



Annual Report
2016/2017



City of
Mount Gambier

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Welcome to the new look City of Mount Gambier Annual Report, themed “community”.

The Annual Report fulfils Council’s legislative requirements, but more importantly allows Council to inform the community of its operations, activities and achievements for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Communicating Council’s activities in an open and transparent way is one of our highest priorities. In addition, this Annual Report is a historical record for future reference.

The Annual Report offers the reader the opportunity to step back and see a ‘big picture’ view of how Council is responding to the challenges of a growing and evolving regional City and region.

It also reflects our strong commitment to maintain the highest standards of good governance and to participate in all available reviews and benchmark projects for the purposes of the continual monitoring of Council’s financial and service performance.

The format of this Annual Report is presented under the following headings:

- Community,
- Infrastructure,
- Environment,
- Governance,
- Compliance,
- Corporate,
- Economic and Regional, and
- Finance.

Each year, Council delivers many initiatives to help improve the quality of life for its residents. Much of our effort is focused on the immediate needs of the community.

This Annual Report is made available to keep you better informed and we hope you find it reflective of the dynamic structure of our beautiful City.



Mayor's Message

It gives me great pleasure to present the City of Mount Gambier Annual Report for the 2016/2017 financial year.

My message reflects on a few of the many activities which have occurred during the past year.

Following its endorsement in May 2016, Council is committed to the successful implementation of the Community Plan. As part of the implementation and an extensive internal service review, Council administration underwent a restructure during the year to ensure alignment with the four key goals of the Community Plan - People, Location, Diverse Economy and Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage.

The City was delighted to host a visit by the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le, from 31st January to 3rd February, 2017. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase our region and the Governor and Mrs Le visited many local businesses and community groups during their busy program and were humble, charming guests.

With the support of funding partners Country Arts SA and the District Council of Grant, Council secured funding for the operation of the Riddoch Art Gallery from 1st July, 2016. Council appointed a Gallery Director and in the past 12 months the Gallery has attracted a broad range of artistic cultural exhibitions and programs, adding vibrancy to the heart of our City precinct. The program of activities and exhibitions continues, providing cultural and educational opportunities for our community and the many visitors to our region. Council is grateful to the volunteers who have continued to give their time to welcome visitors to the Gallery.

The growth in tourism continues to have a strong influence on our economic development with \$2.1 million allocated for the 2017/2018 financial year. Recently Council has invested in the preparation of activity reports to assist in understanding the flow of tourism traffic and directions we should take to make the most of this burgeoning market. In collaboration with Tourism Mount Gambier, Council appointed a Tourism and Economic Development Manager to steer our tourism market into the future.



Council participated in a regional delegation to China with a reciprocal visit to Lu'an in Anhui Province and an initial visit to Baotou, Inner Mongolia. Friendship Agreements were signed with both cities and a further delegation of government and business representatives from Lu'an is expected later this year. Commitment from both sides to build and develop strong relationships is gaining momentum and Council will continue to work to progress opportunities and stimulate economic development throughout the region.

In June 2017 there was a community celebration to acknowledge 10 years of successful settlement of the Karen and Karenni Community in Mount Gambier. Mount Gambier was selected as a Pilot Site in the Federal Government's regional settlement program in 2006, with the first two Burmese families arriving on 6th June, 2007. During the course of the pilot, 10 refugee families (50 people) from Burma (Myanmar) came to our City. Now there are close to 500 refugees from Myanmar in the Limestone Coast region.

On average there are 70 new citizens welcomed to our City each year at Council arranged Citizenship Ceremonies. As a community we aspire to be welcoming and we should take pride when considering how culturally diverse we have become.

During the year we were also host to a brief, informal visit by the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull, MP, Prime Minister of Australia with the visit providing the opportunity for community members to meet and chat with the Prime Minister.

I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members for their support throughout this busy year and the contribution of all Council employees. They can all take pride in the reputation Mount Gambier has gained for its beautiful amenities and facilities and the positive vibe of the City. Our clean, green environment continues to impress.

Council also relies on the input from representatives of the community to keep a balanced perspective during the decision making

process of Council and I thank the community members who serve on various Council Committees and provide support and expertise to our Advisory Groups. Along with the support of many volunteers who assist in the numerous community events and activities held throughout the year, I speak on behalf of Elected Members and all Council employees in thanking them for their contribution.

I hope you will find this Annual Report an informative record of Council's wide ranging activities and a reflection of our progressive, beautiful City.



Andrew Lee
MAYOR

Audrey Kuhl (left), Mayor Andrew Lee and Helen Stratford.



Elected Member Information

The Council comprises a Mayor and 10 Councillors, elected at large. The next four year term Local Government Elections will be held in November, 2018.



Council 2014-2018 (L-R)

Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Steven Perryman, Mayor Andrew Lee, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Des Mutton, Cr Mark Lovett, Cr Christian Greco, Cr Ian Von Stanke, Cr Penny Richardson, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Hanna Persello (Deputy Mayor).

Council and Committees (as at June 2017)

His Worship The Mayor Mr Andrew Lee

Council Committee Position

- CEO Review Committee
(Presiding Member)

Ex Officio

- Strategic Standing Committee
- Operational Standing Committee
- Audit Committee
- Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee
- Heritage Sub-Committee
- Junior Sports Assistance Fund

Other Positions

- Limestone Coast Local Government Association
- Local Government Association



Cr Hanna Persello Deputy Mayor

Council Committee Position

- Strategic Standing Committee
- Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee (Presiding Member)
- CEO Review Committee (as Deputy Mayor)

Other Positions

- Community Mental Health Network
- Mount Gambier Christmas Parade Advisory Group
- Limestone Coast Local Government Association (proxy – as Deputy Mayor)
- Local Government Association (proxy – as Deputy Mayor)



Cr Christian Greco

Council Committee Position

- Operational Standing Committee
(Presiding Member)
- CEO Review Committee
(as Presiding Member of Operational Standing Committee)
- Council Development Assessment Panel

Other Positions

- Limestone Coast Violence Against Women Collaboration
- Joint Boundary Roads (with DC Grant) Advisory Group
- Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal Advisory Group



Cr Mark Lovett

Council Committee Position

- Operational Standing Committee
- Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee
- Council Development Assessment Panel
- Heritage Sub-Committee

Other Positions

- Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre Advisory Group



Cr Josh Lynagh

Council Committee Position

- Strategic Standing Committee
(Presiding Member)
- CEO Review Committee
(as Presiding Member Strategic Standing Committee)

Other Positions

- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel Advisory Group
- Australia Day Celebrations Advisory Group
- Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group
- Tourism Mount Gambier



Cr Steven Perryman

Council Committee Position

- Operational Standing Committee



Cr Penny Richardson

Council Committee Position

- Strategic Standing Committee
- Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee
- Heritage Sub-Committee



Cr Sonya Meziniec

Council Committee Position

- Strategic Standing Committee
- Audit Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee



Other Positions

- Seniors Month Advisory Group
- Tourism Mount Gambier (Proxy)

Other Positions

- Mount Gambier Heritage Advisory Group
- Mount Gambier and Districts Health Advisory Council
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Reference Group
- Riddoch Art Gallery Inc

Cr Frank Morello

Council Committee Position

- Strategic Standing Committee

Other Positions

- Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health



Cr Ian Von Stanke

Council Committee Position

- Building Fire Safety Committee (Chairperson)
- Operational Standing Committee
- Council Development Assessment Panel
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee



Other Positions

- Group Training Employment
- Limestone Coast Zone Emergency Management Committee
- Riddoch Art Gallery Inc (proxy)
- LCLGA Green Triangle Freight Action Plan - Implementation Management Group

Cr Des Mutton

Council Committee Position

- Operational Standing Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee



Other Positions

- Queen Elizabeth Park Trust
- Mount Gambier and Districts Airport (DC Grant s41) Committee
- LCLGA Regional Waste Management Steering Committee

Attendance at Meetings

The following is the recorded attendance and apologies of Elected Members at the 12 Ordinary Council Meetings and the 5 Special Council Meetings held during the 2016/2017 year.

Council Meetings – July 2016 to June 2017

| Elected Member | Meetings Attended | Apologies | Absent Without Apology |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Mayor Lee | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Cr Greco | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Cr Lovett | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Cr Lynagh | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| Cr Meziniec | 13 | 4 | 0 |
| Cr Morello | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| Cr Mutton | 10 | 7 | 0 |
| Cr Perryman | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| Cr Persello | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| Cr Richardson | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Cr Von Stanke | 14 | 3 | 0 |

CEO Report



Council's function is to plan and deliver services reflective of community needs at a time of ongoing and rapid change in our region, nation and globally. Council's Community Plan directs both day to day services while also informing new services to meet our changing circumstances.

The need for sound planned change based on accurate data, information, trend analysis and statistics is more important than ever to ensure effective and efficient decision making and delivery of services to the community by Council and/or other stakeholders and tiers of government. To achieve this, Council commissioned a number of focused reports and studies to deliver actions in the next few years. Importantly Council's City Growth Strategy highlighted three areas that will drive our economy into the future being tourism, events and the arts; agribusiness and the clean economy, health and community service.

Council will now implement a number of actions to deliver ongoing community and economic prosperity including:

- The digital economy focusing on increased business understanding and use of digital technology to advance small and mid-size business,
- Partnering with the industry group Tourism Mount Gambier to deliver actions including new web based presence and marketing Mount Gambier,
- Public access Wi-Fi in our most popular tourism locations providing instant global reach for tourists via social media,

- New signage to improve access and way finding to our key City destinations and where possible embedding smart technology into the signs for information and site interpretation,
- Maintaining the Lady Nelson Visitor Information Service while reconfiguring face-to-face and digital service delivery,
- Continuing to leverage off the regions highly regarded agriculture and agri-technology industries into the major growth markets of South East Asia and China,
- Targeting increased City population growth to ensure our workforce is able to meet future demands as our population ages and leaves the paid workforce, and
- Delivering increased environmental sustainability by establishing a re-use centre at Council's waste transfer station that will reduce waste to landfill while reducing costs to the community.

These and other actions will be delivered in the immediate future.

Of course, in addition to these new initiatives, Council continues to provide a vast number of everyday services to the community including a huge expanse of active and passive recreation facilities, Library and community services, the arts and cultural services, grants and support to community groups, attracting major events to the City and a number of regulatory services that keep the City clean, orderly, well planned and healthy.

Managing a regional City, the second largest City in South Australia, is a huge responsibility that is managed by Councillors, staff, volunteers in collaboration with other tiers of government and many stakeholders. While ensuring appropriate services today, we must keep focus on the future as it is all of us collaboratively that craft our direction to ensure Mount Gambier remains a vibrant, robust and resilient community.

Mark McShane
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Strategic Management Plan Framework

The Community Plan and the Futures Paper are Council's key strategic documents, supported by the Long Term Financial Plan, the Asset and Infrastructure Management Plan and the Annual Budget and Business Plan. These plans identify the direction, services and facilities that Council wishes to provide for the community, for the next four years and beyond.

A Futures Paper For City Development

The City Development Framework Project

The City Development Framework Project was fundamental in the development of the Futures Paper. This project commenced to ensure Council has a robust and planned approach to meet the current and future challenges facing the City. The project involved the development of overall strategies, incorporating economic, social, environment and community opportunities and aspirations.

The Futures Paper looks forward and focuses on two key questions:

1. Is what we have done in the past going to sustain our community and economy into the future?

2. What do we need to change or introduce to ensure that our community and economy are sustainable into the future?

The Futures Paper was developed entirely on the aspirations and issues raised and identified by people from within the community.

It is important to identify that the development of the Futures Paper was based on sound academic research that identified four key characteristics of successful cities:

- Home to a highly skilled population,
- Centrally located, at the heart of a rich market and/or well positioned for trade with expanding markets,
- A diversified economy with a significant proportion of high order services, and
- Boasts a climate and/or natural setting superior to most other cities in the nation.

In using and applying the Futures Paper as a guiding strategy for the long term development of the City, Council is able to develop policies and allocate resources where the most benefit can be achieved.



The Community Plan

The Community Plan represents the vision, aspirations and priorities of the community now and into the future. It describes the community's values, how we work together and outlines the strategic initiatives to achieve ongoing sustainability and prosperity. The Community Plan was endorsed by Council at its meeting in May 2016.

The Community Plan has been prepared by Council in partnership with our community to guide our decision making over a four year period. The plan identifies the outcomes we are seeking to achieve and the strategies we will put in place to get there.

The Community Plan will be reviewed after the 2018 Council Election.

Our Vision

Within the Community Plan, Council describes its vision as:

"An inclusive city where people lead fulfilling lives."

What makes Mount Gambier the thriving successful place that people are proud to call home is the richness and diversity of:

- Our People,
- Our Location,
- Our Economy, and
- Our Climate, Natural Resources, Art, Culture and Heritage.

These elements will contribute to the future growth and development of the City and form the goals of Council's Community Plan - The Futures Paper 2016-2020.

Council strives to create vibrancy, promote our identity and build a reputation as a place to live, work, visit and invest. To provide a future for our people we need sustained economic growth and employment as well as recreational and educational opportunities.

Through the development of corporate Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Council now undertakes quarterly reporting on the achievement of the strategies identified within the Community Plan which are available on Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

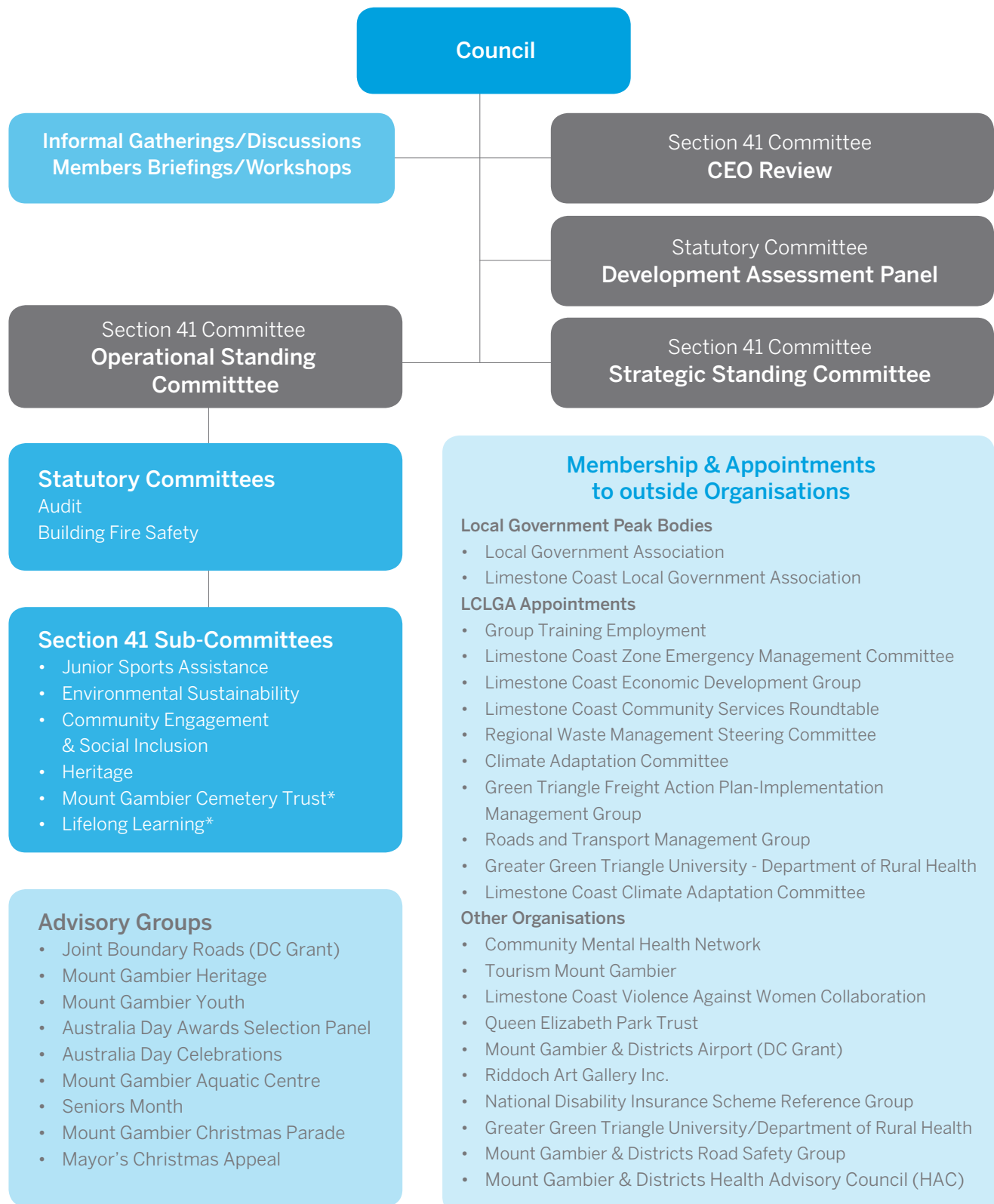


Decision Making Structure of Council

Council has adopted the following structure to facilitate good governance and expedite decision making processes.

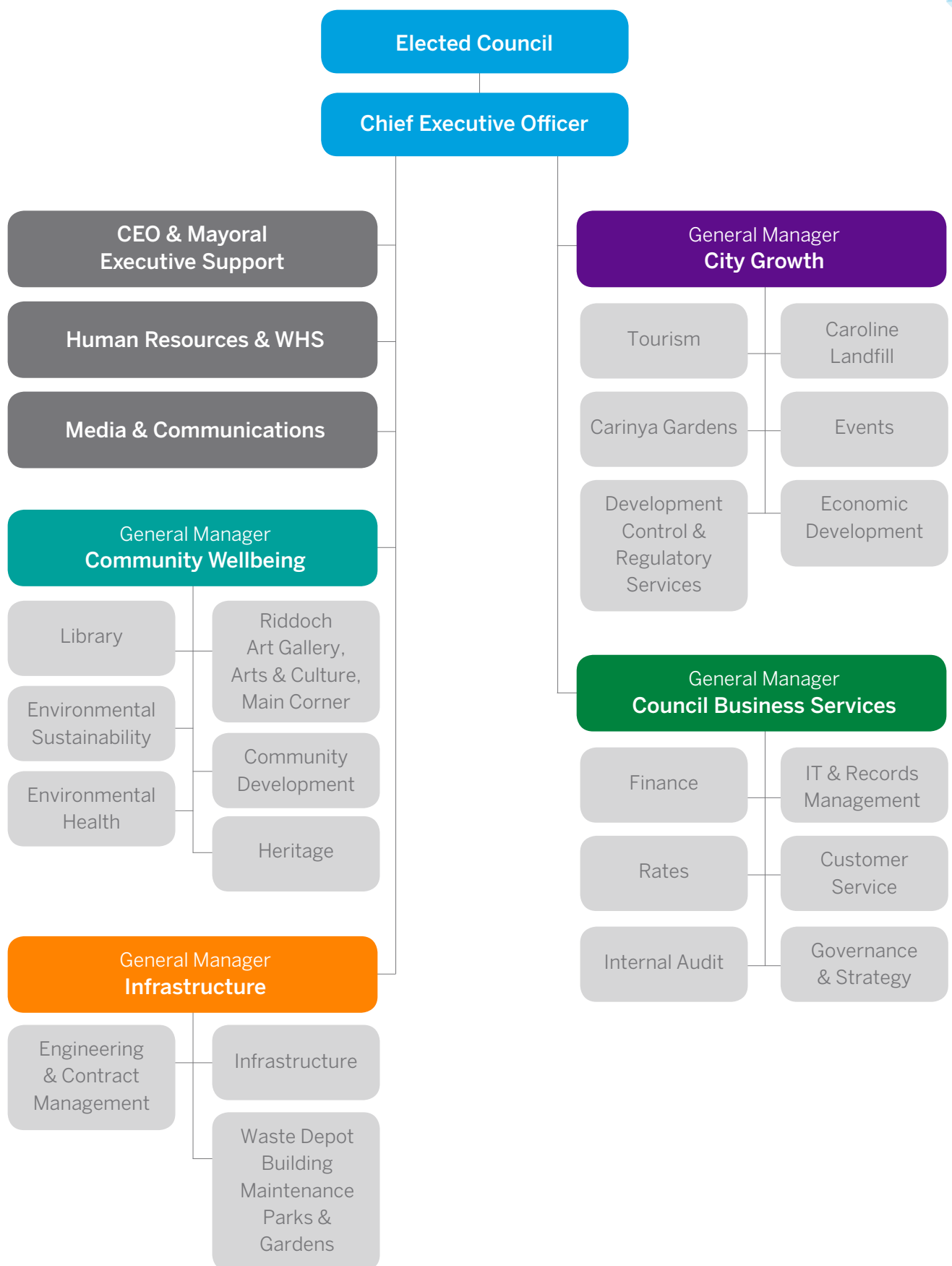
Committee Structure

Council's Committee structure is set out below (as at June, 2017).



*Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust and Lifelong Learning Committees wound-up 20th June 2017

Organisational Chart



Council meetings are held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Standing Committee meetings are held the week preceding Council meetings as follows (unless otherwise amended or altered by Council or the relevant Standing Committee):

Strategic Standing Committee - normally second Monday of each month commencing at 5:30pm.

Operational Standing Committee - normally second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:30am.

Council meetings and Committee meetings are open to the public and Council encourages attendance.

While members of the public are not normally permitted to speak at Council meetings, individuals may be invited to address the relevant Committee meetings.

Any person wishing to have a matter considered by Council should communicate in writing to the Chief Executive Officer. These matters are first considered by the relevant Council Committees, and agenda closing dates apply for matters to be considered. Please check with Council for timeframes and the date/times of relevant meetings.

Agendas of all meetings are placed on public display not less than three clear days prior to the meeting. Minutes of Council meetings are placed on display within five days of a meeting. Agendas and Minutes are also published on the Council website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

In addition to the abovementioned Standing Committees, Council also convenes a range of Statutory Committees, (Sub) Committees and Advisory Groups which meet as and when required.

Delegations

To ensure the efficient performance of Council operations and activities, Council delegates certain powers and functions to the Chief Executive Officer. These delegations are reviewed annually by Council.

The current delegations were reviewed and adopted by Council on 21st February, 2017 and are available for public inspection at the principle office of the Council and may be purchased.

The Chief Executive Officer further sub-delegates certain powers and functions as necessary to specified Council Officer positions.

The delegations reference which legislative powers are delegated/sub-delegated and any limitations or conditions that are applicable to those (sub) delegations.

Senior Executive Officers

For the purposes of the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, the Senior Executive Officers (SEO's) of Council are defined as:

- Chief Executive Officer, and
- Four General Managers.

The remuneration and benefits of the SEO's are detailed in Council's Salary Register available by request at the Civic Centre. Remuneration includes salary, superannuation and a vehicle or salary equivalent.

Each SEO is employed on a five year fixed term Contract of Employment.

Internal Restructure

The City of Mount Gambier underwent a major internal organisational restructure in 2017, to support the efficient delivery of the Community Plan.

The plans, strategies and actions will guide Council over the next four years and serve as a blueprint to build a progressive, knowledge based City that embraces new technologies, culture and sustainable living.

These elements include: Our People, Our Location, Our Economy and Our Climate, Natural Resources, Art, Culture and Heritage and will contribute towards the future growth and development of the City and form the goals of Council's Community Plan,

Four General Managers were appointed in early 2017 as part of the comprehensive restructure to deliver cultural change and organisational strategy. The key leadership positions report to the CEO.

These positions will enable Council to deliver on the Community Plan objectives and implement effective governance strategy and service delivery,

The General Manager portfolios are as follows:

General Manager City Infrastructure

Nick Serle

Incorporating

- Engineering & Contract Management,
- Infrastructure, and
- Waste Depot, Building Maintenance, Parks and Gardens.

General Manager City Growth

Dr. Judy Nagy

Incorporating

- Tourism,
- Carinya Gardens,
- Development Control and Regulatory Services,
- Caroline Landfill,
- Events, and
- Economic Development.

