increased employment opportunities in our region.

Action	Status
Promote region as place to live and work	New housing construction continued to be a strong employment growth area as did jobs linked to retirement housing, tourism and hospitality.
Review Fleurieu Regional Development and Council to support each other's services	The Federal Government called for a review of regional development boards across the nation which resulted in recommendations for fewer development boards.

Service

Strategic Planning and Communications

Objectives

To inform and invite open communications engaging the community in Council's service delivery & strategic direction.

Action	Status
Review of the <i>Alexandrina Future Directions Strategic Plan</i>	A full review of the <i>Alexandrina Future Directions Strategic Plan</i> was undertaken throughout 2008-2009 involving consultation with Mt Compass, Middleton, Port Elliot, Clayton, Milang and Langhome Creek communities.
Investigate the cost/benefits of a new Regional Swimming Pool on the south coast	This had yet to be resolved due to it requiring a Due Diligence assessment involving both Alexandrina Council and the City of Victor Harbor Council.

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Service

Tourism

Objectives

To drive economic growth by encouraging more visitors to the area through the provision of promotional information by our staff based at the Signal Point Interpretive Centre and Visitor Information Centres at Goolwa & Strathalbyn.

Targets

Action	Status
Strengthen the role of Signal Point as SA's principal interpretive Centre on the Murray Darling river system	Council reconsidered the serviceability of Signal Point following a spate of burglaries as well as a chronic design fault with the roof. It was decided to replace the mast with a skylight and new roof section. The internal displays were removed.
Ensure the Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre is accredited as a key Visitor Information Centre in SA.	Centre successfully accredited with a full time officer to commence 1/7/09.
Review the Alexandrina Sustainable Tourism Plan	It was decided to roll this plan in with the new Arts and Cultural Tourism Policy as well as aligning with the Fleurieu Peninsula Integrated Strategic Tourism Plan

Service

Natural Resources

Objectives

To implement Council's natural resource environmental policies and to supply professional advice to internal and external customers regarding protection of natural resources.

Action	Status
To implement of the Sustainable Alexandrina 2007-2010 Policy Direction and Action Plan	Majority of activities have been implemented.



HEALTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Environmental Health

After one year of operating with three Environmental Health Officers, organisational restructure saw the addition of a new member to the Environmental Health team from the Engineering and Infrastructure Department. This change allowed the Environmental Health team to upskill in a number of areas including trade waste and management of the septic tank pumpout scheme, offering the community a more complete service, with knowledge being shared across the team. Integrating these two areas of Council has resulted in a greater pooling of resources to deliver services as well as better continuity in staff absences. It has also meant that the undertaking of new and exciting projects has been possible. This year, projects have included a Food Safety Week project involving a poster competition for school students as well as a barbecue which was hosted for the public utilising the opportunity to educate the community about food safety. This project was extremely well received by the community, and the Environmental Health team will endeavour to continue food safety education into the future. Another exciting project to come from the Environmental Health team this year has been the continuation of software development for better managing inspection and complaint information which integrates with other systems of Council and will allow single-entry, portable work stations in the future. A number of other Councils have also helped to fund this project which has been largely run by Alexandrina Council and has resulted in resource sharing and better work efficiencies throughout the region and beyond.



Alexandrina Council was also recognised as Council of the Year 2007-2008 (rural division) as announced at the LGA Annual General Meeting in April 2009 for excellence in the area of Environmental Health. This is the third time (of four times that the award has been on offer) that Alexandrina Council has received this award.

No. of Waste Control Applications in the 2008-09 Financial year	480
No. of Food Inspections and return visits to ensure compliance	308
No. of containers received for Drummuster	6449
Order/Notices under the Food Act	17
Order/Notices under Public & Environmental Health Act	31
Complaints received under the Food Act	9
Complaints received under the Public & Environmental Health Act	45



Compliance

2008-2009 was another busy year for Compliance with dog control still proving to be the primary work load.

This year's focus on education and enforcement of legislation was successful in reducing the incidents of wandering and unregistered dogs. An increase in reported alleged dog harassments, attacks and nuisance barking complaints indicate that the community is more aware of the need for accountability by dog owners. This is reflected in an increase in warnings and expiations in accordance with the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

This year, 181 dogs were impounded, with 109 of these dogs being returned to their owners. A total of 5560 dogs were registered compared with 5285 last financial year. The implementation of an unregistered dog door knocking program in 2009 - 2010 is likely to further increase the number of registered dogs within our community, reduce the number of dogs impounded and educate the community on responsible dog ownership.

Council has experienced a decrease in the number of requests for assistance and cat trap hire for the removal of feral cats. As part of Councils Animal Management Plan, Council will continue to enforce the micro chipping of all owned cats by July 2012.

Council's Animal Management Plan continues to be implemented. Community consultation in establishing dog off leash areas and dog parks is ongoing. The focus for 2009-2010 will centre on final decisions on locations for dog off leash areas with community support.

The Adopt a Dispenser program continues to grow with 30 dispensers now located through out our community with all dispensers managed by a local volunteer or community group. This program has been a true success for the community and Council.

Illegal parking was reduced significantly this year, with an increase in patrols in particularly around schools, proving a successful deterrent.

Administratively, Council upgraded existing methods of recording incidents of illegal dumping and littering, expiations and infringements and alleged dog complaints.



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Fire Prevention

Council has two .5 Fire Prevention Officers who were responsible for implementing community fire mitigation strategies across the entire Council district under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005.

Private block inspections were carried out in October with over 1400, Section 83 - block clearing notices issued to private land holders requesting the reduction in the fuel load on their property.

Roadside slashing again provided the community with road verge fuel breaks on over 120 identified strategic fire access roads throughout the district.

Education and publicity was wide spread with displays at the Council offices, radio talks, mail outs, newsletter articles, on site inspections, publicity material and community meeting nights. The community were encouraged to contact Council to arrange community information meetings or for an on site property inspection or advice on completing their Bushfire Action Plan.

Local brigades again supported Council with group information meetings generating interest from local community members.

The R.A.P.I.D service continued to supply plates and R.A.P.I.D numbers to the community on demand, with the first steps begun towards the rural property address roll out scheduled for early 2010.

The Fire Hazard Risk Assessment Plan was upgraded to reflect the landscape changes of the area and in particular the reduced access to water in an emergency and therefore the increased risk to those communities.

The 18 members of the Alexandrina District Bushfire Prevention Committee met four times during the year. May and October reports were presented to the CFS Regional Office as required under legislation.

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Fire Prevention

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A total of 40 fires were recorded throughout the district with most fires occurring at Port Elliot, Middleton and Clayton. The Clayton fire would be considered the largest of the fires for the year. The fires recorded at Middleton were predominantly house/shed fires.

Three new projects were put to Council for completion in 2009-2010. These projects included an audit of fire risk on open space areas, the clearing of an arterial road verge to reduce the fuel load and Part 2 of the Fire Trail works program upgrade.



ARTS AND LIFESTYLE SERVICES



Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing

The Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing (ACPA) is a progressive Centre providing high quality services and programs that foster and promote positive ageing to older people living within the Alexandrina Council region. The ACPA was established in 1984 and is jointly funded by the Alexandrina Council with State and Federal Home & Community Care (HACC) funding through the Office for The Ageing.

The long term success of the Centre has been the result of broad community interest and involvement with participants, volunteers and staff working together to ensure the Centre offers a range of high quality and well patronised services, programs, activities and events for older HACC eligible residents and their carers.

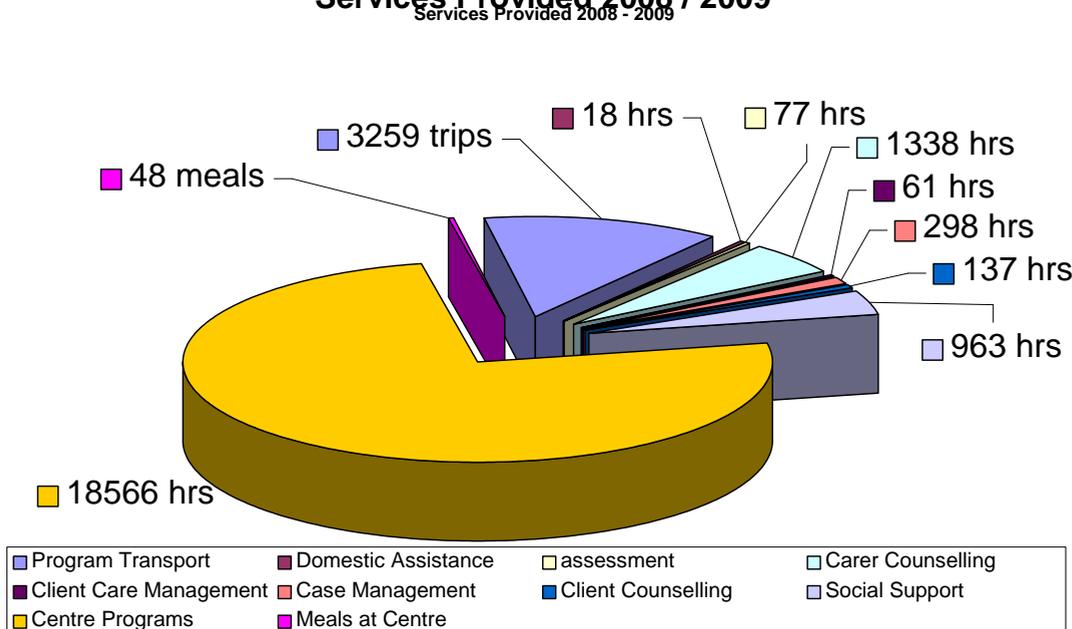
The aims of the ACPA include;

- Working in close collaboration with all levels of government, other service providers and key stakeholders to meet the diverse needs of older residents across the Alexandrina Council region
- Providing information and health and wellbeing education that is up to date and relevant to the needs of participants and members of the community
- Encouraging and fostering community self determination to facilitate consumer directed outcomes for older members of the community
- Supporting carers of frail, aged and younger disabled HACC eligible residents within the Alexandrina Council region; and,
- Providing peer support and information to other aged care service providers operating within the Council region.

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Services Provided 2008 / 2009



ACPA Volunteers

The ACPA provides a range of programs and activities for participants and we gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution of our volunteers who have assisted us throughout 2008 - 09.

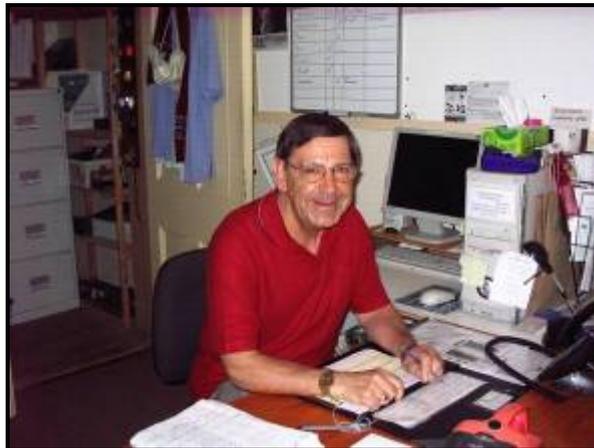
Centre volunteers are trained and skilled in a variety of roles ranging from bus drivers, receptionists, instructors in art and craft, cooking, exercise and fitness, health and wellbeing, facilitating intergenerational programs and providing social support services.

During the 2008-09 financial year 98 individual volunteers provided 8,455 hours of volunteer support to ACPA based programs and activities. The contribution of our Centre volunteers is significant and without their outstanding commitment, the ACPA would certainly be a lesser place and unable to offer the diversity of high quality programs to our participants.

This year has seen the retirement of four dedicated, long serving volunteers. Their contributions have been exceptional in time, knowledge and expertise, and it is pleasing to note that two of them have elected to continue their association with the Centre as program participants.