General Manager Council Business Services

Pamela Lee

Incorporating

- Finance,
- Rates,
- Internal Audit,
- IT and Records Management,
- Customer Service, and
- Governance and Strategy.

General Manager Community Wellbeing

Barbara Cernovskis

Incorporating

- Library,
- Environmental Sustainability,
- Environmental Health,
- Riddoch Art Gallery, Arts and Culture, Main Corner,
- Community Development, and
- Heritage.

City of Mount Gambier General Manager City Infrastructure Nick Serle (left), General Manager City Growth Dr. Judy Nagy, General Manager Council Business Services Pamela Lee, General Manager Community Wellbeing Barbara Cernovskis and Chief Executive Officer Mark McShane.





Community Statement

Community, Services, Lifestyle, Welfare and Wellbeing

Council provides many direct and indirect services and support to the community and in particular to the health, welfare, lifestyle and wellbeing of its citizens.

In addition to other contributions that may be referenced in this Annual Report other direct financial support was provided by the Council In 2016/2017 (nearest \$100), including:

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| Care Ring Telephone Service (Lifeline SE) | \$2,000 |
| Youth Advisory Group and projects | \$8,700 |
| Reidy Park Centre | \$4,500 |
| Mount Gambier City Band | \$5,500 |
| Mount Gambier Toy Library | \$2,000 |
| NAIDOC Week | \$1,000 |
| Heritage Restoration Fund | \$16,000 |
| Stand Like Stone Foundation | \$8,000 |
| The Junction | \$1,000 |
| Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West - Careers Expo | \$1,500 |
| Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce Business Awards | \$1,000 |
| New Years Eve Celebrations (Mount Gambier Community Events) | \$12,000 |
| Party in the Park (Rotary Mount Gambier West) | \$1,000 |
| Blue Lake Fun Run | \$2,000 |
| Eisteddfods (Backstage Inc.) | \$5,000 |
| Australia Day Breakfast | \$5,000 |
| Mount Gambier Gold Cup Races | \$3,000 |
| Suicide Prevention Network | \$3,000 |
| Cultural Grants | \$36,000 |
| General Community Donations | \$29,300 |
| Senior Citizens | \$5,500 |
| Seniors Month | \$2,200 |
| Syringe Disposal Service | \$1,600 |
| Main Corner / City Hall subsidies | \$54,300 |
| Wehl Street Theatre | \$9,500 |
| Community Events | \$22,000 |
| Christmas Parade | \$20,900 |
| Citizenship | \$3,900 |
| Christmas Decorations | \$19,700 |
| Tertiary Health Education grant | \$28,000 |
| Foodbank | \$43,000 |

Australian Citizenship Ceremonies

Five Citizenship Ceremonies were conducted during the 2016/2017 financial year, with a total of 60 people receiving Australian Citizenship. New citizens were welcomed to the City from Bahrain, Canada, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vietnam.

The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia provides complimentary tickets to the Royal Adelaide Show as a special gift for each person who receives Australian Citizenship in South Australia during the year.

Representatives from Soroptimist International of Mount Gambier also attend the ceremonies and present a gift to every participant.

For each public ceremony, Council arranges for an individual or group to attend and lead in the singing of the National Anthem.



1. Mayor Andrew Lee stands proudly with Lu Dee, Ler Dah Htoo, Eh Shen Tee Shin, 6, and Moo Bya Say, 9.
2. Mayor Andrew Lee with Htoo Hee, Maung Kauk and Teh Teh.
3. Mayor Andrew Lee welcomes Laami and Marcon Gemico and their family from the Philippines.
4. Michelle Wright, Mayor Andrew Lee, Darryl Wright and twins Brogan and Taine Wright, 7.
5. Myanmar family Kleh Meh Teh, Poh Lee Na, 11, Moo Bwe, 7, Saw Gay Lah, 6 and Sah Dah are welcomed by Mayor Andrew Lee.

Junior Sports Assistance Fund

Membership of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund is comprised of the City of Mount Gambier and the District Council of Grant and 19 sporting organisations who have agreed to become financial members.

The fund provides financial support for junior sports persons who have achieved State selection or better in a specific sport.

The financial position of the fund in 2016/2017:

| | \$ |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Assistance to juniors | 20,350 |
| Support for special coaching clinics | 5,000 |
| Members' contributions | 9,000 |
| Councils' contributions | 16,000 |
| Bank interest earned | 1,030 |
| Donations received | 1,500 |
| Sponsorship of programs received | 6,300 |
| Other expenses | - |
| Government and bank charges | 2 |
| Cash at bank, 30th June, 2016 | 76,962 |

For the 32 years of the fund's operations, the consolidated transactions to 30th June, 2017 are:

| | \$ |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Assistance to juniors | 450,750 |
| Support for special coaching clinics | 80,383 |
| Assistance to disadvantaged juniors | 6,510 |
| Members' contributions | 162,947 |
| Councils' contributions | 308,500 |
| Bank interest earned | 68,758 |
| Donations received | 43,086 |
| Sponsorship of programs received | 32,100 |
| Other expenses | 300 |
| Government and bank charges | 1,326 |
| Cash at bank, 30th June, 2017 | 76,962 |

Note that payments from the fund for assistance to juniors did not commence until July 1988, funding for coaching clinics did not commence until July 1991 and funding for disadvantaged juniors did not commence until July 2012.

The funding formula is based on contributions from the fund to member organisations and not on the number of juniors a member organisation has, i.e. the more an organisation receives from the fund the more an organisation will need to contribute.

This financial year, the Mount Gambier and District Bendigo Community Bank generously agreed to sponsor the Annual coaching clinic program to a maximum of \$5,000 (applied for each year).

The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes also approached the fund to administer a program to support/assist financially disadvantaged juniors of member organisations. The funding is up to \$3,000 dependent on applications and is part of the surplus from the Blue Lake Fun Run.



Commercial Club president Evan Eustace (left) presented a donation of \$2,500 to Junior Sports Assistance Fund Secretary and Council CEO Mark McShane. The total funds now donated by the Commercial Club over the past 16 years amounts to \$33,500.

Independent Learning Centre Collaboration

Council collaborated with the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) throughout the year to provide alternative learning spaces and unique educational opportunities throughout the City.

The ILC is a Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) initiative designed to provide flexible enrolment options for identified students. It provides support to keep young people aged 16 to 21 engaged in schooling or on a particular learning pathway.

Students used the Railway Station building for regular class activities including the creation of furniture made from recycled materials, set structures for the Riddoch Art Gallery and promotional materials such as feedback boards for Council's community engagement programs.

ILC teacher Daniel Kane said students enjoy assisting staff at the Main Corner and the Riddoch Art Gallery on a weekly basis with tasks such as cataloguing, designing props and preparation for exhibitions.

"Students enjoy interacting with the community and learning new skills, it's good for their personal development and they also earn SACE points towards their studies," Mr Kane said.

"I would like to become an artist, so being able to come to the gallery and volunteer is really inspiring.



Independent Learning Centre student Ellen Lindquist hangs a portrait image of Ralph Aston OAM on Kings Floor at the Main Corner.

I love the stories behind people's artwork," ILC student Ellen Lindquist said.

The initiative means that students not only receive learning outcomes in unique settings but they also play an important role in supporting the work of Council within the community.

"Some students even decide to come back and continue to volunteer at the gallery, which is a great result," Mr Kane said.



Council partnered with the ILC to strategically place handmade garden gnome characters throughout the City to promote the Endless Pleasure exhibition that was on show at the Riddoch Art Gallery in 2016. ILC teacher Daniel Kane (left) is pictured with student Tyiekan Young and some of the garden gnomes.

The Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal

Council wishes to thank everyone who generously donated to the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal in 2016, and the volunteers who continue to support this initiative.

Each year, the appeal plays an important role in ensuring that a range of vulnerable or isolated people in our City are able to experience the joy of Christmas.

The appeal directly assisted more than 584 families - including 784 children and young people through the provision of Christmas hampers, vouchers or gifts.

Donations to the appeal were distributed through the Christmas Cheer Program delivered by the following agencies:

- Uniting Care,
- ac.care,
- Lifeline SE,
- St Vincent De Paul Society, and
- The Salvation Army.

Additional coordination support was once again offered through the Sunset Community Kitchen, Families SA and Mount Gambier Central.

To donate, or to find out more information about the appeal, please visit www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/christmasappeal



The Lioness Club of Mount Gambier volunteers Thea Richards (back left), Janet Bellinger, Sue Jacob, Jan Shelton, Beryl Mahoney and Sue Parkinson decorate the Christmas tree at the Main Corner.

The Mount Gambier Seniors Festival

The Mount Gambier Seniors Festival is an annual celebration which highlights the services, activities and lifestyle available to older members of our community.

Supported by Council, an active Festival Advisory Group is made up of representatives from sports and recreation clubs, service agencies and other local groups. This group plays an important role in developing the annual program and ensuring the festival aligns with the interests of our diverse community.

In 2016 the festival included 26 unique events and activities staged over 15 days in October and November. The program included:

- An opening concert hosted by the Mount Gambier City Band, officially opened by City of Mount Gambier Mayor Andrew Lee,
- A seniors forum titled 'Knowing Your Rights and Preparing for Your Future' held at City Hall providing a range of important information and tips from guest speakers,

- The Australian Retired Persons Association Walking Breakfast taking in the new Rail Trail shared path, followed by a breakfast at the Mount Gambier Hotel,
- The University of The Third Age (U3A) digital photography exhibition in the window of Helloworld travel agent, and
- Closing celebration and Senior of the Year Awards at the Senior Citizens Association Hall.

The range of accommodation options available to seniors in Mount Gambier were highlighted during the festival with both Woodlands Grove and Abbeyfield House providing open day tours.

Local businesses also showed their support, including Buslink SA who provided free public transport on all City Bus routes and the Oatmill Cinema who offered significantly discounted cinema tickets throughout the entire festival.

The program also offered a wide range of 'come and try' activities including fitness classes, sporting activities such as croquet and karate and numerous elective options provided by U3A and the Senior Citizens Association of Mount Gambier.

Woodlands Grove resident Delma Illman with John D'Souza (left) and Wayne Reynolds on the bowling green. Delma encourages senior citizens to get involved in community activities.



The festival closed with the announcement of the Senior of the Year Award which was presented to Ms Vivienne Hutchinson for her many years of contribution to the Mount Gambier community. The Lioness Club of Mount Gambier was awarded

the Seniors Recreation Award for their assistance in the provision of home delivered library books for local residents. The awards were sponsored by the Gambier City Lions Club and the Lions Club of Mount Gambier.



The Lioness Club of Mount Gambier was awarded the Seniors Recreation Award for assisting with the Library home delivery service.



Vivienne Hutchinson was named the 2016 Senior of the Year at the Seniors Awards held on Sunday 6th November, 2016. Vivienne has been involved in the Lioness Club of Mount Gambier for 37 years and also volunteers through the Anglican church to create emergency kits and hygiene packs for the underprivileged. "It was absolutely incredible to get the award because I've never sought recognition for anything, so it was just completely out of the blue," she said.

Tertiary Health Grants

The Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Grant Program continued for the 11th year in 2017, providing local students who live away from the area or travel, with a \$2,000 grant to help complete their tertiary studies within the health field.

Grant committee chairperson Ken Stafford said the program had grown from offering five grants in 2007, to providing 14 grants in 2017.

"Over the past 11 years the grants have helped 108 students who had to leave home for studies in health skill areas," Mr Stafford said.

It's hoped that the grant recipients will return to the region at some point after graduation to boost the number of health professionals within the South East.

At the program's launch in January 2017, former grant recipient Elise Thompson spoke about her research in the area of cognitive impairment in people with haematological cancers who have had a bone marrow transplant.

She said that the depth of her research could not have been achieved without the support of the grants.

"The grant enabled me to ensure all people in the study received face to face assessment," Miss Thompson said.

Funding for the grant program was provided by:

- City of Mount Gambier,
- Mount Gambier Private Hospital,
- District Council of Grant,
- Ken and Carol Stafford,
- UFS Chemist,
- Flinders Rural Health SA,
- Mount Gambier & District Community Bank
- Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes, and
- Private benefactors who wish to remain anonymous.

Past Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health grant recipient Elise Thompson, Grant Committee Chairperson Ken Stafford (left) and Mayor Andrew Lee.



The 2017 recipients were:

Health Science / Medicine

Aiden Franchetto

Bachelor of Medical Science at Flinders University

Casey Donehue

Bachelor of Medicine / Surgery
at University of Adelaide

Conor Mackle

Doctor of Medicine and Surgery
at Australian National University

Emma Greenfield

Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine
at Monash University

Bachelor of Pharmacy

Nicholas Laube

Bachelor of Pharmacy at Uni SA

Physiotherapy

Zoe Fulton

Bachelor of Health Science / Master of
Physiotherapy at Flinders University

Applied Science / Chiropractic

Ethan Humphries

Bachelor of Health Science / Bachelor of Applied
Science – Chiropractic at RMIT

Applied Science / Human Movement and Health Studies

Sharni Malseed

Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science
(Physiology) at Charles Darwin University

Dentistry / Oral Health

Amy Badenoch

Bachelor of Health Science in Dentistry
/ Master of Dentistry at La Trobe University

Montana Carracher

Bachelor of Oral Health Science
at La Trobe University

Psychology

Samuel Sinclair

Bachelor of Social Science – Honours (Psychology)
at University of New England

Audiology

Claudia Pace

Masters of Audiology at Flinders University

Speech Pathology

Maddison McDonald

Bachelor of Applied Science/ Master of Speech
Pathology at La Trobe University

Medical Imaging

Alyssa Bonanno

Bachelor of Medical Imaging at Deakin University

YPN - Your Professional Network

Your Professional Network (YPN) is Mount Gambier's social and professional support network, established to provide a platform for like-minded professionals. YPN facilitates the promotion of constructive inter-professional networking in both formal and social settings.

The network is community-led, capturing and promoting networking and training opportunities for professionals who are new to the area. These opportunities are aimed at:

- Supporting new people settling in Mount Gambier,
- Assisting people (new and local) who would like to progress their careers,
- Assisting people who are establishing or looking to grow their business, and
- Linking people through social networking and professional development opportunities.

In 2016/2017 YPN supported a range social meet and mingle events held at variety of local cafes and pubs, including collaboration with the South East Young Professionals Group.



Mount Gambier Rail Trail breathes new life into the heart of the City

A shared path through the centre of Mount Gambier has become the city's most popular communal meeting spot. The 3.1 kilometre Rail Trail was once an abandoned railway line, overgrown with weeds. When the land was gifted to the community by the South Australian Government, Council set to work repurposing the site into a much needed public green space.

City of Mount Gambier Engineering Manager Daryl Morgan said the Rail Trail is one of the most well received projects that Council has undertaken.

"We have had so much great feedback, because everybody has the opportunity to use it; every time you go past you always see people out and about on the trail, it has become such a vibrant recreational hub."

Mr Morgan said the Rail Trail has lived up to its vision as a multipurpose community space, with the transformation injecting new life into a neglected wasteland and restoring a sense of civic pride.

"It's not just a serious exercise track; it's a genuine commuter route and that's what we anticipated it to be – there are a lot of people who use it to walk or cycle home from work or school, and you also

see a lot of parents teaching their kids to ride their bikes safely."

Senior players from West Gambier Netball Club are among the sporting teams utilising the space.

"We used it for an 'amazing race' team-building activity, and we also set up a circuit on the reserve for our pre-season training. It's in a great central location and it's such a fantastic open area for us to use," West Gambier Netball Club A-grade coach Lisa Cram said.

Members of the Reflexion Health and Fitness studio located opposite the rail reserve are also regular users.

"It's a great warm-up area for some of our classes, but we also have around 25 members in a running group that use it twice a week; the trail offers a nice and flat, largely uninterrupted run through town without having to go onto footpaths or along sides of the road," Reflexion owner Phil Ackland said.

Mr Ackland said he is amazed by the amount of people making use of the area.

"It's such a wonderful community space that ties in with the rest of the city and it's such a fantastic facility to be able to use – it's incredible



The Reflexion fitness group use the Rail Trail to keep fit.

to think how useable and well-used that space is compared to how long it sat as a disused railyard."

The overwhelming success of the project prompted Council to seek funding to virtually double the length of the trail by extending it past Pick Avenue to link up with the existing Jubilee Highway path leading to Blue Lake Sports Park. Plans are also in place to extend the western end of the trail, creating a common thread that connects the entire city both physically and socially.



KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards

The Mount Gambier Railway Lands development was awarded Best Council Project at the annual KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards in 2016. The judges were particularly impressed with the nature play area, public art, water sensitive urban design, solar lighting, the use of salvaged items and public space. City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee member Councillor Ian von Stanke and Environmental Sustainability Officer Carmel Ron are pictured with the award.

Public Art at the Rail

The City of Mount Gambier, funded by the State Government Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI), launched a public art park located at Mount Gambier's Railway Lands in October 2016.

Artists exhibited as part of the Public Art at The Rail project include: Karl Meyer and Exhibition Studios, Trevor Wren and Danica Gacaesa McLean, Ben Brumby, Diana Wiseman, Sam Wass, Ivo Tadic, Ant and Hat Martin, Robert Miles and Mark de Nys, and Laura Wills.

The artists related their pieces to the landscape to reclaim the railway land, by using materials ranging from steel and concrete, to airbrush and print on AC sheet, to carved rock, limestone and red gum.

The Public Art at The Rail project contributes to the transformation of the urban Mount Gambier landscape, and responds to spatial notions of the lived experiences of our City. It also provides an artistic response to cultural and historical contexts, and provides a framework for engaging with other communities in the Limestone Coast, South Australia and nationally.

Tracks was created by artist **Karl Meyer** and Exhibition Studios and commissioned by the Council with funding from Arts South Australia. From a distance the work appears to be two large wheels or rings, but upon closer inspection reveals itself as constructed from railway tracks; giving the impression of being rolled or wound up. The double rings represent the dual railway tracks that once travelled through the space. From some angles the double rings appear to be leaning against each other, symbolising they are now at rest. Their immersion into the ground represents the passing of time.



Artist **Laura Wills'** artistic design laced into the wire platform balustrade is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere. Figures can be seen walking, waiting and cleaning the station platform. On the northern side of the platform, a late 1800s South Australian Railways Y Class Locomotive is depicted, indicative of the type that frequented Mount Gambier in the early days.



Artists **Robert Miles** and **Mark de Nys** delivered three giant ants made from fabricated mild steel as part of the artistic nature play works project.

Local sculptor **Sam Wass** created **Pobblebonk the Eastern Banjo Frog** and **Muddles the Bare Nosed Wombat** from carved limestone, referencing diverse local fauna. The playful characters invite physical connection, whether for children to climb upon the frog as they enter the creek, or to pat the seemingly serene wombat. The characters are part of the Artistic Nature Play Works project.



As a reminder of the activity and rail dependent industries that once used the Railway space in Mount Gambier, artists **Trevor Wren** and **Danica Gacesa McLean** created the **Signalling Change** installation. The sculpture references railway signals, crossing barriers, indicator lights, railway sleepers and visual communication through shape, colour and light.



Local sculptor **Ivo Tadic** carved 14 artworks onsite from the limestone and basalt rock landscaping which was placed along the creek within the Railway Lands. The sculptures feature Australian animals, reptiles, fish, amphibians, mammals and a monotreme. Their subtle placement within the landscape has been chosen to encourage children to explore as they rock hop through the space in order to seek them out. By carving directly into the rock, Ivo has revealed the colours and potential which exist below the aged surface.



'Rail Birds' by artist **Diana Wiseman** features a window view of a wetland landscape which pays homage to the natural and historic heritage of the region. The seven birds depicted are derived from the names of the rail cars once used by the Bluebird Rail Service at Mount Gambier. Diana used drypoint and monoprinting techniques to produce dozens of small scale prints in the development of the piece. The final artwork was achieved when the prints were photographed at high resolution and printed locally on an industrial scale, spanning over nine metres wide across several panels.

Public Art at the Rail

Featuring air brushed detail in the central semi-realist figure, artist **Ben Brumby's** untitled work is bold, edgy and different to anything already seen in Mount Gambier's public arts realm. A tattooed musician appears cross legged, playing an old Bears Grant guitar.



The Lizard is a two tonne red gum creation by husband and wife collaborators **Anthony (Ant) Martin** and **Hat Martin**. Spanning four metres in length the slab was initially sourced from Strathalbyn, prior to being shifted to their Millicent studio. Sturdy and lifelike, the lizard's scale and surface have been designed to encourage people to engage with it, as it basks itself in the open.



Dining Car at the Rail

In April 2017, The Dining Car at the Rail became the first semi-permanent dining option at the precinct on a six month trial. Two shipping containers located on the old station platform were transformed into a café for barista made coffee and snack food, run by Shane and Joanne Gabriel.

This concept is one of many community-led initiatives Council has supported to explore the viability of commercial activity at The Rail. Since the opening of the site in November 2015, this has included product launches, pop up bars and music events, Christmas functions, an outdoor cinema and commercial fitness classes.

Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group (YAG) members Ally Finnis and Sarah Harden.



Youth Advisory Group Summary

In 2016/2017 Mount Gambier's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) actively contributed to lobbying for improved services for local youths.

The group consulted with the City on many topics including sustainability options for the future, identifying income disparity and equity issues for the uptake of green energy options.

The YAG organised and hosted various events throughout the year, including:

- A comprehensive Youth Week program,
- Escape rooms in the school holidays,
- Unleashed and Loud,
- Pokemon Go augmented reality craze events with the Mount Gambier Library, and
- The Musically Speaking lyric writing workshop with local musician Bianca Hendy and Councillor Josh Lynagh.

The YAG also consulted with other services including headspace, Red Cross (guardians of the Geneva Convention), the Oatmill Cinema to discuss outdoor movie options for the City, and with Youth Parliament and Leo Club representatives.

The group was awarded a Highly Commended award for Leadership and Youth Activities in the KESAB Sustainable Communities state awards for their previous work in delivering the Dimjalla Skate Park event.

The YAG raised more than \$3,300 during the Christmas Parade, for the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal.



Local band Train of Nought prepare to play at the 2017 Youth Week launch.

National Youth Week Mount Gambier 31st March - 9th April, 2017

Each year the Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is involved in developing and delivering activities as part of national Youth Week. This year's theme was 'YouTHRIVE'.

The YAG recognises the significant pressure young people face as they navigate the steps into their future. Youth Week is about celebrating some of the fun things in life, helping young people build new connections and try new things. The group partnered with headspace Mount Gambier this year, to deliver a program of 10 events attended by more than 900 people.

Youth Week was launched with LOUD at the Library held on Friday 31st March, 2017. It featured live performances by artists Anna Coke and Stephen Ensouf, Train of Nought, Stephen Kennedy, HYPE Dance Studio and Jik Cheung Kung Fu. It also included LAN gaming, a photobooth, glitter tattoos, a chill zone and free food.

Metro hangs saw students from the James Morrison Jazz Academy join young professionals and older secondary college teenagers to talk and hang out in what was created as an artistic urban chill out zone. It exceeded expectations and there have been calls to organise something similar again.

Pop Culture Pursuit followed the Amazing Race, and included a sci-fi movie Marvels Guardians of the Galaxy, geek culture and zombie celebrations, cos-play, a live 'geek-quiz quest', food and great conversation.



YAG Volunteer Hours



approx
500
hours

or
0.25
FTE



Riddoch Art Gallery

On 1st July, 2016 the community of the City of Mount Gambier became the proud custodians of the Riddoch Art Gallery and collection. This occasion was officially celebrated with the opening of 'Endless Pleasure – the Art of Gardens and Gardening' of Carrick Hill.

The Riddoch Art Gallery is South Australia's oldest and only A class regional gallery. It was first opened in the Mount Gambier Institute in 1887 with funding from pastoralist, parliamentarian and cultural benefactor John Riddoch. The collections were housed in various buildings, before finding a permanent home in the current location of the old Kings Theatre. This history is respectfully remembered and the Council acknowledges that for the Gallery to achieve success, it requires a network of contributions including business, donations and volunteer time to make the Riddoch Art Gallery what it is today and enable its growth into the future.