Six very worthy volunteers were recognised at the annual Volunteer Recognition Week celebrations held by Council in May 2009. Three others were also recognised for their outstanding service to the Centre through being awarded Life Membership of the ACPA.

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Participants & Programs

During 2008 – 2009 the ACPA delivered a range of innovative and needs based programs and services. These included health and well-being programs, educational forums and workshops, social activities and intergenerational programs. A total of 389 participants have received 24,765 hours of service at the Centre over the 2008-09 period. In addition, the ACPA has had 92 new participants join in a variety of programs. These new participant numbers are high and signify a positive response to the services and programs being offered by the ACPA.

Some examples of programs on offer to older residents at the ACPA include Tai Chi, walking groups, exercise programs for the frail as well as the young at heart, relaxation classes, expressive art classes, folk art, men's cribbage, leatherwork, woodwork and Seniors Computing classes. Our programme of activities is based on participant interest and expressed need and we welcome program ideas and suggestions from participants and the broader community.

Community Connect Project

Recurrent funding from Home and Community Care has ensured that the Community Connect program has continued to provide a connection between the community and those HACC eligible residents who have become isolated due to age, frailty, disability or changed circumstances such as loss of a spouse. Over the past year Community Connect has assisted over 40 participants and has been supported by 15 volunteers who have given approx 250 hrs to the program for the 2008/09 period.

The Community Connect program has been coordinated by 2 part time staff, one based in Goolwa (Community Connect - Coastal) at the Centre for Positive Ageing and the other based at the Alexandrina Council office in Strathalbyn (Community Connect – Rural)

ACPA through its Community Connect Project has successfully run a men's cooking group known as 'Taste Buddies'. The aim of this group is to bring together like minded men who have an interest in developing their cooking skills in an environment that encourages social connection, friendship, skill sharing and fun.

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Community Connect Project

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Taste Buddies has been so successful that an advanced cooking group has been added to our program, allowing participants to further develop their culinary skills and maintain social connections after learning the basics and establishing local social contacts.



*Taste Buddies - P Burns, C Green,
B Longworth & T Jordan*

Seniors Computing Goolwa

Seniors Computing Goolwa has again had a busy year providing basic computing training to senior community members living in the Goolwa area.

In the twelve month period to 30 June 2009 nine volunteers provided a total of 412 hours of service to the community through the provision of 4 week courses run regularly throughout the year.

GoolwaSkill

GoolwaSkill is an intergenerational skill sharing program of the ACPA that links older and retired members of the community with younger people aged 12-18 years of age. GoolwaSkill gives young participants the opportunity to learn new skills across a variety of trades, hobbies and special interest activities whilst building positive relationships with older volunteer leaders who are willing to share their knowledge and skills in their chosen field.

During the 2008-09 year GoolwaSkill had approx 45 individual youth who participated in activities as diverse as walking, aerosol art, painting and taking part in the Rough and Ready boat building activity held at the 2009 Goolwa Wooden Boat & Music Festival.

During the 2008-09 year 12 volunteer leaders provided almost 1000 hours of their time to the GoolwaSkill Program.

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GoolwaSkill

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Feedback received from participants of the GoolwaSkill program included the following statements;

- “My son really enjoyed this course. He said he learnt a lot. The teacher was absolutely fabulous with their availability, generosity, and patience. I would recommend this course to others. A big thank you.”
- “It was **AWESOME!**”

Highlights of the GoolwaSkill year included;

- The website launch and art display, which showcased the skills that the painting group had been developing over the year. During the day the drumming group put on a wonderful display of their skills.
- Two young boys had expressed an interest in participating in the Rough and Ready boat building competition at the 2009 Wooden Boat and Music Festival. GoolwaSkill sponsored and supported them in their endeavours. The boys reported back that they'd had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about boat building and as a result are keen to follow on with further skill development within the maritime industry.
- GoolwaSkill was invited to attend Council's 'Act Up, Speak Up' forum for youth in the Goolwa area. Its purpose was to engage young people in Goolwa and let them know what activities were available to them in the local area. We were able to demonstrate what GoolwaSkill had to offer. We received a very positive response from those who attended and overall it was great promotion for the GoolwaSkill program.

Throughout the 2008-09 year GoolwaSkill has continued to foster and promote positive intergenerational relationships and provide supportive networks between young people and their communities.





Transport Services

Transport continues to be an ongoing issue of importance to the members of our Centre and our broader community. Without the ability to transport participants, many would be house bound or unable to access Centre programs. We continue to be grateful to Council for its support in providing a motor vehicle that compliments our Centre bus for client transportation as well as enabling staff to undertake in-home visits and assessments.



The 2008 - 09 financial year has been an exciting and eventful one for the ACPA. We have celebrated our 25th anniversary, a milestone in any terms. We have also celebrated the 18th Anniversary of our Port Elliot outreach program.

We said goodbye to the longest serving member of our team, Heather Grant. Heather was ACPA Coordinator for over 20 years and we take this opportunity to acknowledge her exceptional commitment to staff, volunteers and participants and her invaluable contribution to Council and the Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing.

Throughout 2008-09 **the ACPA Management Committee Inc.** has continued to provide outstanding support to the staff, volunteers and participants of the Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing. Early in 2009 the ACPA Management Committee engaged an external consultant to undertake a review of its strategic plan. In response to that review, the Management Committee decided to revise and realign its focus and role to undertake fund raising activities in order to support the planning, implementation and further development of Centre and its activities and programs.

Redevelopment of Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing.

Early in the financial year Council announced funding had been allocated within its budget to redevelop the centre and bring the facility in to line with legislated Occupational Health and Safety Standards. Council has engaged the services of an Architect and draft plans are currently being developed that are sympathetic to the requirements of refurbishing an Heritage listed building. Staff, volunteers and participants eagerly await any further progress in the proposed upgrading the ACPA.

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The Future

With changes of staff and proposals to redevelop the interior of the ACPA, we look forward to the 2009-10 financial year with a great deal of optimism and excitement. We welcome the opportunity to respond to emerging trends in the provision of activities and programs for older people and look forward to another 25 years of positive and responsive service provision in our community.

Alexandrina Volunteers

The Alexandrina Council values and appreciates the significant and generous contribution volunteers make to our community.

Alexandrina Council has over 600 registered volunteers who assist with a diverse range of Council programs and services including: Home and Community Care support services for our frail, aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers, youth development programs and initiatives, library services, community centres, visitor information services, arts galleries and other special interest areas.

Statistical data collected throughout the year shows Alexandrina Council volunteers have contributed a total of 120,195 hours in the support of Council programs, services and special interest groups. Of these, 35,391 hours were given by volunteers in the direct provision of community support services with an additional 84,804 hours committed by volunteers to special interest and community support initiatives and programs. If you equate this time with the current national accepted rate of \$19.26, our volunteers contributed \$2,314, 955 worth of services and support to the community this year. A staggering contribution.

Alexandrina Volunteers 2008-2009

Group/Program	Volunteer Numbers	Direct Service provision Volunteer Hours	Interest and Community Support Volunteer Hours
Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing	219	8455	0
Goolwa Skill	29	0	842
Seniors Computing	21	0	412
Community Connect Rural	8	59	0
Community Connect Coastal	22	207	0
South Coast Regional Art Centre	90	0	300
Stationmaster's Gallery	155	0	2800
Goolwa VIC	75	0	3365
Strathalbyn VIC	86	0	4644
Strathalbyn Home Assist	12	131	0
Alexandrina Library Service	191	0	7135
Milang Old School House Community Centre	387	5344	0

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Group/Program	Volunteer Numbers	Direct Service provision Volunteer Hours	Interest and Community Support Volunteer Hours
Fleurieu Families Home Visiting	60	825	0
Neighbour Aid	100	1939	0
Armfield Slipway	80	0	3500
PS Oscar W	108	0	7528
Youth	64	1756	0
Additional information	564	16675	54279
Totals	2271	35,391	84,804

Average numbers / Program 142 2212 5300

Average numbers /Month 189 2949 7067

Total Volunteers: 1707

Total Volunteer Hours: 120,195

Average Volunteer Hours: 70

Arts and Cultural Development

Arts and Cultural Development through the South Coast Regional Arts Centre supports and promotes emerging and professional artists from across the southern Fleurieu region by co-ordinating 12 exhibitions per year and promoting numerous cultural activities within the region through our extensive mailing list and arts networks.

Arts and Cultural Development partners with major festivals such as the South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) and the Adelaide Fringe Festival to bring contemporary performance and visual art to south coast audiences as well as providing a culturally enriching destination for tourists to the region. With valued input and assistance from our highly experienced volunteer Arts and Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee, Council recognises the value of arts and culture to the Alexandrina Council region and is proud to continue to set a benchmark for this area of endeavour in regional South Australia.

The number of arts and cultural projects Council has supported and contributed to continue to expand each year. Highlights for the 2008-2009 year have included:

- FIESTA! A focus on wine, food and cultural activities across Alexandrina and the Fleurieu.
- The Invitational exhibition for the Fleurieu Peninsula Biennale
- Artists of the Fleurieu exhibition curated by David Dridan at Strathalbyn

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Arts and Cultural Development

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- Touring exhibitions from Country Arts SA
- Annual Regional Youth Art Exhibition in the Coach House Community Gallery of the South Coast Regional Arts Centre.
- South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA). Support for associated regional activities with a visual arts focus.
- Review and update of involvement in the Fleurieu Arts Trail, with Council supported Galleries featuring as participating members.
- Hosting a rolling calendar of visiting David Dridan collections in Council Chambers
- Contribution and support to “Create and Connect” Arts and Wellbeing program for isolated and socially disadvantaged people (in partnership with Southern Fleurieu Health Service)
- Working with Australian Business Arts Foundation towards developing mutually beneficial Arts / Business partnerships in Alexandrina
- Providing support to the Stationmaster’s Gallery (Strathalbyn) and South Coast Regional Arts Centre. Both galleries continue to deliver a fine calendar of regular exhibitions, workshops and events.
- Initiating a bold and engaging calendar of visual art exhibitions through the South Coast Regional Arts Centre
- Inviting specialist practitioners in their field to host workshops at the South Coast Regional Arts Centre to provide access for regional participants

The Chair of Councils Arts and Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee Jane Hylton has been shortlisted with two other people in SA for an Arts and Cultural Development Ruby Award for 2009. Volunteers welcome visitors to the Arts Centre on weekends and support the calendar of events year round in numerous ways. The South Coast regional Arts Centre has a team of approximately twenty volunteers who have contributed 300 hours to the centre during the 2008-09 year.



Drawing marathon South Australian Living Artists Festival



Michael and Rita Lindsay perform during ‘a cultural afternoon’



Community Liaison

One of the key roles of the Community Liaison Officer involves assisting community groups and organisations to source and access appropriate funding sources which help build community capacity to further develop & enhance well-being and sustainability. Community Halls & Recreation Capital Grants and Small Recreation & Sport grants totalling \$90,000 were offered during 2008-2009.

The Young Emerging Leaders Grant assists young people living in the Alexandrina Council region to participate in competitions, research, study or events which further develop their personal or professional skills and experience in their chosen field. During 2008-2009 financial year grants assisted young people to represent their State in Irish Dancing, Surfing, Basketball and Cricket.

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Community Liaison

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Project	Status	% Completed	Progress Comments	Responsible Officer	Budget	Actual
Small Recreation & Sport Grant	Completed	100%	Funds allocated November 2008	Community Liaison Officer	\$15,000	\$8150
Recreation Capital Grant	Completed	100%	Funds allocated November 2008	Community Liaison Officer	\$50,000	\$49,987
Community Halls Capital Grant	Completed	100%	Funds allocated November 2008	Community Liaison Officer	\$25,000	\$25,000
Young Emerging Leaders Grant	Ongoing	Ongoing	Funds allocated throughout financial year	Community Liaison Officer	\$2,000	\$1350



Small Recreation & Sport Grant 2008– Presentation to Port Elliot Bowling Club

Another important role is helping to cultivate inclusion and connection between indigenous and non-indigenous people living in the Southern Fleurieu and Adelaide Hills region. Coordination & organisation of the annual NAIDOC Week events has been of high priority and has continued to build on established networks and contacts with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

The celebrations for NAIDOC Week are all part of a very positive and solid reconciliation process and over the past few years attendances at Flag Raising Ceremonies have continued to grow.

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Community Liaison

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The theme in 2009 was “Honouring Our Elders – Nurturing Our Youth” and encouraged communities to acknowledge the status of our Aboriginal Elders as leaders and role models for our youth.



*NAIDOC Week 2009 – Flag Raising Ceremony, Goolwa
David Booth – Imbala Jarjum Dance Group*

Fleurieu Families

Fleurieu Families is a high profile, highly esteemed project with an abundance of significant positive outcomes for families and communities. The aim of all of the projects under the umbrella of Fleurieu Families is to support and strengthen families across our region. This has a number of social and economic benefits to the community.

This year we facilitated 93 groups and activities that were attended by about 650 participants. 65% of people attending these regional services were residents of Alexandrina Council. The service also continues to ensure that all areas of the district are considered and events have been held in Strathalbyn and Milang as well as the Coastal towns. We were also involved in 6 larger community events including Fun on the Fleurieu, International Women’s Day, Dr Michael Carr Gregg Seminar and Whale Time Play Time Festival, these events attracted approximately 9000 people.



*Multi-Joy Multiple Birth Playgroup
held at the Port Elliot Kindergarten*



International Women's Day

The program's Volunteer Parent Support Workers have given 1,180 hours valued at approximately \$33,500 to support families in our region. Fleurieu Families projects have had numerous positive outcomes for families, children and service providers in the region.



Milang Old School House Community Centre



The **Milang Old School House Community Centre** continues to provide a dynamic community hub for the residents of Milang, Clayton Bay, Langhorne Creek and Finnis enabling people to meet, interact and build community. The innovative partnership with the Milang Progress Association Inc enables the provision of a range of services which addresses disadvantage in the region.

Milang & Clayton Bay Community Care has provided in home and centre based support services and activities to 136 frail aged residents, younger people with disabilities and their carers. This program has a valuable role in supporting isolated people as half of the participants are living alone. Services provided include domestic assistance, home maintenance, social support, information and advocacy, enabling people to remain living in their own homes and in their communities.

Volunteers continue to provide an invaluable transport service utilising the community car and making it possible for people to be involved in social activities, attend medical appointments and to participate in Centre activities. During the year the car has travelled 18668 km and provided 386 one-way trips with volunteers contributing 866 hours.

Council's annual contribution to the Centre helps staff and 74 volunteers to provide information and resources to the community. Training is provided to volunteers throughout the year and in the past twelve months 6 volunteers have achieved accreditation in Active Volunteering. Of particular importance over the past 12 months has been the need to assist government agencies in the distribution of information to the community regarding drought and assistance available, environmental issues and planning for the long term future of the lakes, health including heat stress and positive mental health.

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Milang Old School House Community Centre

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The Centre's focus on learning was once again acknowledged through being awarded the SA Learning Community of the Year Award. Empowering people through the provision of learning experiences impacts on all programs at the Centre. The Council funded Youth program, MOSH Mates is a great example of the learning that comes about through the shared experiences of older and younger people working together.

A number of international visitors have visited the Centre over the year and include Professor Jane Goodall for the opening of "Our Shed" and the turtle enclosure and Maude Barlow United Nations Water Adviser and author of "The Blue Covenant".

Sport and Recreation

The Southern Fleurieu & KI *be active* Field Officer has been in operation since January 2008. Now in its second year of operation the *be active* Field Officer continues to develop a strong network of sport and recreation clubs, schools, local government agencies, community groups and other key physical activity providers with the aim of:

- Supporting the development of active recreation and sport throughout the region;
- Assisting active recreation and sports providers to further develop their organisations and the programs and services they provide; and
- Increasing community participation in these programs.



By adopting a regional approach to the program, the Southern Fleurieu Health Service and Councils continue to foster a strong, vibrant and innovative recreation industry for the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula. Some actions initiated in the Alexandrina Council region to achieve these outcomes to date include:

- Developing a regional SFKI *be active* website – www.sfkibeactive.com.au
- Developing and maintaining a database of sport and recreation clubs and providers in the region. Now available on www.sfkibeactive.com

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Sport and Recreation

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- Updating the sport and recreation grants and funding guide for local clubs and organisations
- Awareness and promotion around physical activity at community events including Parks Alive 08, Goolwa Alive, Ashbourne Family Fun Day, Port Elliot Show
- Coordinating WiseMoves program training for providers in the region including Milang Old School House, Centre for Positive Ageing (30 participants)
- Developed and presented in partnership with Disability SA and the Office for Recreation and sport the Ten Tips to Increasing your club membership workshop for sport and recreation organisations in the Fleurieu Region (45 participants).
- Facilitated the establishment of Fleurieu Outdoor Adventure Management (FOAM) a regional not for profit incorporated body to promote, identify and coordinate active outdoor recreation events and activities in the Fleurieu Region. Short Fun Run Series planned for 09/10 over Christmas period.
- One on one advice and assistance given to 77 sporting clubs and organisations in the Fleurieu/ KI region during 08/09 financial year. Topics include grant assistance, club management and governance, child safe environments, and event management
- Partnered with Milang Old School House's Life with Gusto project to organise the Healthy Weight Week challenge for Strathalbyn and districts.

Youth Development

Alexandrina Council in partnership with The City of Victor Harbor employs the Youth Development Officer (YDO), whose role includes being a key liaison between the Councils, young people, and regional youth services. The YDO coordinates a number of youth initiatives and programs across the region and also supports the Youth Theatre Officer, creating a Youth Team approach.

A significant program under the umbrella of Youth Development is the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) a Section 41 Committee of Councils with a current membership of 20 young people from across the region. Projects instigated by the YAC and supported by the YDO include; Show Us Ya Shorts-Youth Short Film Festival held during National Youth Week and funded by the Office For Youth, STRUTH 5EFM, Impress Magazine and the Regional Youth Art Exhibition. These projects reached significant numbers of young people throughout the region and provide young people the opportunity to develop many valuable skills.

One of the highlights of this year has been the 2009 Fusion Event, This Music and Skating festival was held in Victor Harbor during February and was created in its entirety by the YAC with ongoing coordination and support from the YDO. YAC's role included the initial planning to the running of the whole day event. Fusion was a tremendous success with over 250 people (of all ages) attending.

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Youth Development

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Wet Paint Youth Theatre Project is another popular program supported by Council. Coordinated by the Youth Theatre Project Officer, this program enables the young participants the opportunity to acquire a range of skills from building self confidence, creative input and leadership, to team building. Participants work on every stage of the production from the creation of the script, stage management, acting and directing.



Southern Fleurieu Youth Advisory Committee Meeting



Fusion 09



STRUTH FM

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Youth Development
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PROJECT	STATUS	% COMP	PROGRESS COMMENTS	RESP. OFFICER	BUDGET	ACTUAL
National youth Week Event – ‘Show Us Ya Shorts’	Completed	100%	Joint venture with the City of Victor Harbor funded by the Office For Youth. Films created by the youth of the region the event run by the Youth Advisory Committee	Manager: Arts and Lifestyle Services.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Youth Theatre Project –‘Wet Paint ‘	Completed	100%	Jointly run project between Alexandrina and the City of Victor Harbor. Funded by SA Works in the region.	Manager : Arts and Lifestyle Services	\$20,000	\$20,000





Strathalbyn & District Home Assist

The Home Assist Program, based in Strathalbyn, has provided in home support services to over 140 frail, aged people, younger people with disabilities and carers.

The area covered includes Strathalbyn, Woodchester, Finnis, Ashbourne, Langhorne Creek and the Kuitpo area out of Meadows.

Services include Domestic Assistance (regular housecleaning); Home Maintenance (e.g. gutter cleaning, yard tidy); Social Support; Information & Advocacy.

Transport requests are usually for medical appointments where the client has no support from family & friends. Where possible, the requests are filled in liaison with the Strathalbyn Taxi Service; the Milang Community Centre – Community Car; the Hills Community Passenger Network and/or Volunteer Drivers. Approximately 70 people have been assisted with transport during the 2008 – 2009 financial year.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Development Assessment

In 2008 - 2009:

- 1378 Development Applications were lodged with Council for a variety of development types ranging from dwellings to retirement villages and commercial forestry.
- 54 applications for land division were received creating a total of 729 new allotments throughout the Council area.
- 18 applications went before the Development Assessment Panel (DAP), who met a total of 7 times through the year.
- 3 applications were appealed in the Environment Resources & Development (ERD) Court during this period, 1 of which was a carry over from the 2007 – 2008 financial year. Two of these matters are still unresolved while one was resolved through a compromise at the conference stage and one went to a full hearing of which Council's decision to refuse was upheld.



In addition to dealing with these applications the planning and development team were also required to implement the State Government's new initiative with the introduction of the Residential Code. Although all measures are in place to deal with applications under the new guidelines it has had very limited impact within our region.

Policy Planning

The continued high growth of the area has led to increased emphasis on ensuring that Council has appropriate policies in place to match this growth. As well as continuing work on various Development Plan Amendments, DPAs, focus has been given to the Goolwa Town Plan and a Rural Areas Review, in order to facilitate our growing and changing population. Both of these documents have been completed during the course of the year and some implementation projects have commenced. A future planning document will be prepared in the coming year for Mount Compass with a focus group having been formed.

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Hindmarsh Island PAR

The document has been submitted to the Minister for final approval.

Goolwa Industrial/Commercial DPA

The draft DPA is currently being prepared for the Goolwa/Port Elliot industrial areas.



Better Development Plan DPA

Planning SA has introduced a suite of policies known as the Better Development Plan which is designed to make Development Plan policies more consistent across the state. The draft for this Council is nearing completion however its finalisation has been stalled due to DPAs such as Hindmarsh Island not being authorised. It is anticipated however that this will progress in the coming year.



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Strathalbyn Commercial/Industrial PAR

The final plan has been submitted to the Minister for approval.

Currency Creek DPA

The draft plan has been completed and agency consultation will be commenced.

Goolwa Town Plan

Tagged GO2030 this future plan for Goolwa has been completed and adopted by Council and even received a commendation award at the 2008 PIA Awards for Planning Excellence.

Already some projects have been commenced as part of the implementation of the plan. These include:

- Cadell Street Streetscape Improvement Plan – the objectives of this project are 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.



- 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.

- Goolwa Cultural Precinct Plan – with the redevelopment of the Signal Point facility and the need to continue with the revitalisation of the Goolwa Wharf the need was identified for an overall strategy for this precinct in terms of access for pedestrians and vehicles, landscaping and signage. Consultants have been engaged to undertake this project with initial consultation having already occurred.

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Rural Areas Review

The final plan has been completed and the implementation of the plan will commence in the coming year.

PROJECT	STATUS	% COMP	PROGRESS COMMENTS	RESP. OFFICER	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Strathalbyn Industrial Commercial PAR	In progress	90%	Submitted to Minister for approval.	GMPD	\$50,000	\$48,000
Goolwa Industrial Commercial DPA	In progress	45%	Draft awaiting checking prior to going to public & agency consultation.	GMPD	\$50,000	\$20,000
Better Development Plan DPA	In progress	70%	The draft document is nearing completion.	GMPD	\$50,000	\$30,000
Cadell Street Streetscape Improvement Plan	In progress		Draft proposal prepared & public consultation about to commence.	GMPD	\$54,000	\$5,000



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PROJECT	STATUS	% COMP	PROGRESS COMMENTS	RESP. OFFICER	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Goolwa Cultural Precinct Plan	In progress		Proposal brief & initial consultation commenced.	GMPD	\$16,000	\$7,000
Goolwa Open Space & Recreation Plan	In progress		Proposal brief prepared & initial work commenced.	GMPD	\$40,000	\$20,000

Building Section

The Building team's mission 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 an inspection policy for inspecting building work within its area. Building inspection statistics for the 2008 - 2009 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 399 and the total number of inspections undertaken of footings and framing was 587, an overall inspection rate of 42%.