The opening of 'Endless Pleasure – the Art of Gardens and Gardening' and the Art and Travel exhibitions of Carrick Hill as the first community exhibition was another significant moment. This was the first time that these exhibitions had left the prestigious Carrick Hill historic house

and garden in Adelaide. Council was fortunate to have also secured Director of Carrick Hill Mr Richard Heathcote as guest speaker for the opening to share his experiences and vision to create exhibitions and publications that make art accessible to everyone – a vision that is shared by the City of Mount Gambier.

Riddoch Art Gallery Volunteer Hours



approx
4,000
hours

or 2
FTE's



Riddoch Art Gallery Foundation member Brian Page outside the premier regional art facility in Mount Gambier.



Riddoch Art Gallery Director Appointed

Council welcomed Dr Melentie Pandilovski as the new Gallery Director, Manager Arts and Cultural Development in August, 2016.

Dr Pandilovski was previously the Director at Video Pool in Winnipeg, Canada and Organisational and Artistic Director of the Experimental Art Foundation in Adelaide, South Australia (2003 - 2009).

Dr Pandilovski is a recognised authority on international contemporary art (including media art, expressionism), with knowledge and interest in indigenous art traditions.

Dr Pandilovski has a PhD in Cultural Studies from the Euro-Balkan Institute in Skopje (original PhD research began at the University of South Australia's Art School). The research deals with a critical examination of recent developments in the area of bio-tech arts. He also holds an Art History degree.



The role demonstrates Council's commitment to the growth and development of a strong arts culture in our region, and supports its aspiration to be positioned as an innovative and progressive cultural destination.



Endless Pleasures Exhibition

Council assumed full management of the Riddoch Art Gallery on 1st July, 2016. It followed months of behind the scenes work to transition from an incorporated board to local government management and control.

Unleashed Open Data Competition

In July, 2016 the Mount Gambier Library participated in the 'Unleashed Open Data Competition' as part of the National GovHack Competition. The event brings people together simultaneously across Australia and New Zealand, to come up with ideas and concepts to make data more accessible; think apps, websites and games. The Library hosts and promotes the event to both youth and adults and is open for extended hours to promote innovation, creativity and inspire the next budding entrepreneur.

This is the third and most successful year of participation with teams winning at both the local and state level. The overall South Australian Championship Youth Award was won by one of our Mount Gambier teams, including local teenagers Brendan Bachmann, Caleb Bachmann and Jess Leaver. As well as receiving a cash prize, they were also awarded a New Venture Institute (NVI) Flinders University Course to the value of \$10,000 which was delivered at the Mount Gambier Library and available for up to 30 local youths to participate in for free. This course focused on innovation, developing entrepreneurship, supporting start up businesses and enhancing marketing and research skills.



Friends of the Library member Chris Lloyd and Caleb Bachmann.



Callum Roachock and Drew Hutton.



Participants of the 2016 Unleashed Open Data Competition.



Riddoch Art Gallery Foundation Trustees Rob Forgan (left), Catherine Rymill and Gayle Cowan, with Gallery Director Dr. Melentie Pandilovski, hand over a cheque to Stand Like Stone Foundation Chair Bill DeGaris, Deputy Chair Ruth Schubert and Riddoch Art Gallery Founding Donor Brian Page to purchase several works from the Lorry Humphreys exhibition.

The Life & Works of Lorry Humphreys 1930 - 2015

Artist Lorraine (Lorry) Humphreys was honoured posthumously in an exhibition as part of the Mount Gambier Fringe Festival at the Riddoch Art Gallery in February, 2017.

The exhibition was hosted by the Stand like Stone Foundation to celebrate Lorry's life and her extensive collection of bold and colourful works.

Lorraine Humphreys passed away at the age of 84 in October, 2015 and left her entire estate to the Stand Like Stone Foundation. The estate, valued at more than \$1.4million, will be used to provide scholarships and programs for people seeking to pursue a career in the trades or the arts.

"We are incredibly grateful to receive this generous bequest and the immense benefits that it will bring to our community will ensure that Lorry won't be forgotten," Stand Like Stone Foundation Chairman Bill DeGaris said.

Lorry was born in Sydney and her lifelong love of art was formalised in the early days with a Saturday morning Art class in Canberra. She studied at the Julian Ashton Art School (also known as the Sydney Art School) and attended East Sydney Tech where she was one of two selected to study sculpture with Lyndon Dadswell.

Lorry moved to Mount Gambier around 20 years ago, and although she never stopped painting, she

rarely exhibited and had never had an exhibition of her own. She was once named a finalist in the acclaimed Sir John Sulman Art Prize. Her work was also featured in the 2008 'Form' exhibition held at the Riddoch Art Gallery. In 2013, Lorry was invited to be a participant in the exhibition titled 'Blender', along with Pamela Kouwenhoven, Mark Richards, Richard Rigney, Allen Sparrow and Dagny Strand.

Many of Lorry's works are painted on cardboard and use recycled frames often painted at the same time as the canvas. The cardboard boxes were often selected for any additional interest, such as staple holes, which became an integral part of the work. Lorry also made her own frames, and while she did use commercially produced paints, she would often make her own, particularly when working in tempura.

The exhibition showcased her work over many decades and illustrated the significant progression as she experimented with form, colour, and materials. Lorry had expressed a desire for her works to be retained together for at least one final exhibition.

"The Stand Like Stone Foundation was privileged to be able to carry out Lorry's final wishes and present her cherished art collection for the community to enjoy," Mr DeGaris said.

Mount Gambier Library

The Mount Gambier Library is an example of the rapidly evolving world of libraries. In addition to housing loan materials, reading spaces and providing computer access, libraries are now more activity orientated and dedicated to understanding and demonstrating the contribution towards community, health and wellbeing for children, youth and adults. The Library is a community space; socially inclusive to all and a connector; bringing diverse groups of individuals and communities together for a variety of social, cultural and economic purposes. Library staff are also dedicated to preparing the community for the future of digital citizenship and on issues such as security, health and wellbeing, finances, law, literacy, etiquette and communication.



Brooke McLean and Wesley Pudney.



2,449
attended our
School Holiday
Programs

Makerspace

The Library's MakerSpace program continued to gain momentum during the past year, to support learning in an informal, play-focused environment, cultivating an interest in science, technology, design and craft.

The Library provides the space and materials for people to come together to share resources and knowledge and to create and collaborate. Most programs are now run by volunteers and those who attend see the social interaction as just as important as learning a new skill set.



Tommy Izzard, Matthew Izzard and Agnes Sim.

Little Bang! Discovery Club

The first Little Bang! Discovery Club session was introduced to the Mount Gambier community at the Library in November, 2016. The program was developed by Inspiring South Australia and the Children's Discovery Museum and aimed at children between three to five years of age.

The program exposes children to the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun, interactive, play-learn method of delivery over a four week period. Each week, children learn the basics of science; collecting, classifying, measuring and experimenting during a one hour session at the Library. Children also receive a Little Bang! Discovery box kit to take home to continue their learning journey. In the final week of the program, children take part in a mini science fair to showcase their new discoveries. The Little Bang! Discovery Club is now offered at the Library several times a year.



The Twisted Threads textile group represented by Coordinator Julianne Woodruff (left) presented City of Mount Gambier Library Manager Vicki Hutchinson with three Australian textile related magazine subscriptions for the community to enjoy.

Digital Citizenship

In 2016/2017, the Mount Gambier Library focused on providing digital citizenship to the community. It follows the precinct's eSmart Library accreditation, a partnership between the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and Telstra, which saw staff gain the required skill set to provide advice and guidance to train the community to be smart, safe and responsible online.

Free community IT classes at the Library were themed around being responsible online. Lessons became more structured with clear objectives and promotion through job seeking organisations, new arrivals, care homes and those with a low level of IT skills. The classes empowered those who attended to use their new found skills in their everyday life. The Library has increased the amount of one to one IT Help Desk sessions to meet demand.



818

attended our
**Youth
Programs**

Mount Gambier Library Volunteer Hours



approx
**4,000
hours**

or 2
FTE's



City of Mount Gambier Community Health Officer Kate Fife (left) and Lioness Vicki Ridley with the pedometer loan kits available at the Library.



Innovation Lab

In December, 2016 the Library hosted its first Innovation Lab attended by more than 200 people. The event showcased emerging technology in collaboration with local businesses, to encourage the community to explore, see, touch and play with equipment. The event also showcased the Library's technology and promoted existing programs, including; 3D Printing, Wacom Digital Drawing Tables, eResources and Virtual Reality headsets.

Youth Initiatives

For the sixth year in a row, the Library was transformed into an entertainment and learning hub for more than 350 youths as part of the LOUD at the Library, Youth Week launch. Following this popular initiative, the Library now offers a new 'Library Youth Program' three times a year. High quality and unique workshops are offered with assistance from local businesses who deliver a unique hands on experience. Sessions include cooking, beauty, health, sport and arts.

Youths now also have the opportunity to connect with a Youth Worker at the Library on a regular basis. Staff from headspace Mount Gambier are present at the Library once a week to reach out to youth, provide information, referrals and listen to their needs.

7,078

attended

**Under 5s
Programs**



1,441

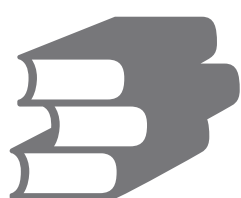
attended

**Children's Other
Programs**

Minecraft/Lego/
Little Bang!

| | 2015/2016 | 2016/2017 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Loans | | |
| Adult Fiction | 77,794 | 70,861 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 35,740 | 29,537 |
| Large Print | 20,453 | 18,911 |
| Ebooks | 9,101 | 8655 |
| Children's Fiction | 51,870 | 45,947 |
| Children's Non Fiction | 5,473 | 5,061 |
| Graphic Novels | 5,105 | 4,495 |
| Magazines | 12,107 | 10,361 |
| Music CD | 8,829 | 8,746 |
| Software | 147 | 29 |
| DVD | 106,179 | 101,710 |
| Hear-A-Books | 6,199 | 6,392 |
| eAudio Books | 5,831 | 6,327 |
| Community Language | 379 | 371 |
| Bikes | 54 | 44 |
| eMagazines* | N/A | 6,363 |
| Door Count | 382,335 | 379,649 |
| Internet (hours) | 24,964 | 22,958 |
| Program Attendance | | |
| Baby Bounce, Storytime, Move & Groove | 8,459 | 7,078 |
| Children's Other Programs (Minecraft/Lego/Little Bang!) | N/A | 1,441 |
| Holiday Activities | 1,624 | 2,449 |
| Schools & Outreach Visits | 3,253 | 3,183 |
| Author Events | 1,287 | 1,001 |
| MakerSpace* | N/A | 1,313 |
| Adult Other Programs | 4,180 | 2,905 |
| Youth Programs | N/A | 818 |
| Total Attendance For Programs | 18,803 | 20,188 |
| JP Service | 1,132 | 998 |
| Visits per head of population | 14.51 | 14.06 |
| Number of borrowers (est). | 18,347 | 13,992* |

*Reduction to the one card system



1,001
attended our
Author Events

4,218
attended **Computer
Adult Lessons**
& Other Programs



Cheer-Up Hut visits Mount Gambier

The Cheer-Up Hut, first erected in 1915 as a rest and recreation venue for soldiers, reappeared at the Mount Gambier Library in September, 2016 to provide a focal point for community storytelling as part of the ANZAC Centenary.

More than 450 people took part in the four day event which provided an opportunity for local families to research and record their ANZAC stories to be captured in one central repository for future generations. About 26 local stories were recorded including those of Pauline Verity, Mike Scutter and local Cheer-Up Hut champion Leanne Dunn.

In-depth interviews were also recorded with Charlie Miller, Jack Hopgood, Joe Flavelle, Brian Brooksby, Cyril Blackmore, and Kevin and Desmond Harris. Local veteran Garry Von Stanke whose military legacy in the Mount Gambier region dates back to before the Boer War, provided some insights into Mount Gambier's military history and his family's involvement.

Precious memorabilia and artefacts were scanned and photographed, there were areas honouring the community's World War I servicemen and women, alongside displays of Cheer-Up Hut zones including a kitchen, entertainment zone and dining area. There was also a Violet Reflections Memorial Wall where visitors offered tributes and reflections to honour their family and community members who served in any conflict in which Australia participated in during the past 100 years.

Veterans SA partnered with Council to recreate the Cheer-Up Hut at the Mount Gambier Library.

**CHEER-UP
HUT** *Club*

**100
YEARS OF
ANZAC**
THE SPIRIT LIVES
2014-2018



Mount Gambier Cheer-Up Hut ambassador Leanne Dunn shared her experiences of her time within the Royal Australian Navy as part of the event.



Mount Gambier Library Local History Officer Danni Reade worked with Mount Gambier resident Kevin Harris to record his firsthand account of Mount Gambier in WW II.



The RSL Virtual War Memorial and Violet Reflections Memorial Wall at the Cheer-Up Hut at the Mount Gambier Library.

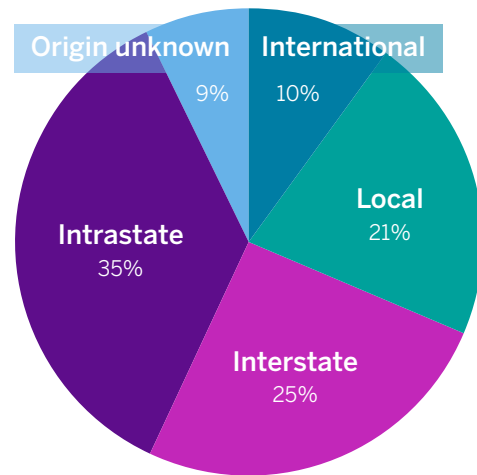


Sharon Dunn (left), Leanne Dunn, Heather Reilly and Alex Riley record stories at the Cheer-Up Hut at the Mount Gambier Library.

The Mount Gambier Visitor Centre and The Lady Nelson Discovery Centre

76,623

Total visitor enquiries 2016/2017



658

Visitors

Busiest Day

28th December, 2016

78

Visitors

Quietest Day

25th June, 2017

2,054

Information packs

prepared and distributed



2,404,501

Total Visitors
since opening



36,530

Visitors into the
Discovery Centre



Up by
40%



10,867

Bus enquiries

5,327

Tickets sold



2,198 Likes

Total Engagement 12,809

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46,094

Unique views

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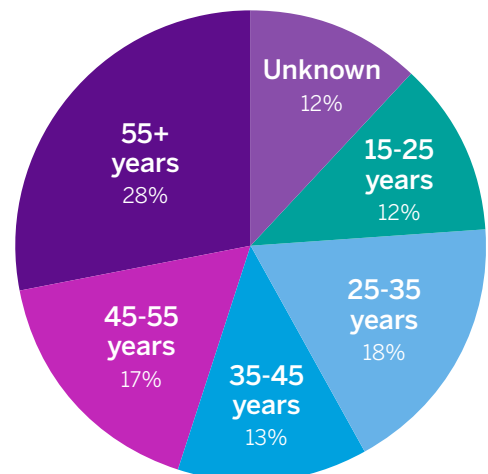
Christmas Visitation

6,018

Easter Visitation

1,959

Age Demographic of Visitors



Mount Gambier Community Events

South Australia Disc Golf – Mount Gambier Volcano, Disc Golf Eruption

11th and 12th March, 2017



Disc golf player Ryan Nicholson at the course at Mount Gambier's Brownes Lake.

Disc Golf, one of the fastest growing sports in Australia, has been embraced in Mount Gambier as a game people of all ages can enjoy.

Disc Golf is a flying disc sport where players throw a disc at a metal basket and is played using rules similar to golf. It is often played on a course of 9 or 18 holes with the object being to complete the course in the fewest throws possible. The players compete by throwing a disc from a tee area toward the basket, throwing again from the landing position of the disc until the basket is reached. The trees, shrubs and terrain changes along the fairways and the baskets (holes) make it challenging for the golfer.

The first come and try day held in March, 2017 saw 30 players from interstate and the local area participate at the picturesque Brownes Lake in the Valley Lake area. There were many locals who came along to the clinic held before the event to find out more about the burgeoning sport.

South Australian PGA Seniors Championships

7th and 8th April, 2017

The Blue Lake Public Links Golf Club hosted the greats of Australian golf as part of the PGA Legends Tour for the South Australian PGA Senior Championship in April, 2017.

The tour included former Australian Open winner Peter Fowler who has had 18 professional tournament victories around the world. Peter won the prestige award for 2017.

There was a field of 44 professionals from all over Australia with 90 amateur players joining Peter to play in the \$25,000 tournament in Mount Gambier. Rodger Davis, who has had 30 professional victories world-wide, and defending champion Glenn Joyner were back to play against international players from USA and New Zealand.

The SA Senior PGA has been a fixture on the Australian Legends Tour for the past three years.

"It's always a highlight for Mount Gambier and the club to host the tour and the players," Blue Lake Public Golf Links Manager Bill Burley said.

"Through the support of our sponsors and the City of Mount Gambier we are able to provide one of the most entertaining events all year and I am so proud of what we have built here," Mr Burley said.



Blue Lake Public Golf Links Manager Bill Burley was proud to win the South Australian PGA Legends Tour of the Year in 2016. "I am individually proud and also proud of the club and the course," Mr Burley said. The award was voted on by well-known players in the tournaments including Rodger Davis, Craig Parry, Peter Senior, Mike Harwood and other legends of Australian golf.

The Blue Lake Golf Links also held a breast cancer luncheon on the 18th green under a marquee during the two day event, with all proceeds going to ac.care to help the homeless in Mount Gambier.



Kris Mueck from Victoria takes a swing at the Mount Gambier PGA Classic.

Mount Gambier PGA Classic 17th April, 2017

The inaugural PGA Classic event was hosted by the Mount Gambier Golf Club, Attamurra the first event on the Australian Tour. A total of 35 professional golfers and three amateur players all competed for the \$11,000 Open Pro-Am Tour prize money.

There was a diverse field of Australian golfers present, including Jason Norris, Max McCardle, Chris Duke, Brad Mules, Peter Cook and Antonio Murdaca who won the Asia Pacific Amateur in Melbourne to earn a start in the UDS Masters Championship at Augusta.

One of the key drawcards for the Classic was former local golfer Sarah King. Sarah grew up in Mount Gambier and moved to Adelaide to take a pathway through the Ladies Professional Tour, which included the European Professional Tour. Sarah is now a full-time professional instructor at Glenelg Golf Club in Adelaide.

Mount Gambier's own pro-golfer Craig Davis also played on the Tour. He said it was the first Pro-Am Tour event to be hosted at the club for the past 10 years.

"It is one of the biggest events in recent years. With the level of play and depth of competitors, it was a fantastic event for the club and Mount Gambier," Mr Davis said.

100 Mile Classic 27th and 28th April, 2017

The 100 Mile Classic is in its 81st year and is known as one of the most iconic cycling road races within the sport. Many of Australia's top riders have participated in the 100 Mile Classic (160 kilometre race) at some stage in their career and have returned several times to compete again. The first race in 1933 saw a field of 34 riders pedalling to Millicent, Mount Burr, Kalangadoo, Penola and finishing in Mount Gambier.

The course today starts from Tenison Woods College on White Avenue, and Benara Road, turning on to the Kongorong-Tantanoola Road towards Millicent. At Millicent, the riders return along Millicent Road to Glencoe via the gruelling Mile Hill Road. From Glencoe, the race continues along Kangaroo Flat Road, Jubilee Highway West to Tollner Road, passing along the outskirts behind the Blue Lake via Grant Avenue. Riders continue down Bay Road to



See Ler Gay performing a Karen Bamboo Dance.



Moo Sheh performing a traditional Kayan Dance.

Port MacDonnell, along Sea Parade then return to Mount Gambier with the finish line near the Police station with fast speeds down the steep hill of Bay Road.

2017 provided very windy conditions, which slowed the 182 competitors down. New Zealand rider Joseph Cooper was first over the line and every rider finished before the weather broke into a thunder storm and the heavens opened up with heavy rain.

The cycling race gives local juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate at an elite and state championship level alongside national competitors showcasing and encouraging physical activity to the general public.

The action continues on the second day of the weekend with the South Australian State Kermesse Championships circuit around the iconic Blue Lake. Various grades are contested, which always provides plenty of action as the riders jostle for position on each lap, before a sprint to the finish line to decide the winner.



Karen and Karenni 10th Anniversary Celebrations

17th June, 2017

The first two refugee families arrived at the Mount Gambier Airport on 6th June, 2007 to settle in Mount Gambier. They had fled persecution in Burma (now known as Myanmar) and lived in a refugee camp in Thailand for 23 years before the Australian Government brought them to Australia to live.

Today about 200 families have migrated to Australia and settled in Mount Gambier. They have made a great contribution to the community and many have started their own business, or purchased a house.

The community attended a celebratory event to mark 10 years since the first families arrived at North Gambier Primary School. People enjoyed traditional food, music and dance and some of the first families to the region spoke about their journey to settlement in Mount Gambier. Some of these individuals are now grandparents to children born in Australia.

The evening was emotional with two children explaining how their parents escaped from war torn Burma, crossed the border into Thailand and then spent many years in a Thailand refugee camp. The culture and way of life in Mount Gambier is vastly different and they faced many challenges. They did not know what a microwave and fridge were as they had never seen these appliances before. When the lawn started to grow into high grass in the backyard, the family dug it up and planted vegetables because they did not know what the lawnmower was for.

Comments made by the families included: "We are very blessed and grateful that we live in this world with everything that we need. We have an education, we have food and clothes and our family is happy. Australia is a better place for me, I am doing things I never would have been able to do in the camp, I just love Australia, it is the best place".

Fringe Festival in Mount Gambier

24th February to 26th March, 2017

For the first time in 2017, Adelaide Fringe arrived in Mount Gambier for a month of mayhem, which culminated in the Fringe Weekend Extravaganza.

The program was separated into two weekends of free and ticketed shows, outdoor activations, spectacular performances and visual art events in Mount Gambier. The line-up featured 30 events and a total of 133 artists and delegates across a range of genres, including: cabaret, dance, music, comedy, magic, visual arts, interactive digital experiences and exhibitions.

Fringe Ambassadors and performers Louise Adams, Adam Page and Gavin Clarke helped to headline and highlight the line-up of local performers, artists and entertainment. The event delivered a true Fringe experience, providing the opportunity for local people to see not just one show, but several, interspersed with free outdoor entertainment.

Events were held in various venues which included the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, the Old Mount Gambier Gaol, local pubs and cafes, the Mount Gambier Library, Riddoch Art Gallery and Main Corner Complex, Morrison's Jazz Club, The Old

Courthouse Gallery & Museum, the Chapel Studio and the colourful, spectacular Cave Garden.

The ever popular performance tent 'The Bally' was erected as part of the Cave Garden Wonderland showing performances inside the sphere marquee as an added attraction for locals and visitors.

The whole experience was a wonderful and enriching collaboration between the Mount Gambier community, its venues, businesses and artists. The City was alive with a sea of vibrant colour, fun, laughter and entertainment. The event ignited an annual arts and cultural activation within the region for years to come.

Adelaide Fringe in conjunction with City of Mount Gambier and Country Arts SA held the inaugural Fringe Festival in Mount Gambier at the request of Minister Leon Bignell with seed funding from the South Australian Tourism Commission. Council committed \$30,000 to support the event.

The Adelaide Fringe will return to Mount Gambier in 2018.

Thousands of people gathered at the Cave Garden Wonderland during the final weekend of the Fringe Festival.





James Van Cooper, Louise Adams and Tullara Connors rehearse for *A Tribute to Unplugged* at the Cave Garden.



Kylie Bamford dressed up for the opening of the Fringe Festival on Friday 24th February, 2017.



Reidy Park Primary School students Max, Kai, Luke, Ashley and Imogen with the design of the Fringe unicorn at the Cave Garden.