A programme of audit inspections for swimming pools has commenced, starting with those pools approved in the past four years. The inspections are targeting safety issues including fencing and skimmer box installation. To date 29 pools have been inspected.

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During the 2008 - 2009 financial year the Building Fire Safety Committee has continued its focus on accommodation buildings within the Council area (including caravan parks), with the objective of achieving an acceptable standard of fire safety in these buildings. Where an upgrade of fire safety provisions has been required, the Committee has been monitoring the process. This has involved follow-up inspections in order to determine that satisfactory progress is being made toward completion of the required upgrade work.

In this period 22 premises in Port Elliot, Middleton, Goolwa, Strathalbyn, Mount Compass and Milang have been re-inspected, and in most cases satisfactory progress was made. Work required to upgrade the fire-safety provisions in five premises has been completed to the satisfaction of the Committee. Two additional premises have also been inspected by the Committee.





ENGINEERING SERVICES

Introduction

Engineering Services are responsible for the construction, maintenance and operational of Councils civil assets including:

- Roads and Footpaths
- Bridges and Stormwater
- Recreation and Open Space Assets including Parks and Gardens, Foreshore and Riverfront assets, Cemeteries and ovals
- Waste Management
- Depot Operations
- Water supply and Waste Water (Community Wastewater Management Schemes)

Engineering Services undertake these duties with field staff, plant and machinery and sub-contractors based at Council depots in Goolwa and Strathalbyn. The 2008-09 program was extensive and included major road construction projects such as the upgrade of the Nangkita Road junctions at Mt Compass and Tooperang, the sealing of 3.2km of Chaunceys Line Road and the sealing of a further 1.5km of Nine Mile Road at Strathalbyn.

Given the ongoing drought and low water levels Councils and Engineering Services focus has been on water saving initiative projects and issues related to low water levels in the Lower Lakes and Goolwa Channel. This saw the creation of the “Securing a Fresh Water Future” strategy which encapsulates all of our water saving initiatives including effluent and stormwater reuse, the Advertisers “Water Watchers” campaign, water sensitive urban design, the ICLEI program, community education and events, water saving initiatives in Council buildings, and open space irrigation policies.

This strategy has been widely used in promoting Councils various water initiatives and policies both on the Council website, media releases and project signage. The creation of a logo that represents both water and the Alexandrina Council has been essential to informing the community to what the Council is doing in the areas of “Securing a Freshwater future”.



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Road Construction and Maintenance

Service: Construction and maintenance of Councils road assets.

Outcomes: Alexandrina Council Capital Roadwork's program has included several major projects, which was jointly funded between Alexandrina Council, State and Federal Government agencies. These projects have been in the planning stage for several years prior to their construction.

Airport Road: Special Local Road Program funded by South Australia State Government for the upgrade of 7km of Airport Road for heavy freight transport to bypass Goolwa and gain access to Victor Harbor and surrounding areas. Project expenditure is value at \$3 million with Alexandrian providing 50% of the proceeds. Works will continue into 09/10 financial year.



Nangkita Road Junction Upgrade: Alexandrina Council received \$1.2 Million to upgrade both intersections at either end of Nangkita Road, this was to allow B Double access onto Nangkita Road. The upgrade will provide a more direct freight route for heavy transport from lower Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. The project was funded by Federal Government Auslink program, the project is now complete.



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Road Construction and Maintenance

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Lake plains, Strathalbyn to Wellington Junction Upgrade: Council received \$280,000 from the Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure via the Federal Government Black Spot program to upgrade the junction.

Chauncey Line Road: Council constructed and sealed 3.2 km of road to reduce dust for local residents and provide access for heavy transport to the local quarry.

High Street, Strathalbyn: Council has upgraded 500 metres to complete the street upgrade. Funding was provided by ETSA Utilities PLEC program for new street lighting. Council upgraded footpaths, pedestrian refuge cross-over's and resurfaced the road with asphalt. The remainder of the project was fully funded by Alexandrian Council.



Murray Street, Strathalbyn: Council upgrade 300 metres of the street with new kerbing and resurface the road with asphalt, project fully funded by Council.



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Road Construction and Maintenance

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Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn: Council construction and sealed 1.5km's of road, works included vertical road realignment, road widening and minor intersection changes.

Unsealed Roads Resheeting Program: Council continued its unsealed road resheeting programme with an expenditure of \$1,300,000, works was wide spread over the entire council area.

Lanacoona Road, Council renewed 400 metres of road pavement at a cost of \$173,000 as part of the renewal program.

Footpaths & Cycle Tracks

Service: Construction and maintenance of Councils road assets.

Outcomes: Council continued to invest in increasing its footpath network with new footpaths constructed on:

- Tottenham Court, Port Elliot Asphalt
- Liverpool Road, Goolwa, Asphalt
- Victor Harbor Road Goolwa, concrete
- Ashbourne Road Strathalbyn, concrete
- Gardiner Street, Goolwa
- Brooking Street, Goolwa
- High Street Strathalbyn
- Padman Tce, Middleton
- Tay Road, Mt Compass
- Montrose Ave, Strathalbyn

Council was also successful in receiving funding for the upgrade of Level Crossing Pedestrian Mazes. Council received funding from DTEI Black Spot program to upgrade pedestrian access facilities at Level Crossing, funding was 1 for 1 with an overall cost of \$40,000.

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Footpaths & Cycle Tracks

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Level crossings were upgraded at Fenchurch, Oliver, Gardiner Streets at Goolwa and Mindacowie Terrace at Middleton.



Council constructed a 3m wide shared bike and pedestrian path from the Hindmarsh Island bridge to the Marina Hindmarsh Island. Council received \$43,000 from DTEI Black Spot Program for Cycling and Pedestrian Facilities, with Council contributing the remainder of project cost, total project \$150,000. This project has been welcomed by residents on Hindmarsh Island as well as the Goolwa and District Bike Users Group who have been requesting that the bike link into the Marina Hindmarsh Island be improved.

Stormwater & Bridges

Service: Construction and maintenance of Councils Stormwater and Bridge Assets.

Outcome: Council continued to extend its stormwater network with the construction of:

- Goolwa North Detention Basin as part of the Goolwa North Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- Stormwater system extensions in:
 - Merrill Place Port Elliot
 - Shipway Street, Goolwa Beach
 - South Terrace, Strathalbyn including a gross pollutant trap
- Construction of new wetlands and outfall structures on North Parade, Strathalbyn.

Council continue to maintain and monitor its bridge and stormwater network with additional bridge inspections undertaken as part of the Asset Management Process.

Recreation and Open Space

Service:

Providing open space for leisure and recreational activities

Outcomes:

Playground replacement has been undertaken at Richard Ballard Reserve, Goolwa which included disabled access with a swing designed for disabled use. Park furniture has also been replaced at Horseshoe Bay Port Elliot, Richard Ballard Reserve Goolwa, Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Frank Potts Reserve and Primary School playground at Langhorne Creek, Clayton Bay foreshore and the Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Milang. Public BBQ's were also upgraded at Milang Foreshore, Horseshoe Bay Port Elliot, Richard Ballard Reserve Goolwa and at the Clayton Bay Lookout.



Landscaping works were undertaken at Mount Compass Main Road reserve, Goolwa Wharf, Langhorne Creek Main Road and stage 2 development works at Jekejere Park, Goolwa. Street tree planting was completed in Gardiner Street Goolwa, Mill Terrace at Middleton, Cox Street and the foreshore area at Milang and High Street Strathalbyn.

Alexandrina Council has supported the development of the Cittaslow Community Garden at Goolwa and has provided the space for the garden to be established as well as some materials and mulch. The produce grown in the community garden is sold from the Community Wheelbarrow in Cadell Street on Thursdays by the Cittaslow group. This will enable the sharing and passing on of skills across all age groups on chemical free gardening practices and supports the Cittaslow philosophy and promotes community health, wellbeing and nutrition by creating a peaceful meeting place to enhance social interaction and create new links within the Goolwa Community



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Foreshore Protection

Service:

Provide appropriate facilities and infrastructure to serve the community and visitors alike.

Outcomes:

Council undertook work to upgrade the car park fences along Surfers Parade, Middleton and also completed stage one construction of the limestone entrance/exit walls on the bike path at Middleton and Port Elliot as detailed in the Alexandrina Coastal Park Plan. A 75 metre section of slate path has been replaced at Freemans Knob, Port Elliot. Drift net fencing has been replaced for the protection of sand dunes at Goolwa Beach. Two sets of new timber structures for beach access have been completed at Chiton Rocks. This project was in partnership with South Coast Dune Care and SA Tourism who part funded the project. Coastal furniture has been replaced and seating upgraded at Knights Beach, Port Elliot.



Slate Path replacement at Port Elliot



New steps at Chiton Rocks

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Riverfront

Service:

Provide appropriate facilities and infrastructure to serve the community and visitors alike.

Outcomes:

This year due to the low water levels Council upgraded the boat ramp at Clayton Bay. This included extending the boat ramp by 18m and dredging an approach channel into the ramp. This was completed with funding assistance from the State Government's Drought Relief fund at a total cost of \$82,000. Council also dredged the entrance to the Hindmarsh Island Marina to allow access to the Barker Inlet during low water levels. During the 2008-2009 financial years the State Government started planning the construction of the Environmental Flow Regulators across the Finnis River, Currency Creek and Goolwa Channel at Clayton Bay. Engineering Services staff liaised with staff from the Department of Water and Biodiversity and SA Water to ensure that the community received up to date information about the project and that all issues affecting the community were taken into consideration and minimised as much as possible. Council with the assistance of the State Government's Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure also removed parts of the old Milang Jetty from Lake Alexandrina that was proving to be a hazard in low water levels. Contractors dredged out and extended the Clayton Bay Boat Ramp.



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Waste Management

Service:

Landfill operations, Recycling and Waste minimisation

Outcomes:

Council's Waste Management Operations continued to perform well in a difficult environment. Commodity prices saw the rise and fall of prices being offered for recyclable materials. This put some pressure on the Council's operating budget but was minimised to ensure that the operations met budget on all items. This year patronage of our Strathalbyn Transfer Station increased again due to the growth of the township. Income at the site has increased from \$78,722 in 2007-2008 to \$97,631 in 2008-2009. Our Supervisor Chris Williams continues to offer a great range of services and products for the Strathalbyn community. Capping of the domestic cell at the Strathalbyn site is also well underway with a significant amount of capping coming into the site from the construction of the effluent storage lagoon on Michelmore Road. At the Goolwa Waste to Recycling depot Landfill Co-ordinator Jason Kerr completed the sealing of the transfer station apron. This has reduced Council's maintenance and provided a sealed surface for Council's customers. Council also commenced the capping of its putrescible waste cell at the Goolwa site. The capping design was approved by the EPA and work commenced in October 2008. The construction of the capping is now 95% complete with some minor shaping of the impervious cell layer to be undertaken prior to the construction of a 300mm protection layer and 100mm of growing medium. This will be completed during the 2009-2010 financial year. Council's recycled green organic products continue to be popular with the community with mulch sales increasing from \$139,000 in 2007-08 to \$167,000 in 2008-09 a 20% increase. Contamination rates continue to be manageable with the Alexandrina Council now processing City of Victor Harbor's kerbside green waste.

Water Supply and Waste Water (Community Wastewater Management Schemes)

Service:

Supply of reticulated drinking water to Langhorne Creek and Finniss

Outcomes:

During the 2008-2009 financial year Council commenced negotiations with SA Water for the connection of this scheme to the SA Water network. SA Water constructed a pumping main and associated infrastructure from Strathalbyn to provide a secure high quality water supply that previously relied on a bore into the local ground water. This is a great outcome for the Council and the Langhorne Creek community.

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Service:

Construction, operation and maintenance of Councils CWMS network.

Outcomes:

Council continued to expand its CWMS network with the construction of several major infrastructure components. These include:

- Construction of 120 Megalitre HDPE lined storage lagoon at Strathalbyn.
- Commissioning and completion of the Goolwa Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Purchase and installation of No 2 Centre Pivot Irrigator for the Boettcher Road property
- Fenchurch Street Chamber replacement
- Completion of ancillary works around the 82 Megalitre storage lagoon at Goolwa
- Construction of the Washington Street Rising Main
- Goolwa Bio-solids Depot
- Pump Station upgrade on Barrage Road Goolwa
- Pump Station up grade in Strathalbyn



Goolwa Biosolids depot located at the Goolwa Waste to Recycling depot.

Waste Water Reuse

Council also commenced the construction of the Commodore Reserve waste water reuse scheme which will see treated waste water used for irrigation in one of Councils prime tourist areas – Horseshoe Bay Port Elliot. In partnership with the Federal Government and the Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Alexandrina Council constructed a recycled wastewater pipeline from the Port Elliot Wastewater Treatment Plant to Commodore Reserve and Continental Park to utilise wastewater for the irrigation of these prominent open space areas. Subsurface irrigation has been installed at both sites and will result in a saving of approximately 30 megalitres of mains water per annum. This will mean that these prominent sites will now be green all year round. In other water reuse initiatives, Council's joint lease of the Boettcher Road land is providing good returns to Council and staff are investigating other similar opportunities in Port Elliot.

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General Operations

Service:

The daily management of field operations across the Strathalbyn and Goolwa depots, treatment plants and landfill sites. Including training, OHS&W and plant management.

Outcomes:

Alexandrina Council manages a fleet of over 25 passenger vehicles, 40 large items of construction plant and a number of minor plant items used in the Parks and Gardens area. As an item of plant is change over, council is looking for cost savings in the purchase price, efficiencies in fuel used and the green benefit to our environment. Council have been gradually improving the fuel efficiency and green star rating of the fleet with turbo diesel, four cylinder and dedicated gas vehicles now making up over 60% of our fleet.

This financial year Council purchased a maintenance truck and forklift for the Goolwa Depot as well as a new combination roller for the Strathalbyn Depot. Due to the high demand for trucks and manufacturing some replacement items will not be delivered until early in the 2009-2010 financial year.

This year saw the commencement of the new Administration building at the Goolwa Depot. This will see new offices for our Field Services management and administration that have previously used an old house for offices. This will be completed in the first half of 2009-2010 financial year.

Also during the year, several of our staff moved from the main office to the Goolwa Depot and Goolwa CVMS office to provide better customer service and support to our outside staff.

Council staff also undertook a substantial review and update of our field OHS&W operating policies and procedures as well as installing two new Chemical Storage Sheds at Goolwa and Strathalbyn. and between July 2009 and the end of June 2010 Council did not have one Lost Time Injury (LTI). This is a significant effort on everyone's behalf for something that is not heard of in the local government sector.



New administration building at the Goolwa Depot

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Staff from the Goolwa depot with Mayor Kym McHugh and Acting CE Mike Shelley



Staff from the Strathalbyn depot with Mayor Kym McHugh and Acting CE Mike Shelley

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & DESIGN

Introduction

The Infrastructure Planning & Design Department was conceived in December 2008 as an outcome of the Alexandrina Council Organisational Review. The purpose of the department is to strategically focus on 4 key service areas including:

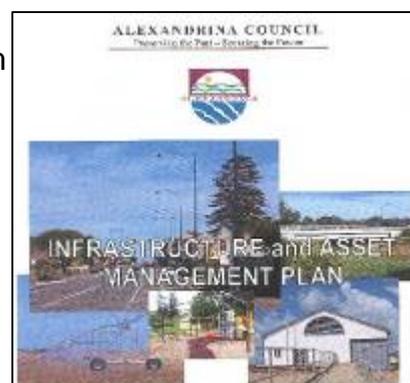
- Asset Planning
- Development Assessment – Engineering
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Infrastructure Services

Asset Planning (Asset Management)

Under the Local Government Act 1999, Section 122, Part 1, all SA Councils are required to account for infrastructure assets and budget for the maintenance and renewal of the assets over a minimum of a 10 year period. Alexandrina Council adopted its Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan (IAMMP) in January 2009, which outlines the long term management of Council's infrastructure assets with a total replacement cost in excess of \$310 million.

Council's goal in managing infrastructure assets is to meet the required levels service in the most cost effective manner for present and future consumers. The key elements of infrastructure asset management are:

- manage infrastructure assets using a lifecycle approach
- develop cost effective management strategies for the long term
- maintenance and renewal of assets
- provide defined levels of service and monitor the performance of assets
- understand and meet the demands of growth through demand management and infrastructure investment
- manage risks associated with asset failures
- ensure the sustainable use of physical resources
- continuous review and improvement of asset management practices



The Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan links closely with Council's Long Term Financial Plan by forecasting Council's asset maintenance and renewal costs over the next 10 years. By allocating sufficient funds for the maintenance and renewal of assets, Alexandrina Council can ensure the continued provision of infrastructure that is fit for purpose and inline with the community's level of service expectations.

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As part of the regular review of the IAMP, Council staff are undertaking condition assessments of Alexandrina Council's road network (sealed and unsealed), kerb and channel and footpath network during the 2008/2009 financial year. Each asset class is visually inspected by an experienced team consisting of Council overseers and maintenance staff to determine the current condition of the asset and likely remaining life. This data is uploaded into Council's Assetic Asset Management Software which is used to store data and undertake predictive modelling to calculate future capital works programs by identify assets due for renewal in the forth coming years.

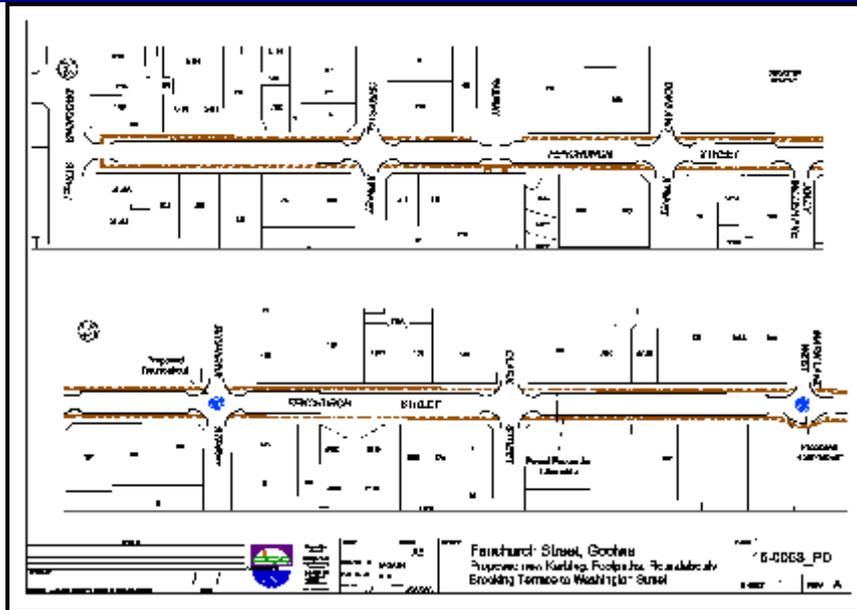


Tom using a toughbook computer to log condition data of Council's sealed road network

A copy of Alexandrina Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan is available online on Council's website

Asset Planning (Engineering Design)

The Infrastructure Planning & Design Department also undertakes engineering designs for infrastructure including roadworks, stormwater, traffic management and community wastewater networks. Council has employed an Engineering Design Officer to focus specifically on the design of assets due for construction in future construction programs. The use of an in-house designer will allow Council to greatly reduce the reliance on consultants for the design of infrastructure projects, whilst also improving the efficiency of construction programs by undertaking the design, securing necessary approvals and undertaking community consultation during the year prior to construction.



Fenchurch Street Upgrade engineering design

Asset Planning (Stormwater/Wastewater Reuse Network)

As part of Council’s “Securing a Fresh Water Future Strategy” Alexandrina Council has constructed a stormwater harvesting system at Murray Smith Reserve adjacent to the Council Administration Building in Goolwa. During storm events stormwater is collected at Murray Smith Reserve and pumped to clay lined lagoons situated at Kessell Road for storage. Over the summer months, the stored stormwater is pumped back into the Goolwa Township for use at the Goolwa Oval and Neighbour Reserve. Ultimately the stormwater reuse network will be extended to irrigation areas at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. It is predicted that up to 75 Megalitres of stormwater will be captured per year for subsequent reuse on key open space areas. \$150,000 funding for the \$600,000 project was secured under the State-wide Wastewater Recycling Project with Alexandrina Council contributing the remaining funds.



Alexandrina Councillors Cr Rick Medlyn, Cr Rod Potter, Cr Grant Gartrell, Cr Ian Saunders and Cr Frank Tuckwell standing in front of the completed Murray Smith Reserve Stormwater Harvesting Project.



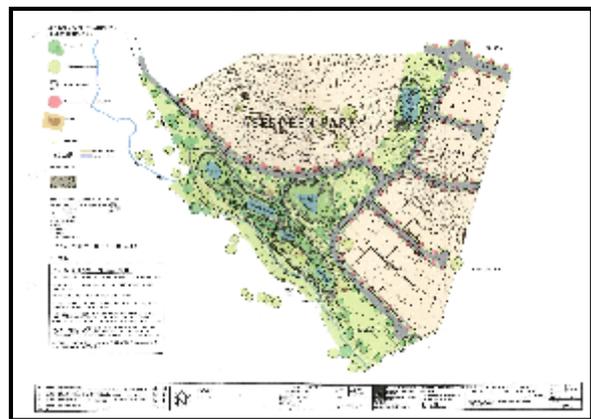
Development Assessment Engineering

The IP&D Department is responsible for the engineering assessment of minor and major land divisions within the Alexandrina Council district. Council staff ensure that all developer constructed assets are designed and built to Council's standards to ensure that Council does not incur unnecessary maintenance liabilities in the future. Staff members also negotiate with developers to secure high value community assets such as pedestrian/cycle paths, park equipment and furniture, wetlands, street scaping and water reuse schemes.

One recent example where Council has worked closely with a developer to construct high value community assets is the Aberdeen Park development in Strathalbyn.



Aberdeen Park wetlands and cycle paths



Aberdeen Park wetlands design

Service Area – Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

In conjunction with the condition assessment of infrastructure assets and the implementation of Assetic Asset Management Software, the Infrastructure Planning & Design GIS Team has been responsible for the implementation of MapInfo GIS Software into the organisation. MapInfo is used by the majority of Councils across the state and will allow Council to spatially map assets and provide a mapping service for internal and external customers.

Local Government Managers Australia Leaderships Excellence Awards.

A major highlight during the year was winning the Excellence in Sustainability within Local Government (Rural category) Award for the Goolwa Wastewater Upgrade Strategy. Council's Application addressed the upgrade of Goolwa's wastewater collection, treatment, storage and reuse systems which was staged over an eight year period and now sees Goolwa as a leader in the sustainable reuse of treated wastewater.

The use of treated effluent for the irrigation of turf has saved approximately 60Megalitres of River Murray Water per annum whilst also generating a significant income for Council that can be invested in additional wastewater and stormwater reuse schemes.





Funding

The Infrastructure Planning & Design Department regularly applies for, and receives a significant amount of funding from both State and Federal Government funding programs.