Australian performer Mike Rudd was accompanied by musicians George Butrulis and Jeremy Alsop for a special show as part of the Fringe Festival at the Old Mount Gambier Gaol.



Fringe Ambassador Adam Page and Anya Anastasia led a New Orleans inspired street procession along Commercial Street during Fringe festivities.

Mount Gambier Christmas Parade Celebrates 57 Years

The Mount Gambier Christmas Parade has delighted the people of Mount Gambier and surrounding areas each year since 1959, heralding the arrival of Father Christmas and the festive season to the City. The parade involves local people from service clubs, schools, businesses, families and individuals who all work together to bring a unique, family event to the community.

The 2016 Christmas Parade celebrated 57 years since the Junior Chamber of Commerce started the event at 9:30am on Saturday 5th December, 1959. An extract from the Border Watch on 8th December 1959 recounts:

"Mount Gambier's first Christmas Pageant packed the biggest crowd ever seen into Commercial Street to enjoy a gay and colourful procession of 25 decorated floats and another 26 marching groups, clowns, bands and novelties."

The Christmas Parade has grown considerably since 1959, with nine brass bands and 42 floats participating in 2016 in front of a large crowd.

There were many Christmas Parade highlights and with live streaming provided, the whole world was

able to see the Brass Band Festival, Christmas Parade and the Brass Band Concert.

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) joined the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Annual Christmas Appeal "Star Float", with YAG clowns encouraging the public to donate towards the cause to help those less fortunate enjoy a better festive season.

Each year, the Lions Club Blue Lake City Brass Band Festival combines with the Christmas Parade, with local and visiting marching bands performing much loved Christmas Carols along the length of the Parade route. Nine brass bands from across Victoria and South Australia competed in a street march and competition before the 2016 Parade, followed by a performance at a public concert and competition at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Clowns Elizabeth Durbidge, Sarah Harden, Brad and Lachie Lynch and Terasa Nearmy raise funds for the Mayor's Christmas Appeal at the Mount Gambier Christmas Parade.



The Mount Gambier Rotary West Club held their annual Party in the Park in the Cave Garden following the Parade. Children and parents met Father Christmas, with musical and dance performances, face painting and a bouncy castle. Local dancing troupes, singing groups, and the Mil-Lel Steam and Machinery Association gave rides to the children behind their small steam traction engines.

The 2016 Mount Gambier Christmas Parade was a tremendous effort by the Parade Advisory Group and all community members involved.

WIN Television provided the following awards for the 2016 Parade winners:

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| Most Outstanding | "Wild Woolly Wanderer" by Twisted Threads |
| Best Christmas Theme | "Christmas Day at the Beach" by Mulga Street Primary School |
| Best School Entry | "Christmas in Space" by Nangwarry Primary School |
| Best Club or Community Organisation | "Fluffy and his Friends" by South East Animal Welfare League |
| Best Out of Town | "A Musical Tribute to Wizard of Oz, Cats and Annie" by Compton Primary School |
| Best Musical | "Dancing at the Christmas Ever Party" by Hype Dance Studio |
| Best Brass Band | Ararat City Band |
| Best Individual | "Army Cadet Drill" by 48 Army Cadet Unit Drill Team |
| Encouragement Award | "Harness Racing Future Stars" by Mount Gambier Harness Racing Club |

Australia Day Awards

This year's Australia Day theme was 'Celebrate What's Great'. The City of Mount Gambier recognised outstanding community members at the annual Australia Day Breakfast held at the Mount Gambier Railway Lands on Tuesday 26th January, 2017.

Citizen of the Year

Alan Balshaw

Known for his compassion, former SA Ambulance service paramedic Alan Balshaw has spent a decade as an active member of Mount Gambier's St Vincent de Paul Society, including four years as Regional President. He regularly visits hospital patients and aged care facility residents to listen, connect them to the outside world and provide a friendly face. He also provides practical support and emergency relief to homeless people and newly arrived refugee families. Since 2009 a mini bus service Alan developed with the Catholic Church has enabled many house bound elderly people to remain involved in the community, valuing them as citizens and supporting their social inclusion.



Citizen of the Year Alan Balshaw and Mayor Andrew Lee.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin MP (left), Young Citizens of the Year Josh Telford and Bhavani Bailey-Walters, Mayor Andrew Lee, Citizen of the Year Alan Balshaw, City of Mount Gambier Youth Advisory group members Ally Finnis and Sarah Harden for Community Event of the Year.





Young Citizens of the Year Bhavani Bailey-Walters and Josh Telford with Mayor Andrew Lee.

Young Citizens of the Year

Bhavani Bailey-Walters

A Bachelor of Communications Graduate (Journalism) and now 23 years old, local Masters student Bhavani wrote her first letter to the Editor when she was only five years old in regards to upgrading the Lakes Wildlife Park. Bhavani is an active member of Gambier East Uniting Church where she supports children and young people. She has volunteered at St Vincent de Paul Society for five years and at Resthaven for four years and also regularly volunteers via the Foodbank program at Yahl Primary School. While her career is in its early days, Bhavani has already interviewed many remarkable Australians.

Josh Telford

Young football player and Grant High School student Josh Telford has been actively fundraising to assist cancer research, information and support services over the past few years. His efforts have seen him raise more than \$11,000 to donate to organisations including the Cancer Council. His motivations are personal, having seen a close friend impacted by cancer, and the difficulties families experience to gain treatment when they live so far away from medical services. Josh is committed to making a practical difference, assisting people to have the financial means to access accommodation when they are forced to travel for medical treatment. At just 15 years of age, his fundraising efforts have already been significant within the community.

Community Event of the Year

Dimjalla Skate Park Event - YMCA Victoria South Western District Series (Mount Gambier)

With a focus on increasing youth events and connectedness, City of Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group volunteers Sarah Harden and Ally Finnis led a local Skate Park competition in March 2016 in partnership with YMCA Victoria. YMCA Victoria encouraged rolling their South Western District Victoria series out to Mount Gambier, as they noted many people from Mount Gambier had travelled to their competitions in Victoria

previously. A huge amount of organising leading up to the event, saw Sarah and Ally consult with young people, secure partnerships and sponsorship, book bands, recruit and coordinate other youth volunteers for specific roles and promote the event heavily. The event saw hundreds of people enjoy a big day out, rolling, skating, scooting and listening to live music with people travelling from as far away as Geelong to take part.

Community Engagement and Social Inclusion

Council has a Community Engagement and Social Inclusion sub-committee comprising:

- Cr Hanna Persello (Presiding Member),
- Cr Mark Lovett,
- Cr Penny Richardson,
- John Amoroso (community),
- Rob Foggo (community), and
- Caroline Hill (community).

The sub-committee supports Council's current and future community engagement and social inclusion activities that will:

- Identify and respond to community needs, strengths and aspirations,
- Review Council's current community, engagement and social inclusion practices and policies,
- Develop community engagement and social inclusion strategy/s, and
- Embed engagement and social inclusion practices within Council's operations.

Throughout 2016/2017 the sub-committee has continued to formally acknowledge the traditional custodians of our land and build respectful partnerships with our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities.

Progress continues toward the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the City of Mount Gambier.

The RAP Focus Group includes Elected Members, Aboriginal/Indigenous Elders, Aboriginal health, justice and youth representatives from the local community and Council staff. The group is able to access the Chief Executive Officer's of both Aboriginal managed local organisations, Burrandies and Pangula Mannamurna as advisors to the RAP.

The group is motivated to progress meaningful long lasting change through the plan via the prioritised key focus areas that include:

- The value of re-telling Mount Gambier/Berrin's history and in partnership with the local Aboriginal community create a collection of the many culturally significant stories,
- The creation of a map that identifies the Boandik Nations places of cultural significance,
- The implementation of cultural awareness training with Elected Members and staff alongside Aboriginal community members, and
- The exploration of strategies that may inform the City's urban design and development, sustainability, tourism, economic and social health outcomes and education.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference the sub-committee entered a period of recess to enable the changeover of community membership process to be undertaken.

Crime Prevention Strategies

Council supports a number of crime prevention and anti-social mitigation measures including:

Mount Gambier Licensing Accord

A regular forum coordinated by Council involving Liquor and Gaming Commissioner, SAPOL, Hotel / Club Licensees and other key stakeholders.

Mount Gambier Dry Areas

Council maintains five State Government approved Dry Areas within the City of Mount Gambier.

The proclaimed Dry Areas are:

- Mount Gambier City Centre (Area 1),
- Vansittart Park Garden (Area 2) ,
and Vansittart Park Oval (Area 3) ,
- Dimjalla Park (Area 4), and
- AF Sutton Memorial Park (Area 5).

CCTV Surveillance Cameras

There are 30 surveillance cameras at various locations within Mount Gambier's City Centre. SAPOL has increased its detection and prevention capabilities using the latest technology. SAPOL identified a number of busy locations that should be under surveillance, and where anti-social behaviour occurred regularly. Council has installed internet based technology and cameras in these locations with the network capable of being expanded in the future.

CCTV is a useful tool to decrease anti-social behaviour and increase public safety. In 2016 a survey was undertaken by Council to measure the public's perception of safety using CCTV. A large majority of participants supported the use of CCTV.

The cameras are monitored by the Mount Gambier Police and it has proven to be an effective initiative.



Pat Lane (right) with City of Mount Gambier Community Events Team Leader Denise Richardson created a pocket card to help spark conversation throughout Mount Gambier.

Please Join Me Communication Card Initiative

Former City of Mount Gambier Councillor Pat Lane created a pocket card initiative to encourage friendly conversation throughout the community.

The small pocket card features the phrase: "please join me" and is designed to be placed on the table in front of someone in a café to let others know that they can join that person for a chat.

Mr Lane said the idea came about when he and his late wife Olive were on holiday in Broken Hill and they weren't sure who they could talk to about what they could do while visiting the town.

"People are forgetting how to communicate these days, you go out and see people staring at their laptops or phones, so hopefully this will bring people together to start conversations," Mr Lane said.

More than 13 local businesses embraced the idea and Mr Lane's initiative went viral across social media.

Empowering a Community of Learners - STEM

Following the success of the first ever regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) summit in 2016, Council offered free community events and presentations with a focus on Empowering a Community of Learners in June 2017.

The City of Mount Gambier joined forces with the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD), TAFE SA, Uni SA, ac.care and the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) Action Group to deliver a range of free community workshops. The sessions were designed for parents, carers and people with an interest in childhood development, aligning with Council's Charter for Children.

The South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly made the opening address at the first community presentation held at the Mount Gambier Library on Thursday 15th June, 2017, Play Grows Brains!

"This session was then led by Robyn Monro Miller, an internationally recognised advocate for the rights of children. Robyn discussed the foundational role of play for healthy child development and challenged thinking around the meaning of play and the empowering impact of and long term health benefits of playful environments," City of Mount Gambier Councillor Sonya Meziniec said.



South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly (left), TAFE SA Children's Services Manager Dawn Benjamin and Network of Community Activities NSW's Robyn Munro Miller at the Mount Gambier Empowering a Community of Learners Play Grows Brains! event at the Mount Gambier Library.

Ms Connolly met with children and young people over several days during her visit to discuss her role as South Australia Commissioner in greater detail. She was drawn to Mount Gambier in response to a letter written by the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) which outlined what they wanted to see as a result of her newly created advocacy position.



Brendan Bachmann (left), Shekinah Horsburgh, Daniel Flynn, Ally Finnis, Mitchell Kain and Sahra Rowhani-Farid.

As part of the Empowering a Community of Learners free community sessions, local youths and business operators attended a special presentation by Thankyou Water Co-founder Daniel Flynn at the Main Corner on Tuesday 20th June, 2017. The inspiring entrepreneur explained how he and a group of friends made their idea to sell water a reality, with the aim to combat poverty and provide safe water, food, hygiene and sanitation services around the world.

City of Mount Gambier Community Profile

About The Community Profile

Demographic change across Australia is recorded by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Census collections every five years. Population experts analyse and convert these raw figures into stories of place to inform Council staff, community groups, investors, business, students and the general public.

The City of Mount Gambier Community Profile provides demographic analysis for the City and its suburbs based on results from the Census of Population and Housing. The profile is updated with population estimates when the ABS releases new figures such as the annual Estimated Resident Population (ERP).

Suburb boundaries and Census questions change over time, but the data is managed to ensure that there is an accurate time series provided for the current geographic boundaries.

Results for the City of Mount Gambier include population, age structure, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, income, qualifications, occupations, employment, unemployment, disability, disadvantage, volunteering, childcare, family structure, household structure, housing tenure, mortgage and rental payments, and the size and type of the dwellings people live in.



Explor digital consultants David Bartlett (left) and Peter Croger were in Mount Gambier in September 2016 to profile the City's digital landscape for the City of Mount Gambier Building a Connected Regional City, a Digital Strategy and Action Plan which was delivered in November, 2016.

The Community Profile presents this information in maps, tables and charts with concise factual commentary to answer three important questions:

1. What are the characteristics of the people who live here?
2. How are they changing?
3. How do they compare to other areas?

This provides the basis for making evidence-based decisions about how to provide services for the community as it changes.

You can be confident about the quality of the information as it is derived from ABS data, analysed and presented by population experts. Funded by the City of Mount Gambier, the Community profile is available at: profile.id.com.au/mount_gambier/home

About The Economic Profile

The City of Mount Gambier Economic Profile provides economic analysis for the City of Mount Gambier by combining 11 different datasets to build a cohesive story of a local economy, how it is changing and how it compares to other areas.

It is a public resource designed to be used by Council staff, community groups, investors, business people, students and the general public. You can be confident about the quality of the information as it is derived from official sources and the most robust economic modelling, analysed and presented by experts and funded by the City of Mount Gambier. Each data source is maintained with the latest series so you can be sure you are using the most up to date information.

Results for the City of Mount Gambier include Gross Regional Product, local jobs, local businesses, employment, unemployment, population, building approvals, industry structure, journey to work and much more.

Council encourages the use of this extensive on-line resource which is available at: profile.id.com.au/mount_gambier/home



Infrastructure Statement

Infrastructure Works

The City of Mount Gambier is committed to maintaining its road network to a high standard. Approximately \$2.6 million was spent on road infrastructure upgrades in 2016/2017 that involved projects such as:

- Road resealing works,
- Road patching works,
- Reconstruction of sections of Commercial Street West,
- Reconstruction of Kurrajong Street,
- Reconstruction of Lansell Street,
- Reconstruction of sections of Hosking Avenue,
- Reconstruction of sections of Birdwood Avenue,
- Construction of Bishop Road, and
- Asbestos removal and repair works to the Kennedy Avenue retaining wall.

Boundary Roads

The City of Mount Gambier and the District Council of Grant share responsibility for the upkeep and management of the roads that form the boundary between the two Councils.

In 2016/2017, each Council contributed \$82,000 to the boundary roads program to allow for major works such as the construction of Bishop Road between Kennedy Avenue and Attamurra Road.

This work was been identified as a necessary expansion to the road network given the residential development that is occurring adjacent to the Mount Gambier Golf Club that is likely to cause an increase in traffic volumes.

The Bishop Road construction project was estimated at \$400,000 and was constructed using local contractors and Council staff.

Carinya Gardens Cemetery

There were 465 funeral/memorial services conducted at Carinya Gardens Cemetery during the 2016/2017 year, compared with 425 during the same period in the previous year.

The cemetery undertook 125 burials in 2016/2017, compared with 123 the previous year.

During 2016/2017, a total of 340 cremations were performed compared to 302 the previous year.

At the Council meeting on 20th June, 2017 a resolution was passed that the Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust be wound-up and that the members be thanked for their contributions during the life of the Committee. This resolution resulted in the Carinya Gardens Cemetery being effectively incorporated with Council operations with all aspects of Carinya Gardens services continuing as normal.



Mount Gambier newlyweds Lauren (Gilchrist) and Mitch Cutting were one of the first couples to be married at the City's Old Laundry building on Elizabeth Knight Reserve in November, 2016. Mitch said the couple were drawn to the venue for their nuptials because of the view. "It's something a bit different," he said. The refurbishment of the grounds and surrounding areas follows the City of Mount Gambier's old hospital demolition project. The 600 square metre open air space has three phase power, self-cleaning toilets and feature lighting and is free to hire through Council.

Margaret Street to Railway Lands Walkway Link Project

The \$300,000 City of Mount Gambier walkway project linking Margaret Street and the Railway Lands has transformed the historical industrial building on the site into a pedestrian thoroughfare, toilet and storage shed.

“It links directly from the central plaza area in the Railway Lands through to Olympic Park. The idea there is that for a significant event that requires additional parking or access, you can park and walk through to the Railway Lands,” City of Mount Gambier Manager Development and Regulatory Michael Silvy said.

The renovated building now also provides public access to three phase power and water, and the toilets and storage facilities meet community demands within the Railway Lands precinct.

“The building has three bays and one bay has been completely refurbished and converted into a male, female and disabled toilet and the other bay is a storage zone. All of the original sliding doors have been retained and they are operational on the storage side of the building, but fixed open on the toilet side as a feature.”

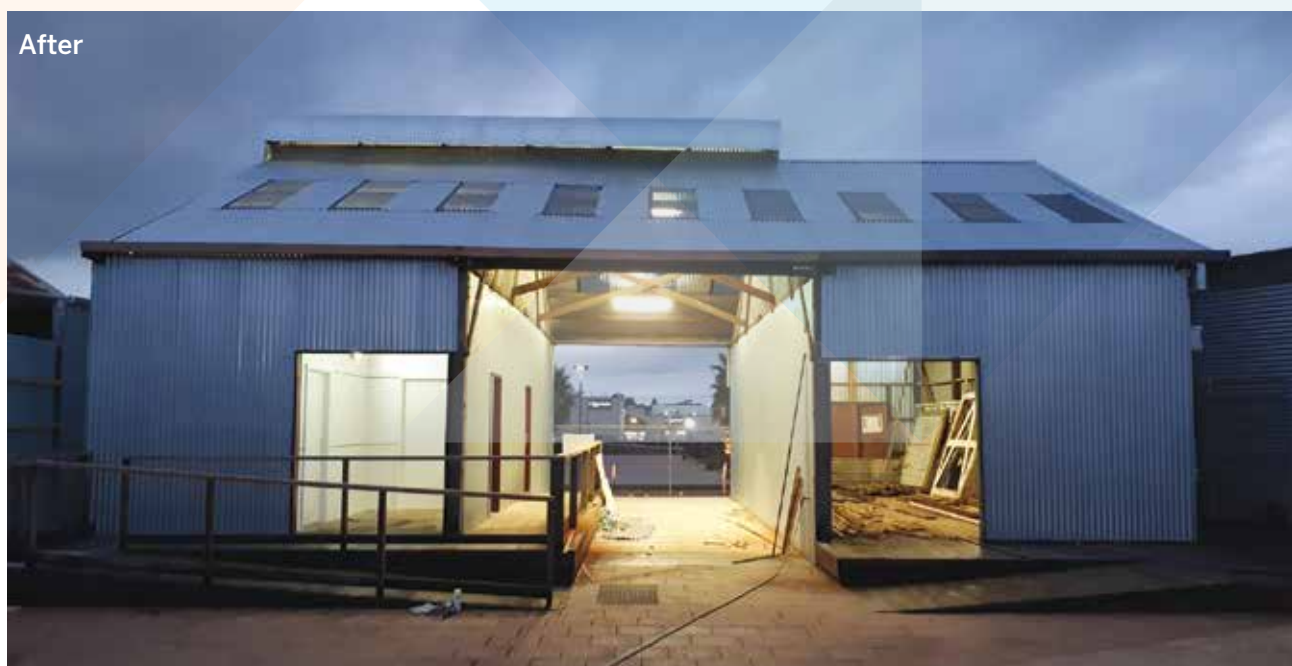
“We’ve recycled all the floorboards from the original building and now they are part of a new deck area. We’ve also reused the timber from the old floor to build internal frames and balustrading. It’s a showcase of what can be done to an old building to give it a new lease of life,” Mr Silvy said.

In addition to revitalising the heritage structure, additional paving and landscaping was undertaken to blend in with the main plaza area of the Railway Lands.

“There is quite a bit of open space within the 800 square metre allotment, which we have paved and landscaped. We’ve also installed lighting, seating, fencing and removable bollards.”

Council hopes that access to power and amenities in the area will encourage the community to host additional events within the Railway Lands space in the future.

“Before the works, the Southern side of the allotment had no easy access to power. A lot of events are positioned in this area, and they had to run power all the way back to the platform where the power is located. It was difficult for us to get power across to where they wanted it, so this project has given us an opportunity to do that,” Mr Silvy said.



Local Heritage Restoration Fund

The Local Heritage Restoration Fund was established by the City of Mount Gambier to assist owners of Local Heritage listed places to undertake conservation work such as painting, repairs, extensions and the re-roofing of their buildings. In 2016/2017, Council allocated \$16,000 as part of the Local Heritage Restoration Fund to 10 owners of Local Heritage Places within the City on the recommendation of Council's Heritage Advisory Group.

This is the 14th year that Council has offered grants as part of the Local Heritage Restoration Fund, and this year, a strong field of 16 applicants

made for difficult decisions. All applicants that demonstrated potential conservation of their local heritage property were offered funds, which is a reflection of how important the conservation of the City's heritage is considered to be by Council.

The grants are usually available each financial year, with all owners of local heritage buildings formally advised as to when they can apply for possible funding as part of the program.

The successful applicants receive funds from Council upon completion of the work.



Mount Gambier resident Morris Dickins was one of 10 successful applicants in 2016/2017 to receive a grant through the City of Mount Gambier Local Heritage Restoration Fund.

Mr Dickins received \$3,500 to go towards the cost of replacing windows, paint fascias and doors on a shed dating back to 1880 at his historic property on Tenison Drive in Mount Gambier.

"The grant motivated us to do the work, it's one of those things I've been meaning to do for years

and haven't gotten around to it, but I'm really pleased we did as the shed has come up really well," Mr Dickins said.

Council is committed to protecting Mount Gambier's heritage and assisting heritage property owners to maintain their buildings.

"I think it's great that Council provides funds to be put towards preserving our local heritage buildings. I think it's very important to maintain the character and the history for future generations", Mr Dickins said.

Concrete Footpath Construction

The City of Mount Gambier spent \$300,000 on the construction of an additional 2.2 kilometres of concrete paths throughout the City, in addition to maintenance of paved areas. These projects form part of Council's 10 year rolling footpath program which is designed to take into account the following;

- Urban growth,
- Change in land use,
- Requests from rate payers, and
- Deterioration of existing path network.

The projects that made up the 2016/2017 program were:

- Lake Terrace East,
- Thomson Street,
- Rotary Avenue,
- Montebello Drive Reserve Area,
- Umpherston Street,
- Harvie Street,
- Lansell Street, and
- Robin Street.

In addition to the concrete paths, Council also installed approximately 20 new pram openings to assist with the safer crossing of roads by the disabled and the elderly.



Lioness ladies walking group.

Rail Trail

The Mount Gambier Lioness Club participate in the 10,000 steps challenge and often use the Railway Lands thoroughfare as part of their walks.

Mount Gambier Lioness club Member Wynne Turner says she uses the precinct on a weekly basis.

"My husband David has a heart condition, so the flat level surface is ideal for exercise. We normally use it most weekends to walk," Mrs Turner said.

"I also have two brothers aged in their 70s who ride their bikes along the Rail Trail and they feel very safe doing that, the flat, paved surface is so valuable."



To celebrate the local Lions Club's Centenary in 2017, Council and the Lions District 201C2 Zone 11 comprised of Port MacDonnell and District, Lions Club of Mount Gambier, Lions Club of Gambier

City, Lioness Club of Mount Gambier, Lions Club of Kalangadoo and District and the Lions Club of Penola worked together to construct a community meeting place on the old Mount Gambier Hospital grounds.