Some recent funding applications include:

Successful in securing \$1.5M for construction of Mount Compass Community Wastewater

Management Scheme from the State Government CWMS Funding Program

Successful in gaining \$150,000 for construction of the Goolwa Stormwater Harvesting Scheme

from the State-wide Wastewater Recycling Funding Program.

Successful in gaining \$126,000 from Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board for Port Elliot Wastewater Reuse Project

Successful in gaining \$100,000 seed funding for preliminary design of Middleton Community

Wastewater Management Scheme from State Government CWMS Funding Program

Lodged application for \$335,000 funding for Strathalbyn and Goolwa bike paths through Federal Jobs Program



*Opening of Goolwa CWMS
May 2009*



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:

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



LISTING OF REGISTERS

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

- 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



REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION OF ELECTORS

During the early part of 2009 Alexandrina Council commenced a review of representation of electors in accordance with Chapter 3 Pt. 1 Div 2 of *The Local Government Act 1999*.

Extensive community consultation occurred, with a final report being presented to Council in July 2009, with the recommendation that a final Proposal Paper be prepared and submitted to the Electoral Commissioner that reflects the retention of a Mayor elected at large and also to maintain the existing five ward system.

A full report and submission was provided to the Electoral Commission South Australia, with final approval being received from the Commission in September 2009.

Council is formed by the following representation:

Mayor and 11 Ward Councillors representing 5 wards:

Nangkita-Kuitpo Ward	1 member
Strathalbyn Ward	2 members
Angas-Bremer Ward	2 members
Port Elliot-Middleton Ward	2 members
Goolwa-Hindmarsh Island Ward	4 members

As at June 2009, there were 24,338 electors with an average representation quota of 2,028 electors per Councillor.

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.



CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS 2008 – 2009

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

Meeting Date	Subject
7 th July 2008	Purchase of Land for Community Use – Port Elliot Primary School Friends of the Oscar ‘W’ Resource Agreement for Fleurieu Regional Development Staffing
4 th August 2008	Purchase of Land for Community Use – Port Elliot Primary School Terramin Australia Ltd Ex Gratia Payment Chief Executive’s Performance Review
18 th August 2008	Contract Management – Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Airport Road Upgrade – Purchase of Land for Road Realignment
15 th September 2008	Airport Road Land Acquisitions for Realignment of Curves Nangkita Road Earthworks Contracts Applications for Drought Relief for Farming & Co-Dependent Businesses – Linked to Exceptional Circumstances
7 th October 2008	Water Account – Lot 95 Wellington Road, Langhorne Creek Tender for Rehabilitation and Asphalt Sealing of Nangkita Road Junctions and Lanacoona Road Former Port Elliot Primary School Site
20 th October 2008	Recreation Capital Grant Community Halls Capital Grant Small Recreation and Sport Grant Update on Regional Swimming Pool
3 rd November 2008	Australia Day Awards 2009
17 th November 2008	Australia Day Awards 2009 Goolwa Oval Stormwater Harvesting Project – Funding Opportunities Flying Fish Café Lease Staffing Matters
1 st December 2008	Organisational Review Update Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Redevelopment

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Confidential Items 2008 - 2009

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15 th December 2008	Goolwa North Vacuum Pump Station Signal Point Roof Works Tenders Communication Tower Management John Comrie Report – Organisational Review – Update by Chief Executive
12 th January 2009	Old Port Elliot Primary School Site Review of Council Decision – Flying Fish Café – Rent Review Monarto South Intermodal and Land Use Study
2 nd February 2009	Confidential Item for Review – Goolwa North Pumping Main Tender Engineering & Infrastructure Services – Various Confidential Items Due for Review Purchase of Old Port Elliot Primary School Building and Allotment 69 Authenticity Health Retreat Reorganisation Structure Fleurieu Peninsula Regional Aquatic Facility Hindmarsh Island Sewerage Disposal
16 th February 2009	Acquisition of Easement – Sec 2340 Kessell Road, Goolwa River Access Permit & Mooring Fees Contract for Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing and Capital Works
2 nd March 2009	Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool Redevelopment Tenders Bituminous Spray Sealing Contract from Financial Year 2009/2010 – 2010/2011 Former Port Elliot Primary School Alexandrina Community Photography Competition 2009
16 th March 2009	Abundant Bird Species Control
6 th April 2009	Belluna Pty Ltd Milang Regatta Club
1 st June 2009	Proposed Extension of the Goolwa Works Depot Gemmell Hill Radio Tower
15 th June 2009	Fleurieu Aquatic Facility Purchase of Land for Community Use – Port Elliot Primary School Chief Executive's Performance Review 2009



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Applications

Six (6) 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 Committee
 Alexandrina Volunteers Committee
 Armfield Slip Committee
 Arts & Events Funding Committee
 Arts Centre Advisory Committee
 Basham Beach & Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee
 Currency Creek Cemetery Advisory Committee
 Festivals, Arts & Events Funding Program Committee
 Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee
 Friends of the Goolwa Library
 Friends of the Old Goolwa Police Station
 Friends of the Oscar 'W' Society
 Goolwa Sports Stadium Management 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
 Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Garden Management Committee
 Strathalbyn Visitors Information Centre

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Freedom of Information Act Statement

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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.

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Freedom of Information Act Statement

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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	Stormwater Drainage
Traffic Control Devices	Bicycle Tracks
Parking Controls	Effluent Drainage
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.

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Freedom of Information Act Statement

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- (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.
- (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.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Price</i>
Complete copy of Assessment Book on Compact Disc or Floppy Disk	each	\$945.00
Complete copy of Council's policy manual and delegations	per document	\$30.00
Council Meeting Agenda Copy	per page	\$0.30
Council Meeting Minutes Copy	per page	\$0.30
Committee Agendas and Minutes Copy	per page	\$0.30
Council Policy Manual copy	per page	\$0.30
Code of Conduct copy	per page	\$0.30
Council's Budget Statement copy	per page	\$0.30
Annual Report Copy	per page	\$0.30
Annual Financial Statements copy	per page	\$0.30
Council By Laws copy	per page	\$0.30
Development Register copy	per page	\$0.30
Supplementary Development Plans – previously on display copy	per page	\$0.30

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**Freedom of Information Act Statement**

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<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Price</i>
Register of Fees and Charges copy	per page	\$0.30
Bushfire Prevention Plan copy	per page	\$0.30
Rate Assessment Book copy	per extract	\$1.20
Register of Public Streets and Roads copy	per extract	\$1.20
Register of Elected Members allowances and benefits copy	per document	\$1.20
Register of Employees Salaries Wages and Benefits copy	per document	\$1.20

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 2009 – Goolwa



Australia Day 2009 – Strathalbyn



SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCILS

Legislative Services

<p>Councils administer: Beach controls Building regulations Dog control/registration Litter controls Parking controls Planning regulations Sign controls Zoning control</p> <p>Councils advise on: Fire regulations Infectious diseases Pest eradication Pool hygiene</p> <p>Councils inspect & licence: Food premises Nursing/rest homes Outdoor signage Private hospitals Sanitary conditions</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Community halls/centres Ovals/reserves Nursing homes Playgrounds Tennis courts</p> <p>Councils conduct: Citizenship ceremonies Immunisations Health education programs</p> <p>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</p>
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Discretionary Services

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

<p>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</p>	<p>Strathalbyn Station Masters Gallery Goolwa Skate Park Goolwa Sports Stadium Alexandrina Housing Association Milang Old School House Community Centre Strathalbyn Home Assist Milang Home Assist</p>	<p>Southern Communities Transport Cemetery Advisory Committees Wooden Boat Festival Committee Milang Lake Naming Ceremony</p>
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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

<p>Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees & Council Documents—Code of Practice</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners</p> <p>Approval for Sitting on Boards and Committees</p> <p>Arts & Cultural Tourism Policy</p> <p>Assessment Book—Changes to</p> <p>Asset Management & Accounting</p> <p>Australia Day Awards</p> <p>Badge Days, Raffles, Street Stalls, Trading Tables</p> <p>Bees—Snakes—Wasps (Pest Control)</p> <p>Budget Carry Forwards</p> <p>Building Work, Inspection of</p> <p>Cat Traps, Hire of</p> <p>Cemeteries</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremonies</p> <p>Committees, Membership—Mayor and CE</p> <p>Common Effluent Drainage—Interest Earning</p> <p>Communication Policy</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Events/Functions—Budget</p> <p>Community Groups—Payment of Fees</p> <p>Community Memorial Seat Sponsorship</p> <p>Complaints, Anonymous</p> <p>Computer Systems Usage Policy</p> <p>Consultants</p> <p>Contracts, Leases, Licences, Permits and Tenders</p> <p>Contracts, Tenders and Purchasing</p> <p>Control of Election Signs Policies & Procedures</p> <p>Correspondence—Late</p>	<p>Electricity Mains, Approval of Extensions to</p> <p>Employee & Community Plant Hire</p> <p>Employees—Casual</p> <p>Employees—Study Leave</p> <p>Events, Sponsorship of</p> <p>Fees—Fines</p> <p>Fees—Legal</p> <p>Fees—Parking</p> <p>Fencing</p> <p>Festivals and Events</p> <p>Financial Governance Code of Practice</p> <p>Financial Statements/Budget—Annual</p> <p>Freedom of Information Act Statement</p> <p>Garbage Collection—Private</p> <p>Golf—On Reserves</p> <p>Graffiti</p> <p>House Numbering</p> <p>Human Resource Policy & Procedures</p> <p>Industrial Representation</p> <p>Information Policy</p> <p>Insurance—Council Assets</p> <p>Insurance—General</p> <p>Internal Control Procedures</p> <p>Internal Review of Council Decisions</p> <p>Library Service Policy</p> <p>Liquor Licence Approvals—Temporary</p> <p>Litter—General</p> <p>Long Service Leave</p> <p>Machinery, Use in a Major Disaster</p> <p>Media—Documents Available to the Local Media</p> <p>Media Policy</p> <p>Media—Response to Media Statements</p> <p>Meetings and Seminars</p> <p>Mobile Phone Policy</p>	<p>Removal Costs—Staff</p> <p>Reserve Development</p> <p>Reserves—Mowing</p> <p>Reserves—Open Space</p> <p>Reserves—Recreation,</p> <p>Refuse Collection</p> <p>River Access Permits and Mooring Licences</p> <p>Road Reserve—Right of Way</p> <p>Road Reserve Management Plan</p> <p>Road Sealing—Non-Budgeted</p> <p>Roads—Grading</p> <p>Road Signage—Community Event</p> <p>Road Signage policy</p> <p>Roadside Timber—Removal of</p> <p>Salaries and Wages Payment in Advance</p> <p>Search Fee for Preserved Documentation & Plans</p> <p>Search Requests—Certificate of Liabilities</p> <p>Smoking in the Work Place</p> <p>Speed Limits at Roadworks</p> <p>Spillages—Oil Spills on Council Sealed Roads</p> <p>Staff Policies and Practices</p> <p>STEDS—Maintenance</p> <p>Stormwater Outflows—Rural</p> <p>Street Lighting</p> <p>Streets and Reserves, Naming of within the Council Area</p> <p>Superannuation—Joining the Fund</p> <p>Surf Contests</p> <p>Sustainability Policy</p> <p>Temporary Road Closures—Road Works</p> <p>Temporary Road Closures—Special Events</p> <p>Temporary Stock Control</p>
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<p>Council Chamber, Use of Council Cheques, Signing of Council Equipment Council Fees and Charges, Review of Credit Cards—Corporate Crossover to Properties Dead Animals on Road Reserves Depot Security Deputy Mayor Development Applications— Refund of Fees following Withdrawal of Donations Donations & Rebates to Halls and Community Groups Drivers Licence, Loss of Elected Members—Agenda Enquiries Elected Members—Code of Conduct Elected Members—Expenses and Benefits Elected Members—Certificate of Service Elected Members— Grievance against Employees Elected Members—Protocols for Proximity Cards Elected Members and Staff— Code of Conduct Election Signs, Control of Electricity—Under-grounding of Cables - Private Supply Service</p>	<p>Money, Acceptance of Occupation of Two Dwellings on a Rural Allotment Offences—Cancellation of Order Making Policy Over-dimensional Vehicles Payment Arrangements (Special) Petitions—Procedure Pipes Under Road— Commercial Pipes Under Road—Domestic Playgrounds—Surface Materials Pooled Vehicle Fleet Postponement of Rates Policy Pram Ramps Principal Officer Properties—Council Owned Protocol for Proximity Cards Public Consultation Policy Public Liability Coverage for Events & Functions Public Relations Public Relations Rate Rebate Policy Rates—Sale of Land for Non Payment of Receipts Records—Council Recognition of Staff and Elected Members Refreshments</p>	<p>Signs Transportable Buildings— Pre-Used Transportable Homes—Base Infill Treasury Operations Policy Trees—Planting of in Rural Areas Trees—Removal of Trees—Seed Collection Trees—Street Trees—Trimming—Road Reserves Rural Trees—Trimming—Street Tyre Management Uniforms—Corporate Uniforms—Outdoor Staff Urban Design for Town Entry Urban Verge Maintenance Vandalism Vegetation Clearance for Dairy Access Vehicles or Equipment Involved in Accidents Visitor and Contractors Service & Maintenance Register Volunteer Policy Weddings Weed Control Working from Home Works—Common Effluent Drainage Works—Implementation of Approved Works—Road Reserve</p>
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Statement of Council's Representation Quota

Alexandrina Council's Representation Quota (as advised by the Local Government Association of South Australia) from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is 2028

Statement of the Average Representation Quota for Councils A Similar Size

Barossa Council	1236
Berri Barmera	746
Copper Coast	1189
Light Regional	957
Loxton Waikerie	705
Murray Bridge	1528
Port Pirie	1199
Victor Harbor	1378
Wattle Range	872
Yorke Peninsula	1226

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 2008/09

Review of Council's By-Laws

New By-Laws were adopted by Council in 2009. By-Laws were developed and adopted with regard to the competition principles.

The following are Council By-Laws:

- Permits and Penalties
- Moveable signs
- Local Government Land
- Roads
- Dogs
- Nuisances caused by building sites

Community consultation occurred with regard to Council's By-Laws, in accordance with Section 249 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30 JUNE 2009



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Financial Statements

30th June 2009

Preserving the Past – Securing the Future

Alexandrina Council

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2009

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Alexandrina Council
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	21,251	19,380
Statutory charges	2	744	886
User charges	2	2,250	2,753
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,611	3,818
Investment income	2	226	421
Reimbursements	2	758	458
Other income	2	381	364
Net gain - joint ventures & associates	19	14	8
Total Income		<u>29,235</u>	<u>28,088</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	9,479	8,628
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	11,118	9,442
Finance costs	3	629	690
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	8,154	7,541
Net loss - joint ventures & associates	19	3	-
Total Expenses		<u>29,383</u>	<u>26,301</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(148)	1,787
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	209	1,563
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	3,911	1,112
Physical resources received free of charge	2	2,969	5,923
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>6,941</u>	<u>10,385</u>

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

Alexandrina Council

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2009

ASSETS	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,306	4,950
Trade & other receivables	5	3,566	2,610
Other financial assets	5	-	-
Inventories	5	<u>32</u>	<u>45</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>6,904</u>	<u>7,605</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	388	209
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	71	60
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	290,813	280,206
Other Non-current Assets	6	<u>3,690</u>	<u>1,149</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>294,962</u>	<u>281,624</u>
Total Assets		<u>301,866</u>	<u>289,229</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	3,653	3,815
Borrowings	8	2,689	1,421
Provisions	8	<u>219</u>	<u>324</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>6,561</u>	<u>5,560</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	414	338
Borrowings	8	7,617	8,879
Provisions	8	<u>1,354</u>	<u>1,226</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>9,385</u>	<u>10,443</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>15,946</u>	<u>16,003</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>285,920</u>	<u>273,226</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		136,400	127,986
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	147,940	142,187
Other Reserves	9	<u>1,580</u>	<u>3,053</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>285,920</u>	<u>273,226</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 2009

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	127,986	117,571
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards	-	9
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	6,941	10,385
Transfers to Other Reserves	(6,977)	(6,422)
Transfers from Other Reserves	8,450	6,443
Balance at end of period	<u>136,400</u>	<u>127,986</u>
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	142,187	92,949
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	5,753	49,238
Balance at end of period	<u>147,940</u>	<u>142,187</u>
OTHER RESERVES		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	3,053	3,074
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	6,977	6,422
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(8,450)	(6,443)
Balance at end of period	<u>1,580</u>	<u>3,053</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>285,920</u>	<u>273,226</u>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	<u>5,753</u>	<u>49,238</u>
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>5,753</u>	<u>49,238</u>

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

Alexandrina Council

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		30,351	29,665
Investment receipts		307	396
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(22,997)	(19,567)
Finance payments		(656)	(714)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		7,005	9,780
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		3,911	1,112
Sale of replaced assets		519	989
Sale of surplus assets		304	1,863
Repayments of loans by community groups		68	5
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(4,534)	(4,792)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(8,660)	(7,153)
Loans made to community groups		(263)	(132)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(8,655)	(8,108)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		1,263	132
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(1,257)	(1,231)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		6	(1,099)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(1,644)	573
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>4,950</u>	<u>4,377</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	<u>3,306</u>	<u>4,950</u>

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

Alexandrina Council

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2009

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 (insert date).

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.

Alexandrina Council

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2009

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 values 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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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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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 2009 reporting period.

- AASB 3 *Business Combinations*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*
- AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*
- AASB 2007-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123*
- AASB 2007-8 & AASB 2007-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101*
- AASB 2008-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations arising on Liquidation*
- AASB 2008-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 and AASB 127*
- AASB 2008-5 & AASB 2008-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project*
- AASB 2008-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate*
- AASB 2008-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Eligible Hedged Items*
- AASB 2008-9 *Amendments to AASB 1049 for Consistency with AASB 101*
- AASB 2008-11 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standard – Business Combinations Among Not-for-Profit Entities*
- AASB 2008-12 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Reclassification of Financial Assets – Effective Date and Transition*
- AASB 2008-13 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 17 – Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners*
- *Interpretation 15* *Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate*
- *Interpretation 16* *Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation*
- *Interpretation 17* *Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners*
- *Interpretation 18* *Transfers of Assets from Customers*
- (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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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		18,923	17,104
Less: Mandatory rebates			
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(239)	(98)
		18,684	17,006
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		248	221
Water supply		17	43
Community wastewater management systems		2,216	2,018
		2,481	2,282
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		86	92
		86	92
		21,251	19,380
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		203	231
Town planning fees		203	277
Animal registration fees & fines		118	118
Health Services		164	194
Sundry		56	66
		744	886
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		98	100
Lease/Rental non-investment property		287	287
Hall & equipment hire		74	85
Water supply		30	37
CWMS		467	1,123
Waste management fees		833	846
Sundry		461	275
		2,250	2,753
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		209	402
Banks & other		17	19
		226	421

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		22	80
- for private works		275	79
- other		461	299
		758	458
OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		35	198
Sundry		346	166
		381	364
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		3,911	1,112
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		3,377	3,818
Individually Significant Item - additional Grants Commission payment	see below	234	-
		7,522	4,930
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Individually Significant Item			
<i>On 26 June 2009, Council received payment of the first quarter instalment of the 2009/10 Grant Commission (FAG) Grant. This represents a significant increase in income from this source for 2008/09, with an equivalent reduction in 2009/10.</i>			
		234	-
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,833	1,403
State government		3,341	3,253
Other		234	274
		7,522	4,930

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'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>		1,000	602
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		778	298
<i>Other Services</i>		146	107
<i>Subtotal</i>		924	405
 <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	655
<i>Other Services</i>		828	148
<i>Subtotal</i>		1,010	803
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		1,086	1,000
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>			
		86	398
 PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Infrastructure - Roads		965	3,008
Infrastructure - Bridges		-	152
Infrastructure - Drainage		1,201	2,458
Infrastructure - CWMS & Water		803	305
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED		2,969	5,923

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		7,808	7,235
Employee leave expense		1,008	883
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	451	400
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	335	286
Workers' Compensation Insurance		417	376
Accident & Sickness Insurance		110	97
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(650)	(649)
Total Operating Employee Costs		9,479	8,628
 Total Number of Employees		 158	 153
<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
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	33
Elected members' expenses		514	491
Election expenses		6	5
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		530	539
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		3,485	2,073
Waste Management		1,045	1,086
Community Wastewater Management Schemes		387	488
Roadside Vegetation		379	306
Legal Expenses		168	90
Professional services		424	538
Energy		899	968
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		246	218
- Other Levies		90	109
Insurance		394	350
Sundry		3,071	2,677
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		10,588	8,903
		11,118	9,442

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		<u>629</u>	<u>690</u>
		<u>629</u>	<u>690</u>
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		971	881
Infrastructure			
Footpaths		247	168
Kerbs		319	291
Bridges & Major Culverts		156	150
Stormwater		495	470
CWMS		706	628
Water		27	63
Roads		3,887	3,808
Rec & Open Space		169	150
Equipment		788	551
Furniture & Fittings		107	120
Other		32	225
Library Bookstock		<u>250</u>	<u>36</u>
		<u>8,154</u>	<u>7,541</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		519	989
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>576</u>	<u>1,056</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(57)</u>	<u>(67)</u>
 <i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		304	1,863
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>38</u>	<u>233</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>266</u>	<u>1,630</u>
 NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS			
		<u>209</u>	<u>1,563</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		282	286
Deposits at Call		<u>3,024</u>	<u>4,664</u>
		<u>3,306</u>	<u>4,950</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		625	481
Accrued Revenues		16	97
Debtors - general		2,399	1,590
Prepayments		485	456
Loans to community organisations		<u>41</u>	<u>16</u>
Total		<u>3,566</u>	<u>2,640</u>
 Less: Provision for Impairment		 <u>-</u>	 <u>30</u>
		<u>3,566</u>	<u>2,610</u>
 INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>32</u>	<u>45</u>
		<u>32</u>	<u>45</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

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		379	209
Other - Deferred Debtors		9	-
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		388	209
 EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
<i>Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority</i>	19	67	53
<i>Southern & Hill Local Government Association</i>	19	4	7
		71	60
 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress Stormwater		444	-
Capital Works-in-Progress Footpaths		-	106
Capital Works-in-Progress Roads		1,541	928
Capital Works-in-Progress CWMS		989	-
Capital Works-in-Progress Buildings		716	115
		3,690	1,149

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	2008 \$'000			2009 \$'000				
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT								
Land Held for Sale	34	-	-	34	-	-	-	-
Land	50,725	76	-	50,801	50,721	427	-	51,148
Land Improvements	-	35	-	35	-	35	-	35
Buildings & Other Structures	53,641	-	(27,652)	25,989	56,883	331	(28,959)	28,255
Infrastructure								
Footpaths	4,846	375	(2,012)	3,209	6,565	846	(2,653)	4,758
Kerbs	19,525	815	(5,981)	14,359	21,657	397	(6,709)	15,345
Bridges & Major Culverts	12,607	152	(6,700)	6,059	13,143	84	(7,024)	6,203
Stormwater	34,465	2,828	(7,692)	29,601	38,043	1,473	(8,153)	31,363
CWMS	32,056	2,319	(9,145)	25,230	35,343	2,948	(10,035)	28,256
Water	3,312	-	(1,533)	1,779	1,742	4	(742)	1,004
Roads	126,691	6,775	(19,976)	113,490	133,303	4,564	(23,539)	114,328
Rec & Open Space	2,831	481	(620)	2,692	2,831	1,048	(788)	3,091
Equipment	5,742	2,548	(3,176)	5,114	5,742	3,220	(3,670)	5,292
Furniture & Fittings	1,108	327	(698)	737	1,098	353	(795)	656
Other	412	196	(288)	320	412	196	(320)	288
Library Bookstock	1,486	-	(729)	757	1,569	-	(778)	791
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	349,481	16,927	(86,202)	280,206	369,052	15,926	(94,165)	290,813
2008 Totals	349,481	16,927	(86,202)	280,206	349,481	16,927	(86,202)	280,206