Lions club members provided more than 500 hours of labour and in kind support, with 10 people at a time working on site to complete the project. The park now boasts a shelter, paved area, a barbecue and seating area and also includes a feature wall and signage.

Chairperson of Lions Centennial Park Committee Peter Pignotti (pictured) played a major part in organising the works.

"We're really pleased that we've now got a park in the name of Lions, it's in a fairly prominent position and hopefully the community will get some good use from it," Mr Pignotti said.



Valley Lake Beach Area

In late 2016, the City of Mount Gambier undertook earthworks in the vicinity of the Valley Lake boat mooring area adjacent to the boat ramp. The project was designed to create a beach area to assist with the mooring of boats that utilise the Valley Lake for water sports and is a result of a direct approach to Council from a concerned user of the Valley Lake area about the dangerous conditions at the lakes edge due to the steep drop off.

The works involved re-levelling the steep embankment to the water's edge and the placement of beach sand to allow access to the lake so that the boats could be tied up safely.

Mount Gambier resident Adrian Ferguson is thrilled about Council's \$25,000 upgrade to the boat mooring area at the Valley Lake.

"On a warm day when it was busy and a lot of people were using the lake, the boats used to bump into each other," Mr Ferguson said.

The water sports enthusiast looks forward to using the lake more regularly in the warmer months.

"Now we can tie the boats up to the posts, there is more room and it's safer, it's fantastic," he said

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

The City of Mount Gambier has patched, painted and repaired the Civic Centre fly tower facade on Watson Terrace for the past 10 years. The time had come for a long-term solution, and scaffolding was erected on site in April 2017 to start work on the \$1.4million joint refurbishment project between Council and Country Arts SA.

The building was constructed in the 1980s and City of Mount Gambier Manager Regulatory Services Michael Silvy said the fly tower facade had come to the end of its useful life, following ongoing deterioration and the risk of water penetration into the Centre becoming a significant problem.

"The Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) panels are stacked on top of each other and to remove them, you need to lift them out one by one from above. It's a very complex job as it's a long way up in the air and you are reaching out over an existing building. After much deliberation, we decided to leave the panels in place and cover them with a new waterproof feature 'skin'," Mr Silvy said.

In order to carry out the works, an elaborate scaffold was required and constructed in consultation with contractors Dycer Constructions. Once complete, the new European facade system of interlocking panels were able to be installed.

"What we have found during the scaffolding process is that we needed a series of props inside the building to support some loads on the existing

roof of the Civic Centre below. So what we did is construct a safe stage to stand on to do the work on the fly tower," he said.

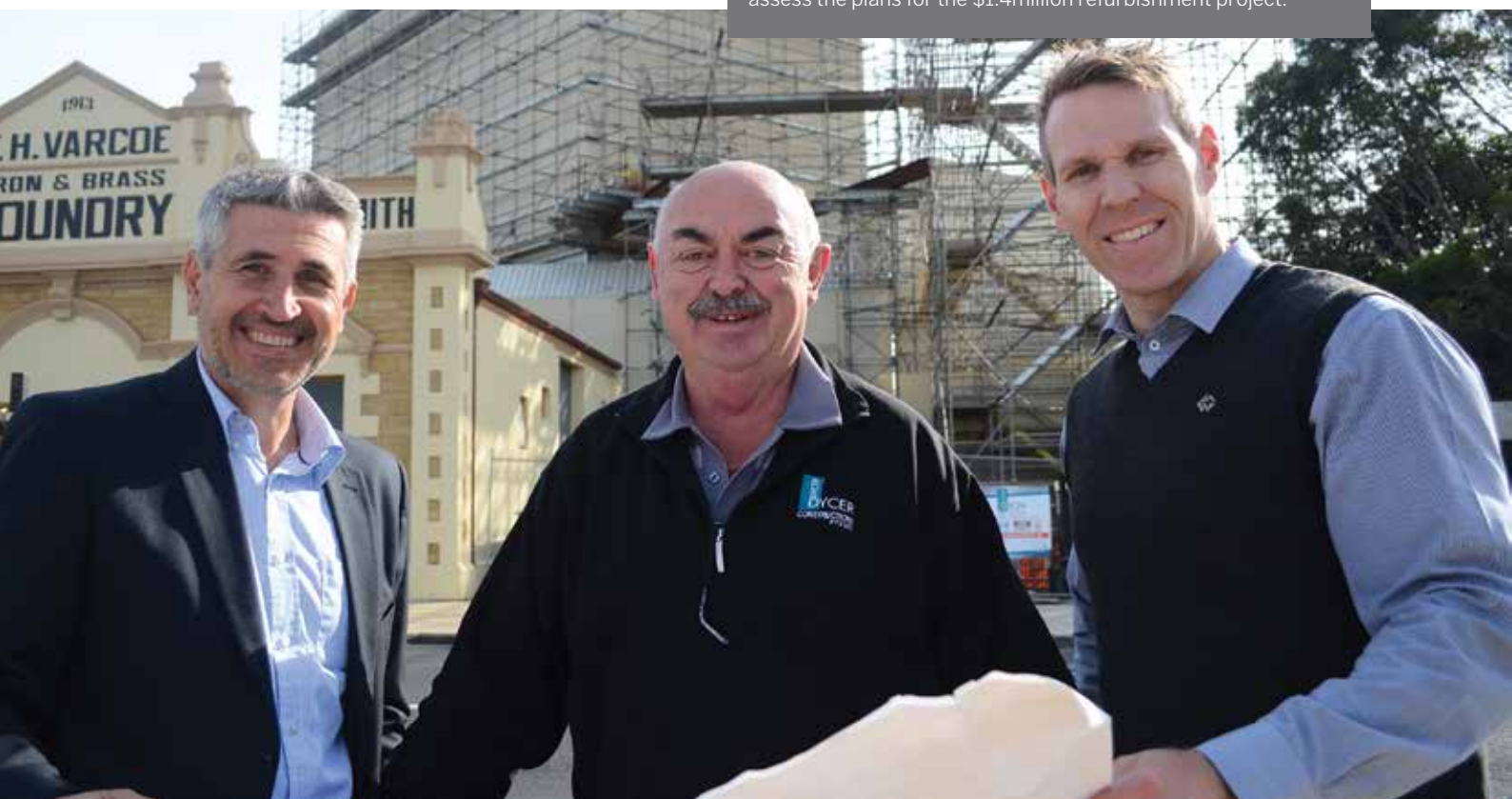
"A steel structure was constructed around the facade, and then substrate plywood was fixed on and waterproofed. The decorative skin made up of Adeka tiles will then be installed as a randomised coloured mosaic on all faces of the building, except for the Western wall which will feature a silhouette design of Sir Robert Helpmann."

Country Arts SA Chief Executive Officer Steve Saffell is looking forward to seeing the installation of the 12 x 13 metre silhouette of the theatre's namesake designed by Chapman Herbert Architects.

"I think it's going to be a massive improvement, and what a fantastic and fitting way to reimagine the building. If anyone had any doubts as to where the theatre is located as they drive in to town, they won't after they see this," Mr Saffell said.

Due to the complicated nature of the project, work is expected to be completed in the 2017/2018 financial year.

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre manager Frank Morello (left), Dycer Constructions Managing Director Chris Dycer and the City of Mount Gambier Regulatory Services Manager Michael Silvy assess the plans for the \$1.4million refurbishment project.





Environment Statement

Environmental Sustainability Highlights

Environmental Sustainability Innovation Fund

The Environmental Sustainability Innovation Fund was launched in 2016 to provide funding for projects that make a positive contribution to the City and add value to the Community Plan.

This program offers merit-based grants to individuals and groups to research new technologies and develop new products, processes and services which lead to positive social, environmental and economic outcomes.

The \$20,000 fund was offered over two rounds, with nine applications put forward for consideration. The applicants varied from individuals, not for profit organisations, educational institutions and community groups. The projects covered a wide range of environmental sustainability areas including: waste and recycling, active transport, natural environment, local food, wellbeing and energy efficiency.

Each project was assessed based on guidelines and a selection criteria to ensure the success and integrity of the overall program. Five applications were successful, including:

- Grant High School: Native Species Breeding and Rehabilitation Project - \$5,000
The project aims to expand the existing aquaculture program and build a facility for breeding, keeping and releasing an endangered native invertebrate species, the Glenelg Spiny Freshwater Crayfish.
- Grant High School: An Investigation into the Feasibility of Compost Heating Project - \$5,000
The project aims to investigate the feasibility of undertaking a small scale biomass project, in the form of compost heating.
- Jen McCourt / Tenison Woods College: Mount Gambier Fruit and Veg Swap Project - \$2,500
This project helped to re-launch the Fruit and Veg Swap to allow greater community support and to expand the engagement with existing and potential swappers and community service networks.

- Tenison Woods College: Green Waste Processing Innovation Project - \$5,000
This project aims to support the installation and lease of a green waste processing unit at Tenison Woods College.
- Uniting Communities headspace Mount Gambier: Nature in Mind Project - \$2,500
This project aims to provide an opportunity for young people aged 12-25 to experience the natural environment around Mount Gambier.

Council Solar Power Projects

Between December 2016 and April 2017, a 68kW solar power system was installed on the roof of the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre. Despite the site only operating half the year, it uses a large amount of energy during this time and as it is occupied during the day, the solar electricity being generated can be used directly in the building. The solar system will supply a significant proportion of the overall electricity usage at the site.

This solar power project has been undertaken in order to continue to reduce Council's reliance on grid electricity, deliver long-term savings on electricity costs, foster local renewable energy, reduce Council's environmental impact, and reduce its emissions.

Jess Rosseland (left) and Chelsea Atkins took part in the annual Garage Sale Trail, an award winning sustainability and community campaign in October 2016.



Water Week

During October 2016, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), together with the City of Mount Gambier, hosted a range of community events to celebrate Water Week. A tour of the Finger Point Wastewater Treatment Plant provided residents with an insight into where their water goes after they flush their toilet. A tour of the region's water features including the Valley Lake, the drainage network and newly established wetlands was also run.

The continued support for the free Carpathon Fishing Competition at the Valley Lake was strong, with approximately 200 registered participants. This event was held in early 2017 to increase the chances for catching carp.

Waste and Recycling Activities

The City of Mount Gambier has undertaken many activities during the past year designed to assist the community to reduce waste and do the right thing:

- Purchased and distributed 2,000 kitchen caddies and compostable bags to green waste subscribers to increase the rate of food waste being diverted from landfill,
- Received a grant to install six waste and six recycling bin surrounds in visitor locations around the City to improve public place recycling behaviours,
- Organised community tours at the Green Triangle Recyclers facility,
- Waste and recycling talks at schools with interactive activities,
- Clean outs of Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) in front of school groups, highlighting the litter that is caught by the traps.
- Clean Up Australia Day,
- Participated in the National Garage Sale Trail for the third time, and
- Conducted waste audits and bin tagging of household bins in order to let the community know what they are doing well and where they can improve.



Mayor Andrew Lee was prepared for the rain on Ride2Work Day held on Wednesday 12th October, 2016. The national health initiative encourages people to get active and on their bikes. Those who participated were rewarded with a free breakfast at the Main Corner.



Environmental Sustainability officer Aaron Izzard with the Kitchen Caddy.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia 2017 consisted of clean ups held on two days, the Schools Clean Up Day on Friday, 3rd March and the Community Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, 5th March.

The Schools Clean Up Day 2017 consisted of 11 kindergartens, primary schools and high schools with more than 2,000 students cleaning up their school grounds and surrounding areas. The participation of students and teachers in this national event helps to clean up the community and also educates children to recycle and reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill.

The Community Clean Up Australia Day event involved approximately 110 volunteers and eight registered community sites. Volunteers collected a substantial amount of rubbish. Roadside clean ups had the highest accumulation of rubbish, consisting mostly of drink cans/bottles, fast food packaging and tyres. The Community Clean Up day was supported by the Gambier City Lions Club, who provided a barbecue lunch for all volunteers on the day.

This environmental initiative inspires the community to clean, fix and conserve our natural environment. Rubbish that is not disposed of properly poses a threat to animals, plants, ecosystems and humans. Additionally, products that are not recycled effectively result in more energy and natural resources being used unnecessarily.

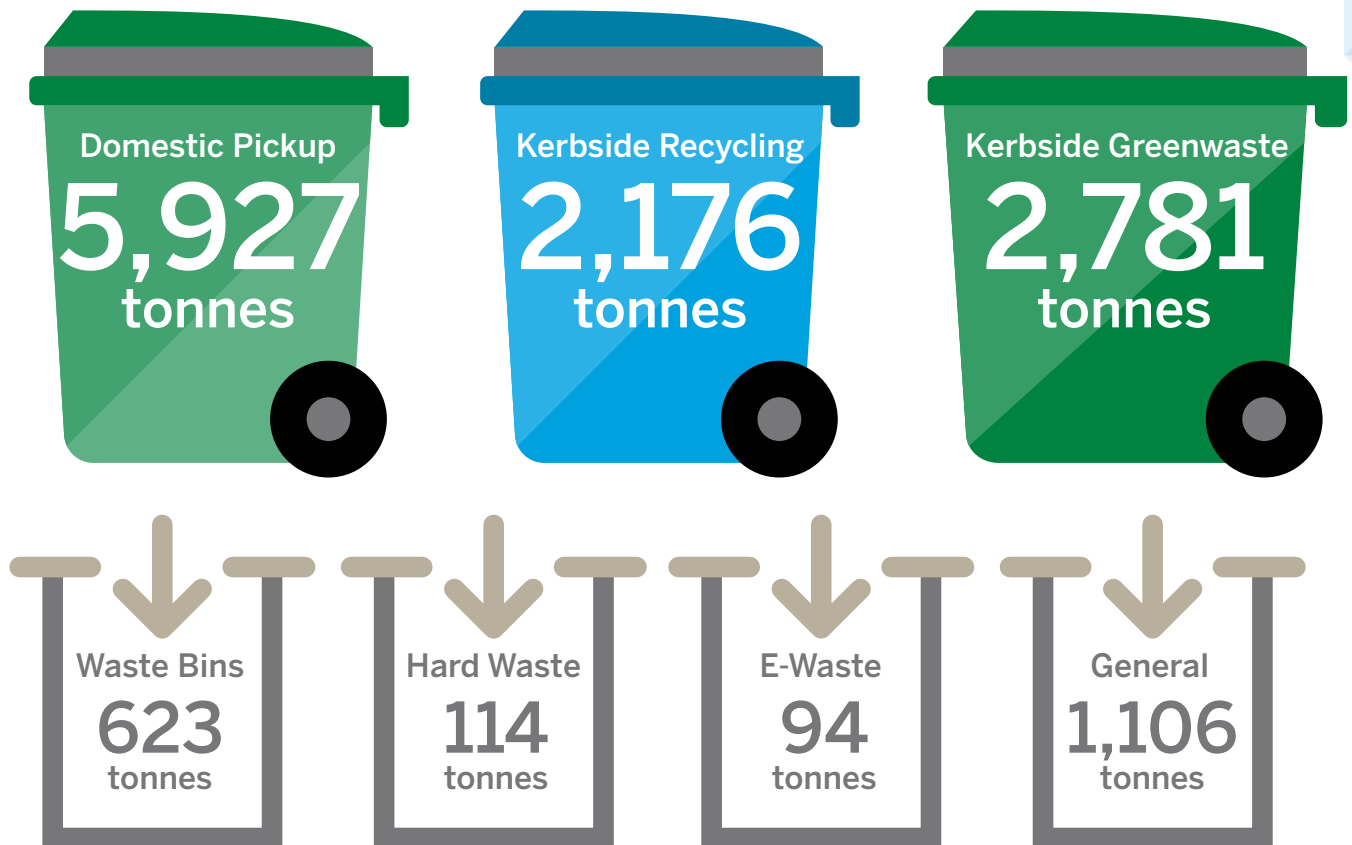


Lisa Reppin (left) and Danielle Johnston clean up around the Blue Lake.



Members of the Mount Gambier 1st Scout Group put on their gloves for National Clean up Australia Day on Sunday 5th March, 2017. Members of the community also joined in to pick up rubbish in the Cave Garden and at the Valley Lake.

Waste Snapshot



Contractors Waste

17,804

Total to Landfill

25,649

Total Generated

31,920

What is in
Mount Gambier's
Rubbish Bins?

Remember: you can put food
scraps in your green organics bin

Building Division

Throughout the past financial year, Council's building division has continued to support local builders and professionals to deliver its core range of services including;

- Building rules certification of proposed development,
- On-site audit-based inspection of construction activities,
- Approval of occupation of commercial premises,
- Project management of Council building construction works,
- Council building asset management activities,
- Maintenance of Asbestos and Essential Safety Provisions registers, and
- Administration to Council's Building Fire Safety Committee.

These duties are carried out under a series of regulations and statutory instruments adopted under the Development Act 1993 and the National Construction Code. Council's building division records statistics regarding activities within the local construction industry as follows;

| | 2016/2017 | 2015/2016 | 2014/2015 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Estimated Expenditure | \$39,254,506 | \$32,562,828 | \$43,093,104 |
| Dwellings | 87 | 85 | 101 |
| Dwelling additions | 24 | 18 | 31 |
| Outbuildings | 155 | 172 | 181 |
| Commercial | 22 | 22 | 26 |
| Industrial | 21 | 13 | 6 |
| Signage | 9 | 9 | 16 |
| Wastewater | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Other | 78 | 61 | 56 |
| Total | 398 | 382 | 417 |



The City of Mount Gambier installed six dual waste and recycling bins at The Rail, old Hospital Laundry building, Frew Park and the Valley Lake Playground to help reduce landfill.

City of Mount Gambier Heritage Advisory Group

The City of Mount Gambier Heritage Advisory Group was established in 1991. It plays an important role in advising Council on the development of policies to conserve and promote natural, built, cultural and indigenous heritage within the City of Mount Gambier.

The City of Mount Gambier Heritage Advisory Group has been involved in the following activities during 2016/2017:

- Heritage education and distribution of information to the public,
- Advice to Council regarding appropriate Heritage Bollard/ Walks brochures, and
- Local Heritage Restoration Fund.

The 2016/2017 Local Heritage Restoration fund received 16 applications and Council endorsed the following 10 applications:

| Applicant | Recommended Value of Grant |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Park Hotel Pty Ltd | \$2,000 |
| Brian Rowett | \$1,500 |
| Karina Vanzati & Andrew McKinnins | \$2,000 |
| Georgina and Merion Jones | \$2,500 |
| Craig and Cathy Marsh | \$2,000 |
| Kevin Hein | \$2,000 |
| Nancy Nethercott | \$2,000 |
| Stephen and Faith Baggio | \$2,000 |
| Robert and Julie Forgan | \$2,500 |
| Alfred Bamford | \$1,500 |
| Total | \$20,000 |

The members of the City of Mount Gambier Heritage Advisory Group include:

- Mr Stephen Dunn,
- Mrs Lynn Lowe,
- Mr Fred Aslin,
- Mr Robert Miles,
- Cr Penny Richardson,
- Mr Richard Woods (South East Heritage Advisor), and
- Mr Josh Wilson - Secretary (City of Mount Gambier).

Council continues to acknowledge the importance of heritage to the City of Mount Gambier and the contribution made by members of the Heritage Advisory Group and formally established a Heritage sub-committee in June 2017.

Kitchen Caddy initiative to divert food waste from landfill

To divert food waste from household rubbish bins, the City of Mount Gambier encouraged food waste recycling with a kitchen caddy trial which began in June 2016.

Council received \$8,824.50 as part of the Green Industries SA food waste recycling grants program to distribute 2,000 household kitchen caddies to green organics subscribers. A waste audit and follow up survey was completed in May 2017 to assess the results of the trial. Over a two-week period, 30 household general rubbish and 30 organic waste bins were inspected.

"The results indicate that residents are beginning to utilise the kitchen caddy system for food waste," City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said.

The audit revealed less contamination in the green organics stream than in 2016, 0.1% in 2017 compared to 0.8% in 2016.

"There was almost double the percentage of food waste in the green organics stream compared to the 2016 audit, 3.1% versus 1.7%. If this figure is corrected to account for the greater amount of lawn clippings contained in the 2017 audit compared to 2016, then the percentage of food scraps increases to 4.8%, almost three times the amount in 2016."

"Compostable bags were detected in the green organics stream, which is a really positive sign that the bench top containers are being used," Mr Izzard said.



Mount Gambier resident Jo Smart applauds the City of Mount Gambier kitchen caddy initiative to encourage the wider community to reduce, reuse and recycle.

"For recycling to be embraced by the community it has to be something that can easily be adapted into your daily routine," Ms Smart said.

The kitchen caddy makes the disposal process easier and tidier.

"The biodegradable liner bags keep the process more hygienic and neater, ensuring that recycling waste is a regular part of our kitchen routine," Ms Smart said.

"In the Summer months, the tiny bags of waste can even be put in the freezer until it is time for the green waste bins to be emptied."



608
Food Safety
Risk Management



501
Food businesses
currently registered



156
Public Health
Inspections

30 Public Health
Complaints



80
Food Safety
Complaints



Mount Gambier Paint Place storehand Regan LeFever has dropped off more than 20 ute loads of paint at the Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station to be disposed of responsibly as part of the Paintback initiative.

“The drop-off point is a great idea. We used to have to pour all our old paint on to cardboard and let it dry out before we put it in the bin. It used to take days and there have been many times that I’ve had wet cardboard on the ground and walked right through it,” Mr LeFever said.

Paintback is one of the first schemes of its kind in the world, developed by the paint industry with the endorsement of Federal, State and Local governments.

“Paint is the type of product that people get rid of the wrong way, but it should be done right, so this is a great initiative for the community who may have stale paint sitting in their shed.”

Lifting the lid on waste Paintback reduction-initiative

In April 2017, the City of Mount Gambier signed on to a major national initiative to keep millions of litres of unwanted paint from polluting landfill or being illegally dumped.

The Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station is now a Paintback collection point able to accept unwanted paint and packaging from both trade and DIY painters.

The unique scheme is funded by a 15c-a-litre levy added to the wholesale price of the major architectural and decorative paint brands, which means people can drop-off their unwanted paint at the Waste Transfer Station for no additional charge.

“I am confident that there will be a great response to this service because we know people are looking for a better way to dispose of paint that they don't need that may be sitting unused in their shed,” City of Mount Gambier CEO Mark McShane said.


As Paintback is an industry-led initiative, it means waste paint holders from surrounding areas can also use the site.

Australians buy more than 100 million litres of paint each year but around five per cent of it ends up as waste, making paint and its packaging one of the biggest source of liquid waste into landfill.

“We aim to offer a collection service to 85% of the population within five years and to keep more than 45,000,000 kilograms of paint out of landfill over that period,” Paintback Chief Executive Karen Gomez said.

“We are very pleased to have the City of Mount Gambier’s support in building our network of collection sites.”

2,471 
Food Safety
Education courses taken

 **69**
Food Borne
Related Illnesses
(*Campylobacter & Salmonella*)

107
2016/2017
Influenza
Notifications

The Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre - Australia's 'Greenest' Pool

A 68kW solar system on the roof of the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre was switched on in April, 2017 making it the 'greenest' swimming pool in Australia.

City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said all of the centre's electricity will now come from solar power generated at the site.

The installation forms part of a wider roll out of solar power across Council sites. Solar systems have also been installed at the Library, Council Depot, Carinya Gardens Cemetery and the Waste Transfer Station. In total, Council now has more than 171 kW of solar power installed at its sites.

"The systems are projected to produce over 239,600 kWh of clean electricity per year. That's enough to power the average South Australian home for more than 46 years," City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard, said.

The combined solar systems are expected to save more than \$46,000 per year in electricity costs, and more than 130 tonnes per year in carbon emissions.

"In addition, all the energy for heating the pools comes from biomass, another source of renewable energy. The biomass boiler was installed in 2013 and runs on wood chips from the local forestry industry. The wood chips originate from plantations that are regrown, making the fuel source carbon neutral. Using wood chips also supports the local economy through the forestry industry," he said.

The installation of the biomass boiler and the solar systems forms part of Council's commitment to reduce its impact on the environment.



City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Carmel Ron.

Mount Gambier residents have recycled more than 1,000 kilograms of household batteries since September 2012, almost the weight of a small car. The Mount Gambier Library initiative in partnership with Cartridge World Mount Gambier allows residents to recycle household batteries for free and prevent them from going to landfill.





Aquatic Centre Manager Peter Collins said the solar panels lining the roof of the facility have generated much community interest. "People have really taken notice that Council is harnessing natural energy," Mr Collins said.

"Last summer the power went out two or three times and that's hard work for us as when the electricity to the big pumps isn't working, we can't open. This solar system has the capacity to draw off the energy we have in the reserve which is very timely."

The environmentally friendly system will ultimately save Council and ratepayers money.

"We all know that electricity prices are skyrocketing, so installing solar power is a fantastic idea to save in the long run. It takes us off the grid and I'm looking forward to the benefits that it brings."

Strategic Bushfire Prevention Plan

The Strategic Bushfire Prevention plan identifies works that Council should undertake to minimise the risk of bushfire in the Council area. The plan is regularly reviewed and Council consults regularly with the Metropolitan Fire Service on fire related issues.

The aim of the Strategic Bushfire Prevention Plan is:

- As far as practical, to prevent bushfires starting in or entering the City of Mount Gambier,
- To protect life and reduce the impact of bushfires on land and properties throughout the City of Mount Gambier,
- To provide community protection from bushfire while ensuring that proper land management principles are taken into account,
- To educate the community in bushfire prevention, and
- To notify the public when Crater Lakes area is closed due to Extreme/Catastrophic fire ban via Council website, signage and social media pages. (Alert provided by the Country Fire Service).

Storm Water Management

The City of Mount Gambier allocated approximately \$150,000 towards storm water management in 2016/2017, primarily to improve storm water infrastructure in order to reduce flooding and increase the quality of water being discharged back into the underground aquifer.

Some of the improvement projects involved the construction of additional settlement pits and drainage bores, while other projects involved the construction of roadside drainage swales and retention basins with the incorporation of water sensitive urban design works.

2016/2017 improvement works occurred at the following locations:

- Doughty Street,
- Gilmore Close,
- Badenoch Street, and
- Boandik Terrace blowhole.

Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Plan

The Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 (FES Act 2005) requires each of the nine South Australian Bushfire Management Committees (BMC's) to prepare and maintain a Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP). Each BMC will adopt a BMAP that will:

- (a) Identify existing or potential risks to valuables from bushfire within the BMA,
- (b) Outline coordinated and cooperative bushfire prevention and mitigation strategies to achieve appropriate hazard reduction associated with bushfire management within its area,
- (c) Identify asset or land custodians responsible for the implementation of the bushfire risk mitigation treatments and
- (d) Use or establish principles and standards to guide or measure the success of the bushfire management strategies and initiatives.

The Limestone Coast BMAP has been approved and is available to view on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



The Boandik Terrace blowhole was cleaned up in 2016/2017 as part of the City of Mount Gambier drainage improvement plan. The \$45,000 project included tree and vegetation removal, tree planting, landscaping and fencing. As a result of the works, the area is now more visible and less rubbish is being deposited in the blowhole, which is an important storm water drainage basin.



Governance Statement

By-laws

Council has adopted the following By-laws:

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| By-law No. 1 | Permits and Penalties |
| By-law No. 2 | Local Government Land |
| By-law No. 3 | Roads |
| By-law No. 4 | Moveable Signs |
| By-law No. 5 | Dogs |
| By-law No. 6 | Taxi Regulation |

By-laws are available on the Council website
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

The current By-laws will expire on
 1st January, 2019.

A review of current By-laws is to be conducted during the 2017/2018 financial year. Replacement By-laws must be adopted to apply from 1st January, 2019 (or such earlier dated as may be specified in the By-laws).

Confidentiality Provisions

Council is required to report on the use of confidentiality provisions under subsections 90(2) and 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999.

The following tables provide the information required to be published for the 2016/2017 financial year:

Use of Section 90(2) Orders to Exclude Public and Section 90(3) Grounds

Grounds Section 90(3)

| | No. of S90(2) Orders made | (a) Personal Affairs of Person | (b) Commercial Advantage | (c) Trade Secret | (d) Prejudice Commercial Position | (e) Security of Council Members Employees | (f) Maintenance of Law | (g) Does not Breach any Law or Court | (h) Legal Advice | (i) Litigation may take place | (j) Info provided by Crown or Minister | (k) Tenders | (m) DPA's | (n) FOI |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Totals | 20 | 8 | 3 | - | 4 | - | - | 3 | 1 | 3 | - | 6 | - | - |

Use of Section 91(7) Orders to Keep Documents Confidential

| No. of S91(7) Orders Made | No. of S91(7) Orders that Expired, ceased to apply or were revoked | No. Of S91(7) orders remaining operative at 30th June 2017 |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| 20 | 8* | 26^ |

* Includes expired, ceased and revoked Orders from previous financial years

^ Includes eight operative Orders from previous financial years

Meeting Dates, Subject, s90(3) Grounds and Status (as at 30th June, 2017) of s91(7) Orders associated with the use of confidentiality provisions during the 2016/2017 financial year.

| Date of Meeting | Subject of S90(2) Order | S90(3) Grounds | S91(7) Order Status |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 20/6/2017 | Item 18.8 and 18.9 - CEO Performance Review and Remuneration Process - Ref. PERS | (a) | Current |
| 20/6/2017 | Item 18.5 - Tenders And Contracts - Supply and Delivery of Bulk LP Gas - 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022 - Ref. AF17/79 | (k) | Current |
| 20/6/2017 | Item 18.2 - Tenders And Contracts - Supply and Delivery of Bronze Memorial Plaques - 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022 - Ref. AF17/80 | (k) | Current |
| 18/4/2017 | COUNCIL ITEM 1 - CEO REPORT ON CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS - Ref. AF11/1894 | (g) | Current |
| 18/4/2017 | Item 12 - SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - Notice of Intention to sell land for non-payment of rates - Subject AF17/71 | (a) | Current |
| 18/4/2017 | Item 9 - SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Non-Payment of Council Rates - Ref. AF17/69\ | (a) | Current |
| 21/2/2017 | Item 13 - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL - Illegal Development - Operation of a Storage Yard - Ref. AF11/304 | (a) (i) | Current |
| 21/2/2017 | Item 16 - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL - Illegal Development - Operation of a Storage Yard - Ref. AF11/304 | (a) (i) | Current |
| 21/2/2017 | OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT NO. 2/2017 - Legal Action - 211 Wehl Street North, Mount Gambier - Mr K Pearson (Amberich Pty Ltd) - Ref. AF12/113 | (g) (h) | Current |
| 31/1/2017 | ALLEGATIONS REGARDING MAYOR ANDREW LEE TO BE REFERRED TO ICAC – Ref. AF13/275 | (g) | Current |
| 5/12/2016 | STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT – Best People Best Community – Council's Organisation Structure – Ref. AF16/185 | (a) | Current |
| 2/12/2016 | FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - Contract - Design and Construction of Civic Centre Flytower Façade System - Ref. AF15/133 | (d) (k) | Current |
| 15/11/2016 | PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – ACQUISITION – FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY - REF. AF15/595 | (b) | Released |
| 15/11/2016 | CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 77/2016 - Licence - Railway Platform | (b) (d) | Current |
| 18/10/2016 | FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - Caroline Landfill - Economic Analysis - Ref. AF16/159 | (b) | Current |
| 18/10/2016 | OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT NO. 7/2016 - Tender AF16/277 - Caroline Landfill Development (Stage 3) Construction of Cell 3 (B & C) and Leachate Pond 4 | (k) | Current |

| Date of Meeting | Subject of S90(2) Order | S90(3) Grounds | S91(7) Order Status |
|-----------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| 20/9/2016 | SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Non-Payment of Council Rates - Ref. AF15/491 | (a) (i) | Released |
| 20/9/2016 | DEVELOPMENT CONTROL - Development Applications - Environment Resources Development (ERD) Court Actions – Ref. AF12/246 | (a) | Current |
| 16/8/2016 | FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - Contract - Design and Construction of Civic Centre Flytower Façade System - Ref. AF15/133 | (d)(i)(ii) & (k) | Current |
| 19/7/2016 | ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN - Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre 2016/2017 - Ref. AF11/1451 | (d)(i)(ii) & (k) | Current |

Community Lands

Council is required to have in place Community Land Management Plans for all of its land that has been classified as “Community Land” in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council receives land from new subdivisions (usually in the form of reserves, screening reserves, drainage reserves and roads). Roads are excluded from the definition of Community Land.

Council periodically prepares and adopts Community Land Management Plans for new community land parcels and reviews its existing Management Plans for community land parcels as the need arises.

Also, any land acquired by Council (e.g. by direct purchase), is classified as Community Land unless excluded prior to acquisition. Typically, any land purchased or held for operational purposes (e.g. carparking, depots) is excluded from the Community Land classification.

When Council receives new Community Land it undertakes public consultation, in accordance with the Local Government Act, prior to adopting a Management Plan.



The following Community Land Management Plans have been adopted by Council during the 2016/2017 financial year:

New Community Land Management Plans

| CT Reference | Reserve Address | General Description |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 6163/671 | Lot 1006 Springview Drive, Suttontown | Roadside Screening Reserve |
| 6163/669 | Lot 1001 Springview Drive, Suttontown | Open Drainage Reserve |
| 6163/670 | Lot 1004 Springview Drive, Suttontown | Open Drainage Reserve |
| 6166/848 | Lot 701 Rustic Court, Mount Gambier | Open Drainage Reserve |
| 6166/785 | Lot 907 Kennedy Avenue, Worrolong | Roadside Screening Reserve |
| 6165/500 | Lot 9 McCormick Road, OB Flat | Roadside Screening Reserve |
| 6178/110 | Lot 701 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong | Open Drainage Reserve |
| 6166/786; 6183/68 | Lot 908 Kennedy Avenue & Lot 1004 Peppercross Court, Worrolong | Open Reserve |
| 6183/66 | Lot 1001 Peppercross Court, Worrolong | Roadside Screening Reserve |
| 6183/67 | Lot 1002 Peppercross Court, Worrolong | Roadside Screening Reserve |

Existing Community Land Management Plans (Inclusion Of New Land Holdings)

| CT Reference | Reserve Address | General Description | New Land Holdings (to be included) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 6097/232 | 18 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong | Open Reserve | Remove historic address of 18 Pinehurst Drive (6097/232) and include 10-12 Carnoustie Court (6161/251) & Lot 702 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong (6178/111) |
| 5945/341 | 27 Maxwell Street, Mount Gambier | Open Reserve | Include Lot 206 (6172/470) & Lot 74 Maxwell Street (6034/265), Mount Gambier |
| 6097/231 | Lot 105 Kennedy Avenue, Worrolong | Roadside Screening Reserve | Include Lot 703 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong (6178/112) |
| 6124/908 | Lot 604 Kennedy Avenue, Worrolong | Roadside Screening Reserve | Include Lot 704 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong (6178/113) |
| 6150/317 | Lot 605 St Andrews Drive, Worrolong | Open Reserve (walkway) | Include Lot 705 Pinehurst Drive, Worrolong (6178/114) |

Council's Community Land Management Plans are available for inspection at the Council Office.

During the 2016/2017 year Council also acquired land located at 1 Lawrence Street, Mount Gambier that was excluded from classification as Community Land by council resolution dated 15th November, 2016.

Freedom of Information Statement

An information statement in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 is published by the City of Mount Gambier and is available to view on Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

Freedom Of Information Applications

Inquiries or requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 should be forwarded to:

Manager - Governance & Property
City of Mount Gambier
PO Box 56
Mount Gambier SA 5290

The City of Mount Gambier received and determined three applications and one request for internal review of a determination under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 during the 2016/2017 financial year.

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of applications | 3 |
| Number of Applications carried over from 2015/2016 | 0 |
| Full access granted | 1 |
| Access refused | 0 |
| Fees not paid | 0 |
| Documents otherwise available | 0 |
| Incomplete (as at 30 June 2017) | 0 |
| Applications for Internal Review | 1 |
| Decision confirmed | 0 |

Internal Review of Council Actions

Council has adopted a formal policy and procedure 'C290 – Internal Review of Council's Decisions' in accordance with the requirements of Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The policy and procedure was reviewed by Council in March 2017.

The procedure is one aspect of Council's customer-focused approach to service delivery. It provides the opportunity for any person to seek a review of a Council decision, the manner in which Council provides services to the community and to identify areas for improvement.

The Internal Review of Council Decisions procedure applies to all formal requests for review of decisions of Council, its employees or other persons acting on behalf of Council, except in instances where specific procedures are prescribed in the Local Government Act 1999 or other relevant legislation where these alternative review processes will be followed.

Section 270(8) of the Act requires Council to initiate and consider on an annual basis, and to include in the annual report, a report that relates to:

- The number of applications received under the provisions of Section 270,
- The kinds of matters to which the applications relate, and
- The outcome of applications.

On 19th September, 2017, Strategic Standing Committee Report No. AR17/31363 reported that during the 2016/2017 Financial Year no formal applications were received in relation to Section 270 of the Act or Council's Internal Review of Council's Decisions Policy.

Member Allowances and Reimbursements

Since the 2010 Local Government General Elections, Elected Member allowances have been determined by an Independent Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1999. In making its determination, the Tribunal must have regard to:

- The role of Members of Council as Members of the Council's governing body and as representatives of the area,
- The size, population and revenue of the Council and any relevant economic, social, demographic and regional factors in the Council area,
- That an allowance is not intended to amount to a salary for a Member,
- That an allowance should reflect the nature of a Member's office, and
- That provisions of the Local Government Act provide for reimbursement of expenses of Members.

Section 76 further provides for allowances to be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the consumer price index. Elected Members allowances for the City of Mount Gambier from 7th November, 2016 are as follows:

Additional Reimbursements & Support

Council has also approved various other reimbursements of expenses and support to Members in accordance with Section 77 of the Act which include:

- Travelling expenses (outside of Council area only),
- Child/dependent care expenses,
- Conference/seminar/training expense,
- Business cards,
- Mobile computing devices,
- Mobile data plan,
- Corporate attire,
- Mobile phone (Mayor only),
- Office and executive assistance (Mayor only), and
- Motor vehicle (Mayor only).

Full details (including limitations and conditions associated with the Council approved expense reimbursements) are included in Council Policy M405 – Members – Allowances, Re-imbursements, Benefits and Facilities adopted by Council following the November 2014 Local Government Election, available from Council's website.

| Council | Group 2 Classification (Out Of 5 Groups) |
|--|--|
| Group 2 | Base is \$16,276 |
| Mayoral Allowance | 4 times \$16,276 = \$65,104 |
| Deputy Mayoral Allowance | 1.25 times the \$16,276 = \$20,345 |
| Presiding Member of Prescribed Committee | As for Deputy Mayoral Allowance \$20,345 |
| Members | \$16,276 |

Note

- All Member Allowances are paid monthly (two weeks in advance/two weeks in arrears). For efficiency, allowances are via Electronic Funds Transfer direct to the Elected Member's bank account.
- A Council Member is entitled to decline payment of the allowance (see Section 76 (7) of the Act), but it must still be recorded in the Register of Allowances and Benefits.
- The Allowances set out in the Remuneration Tribunal Determination are adjusted annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the 2014 Local Government elections to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index as defined at section 76 (15) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Member Training and Development

The Local Government Act 1999 and Regulations require mandatory training in accordance with the Local Government Association Training Standards under the following headings:

- Introduction to Local Government,
- Legal Responsibilities,
- Council & Committee Meeting Procedures, and
- Financial Management and Reporting.

Following the 2014 Local Government Elections, Council conducted a comprehensive Elected Member Development Program for the newly-elected Council that addressed the mandatory training requirements.

Council's Elected Member Training and Development Policies were reviewed during the 2015 year and a replacement Elected Member Training and Development Policy M500 was adopted by Council in December 2015.

The replacement policy introduced three training/development categories (Local Training, SA Local Government Association Training, Conferences and Meetings (Adelaide based), and Other Training) and an Application and Evaluation Pro-Forma to enable Elected Members to make application to attend and to report on the nature, benefits and feedback on LGA and other training attendances.

During 2016/2017, Elected Members were provided opportunity to participate in a varied program of training programs, workshops and briefings covering the following subject matter:

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|---|--|
| Economic Development / Tourism | Digital Workshop with Explor Consulting |
| STEM, headspace and Introduction of Riddoch Art Gallery Director | Council Service Review Presentation |
| Aquatic Centre, Landfill and Salvage Yard | NBN Update, Council Service Review and Elector Representation Review |
| Draft Digital Strategy Report - Explor Consulting | Update from James Morrison Academy of Music |
| Cultural Development Fund | Presentation from Violence Against Women Collaboration |
| Briefing re 2017 China Delegation | Digital Strategy Think Tank / Implementation |
| Briefing from Member for Barker, Cultural Development Presentation | Council Decision Making Structure and Sub-Committee Membership |
| Presentation Operational Flinders, LCLGA, Kelvin Smibert on Pre-Pariental Art | Presentation - CEO RDALC and new SAPOL Superintendent |
| 2017/2018 Budget and LTFP | Council Decision Making Process |
| Proposed Material Recovery Facility | Presentation - Consultants undertaking Tourism Review |
| Decision Making Structure and 2017/2018 Budget | Street Lighting |
| Cultural Development Plan | STEM Presentation and Sub-Committee Discussion |
| Tourism Review | |

LGA General Meetings and various sessions/conferences attended:

| | |
|---|---|
| LGA 2017 Council Best Practice Showcase and General Meeting | LGA 2016 Annual General Meeting |
| Ministerial Meetings | Cross Border Joint Council's Dinner Meeting |
| National Local Roads and Transport Congress | LGA Mayor's and Chairperson's Seminar |
| SRF/Advisory Group Meeting (NDIS) | |

The 2016/2017 Budget allocation for Elected Member Training and Development was \$14,000 and an amount of \$10,417 was expended for this purpose.

Council Policies

Council has adopted a wide range of Policies to assist in its administrative decision making processes.

The following Policy Index lists all current Council Policies as at 30th June, 2017.

Council Policies and Registers are periodically reviewed over the term of the Council to ensure they remain up to date with legislative requirements, Council and community expectation and emerging practices in local government.

Current Council Policies and a range of other Registers and Documents required by legislation are available on the Council website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au and at the principle office of the Council.

| Corporate Services | |
|------------------------|---|
| Administration | |
| C200 | Complaint/Compliment |
| E115 | Elections - Council Entitlement to Vote |
| F140 | Flags - Flying of |
| P155 | Privacy |
| R180 | Records Management |
| R200 | Community Land (Reserves) - Lease/Licence/Rental Arrangements |
| R305 | Risk Management Framework |
| S140 | Street Numbering |
| Community | |
| A270 | Australia Day Awards |
| C140 | Main Corner Complex - Hire |
| H120 | Historical Matters - Collection of |
| H125 | Historical Matters - Copyright - 'The Les Hill Photographic Collection' |
| Council and Committees | |
| C160 | Coat of Arms |
| C190 | Community Identity |
| C290 | Internal Review of Council's Decisions |
| C305 | Caretaker Policy |
| C320 | Council Chamber and Reception Area - Use of |
| C410 | Conduct of Meetings (s92 Code of Practice) |
| F130 | Flag - Mount Gambier |
| F225 | Fraud and Corruption Prevention |
| M130 | Media - Statements on behalf of Council |
| M205 | Members - Mayor - Anniversary Messages |
| M225 | Members - Service Recognition |
| M240 | Members - Access to Information |
| M260 | Members - Use of Council Letterhead |

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|--------------------------|---|
| M265 | Members - Complaint Handling |
| M270 | Members - Mayor Seeking Legal Advice |
| M405 | Members - Allowances, Re-imbursements, Benefits & Facilities |
| M500 | Members - Training & Development |
| P195 | Community Consultation and Engagement |
| P415 | Prudential Management |
| P420 | Procurement and Disposal of Land and Assets |
| S400 | Supplementary Elections |
| V140 | Visits by Parliamentary/Governmental Representatives |
| Personnel | |
| C375 | Council Vehicles - Provision and Replacement Of |
| E200 | Employees - Service Awards and Resignation Gifts |
| S175 | Safe Environment Policy |
| W150 | Whistleblowers Protection Policy |
| Finance | |
| B300 | Budget Reporting and Amendment |
| D230 | Donations - Authority to Approve Requests |
| R105 | Rating |
| R130 | Rates - General Matters |
| R155 | Rates Rebate |
| T150 | Treasury Management |
| Operational Services | |
| Engineering/Works | |
| C120 | Cemeteries - Carinya Gardens and Lake Terrace Cemetery |
| E500 | Provision of Council Resources to Support the Emergency Services in Emergencies |
| F175 | Footways and Crossovers |
| F190 | Footways - Requests for Paving - Works within City Centre Zone |
| R270 | Road Pavement - Excavation and Reinstatement Of |
| S115 | Fencing of Stormwater Retention Basins |
| S120 | Street Signs - Directional Tourist and Other Scenic Facility Signs |
| Health and Environmental | |
| W115 | Waste Management - Receival of Waste - Caroline Landfill |
| W125 | Waste Management - Refuse Collection |

| Inspectorial | |
|--------------|---|
| A515 | Animal Control - Dogs |
| A520 | Animal Control |
| B150 | Building - Sewer Connections, Waste Management Control and Provision of Toilet Facilities |
| E135 | Encroachments - Protection of Public During Building and Maintenance Works |
| E240 | Expiation Notices - Cancellation and Waiver |
| F110 | Fencing Costs - Contributions by Council |
| F120 | Fires - Clean Air, Burning in Open - Non-Domestic Premises |
| F135 | Flammable Undergrowth |
| F500 | Footways and Council Land - Removal of Objects |
| F505 | Footways and Council Land - Sale of Commodities |
| F510 | Footways and Council Land - Fundraising and Promotion |
| O110 | Order Making |
| T110 | Taxi Regulation |
| Planning | |
| A170 | Advertising and Signage |
| D140 | Development Act - Delegations |
| D150 | Development Act - Inspection of Building Work |
| D160 | Development Act - Inspection and Copying of Documents |
| L130 | Land Divisions |
| L230 | Licensed Premises |
| P135 | Entertainment Venues |
| S135 | Streets - Naming of |
| Recreational | |
| A240 | Assemblies and Events on Street and other Council Land |
| C355 | Council Land - Irrigation |
| T120 | Tree Policy |



Compliance Statement

Elector Representation Review

Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to publish in its Annual Report a statement of:

- The Council's representation quota,
- The average representation quota for Councils of a similar size and type (taking into account various factors prescribed by the regulations),
- When the Council next intends to conduct a review under Chapter 3 Part 1 Division 2, and
- The procedures that are available under Chapter 3 for electors to make submissions on representation under this Act.

The following provides the required statements.

Select Outer Metropolitan & Regional Councils Composition & Elector Ratio (as at February 2017)

| Council | Members | Electors | Elector Ratio |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Murray Bridge | 10 | 14,076 | 1.019 |
| Barossa | 12 | 17,248 | 1.040 |
| Whyalla | 10 | 15,221 | 1.099 |
| Gawler | 11 | 16,959 | 1.112 |
| Mount Gambier | 11 | 19,337 | 1.262 |
| Port Lincoln | 11 | 10,342 | 0.694 |
| Port Augusta | 10 | 9,457 | 0.698 |
| Mount Barker | 11 | 23,429 | 1.520 |
| Adelaide Hills | 13 | 29,288 | 1.606 |

Section 12(4) of the Act outlines that a Council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the Council are comprehensively reviewed at least once every eight years.

Council commenced an Elector Representation Review in April 2016 that received endorsement from the State Electoral Office in May 2017. The following Council composition will apply from the November 2018 Local Government Elections:

- The principal member of Council continue to be a Mayor elected by the community,
- The Council area not be divided into wards (i.e. retain the existing "no wards" structure) and
- The future elected body of Council comprise eight Area Councillors and the Mayor.