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	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR										2009 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT
	\$'000										
	2008 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation			
	New/Upgrade	Renewals									
Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT											
Land Held for Sale	34	-	-	(34)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land	50,801	351	-	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,148
Land Improvements	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Buildings & Other Structures	25,989	328	400	-	(971)	-	-	-	2,509	-	28,255
Infrastructure											
Footpaths	3,209	786	60	-	(247)	-	-	-	949	-	4,758
Kerbs	14,359	397	-	-	(319)	-	-	-	908	-	15,345
Bridges & Major Culverts	6,059	84	-	-	(156)	-	-	-	216	-	6,203
Stormwater	29,801	1,473	-	-	(495)	-	-	-	785	-	31,363
CWMS	25,230	2,948	-	-	(706)	-	-	-	784	-	28,256
Water	1,779	4	-	-	(27)	-	-	-	(752)	-	1,004
Roads	113,490	2,690	1,874	-	(3,887)	-	-	-	161	-	114,328
Rec & Open Space	2,692	395	173	-	(169)	-	-	-	-	-	3,091
Equipment	5,114	466	1,076	(576)	(788)	-	-	-	-	-	5,292
Furniture & Fittings	737	6	20	-	(107)	-	-	-	-	-	656
Other	320	-	-	-	(32)	-	-	-	-	-	288
Library Bookstock	757	-	91	-	(250)	-	-	-	193	-	791
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	280,206	9,928	3,694	(614)	(8,154)	-	-	-	5,753	-	290,813
2008 Totals	223,079	12,406	4,313	(1,289)	(7,541)	-	-	-	49,238	-	280,206

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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 were 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. 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 2005. Additions are recognised at cost.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were valued by Carin F Meier, Maloney Field Services by assessing the written down replacement cost as at 30th June 2007. Maloney Field Services also performed a desktop audit as at 30th June 2009.

Infrastructure

Council undertook a major review of its infrastructure assets during the 07/08 year, with advice sought from several consultants including: Jeff Roorda & Associates; Connell Wagner - inspection and valuation of bridges and major culverts; and BBC Consulting - condition rating of seals, pavements and unsealed roads.

Incorporating the advice from these consultants Council has revised its unit rates for all classes of infrastructure assets reflecting Brownfield rates, Council has also reviewed the useful lives effective 1 July 2007.

All 07/08 infrastructure unit rates have been indexed by 3% for 08/09 in accordance with advice received from ACEAM Pty Ltd.

Council have incorporated residual values for:

- Footpaths 10-30%
- Road Pavement 25-35%

Additions are reported at cost.

Council are in the process of implementing an Asset Management System to assist in the more accurate capture of Councils infrastructure assets. Council have engaged its external contractors ACEAM Pty Ltd to undertake a condition based assessment of Councils road and footpath networks and this will be reflected in the 09/10 financial statements.

Council have split out the previously reported Infrastructure Asset into 8 smaller asset classifications and these have been reported for the first time in the 2008/2009 statements.

All other assets

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

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2009 \$'000		2008 \$'000	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		2,528		2,439	
Payments received in advance		199	-	139	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		698	414	989	338
Accrued expenses - other		161	-	183	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		67	-	65	-
		3,653	414	3,815	338
 BORROWINGS					
Loans		2,689	7,617	1,421	8,879
		2,689	7,617	1,421	8,879

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

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	171	1,069	126	942
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc	48	285	198	284
	219	1,354	324	1,226

Movements in Provisions - 2009 year only (current & non-current)

	<i>Future Reinstatement</i>	<i>Employee Entitlements</i>
Opening Balance	482	1,068
Add Additional amounts recognised		1,046
(Less) Payments	(192)	(776)
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	43	(98)
Closing Balance	333	1,240

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	Notes	01/07/2008 \$'000	Net Increments (Decrements) \$'000	Transfers on Sale \$'000	30/06/2009 \$'000
Buildings & Other Structures		37,279	2,509	-	39,788
Infrastructure					
Footpaths		1,839	949	-	2,788
Kerbs		7,008	908	-	7,916
Bridges & Major Culverts		2,465	216	-	2,681
Stormwater		27,823	785	-	28,608
CWMS		4,577	784	-	5,361
Water		1,321	(752)	-	569
Roads		59,060	161	-	59,221
Equipment		39	-	-	39
Furniture & Fittings		467	-	-	467
Library Bookstock		309	193	-	502
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		142,187	5,753		147,940
TOTAL		142,187	5,753		147,940
2008 Totals		92,949	49,238	-	142,187

OTHER RESERVES	01/07/2008	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2009
Open Space	124	4	-	128
AHRWMA	53	14	-	67
S&HLGA	7	-	(3)	4
CWMS	1,626	3,439	(5,005)	60
Water Supply	102	47	(76)	73
Boating	141	221	(254)	108
Library	14	14	(18)	10
Other	986	3,238	(3,094)	1,130
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	3,053	6,977	(8,450)	1,580
2008 Totals	3,074	6,422	(6,443)	3,053

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.

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 the areas of Langhorne Creek, Clayton and Finniss

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 and Strathalbyn Woodshed funds 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.

	Notes	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Unexpended amounts received from Other Levels of Government		1,010	975
Developer Contributions		128	124
CWMS Scheme		60	1,626
Water Schemes		72	102
		<u>1,270</u>	<u>2,827</u>

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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	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	3,306	4,950
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		3,306	4,950

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	6,941	10,385
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	8,154	7,541
Fair value adjustments	-	-
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease	(11)	(8)
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(43)	578
Recoupment of amortisation of Goolwa Landfill		(196)
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound	-	-
Change in allowances for under-recovery	(30)	30
Non-cash asset acquisitions	(2,969)	(5,923)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(3,911)	(1,112)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	(209)	(1,563)
	7,922	9,732
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(910)	(89)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	13	21
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	129	152
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	(149)	(36)
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities	-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	7,005	9,780

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

- Physical resources received free of charge	3	2,969	5,923
- Non-cash grants & contributions		-	-
<i>Amounts recognised in Income Statement</i>		2,969	5,923
- Finance Leases		-	-
- Land taken over for non-payment of Rates		-	-
		2,969	5,923

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	8,940	1,640
Corporate Credit Cards	49	26

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 variable interest rate borrowings under several cash advance facilities from the Local Government Finance Authority of SA in line with Council's cash management policy.

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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	2009	2008	2009	2008
2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2008
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	752		4,108		-	(3,356)		228		25,463
Governance	1,803		4,088		-	(2,285)		603		8,413
Environment & Lifestyle	7,266		14,885		-	(7,619)		2,598		243,857
Engineering & Infrastructure	18,267		3,220		-	15,047		389		11,496
Strategy, Finance & Information					-	-				
Governance	575		3,632		(3,057)	-	10		38,703	
Building, Planning & Community Development	1,456		3,493		(2,037)	-	664		528	
Engineering & Infrastructure	6,287		16,300		(10,013)	-	2,174		257,156	
Finance & Corporate Services	20,595		4,836		15,759	-	721		788	
Strategy, Environment & Economic Development	322		1,122		(800)	-	42		4,691	
TOTALS	29,235	28,088	29,383	26,301	(148)	1,787	3,611	3,818	301,866	289,229

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

Council underwent a restructure during the 2008/09 financial year resulting in a change to Functions reported for the 2008/09 year as above.

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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 7.00% (2008: 6.00% and 7.40%).</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

2009	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,794			2,794	2,794
Current Borrowings	2,689			2,689	2,689
Non-Current Borrowings		4,385	3,232	7,617	7,617
Total	5,483	4,385	3,232	13,100	13,100

2008	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,643			2,643	2,643
Current Borrowings	1,421			1,421	1,421
Non-Current Borrowings		4,659	4,220	8,879	8,879
Total	4,064	4,659	4,220	12,943	12,943

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

	30 June 2009		30 June 2008	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value \$'000	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value \$'000
Non Interest Bearing	-	2,794	-	2,643
Overdraft	4.61	-	10.02	-
Other Variable Rates	4.00	1,427	8.25	232
Fixed Interest Rates	6.38	8,879	6.39	10,068
		13,100		12,943

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

	<u>Notes</u>	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Capital Commitments			
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Land		-	50
Infrastructure		3,809	361
Community Wastewater Management Scheme		-	1,599
		<u>3,809</u>	<u>2,010</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		3,689	2,010
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		120	-
		<u>3,809</u>	<u>2,010</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		10	19
Other		207	342
		<u>217</u>	<u>361</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		217	180
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	181
		<u>217</u>	<u>361</u>

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2009	2008	2007
<p>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> 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.</p>			
Operating Surplus	(148)	1,787	371
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(1%)	9%	2%
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
	8,686	8,234	9,594
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	30%	30%	39%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	1.4%	1.0%	1.6%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	49%	50%	88%
Depreciation Expense			
<i>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.</i>			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	76%	73%	66%
Gross value of depreciable assets			
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>			

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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

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Income	29,235	28,088
less Expenses	<u>(29,383)</u>	<u>(26,301)</u>
	(148)	1,787
Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(4,534)	(4,792)
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	8,154	7,541
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>519</u>	<u>989</u>
	4,139	3,738
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	(8,660)	(7,153)
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	3,911	1,112
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>304</u>	<u>1,863</u>
	<u>(4,445)</u>	<u>(4,178)</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,347</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

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the scheme). The scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently.

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

The scheme receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis, with employer contributions based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9 per cent 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

The salarylink plan is a multi-employer sponsored superannuation 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 actuarial review conducted by the scheme's actuary as at 30 June 2008, concerns have been raised about whether the current level of contributions can cover the guaranteed benefits to members. Several alternatives have been presented to Councils for consultation, under each of the alternatives it is expected that Council contributions would ultimately increase to the expected long term rate of 10.9% of salary. A decision on the option to be implemented will be made prior to 30 June 2010.

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Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000

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 Authority

Movements in Investment in Joint Operation

Opening Balance	53	43
Share in Operating Result	14	10
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	67	53

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	7	-
Share in Operating Result	(3)	(2)
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	4	7

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.

Opening Balance	542	482
Add Port Elliot Caravan Park Lease (55%)	63	62
Grants	1	4
Interest	24	32
Other	1	
	631	580
Less Reimbursed Expenditure	261	38
	370	542

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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

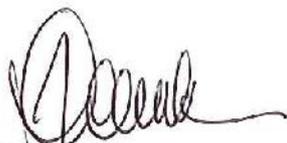
Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. All known costs have been recognised, but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

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2009

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, John 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 2009 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 OFFICER

Dated this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2009

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the (insert Council name) and adopted on the 10th day of NOVEMBER 2009.



B. K. McHugh

MAYOR

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 2009 and the income statement, 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.

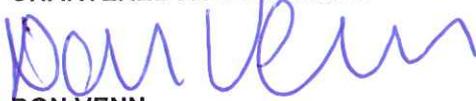
Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, provided to the Chief Executive Officer on 18 June 2009, would be in the same terms if provided to the Chief Executive Officer as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alexandrina Council as of 30 June 2009, 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 6 day of November 2009,
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 SA Model Council for the year ended 30 June 2009, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 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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J. Comrie
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 29th October 2009

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 2009, 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

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NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5006**

NORTH ADELAIDE, this 18th day of June 2009