The next scheduled representation review for the City of Mount Gambier is expected to be around 2024/2025.

Council Development Assessment Panel

The Development Act 1993 requires all Councils in South Australia to establish a Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) to act as a delegate of Council. The CDAP's role is to make development decisions as a relevant authority pursuant to the Act; The CDAP has sole regard to Council's authorised Development Plan and any referral advice to determine the merits of each proposal.

The CDAP can also provide advice and reports to Council, regarding trends, issues and other matters relating to planning and development. This advice can emerge as a result of performing its development assessment function and in performing other duties as assigned by the Council.

The Development Act that all CDAPs must be comprised of one Independent Presiding Member, three Independent Members and three Elected Members. All Members of the CDAP are appointed by Council. The CDAP Members for 2016/2017 were:

- Mrs Elizabeth Travers
(Presiding Member),
- Ms Emily Finnigan,
- Mr Peter Seebohm,
- Ms Margaret Trotter,
- Cr Christian Greco,
- Cr Mark Lovett
(ater replaced by Cr Des Mutton), and
- Cr Ian Von Stanke.

The CDAP holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Level 1 Committee Room, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier, commencing at 5:45pm. (unless otherwise determined).

The agreed sitting fees are

(i) Ordinary Meetings:-

- Presiding Member
\$250 excluding GST,
- Other Independent Members
\$200 excluding GST,
- Council Member Appointees
\$200 excluding GST.

(ii) Special Meetings:-

- Presiding Member
\$60 excluding GST,
- Other Independent Members

\$50 excluding GST,

- Council Member Appointees
\$50 excluding GST.

(Mrs Travers is paid a travel allowance to attend meetings)

(iii) Where the meeting does not require the attendance of Members in person and can be undertaken by phone linkup due to a small agenda, the minor nature of items for discussion and lack of need for site inspections, the sitting fees be as follows:

- Presiding Member
\$60 excluding GST,
- Other Independent Members
\$50 excluding GST,
- Council Member Appointees
\$50 excluding GST.

The CDAP will cease from 1st October, 2017 when it will be replaced by a new Council Assessment Panel (CAP) in accordance with the provisions of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.

Building Fire Safety Committee

The Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) operates pursuant to the provisions of the Development Act 1993 and its primary function is to:

- Achieve a reasonable standard of fire safety for the occupiers of a building,
- Ensure minimal spread of fire and smoke, and
- Ensure an acceptable fire fighting environment.

The BFSC is made up of one Council Member Councillor Ian Von Stanke, who is also Chairperson, a member of the Metropolitan Fire Service, Mr Grant Riches (Private Building Surveyor), Daryl Sexton, City of Mount Gambier Director Operational Services and Mr Christopher Tully, City of Mount Gambier Building Officer.

The focus of the BFSC over the past 12 months was motels, gymnasiums, commercial premises and residential complexes.

The BFSC generally meets every three months.

Procurement - Competitive Tendering Statement

Council's P420 Procurement, & Disposal of Land and Assets Policy aims to ensure that all procurement activities deliver the following key objectives:

- Enhancing value for money through fair, competitive, non-discriminatory procurement and disposal,
- Promoting the use of Council's financial, physical and staffing resources in an efficient, effective and ethical manner,
- Making decisions with probity, accountability and transparency,
- Advancing and/or working within Council's economic, social and environmental policies,
- Providing reasonable opportunity for competitive and appropriately qualified and experienced local businesses to supply to Council,
- Appropriately managing risk, and
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation.

Council is committed to achieving value for money in the procurement of goods and services that provide benefit to the community and to supporting the economic, environmental, cultural and social life of the City.

The Procurement Policy is designed to drive processes that are consistent, transparent and cultivate a competitive environment. The processes for tenders, formal quotes and expressions of interest are built to deliver value, achieve high quality and manage risks, including sustaining appropriate standards of workplace health and safety.

The Policy also seeks to advance good ethical practice and ensure an open, fair and competitive process that provides equal opportunities to participants. Other standards, codes and guidelines may be relevant to Council's tendering practices. The principles of the policy are consistent with state, national codes and standards for procurement.

Council reserves the right to undertake open or selected tenders whenever it considers appropriate. In circumstances where Council enters into purchasing contracts other than those resulting from a tender process, Council will record the reasons for entering into those contracts and retain appropriate records.



39

competitive tendering
processes occurred

12

of which were
two year contracts

\$2,786,269

Annual approximate tendered contract capital spends

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Administrative Procedure was developed to:

- Facilitate an all-inclusive culture of tolerance, fairness, equity and diversity in the work environment,
- Ensure that all employees are aware of inappropriate workplace behaviours and how to prevent them from occurring,
- Ensure the best person for each job is selected based on merit,
- Promote an understanding among all employees of the particular considerations and benefits of different diversity groups in the workplace,
- To provide and maintain so far as is reasonably practicable, a working environment and system of work that is safe and without risk to health,
- Ensure legislative compliance with a view to preventing all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying, and
- Mitigate any employment-related disadvantage for all employees and particularly those from different groups.

Principles

Council is committed to achieving fair and equitable employment practices including:

- Merit-based recruitment, selection and promotion,
- Access for all employees to appropriate training, development and employee assistance programs, and
- Grievance handling procedures.

Responsibilities

All Council employees will treat everyone with respect and courtesy, and without harassment, bullying or discrimination. All employees will at all times behave in a way that upholds the City of Mount Gambier's values and the integrity and good reputation of the Council.

The City of Mount Gambier will:

- Demonstrate commitment to equal opportunity and diversity through its actions and decision making,
- Demonstrate and embrace the principles of equal opportunity, workplace diversity and the employee code of conduct, and
- Facilitate a culture of inclusiveness.

City of Mount Gambier Staff

| Team | Males | Females | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Office of the CEO | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Community Wellbeing | 4 | 24 | 28 |
| Council Business Services | 4 | 21 | 25 |
| City Growth | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| City Infrastructure | 56 | 7 | 63 |
| Totals | 72 | 70 | 142 |

Total Number Employees: 142
Full Time Equivalents*: 126

*including trainees



Corporate
Statement

Residential Rates Comparison Report 2015/2016

The Australian Classification of Local Governments (ACLG) categorises Councils using the population, population density and the proportion of the population that is classified as urban for the Council.

All Local Governments who receive general purpose financial assistance grants via the Grants Commission are classified according to ACLG categories.

These categories are defined as:

URS: Urban Regional Small
URM: Urban Regional Medium
UFS: Urban Fringe Small

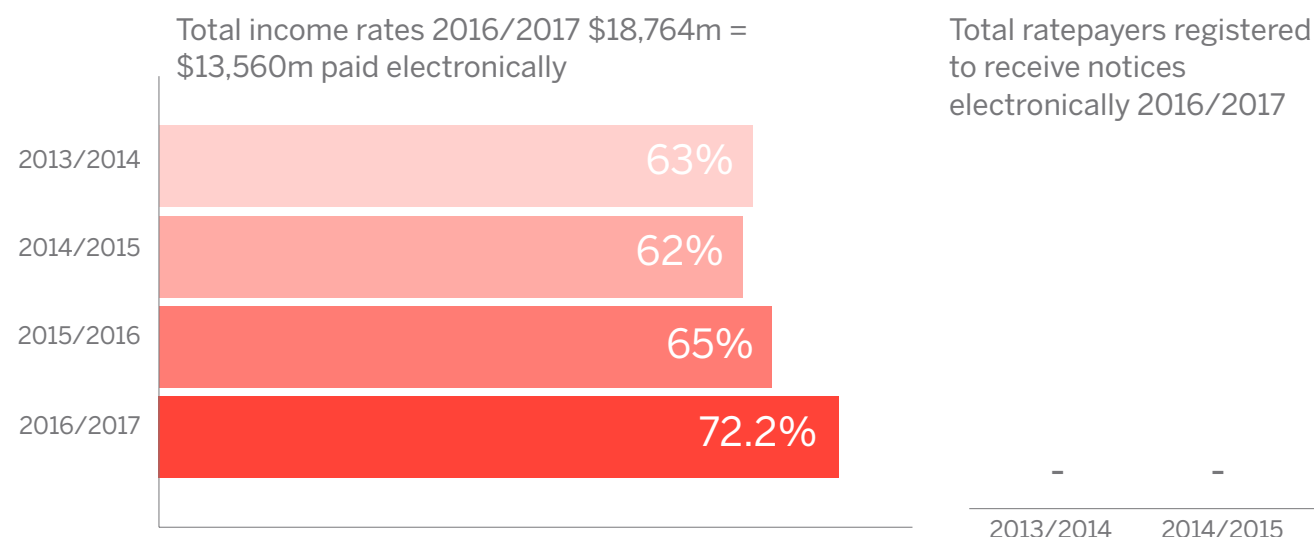
The majority of other SA Councils are classified in "Rural" or "Urban" large (metro) categories.

SA Councils categorised as "urban" (regional or fringe) have been used in the table below for comparative purposes.

In 2015/2016 the City of Mount Gambier residential rates per rateable property (\$1,138) was equivalent to 79% of the State average (\$1,434), 21% below the State average.

In the previous financial year (2014/2015) this figure was also 80% of the State average or 20% below the State average.

| Council | ACLG | Population (ERP) 2016 | Total Rates \$ | Rates as % of Revenue | Residential Rates/ Residential Property \$ |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Alexandrina | UFS | 25,585 | 34,656 | 86 | 1,702 |
| Barossa | UFS | 23,410 | 27,246 | 77 | 1,593 |
| Gawler | UFS | 23,192 | 19,502 | 80 | 1,652 |
| Mount Barker | URM | 33,117 | 32,398 | 82 | 1,709 |
| Mount Gambier | URS | 26,317 | 18,327 | 72 | 1,138 |
| Murray Bridge | URS | 21,163 | 21,169 | 65 | 1,559 |
| Port Augusta | URS | 14,441 | 17,801 | 48 | 1,681 |
| Port Lincoln | URS | 14,997 | 12,853 | 71 | 1,482 |
| Victor Harbor | URS | 15,337 | 19,297 | 77 | 1,773 |
| Whyalla | URS | 22,582 | 19,305 | 70 | 1,439 |
| State Average | | | | 74 | 1,434 |



Council's Financial Performance - South Australian Local Government Grants Commission Data

Grants Commission

The South Australian Local Government Grants Commission (SALGGC) is an independent statutory authority established under the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1992. The members are appointed on a part-time basis by the Governor.

The SALGGC makes recommendations to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations for the distribution of Commonwealth financial assistance grants.

All funds allocated by the Commonwealth are distributed to Councils. All of the Commission's costs are met by the State Government. Grants distributed should compensate councils for differences between the costs of providing services and revenue raising capacity. Grants for local governing authorities (councils) in South Australia are distributed in accordance with National Principles set by the Commonwealth Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. Councils may choose to have higher or lower levels of service according to their own priorities. The Grants are untied and may be spent according to community priorities.

The Commission aims to equalise their own financial capacity to provide a similar level of service to their communities. Equalisation refers to the financial capacity of the council, it does not mean that the level of service must be equal.

Pursuant to the Local Government Act, all South Australian Councils are required to submit an annual information return along with their audited annual financial statements to the Commission. From this information, the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission prepares and distributes a range of comparative data on each Council, commonly referred to as the Grants Commission database reports.

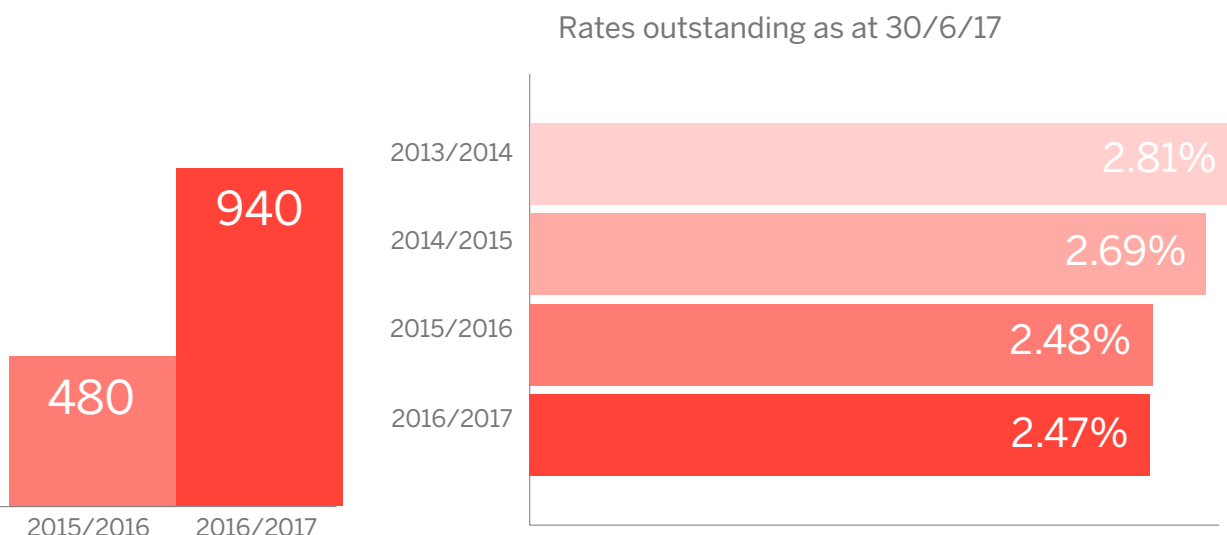
Relevant data from the Grants Commission reports has been extracted and assembled in the following formats:

'Comparative' format – with other similarly classified South Australian Councils, under four major headings;

- Financial Comparison,
- Expenditure Comparison,
- Revenue Comparison, and
- Rates Comparison.

'Time Series' format - financial data relative to the City of Mount Gambier for the past five financial years. The Time Series reports have been arranged under the following headings;

- Employee/Operating,
- Assets,
- Financial, and
- Rating.



Financial Comparison

| Council | Total Assets \$0 | Total Liabilities \$0 | Total Equity \$0 | Total Financial Assets \$0 | Net Financial Liabilities \$0 | Operating Surplus Ratio (%) | Net Financial Liabilities Ratio (%) | Asset Sustainability Ratio (%) |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Alexandrina | 423,446 | 40,591 | 382,855 | 4,715 | 35,876 | -3.2 | 89 | 107 |
| Barossa | 353,738 | 22,880 | 330,858 | 12,674 | 10,206 | 3.2 | 29 | 36 |
| Gawler | 227,067 | 15,383 | 211,684 | 3,086 | 12,297 | 1.0 | 50 | 97 |
| Mount Barker | 488,700 | 14,027 | 474,673 | 8,727 | 5,300 | 1.5 | 13 | 89 |
| Mount Gambier | 236,678 | 8,650 | 228,028 | 2,217 | 6,433 | -2.2 | 25 | 57 |
| Murray Bridge | 278,994 | 15,500 | 263,494 | 9,206 | 6,294 | -0.8 | 19 | 126 |
| Port Augusta | 288,847 | 41,201 | 187,646 | 3,892 | 2,125 | -8.3 | 96 | - |
| Port Lincoln | 174,106 | 8,487 | 165,618 | 4,647 | 3,840 | -5.0 | 21 | 100 |
| Victor Harbor | 270,153 | 17,888 | 252,264 | 7,373 | 10,515 | 2.6 | 42 | 77 |
| Whyalla | 245,677 | 12,941 | 232,736 | 3,714 | 9,227 | -5.4 | 34 | 59 |

Expenditure Comparison

| Council | Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2016 | Employee Costs \$0 | Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses \$0 | Finance Costs \$0 | Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment \$0 | Total Operating Expenses \$0 | Operating Surplus / (Deficit) \$0 |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Alexandrina | 25,585 | 14,228 | 16,040 | 1,454 | 10,127 | 41,744 | (1,313) |
| Barossa | 23,410 | 12,174 | 13,627 | 1,098 | 7,188 | 34,101 | 1,120 |
| Gawler | 23,192 | 9,409 | 10,233 | 624 | 4,367 | 24,676 | (243) |
| Mount Barker | 33,117 | 13,238 | 17,165 | 264 | 8,315 | 39,102 | 605 |
| Mount Gambier | 26,317 | 10,066 | 8,955 | 236 | 6,704 | 25,961 | (550) |
| Murray Bridge | 21,163 | 15,146 | 10,853 | 401 | 6,131 | 32,623 | (256) |
| Port Augusta | 14,441 | 17,762 | 15,089 | 1,416 | 5,602 | 39,869 | (3,039) |
| Port Lincoln | 14,997 | 4,666 | 10,585 | 202 | 3,473 | 18,926 | (895) |
| Victor Harbor | 15,337 | 9,031 | 9,089 | 710 | 5,536 | 24,366 | 649 |
| Whyalla | 22,582 | 9,706 | 11,975 | 482 | 6,750 | 28,913 | (1,484) |

Revenue Comparison

| Council | Total Rates \$0 | Statutory Charges \$0 | Grants, Subsidies & Contributions (\$'000) | Finance Costs \$0 | Investment Income \$0 | Reimbursements \$0 | Other Revenues (\$'000) | Total Operating Revenue (\$'000) |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Alexandrina | 34,656 | 1,032 | 2,347 | 1,454 | 23 | 515 | 458 | 40,431 |
| Barossa | 27,246 | 657 | 2,903 | 1,098 | 288 | 482 | 1,183 | 35,221 |
| Gawler | 19,502 | 711 | 2,225 | 624 | 82 | 453 | 53 | 24,432 |
| Mount Barker | 32,398 | 1,182 | 2,503 | 264 | 127 | 735 | 544 | 39,707 |
| Mount Gambier | 18,327 | 340 | 2,250 | 236 | 32 | 274 | 382 | 25,411 |
| Murray Bridge | 21,169 | 524 | 7,380 | 401 | 118 | 322 | 443 | 32,367 |
| Port Augusta | 17,801 | 191 | 11,299 | 1,416 | 107 | 501 | 1,763 | 36,830 |
| Port Lincoln | 12,853 | 281 | 1,214 | 202 | 135 | 537 | 977 | 18,031 |
| Victor Harbor | 19,297 | 432 | 1,609 | 710 | 191 | 765 | 330 | 25,015 |
| Whyalla | 19,305 | 338 | 2,425 | 482 | 33 | 86 | 1,265 | 27,429 |

Rates Comparison

| Council | Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2016 | Number of Rateable Properties January 2017 | Capital Value January 2017 (\$Mil) | Total Rates \$0 | Number of Rateable Residential Properties as at January 2016 | Total Residential Rates (\$'000) | Total Residential Rates per Rateable Residential Property (\$) | Total Rate Revenue % Percentage Increase (Decrease) |
|---------------|---|---|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Alexandrina | 25,585 | 18,280 | 6,770 | 34,656 | 12,678 | 21,573 | 1,702 | 5.0 |
| Barossa | 23,410 | 12,532 | 4,649 | 27,246 | 8,765 | 13,966 | 1,593 | 2.8 |
| Gawler | 23,192 | 11,010 | 3,399 | 19,502 | 9,326 | 15,403 | 1,652 | 5.1 |
| Mount Barker | 33,117 | 15,906 | 6,338 | 32,398 | 11,439 | 19,553 | 1,709 | 5.7 |
| Mount Gambier | 26,317 | 14,136 | 3,282 | 18,327 | 12,181 | 13,863 | 1,138 | 3.9 |
| Murray Bridge | 21,163 | 11,720 | 2,857 | 21,169 | 8,377 | 13,061 | 1,559 | 6.0 |
| Port Augusta | 14,441 | 7,684 | 1,606 | 17,801 | 6,444 | 10,831 | 1,681 | 8.0 |
| Port Lincoln | 14,997 | 8,216 | 2,414 | 12,853 | 6,628 | 9,824 | 1,482 | 8.0 |
| Victor Harbor | 15,337 | 10,541 | 3,801 | 19,297 | 8,344 | 14,790 | 1,773 | 4.4 |
| Whyalla | 22,582 | 12,034 | 2,004 | 19,305 | 10,930 | 15,724 | 1,439 | 5.1 |

Employee / Operating

| Year | Employees Full Time Employment | Employee Costs \$0 | Operating Expenditure \$0 | Operating Revenue \$0 | Operating Surplus / (Deficit) |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2010/2011 | 110 | 7,286 | 20,742 | 19,632 | (1,110) |
| 2011/2012 | 112 | 7,983 | 23,038 | 22,455 | (583) |
| 2012/2013 | 116 | 8,318 | 22,153 | 22,452 | 299 |
| 2013/2014 | 118 | 8,772 | 23,408 | 22,740 | (668) |
| 2014/2015 | 116 | 9,197 | 25,065 | 26,110 | 1,045 |
| 2015/2016 | 122 | 10,066 | 25,961 | 25,411 | (550) |

Financial

| Year | Total Liabilities \$0 | Total Financial Assets \$0 | Net Financial Liabilities \$0 | Total Equity \$0 | % Operating Surplus Ratio (%) | Net Financial Liability Ratio % (%) | Asset Sustainability Ratio (%) |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2010/2011 | 12,534 | 10,818 | 1,716 | 135,289 | (8) | 9 | 51 |
| 2011/2012 | 8,432 | 2,451 | 5,981 | 211,612 | (4) | 27 | 52 |
| 2012/2013 | 7,070 | 2,072 | 4,998 | 189,053 | 2 | 23 | 85 |
| 2013/2014 | 9,418 | 2,459 | 6,959 | 188,222 | (4) | 31 | 107 |
| 2014/2015 | 9,453 | 2,645 | 6,808 | 223,581 | (2) | 27 | 53 |
| 2015/2016 | 8,650 | 2,217 | 6,433 | 228,028 | (2.2) | 25 | 57 |

Assets

| Year | Cash / Cash Equivalent \$0 | Other Receivables \$0 | Inventories \$0 | Land \$0 | Buildings \$0 | Infrastructure \$0 | Plant / Equipment \$0 | Other Assets \$0 | Total Assets \$0 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2010/2011 | 8,298 | 2,520 | 35 | 28,363 | 56,215 | 45,263 | 4,704 | 2,425 | 135,289 |
| 2011/2012 | 981 | 1,470 | 47 | 41,026 | 112,109 | 56,625 | 4,840 | 2,946 | 220,044 |
| 2012/2013 | 675 | 1,397 | 40 | 41,188 | 87,340 | 58,186 | 4,627 | 2,670 | 196,123 |
| 2013/2014 | 1,173 | 1,286 | 37 | 40,858 | 86,810 | 60,343 | 4,749 | 2,384 | 197,690 |
| 2014/2015 | 969 | 1,676 | 40 | 40,818 | 87,891 | 94,772 | 4,648 | 2,220 | 233,034 |
| 2015/2016 | 991 | 1,22 | 39 | 41,617 | 88,005 | 97,906 | 5,158 | 1,736 | 235,678 |

2016/2017 Budget Analysis

The City of Mount Gambier's Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP&B) are statements of the planned strategies, program and financial outcomes for the financial year and was developed with reference to the Council's:

- Community (Strategic) Plan,
- Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), and
- Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan (IAMP).

Development of our ABP&B is an important part of our integrated planning framework. It links our strategies, plans and initiatives with our budget planning process ensuring an optimal mix of services, programs, infrastructure and facilities are delivered inline with the LTFP and budget parameters.

The ABP&B defines our objectives for the financial year, the services, programs and activities required to deliver these objectives, and how we will monitor and measure our performance. It contains a summary of revenue and expenses required to deliver the services, programs and activities and is developed within our commitment to financial sustainability and longer term financial planning. It describes the impact on rates and the implications for our ratepayers.

Key aspects of the 2016/2017 ABP&B included:

- Continued focus on achieving the vision expressed in Council's adopted Community Plan 2016-2020,
- Major focus on economic development including tourism, innovation hub, regional commercial hub,
- Supporting the hosting of specialist major events and conferences,
- Continued development of Council's infrastructure and assets,
- Capital infrastructure program of approximately \$3.8M (new and renewal),
- Maintaining our extensive public realm assets and infrastructure,
- Maintaining support for community based programs and initiatives, and
- Retaining and developing Council's workforce to ensure fit for purpose capacity in service delivery.

Budget

2016/2017 budgeted expenditure consisted of:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Expenditure | \$26,001,000 |
| Non-Operating Expenditure | \$680,000 |
| Capital Expenditure | \$7,261,000 |

The 2016/2017 budget proposed to spend a total of \$33.4M (operating and capital) on the delivery of all Council services and programs, maintenance of assets and the development of new or upgraded assets.

2016/2017 budgeted revenue, to fund Council's budgeted expenditure, consisted of:

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Revenue | \$25,922,000 |
| Non-Operating Revenue | \$6,890,000 |

Operating Result

Operating expenditure budgeted increase was \$1,743,000 or 7.2% on 2015/2016 budgeted figures. In comparison, operating revenue increased by \$1,598,000 or 6.6% resulting in a minor budgeted operating deficit of \$79,000.

With non-operating and capital revenues and expenses included, Council's overall cash deficit was \$497,000.

2016/2017 Budget Initiatives

Key components within Council's 2016/2017 budget include:

| Function/Activity | \$'000 Expenditure | | \$ '000 Revenue |
|---|--------------------|---------|-----------------|
| | Operating | Capital | |
| Administration | | | |
| Rates (General and NRM levy) | | | 19,734 |
| General Purpose Grant | | | 2,184 |
| Road Grants | | | 384 |
| Community Services | | | |
| General Community support and celebrations | 293 | | |
| Community assistance and donations | 146 | | |
| Public Conveniences | 290 | | |
| Community amenities (including the Main Corner) | 802 | | 99 |
| Cultural Services | | | |
| Library Operating | 1,955 | 130 | 115 |
| Cultural Venues | 373 | 15 | 307 |
| Heritage | 451 | 65 | |
| Economic | | | |
| Regional development | 476 | | |
| Tourism | 665 | | |
| Tourism – Visitor Information Centre | 920 | | 310 |
| Environment | | | |
| Waste Management - garbage, recycling, greenwaste | 1,280 | | 560 |
| Landfill operations | 1,000 | 735 | 1,400 |
| Stormwater drainage | 424 | | |
| Street cleaning / sweeping | 375 | | |
| Street lighting | 490 | | |
| Streetscaping | 196 | | |
| Environmental sustainability initiatives | 145 | 50 | |
| Recreation | | | |
| Parks, gardens, reserves | 1,778 | 465 | 14 |
| Sport facilities - indoor and outdoor | 543 | 706 | 67 |
| Aquatic Centre | 383 | 89 | |
| Regulatory | | | |

| Function/Activity | \$'000 Expenditure | | \$ '000 Revenue |
|---|------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| | Operating | Capital | |
| Development control (planning and building) | 688 | | 215 |
| Health services | 185 | | 2 |
| Dogs and parking control | 325 | | 175 |
| Transport/Engineering | | | |
| Plant and machinery (replacement and operating) | 1,607 | 1,567 | |
| Footpath / curbing - annual maintenance program | 536 | 301 | |
| Road infrastructure | 2,128 | 2,040 | 965 |
| Non - Operating | Non - Operating | | Non - Operating |
| Annual borrowing program | | | Nil |
| Loan repayment - principal | 680 | | |
| Asset disposal (i.e. trade-ins) | | | 309 |
| Grant funding | | | 130 |

Note: Council's 2016/2017 ABP&B is available from Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au

Implications For Rates

To deliver its services, programs and activities in 2016/2017, Council approved an increase in the overall general gross rate revenue equivalent to 4.5% over the general gross rate revenue raised in the preceding financial year.

This overall percentage increase is offset by the effect of "growth" (i.e. new developments, new assessments) that occurred during the previous year. This growth is estimated to be equivalent to a 0.66% benefit in general rate revenue which provides a cushioning offset to the 4.5% rate rise.

Ratepayers experienced an average 3.84% increase in rates, subject to individual ratable property assessment details.

For the average residential ratepayer, this equated to an estimated \$40 per annum (77¢ per week) increase in Council rates, bringing the average annual residential rates to \$1,101 to assist in funding the 2016/2017 budget.

Council's residential rating effort continues to be well below the average residential rates for South Australian Councils as indicated in comparative data provided by the SA Local Government Association Rates Data Report (2015/2016):

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Average for SA metro Councils | \$1,505 |
| Average for SA regional Councils | \$1,295 |
| Average for City of Mount Gambier | \$1,101 |

Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

What is the purpose of a LTFP?

A Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a requirement of Section 122 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1999. The purpose of a LTFP is to translate the objectives and strategies of Council's Strategic Management Plan into financial terms and to guide the direction of Council in a financially sustainable manner.

The LTFP ensures there is understanding of the impact of decisions made today on Council's future sustainability over a period of at least ten years.

The importance of financial sustainability is to ensure that each generation 'pays their way' rather than any one generation living off their assets and leaving future generations to address the issue of repairing and replacing worn out assets (such as buildings, infrastructure and equipment).

Council's LTFP is a driver in the formulation of its ABP&B.

What are the key elements of the LTFP?

Key elements include income and expenditure related to:

- Community Plan 2016-2020,
- Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan (IAMP) and,
- ABP&B significantly influence the LTFP. The IAMP focus on future expenditure for new assets and the renewal of existing assets over at least a ten year period. Other elements and assumptions that influence Council's LTFP include:
 - Future revenues, specifically the level that rates are raised by,
 - Commonwealth grant funding (e.g. Federal Assistance Grants),
 - Existing services and programs and their service levels unless otherwise indicated,
 - Changes to services or investments in new or upgraded assets other than what is planned for,
 - Changes to employee costs in line with existing Enterprise Bargaining Agreements,

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Local Government Consumer Price Index (LGCPI),
- Mandatory levies, rates and rebates as required by Legislation (e.g. Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy), and
- Borrowing rates (e.g. for longer term investments in Council assets and infrastructure).

Council's financial projections over the long term planning horizon are not meant to be a prediction of financial position or performance, rather an indication of direction and financial capacity.

What does the LTFP tell us?

Council's LTFP provides Council and the Community with a reasonable indication of Council's capacity to continue delivering existing services and programs and to improve services to meet the needs of the Community.

Council is in a sound financial position with a favourable outlook over the term of the LTFP with a tight operating budget for the first five years of the plan.

Council's LTFP is reviewed periodically and is available from the Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au.

Audit Committee

Council is required under Section 128 of the Local Government Act 1999 to appoint a suitably qualified person as its external auditor. The auditor will be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Council's Audit Committee and must be a:

- (a) Registered company auditor; or
- (b) Firm comprising at least one registered company auditor.

The auditor of Council must undertake an audit of the:

- (a) Council's financial statements within a reasonable time after the statements are referred to the auditor for the audit (and, in any event, unless there is good reason for a longer period, within 2 months after the referral); and
- (b) Controls exercised by the Council during the relevant financial year in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities.

The auditor must provide to the Council an:

- (a) Audit opinion with respect to the financial statements; and
- (b) Audit opinion as to whether the controls audited are sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

The auditor will provide the opinions to the:

- (a) Principal Member of the Council; and
- (b) Council's Audit Committee.

Following a competitive tendering process, Council appointed the firm Galpins as Council's external Auditors for a five year term from the 2016/2017 financial year to the 2020/2021 financial year.

Pursuant to Section 128(9) of the Local Government Act, 1999, Council must include in its Annual Report details of the remuneration paid to its external Auditor for work performed during the review year.

In compliance with Section 128(9), Council advises that during the 2016/2017 financial year:

- The sum of \$8,000 (ex GST) was paid for the interim annual audit of the Council's internal controls; and
- The sum of \$12,500 (ex GST) was paid for the annual audit of statutory financial records and related specific purpose statements for 2015/2016 Audit.



Economic and Regional Statement

Mount Gambier - A Lifelong Learning City

Council, in collaboration with the community, aims for Mount Gambier to become a true “Lifelong Community Learning City”. Initially this desire was driven by Council’s wish to recognise local educational excellence from early childhood right through to tertiary education.

While it is not the role of Council to take responsibility for, or to be a provider of education in our City, Council does facilitate information sharing and brokers cooperative opportunities which:

- Dramatically reflect our commitment to the value of learning within our communities of interest,
- Reinforce the message that learning and education are fundamental building blocks of a strong community,
- Understand the issues and opportunities facing education and advocate effectively on behalf of the community, and
- Foster a united and shared understanding of the way forward to progress a community of learners.

In 2016/2017 the Lifelong Learning Council sub-committee was comprised of:

- Cr Sonya Meziniec (Presiding Member),
- Cr Hanna Persello,
- Cr Penny Richardson,
- Cr Julie Reis (District Council of Grant),
- David Meziniec (community),
- Sarah Pellen (community), and
- Alexandra Nicholson (community).

A review of Council’s decision making structure was undertaken in June 2017 where Council acknowledged the considerable achievements of the Lifelong Learning sub-committee which included:

- Successfully advocating for the local delivery of an Education Degree,
- Partnering with the Sidney Myer Rural Lecture Series ‘Rural Communities ... Education for the 21st Century’ at City Hall in Mount Gambier with Dr George Otero (Director of the Centre for Relational Learning in Santa Fe, New Mexico) in conjunction with Professor John Halsey from Flinders University,

- Establishing Our Mount Gambier Village – Online Hub to continue a whole community relational learning approach, working in an increasingly relationship-based way in terms of both service provision and community development,
- Hosting South Australia’s Thinker-in-Residence Dr Carla Rinaldi from Reggio Emilia, Italy. Internationally respected for her expertise on early childhood development based around the Reggio approach and worked with the community and practitioners in the early childhood sector to guide development of the Mount Gambier Charter for Children,
- Partnering with the Mount Gambier Children’s Centre to deliver a forum with keynote Dr Sally Brinkman who explained the value and complexities of the Australian Early Development Index figures,
- Launching the Mount Gambier Charter for Children that aims to serve as an aspirational set of principles, to guide the work of Council, early learning services, service providers and business to acknowledge the child as a competent citizen,
- Collaborative development of a Limestone Coast Regional Wellbeing and Resilience prototype,
- The scope and implementation of a Council Wellbeing Workforce/Positive Organisation project to lead, measure, build and embed wellbeing and resilience within the City of Mount Gambier workforce, and
- Actively support the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) South East Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2018 to provide a platform for a coordinated approach to advance student and community learning in STEM and to build community awareness of STEM skills.

The sub-committee was dissolved in June 2017. The work of the Lifelong Learning sub-committee has been embedded within the Community Plan – The Futures Paper 2016-2020 and Council’s ongoing commitment to building a community of learners remains integral to the future.

Economic Development

Mount Gambier has a strong, diverse and vibrant economy and is on the cusp of major economic transition. This provides exciting opportunities and challenges, and requires new skills, different business models, innovation and resilience to respond.

Council commissioned the development of five strategic documents to guide effective implementation of the City Futures Paper and Community Plan:

- Building a Connected Regional City - A Digital Strategy and Action Plan for the City of Mount Gambier,
- Economic Scorecard - Case Study and modelling for the City of Mount Gambier,
- Tourism and Visitor Information Services Review,
- 2017 Mount Gambier Tourism Data Collection, and
- City of Mount Gambier Signage Strategy.

The purpose of these documents is to integrate informed best practice and innovation into the implementation plans and ensure strong strategic alignment with the City Futures Papers and Community Plan.

When all reports have been endorsed by Council an implementation framework will be developed that will identify priorities and timelines for progressive action over the coming years.

Hierarchy of Strategies



One of the identified focus areas has been tourism. To assist with driving the growth of the City's visitor economy, Council partnered with the Tourism Mount Gambier to deliver strategies and resources to help grow Mount Gambier's tourism economy. This work is progressing well with a focus on raising the visibility of tourism experiences across the region by improving digital resources to attract visitors. This aligns well with recommendations made in Digital Strategy that emphasise the need for media content as we assist businesses in building their digital capacities.



City of Mount Gambier General Manager Community Wellbeing Barbara Cernovskis (left), Tourism Mount Gambier Chair Kent Comley and Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce President Lynette Martin.

Demographic Profile**

26,348

Estimated resident population in the City of Mount Gambier in 2014/15.

1.6%

Of total state population (1.70M).



Compared to the state, the City of Mount Gambier has:



larger than average concentration of people 0–14 years (2.5% higher)



slightly smaller than average concentration of people 15–64 years (2.2% lower)



similar proportion of people aged 65+ (0.3% lower).

Based on the Planning SA projections, the population in the City of Mount Gambier will increase by about 12.0% over the 20 years from 2011 (Census year) whereas the total SA population is expected to increase by around 18.1%. Over the same period, the number of people aged 65+ is projected to grow from 3,960 to 6,710, a 69.5% increase.

Economic Profile**

11,000

Total jobs in the City of Mount Gambier in 2014/15.

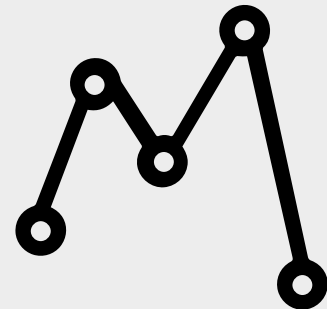
The top five contributors to employment were:

- 1 Health care and social assistance
- 2 Retail trade
- 3 Manufacturing
- 4 Education and training
- 5 Agriculture, forestry and fishing

1.5%

Of total state employment (approx).

Labour Force and Business Count Indicators**



The most significant industries in regards to counts of registered business were the:



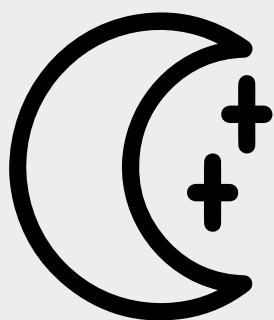
Construction Sector (16%)



Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Sector (14%)

The only large businesses (200+ employing) registered in the region were in the transport, postal and warehousing sector.

Tourism Expenditure and Impact Assessment of Extended Stay from Visitors**



272,000

overnight visitors to the City of Mount Gambier in 2014/15.

\$71.4M

estimated impact of tourism on total contribution to GRP during 2014/15.

\$15.1M

Under a scenario where all overnight visitors stayed an extra night, approximately \$15.1M of additional GRP would be generated.

Tourism generated an estimated 779 fte jobs in 2014/15, 7.3% of total employment in the City of Mount Gambier.

An extra night's stay by overnight visitors would generate an additional 145 fte jobs.

Household income generated by tourism in the City of Mount Gambier was estimated to be almost \$39M in 2014/15, 5.3% of the City's total.

The household income impact an extra night's stay by overnight visitors was estimated to be \$7.2M.

Retail Sector Contribution to the Regional Economy**



GRP

\$106.5M

approximate GRP in the City of Mount Gambier attributable to the retail sector.

EMPLOYMENT

1490 fte

approximate contribution of the retail sector.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$68.9M

approximate household income attributed to the retail sector.

** Statistics supplied from the Econsearch Economic Scorecard Snapshot.

Building International Relationships - China Strategy

In January, 2017 Council resolved that the opportunity to establish stronger City to City relationships be pursued with the City of Baotou in Inner Mongolia during a delegation to China in March, 2017.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Andrew Lee, CEO Mark McShane, Councillors Hanna Persello, Josh Lynagh, Penny Richardson and Ian Von Stanke and industry representatives including Regional Development Australia (RDA) Investment Attraction Manager Bruce Rodda, DiGiorgio Family Wines' Frank DiGiorgio, Mini Jumbuk's Darren Turner and International Timber Solutions representative Esabelle Zhou were part of the contingent which travelled to Lu'an and Baotou. Representatives from Sunway Foods based in Beijing also joined the delegation to further support their current export trade from the Limestone Coast. The collective group focused on the promotion of education, tourism, agriculture, food, wine, timber and textiles.

The delegates spent three days in Lu'an where they met with the government and the business

sector. The group toured the Keppel Corporation's major distribution centre which is currently in development and will include 1,700 shop fronts when it opens for business.

The City of Mount Gambier signed a friendship agreement with Baotou during the visit, which establishes a relationship for local industry to build on for trade talks in the future.

"It means that both governments have formed a bridge and confidence in each other to enable these business to business relationships to occur," City of Mount Gambier CEO Mark McShane said.

This follows letters of intent signed by the Baotou government with the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce, Tenison Woods College, Mini Jumbuk and the City of Mount Gambier during a Chinese delegate visit to Mount Gambier in November, 2016.

"Local businesses now have some solid contacts to do some deals in terms of export of our product into Baotou," Mr McShane said.



Financial Statement

General Statistics (for year ended 30 June, 2017)

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Area | 3,388 ha or 34 km ² |
| Length of Roads | 229 km |
| Number of Residential Properties | 12,147 |
| Median Age | 40 |
| Unemployment (March 2017) | 5.54% |
| Capital Value (July 2016) | \$3,259,233,035 |

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Residents of the City of Mount Gambier | 25,911 | 25,911 | 26,092 | 26,246 | 26,348 | 26,993 |
| Eligible Voters | 17,411 | 18,050 | 18,379 | 18,345 | 18,874 | 19,408 |
| Employees (full time equivalent) | 111 | 116 | 118 | 116 | 122 | 124 |
| Development Applications and Land Divisions | 444 | 363 | 442 | 417 | 382 | 398 |
| Dwellings | 104 | 75 | 112 | 101 | 85 | 87 |
| Flats/Units | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Business/Commercial /Industrial | 51 | 56 | 35 | 32 | 35 | 43 |
| Additions and Alterations | 220 | 191 | 189 | 212 | 190 | 179 |
| Other, signs, divisions | 69 | 43 | 80 | 72 | 72 | 89 |
| Estimated Expenditure (Value \$m) | 93.1 | 31.9 | 46 | 43.1 | 32.6 | 39.3 |
| Dogs Registered | 4,837 | 4,818 | 4,945 | 4,491 | 4,611 | 4,627 |

Population change

The population of Mount Gambier City over the years:

| | |
|------|--------------------|
| 1961 | 15,388 |
| 1966 | 17,146 |
| 1971 | 17,934 |
| 1976 | 19,292 |
| 1991 | 19,880 |
| 1992 | 20,813 |
| 2001 | 22,720 |
| 2006 | 23,922 |
| 2011 | 25,257 |
| 2016 | 26,993 (ABS – ERP) |

ABS: Australian Bureau of Statistics

ERP: Estimated Resident Population

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June, 2017

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|--|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Rates | 2 | 19,672 | 18,327 |
| Statutory charges | 2 | 421 | 340 |
| User charges | 2 | 4,515 | 3,806 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions | 2 | 4,858 | 2,250 |
| Investment income | 2 | 35 | 32 |
| Reimbursements | 2 | 196 | 274 |
| Other income | 2 | 650 | 382 |
| Total Income | | 30,347 | 25,411 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Employee costs | 3 | 10,728 | 10,066 |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses | 3 | 10,168 | 8,955 |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment | 3 | 7,331 | 6,704 |
| Finance costs | 3 | 269 | 236 |
| Total Expenses | | 28,496 | 25,961 |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | | 1,851 | (550) |
| Asset disposal & fair value adjustments | 4 | 48 | (124) |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets | 2 | 2,189 | 585 |
| Physical resources received free of charge | 2 | 1,213 | 604 |
| Operating result from discontinued operations | 20 | - | - |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) transferred to Equity Statement | | 5,301 | 515 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | |
| <i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i> | | | |
| Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | 9 | (13,457) | 3,932 |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income | | (13,457) | 3,932 |
| Total Comprehensive Income | | (8,156) | 4,447 |

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

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June, 2017

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5 | 3,028 | 991 |
| Trade & other receivables | 5 | 1,354 | 1,158 |
| Inventories | 5 | 32 | 39 |
| Total Current Assets | | 4,414 | 2,188 |
| Non-current Assets | | | |
| Financial assets | 6 | 35 | 68 |
| Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | 7 | 228,257 | 234,422 |
| Total Non-current Assets | | 228,292 | 234,490 |
| Total Assets | | 232,706 | 236,678 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade & other payables | 8 | 2,951 | 2,092 |
| Borrowings | 8 | 206 | 239 |
| Provisions | 8 | 3,288 | 2,435 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 6,445 | 4,766 |
| Non-current Liabilities | | | |
| Borrowings | 8 | 2,790 | 3,675 |
| Provisions | 8 | 3,599 | 209 |
| Total Non-current Liabilities | | 6,389 | 3,884 |
| Total Liabilities | | 12,834 | 8,650 |
| Net Assets | | 219,872 | 228,028 |
| Equity | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | | 61,333 | 54,680 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserves | 9 | 155,509 | 168,966 |
| Other Reserves | 9 | 3,030 | 4,382 |
| Total Equity | | 219,872 | 228,028 |

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

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June, 2017

| | Accumulated Surplus | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Other Reserves | Total Equity |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2017 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period | 54,680 | 168,966 | 4,382 | 228,028 |
| Restated opening balance | 54,680 | 168,966 | 4,382 | 228,028 |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year | 5,301 | | | 5,301 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | |
| Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | | (13,457) | | (13,457) |
| Transfers between reserves | 1,352 | | (1,352) | - |
| Balance at end of period | 61,333 | 155,509 | 3,030 | 219,872 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 2016 | | | | |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period | 49,398 | 165,034 | 9,149 | 223,581 |
| Restated opening balance | 49,398 | 165,034 | 9,149 | 223,581 |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year | 515 | | | 515 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | |
| Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | | 3,932 | | 3,932 |
| Transfers between reserves | 4,767 | | (4,767) | - |
| Balance at end of period | 54,680 | 168,966 | 4,382 | 228,028 |

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

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June, 2017

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Rates - general & other | | 19,682 | 18,345 |
| Fees & other charges | | 454 | 367 |
| User charges | | 4,752 | 4,298 |
| Investment receipts | | 33 | 33 |
| Grants utilised for operating purposes | | 5,222 | 2,419 |
| Reimbursements | | 216 | 301 |
| Other revenues | | 4,034 | 1,569 |
| Payments | | | |
| Employee costs | | (10,692) | (9,778) |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses | | (13,711) | (10,766) |
| Finance payments | | (201) | (237) |
| Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities | | 9,789 | 6,551 |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets | | 2,189 | 585 |
| Sale of replaced assets | | 407 | 368 |
| Sale of surplus assets | | 105 | - |
| Repayments of loans by community groups | | 40 | 46 |
| Payments | | | |
| Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets | | (3,253) | (4,579) |
| Expenditure on new/upgraded assets | | (6,322) | (2,154) |
| Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities | | (6,834) | (5,734) |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Proceeds from borrowings | | - | (839) |
| Payments | | | |
| Repayments of borrowings | | (874) | - |
| Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities | | (874) | (839) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held | | 2,081 | (22) |
| Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period | 10 | 947 | 969 |
| Cash & cash equivalents at end of period | 10 | 3,028 | 947 |

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 dated 17 October 2017.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

City of Mount Gambier is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income recognition

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

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

In recent years the payment of untied financial assistance grants has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

| | Cash Payment Received | Annual Allocation | | Difference |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 2014/15 | \$3,911,799 | \$2,594,677 | + | \$1,317,122 |
| 2015/16 | \$1,435,554 | \$2,752,676 | - | \$1,317,122 |
| 2016/17 | \$3,907,937 | \$2,580,055 | + | \$1,327,882 |

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 13 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

The actual amounts of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

3.1 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".

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 12.

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 Land under roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 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 given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets carried at fair value whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not assessed for impairment.

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

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

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

Weighted average discount rate

1.63% (2016, 1.59%)

Weighted average settlement period

1 years (2016, 1 years)

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

Council does make payment for vesting sick leave for AWU employees in accordance with the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. The vesting sick leave provision has been increased by \$35,000 resulting in a provision totalling \$110,889.94 recorded by Council. Council is incrementally increasing this provision until the maximum vesting sick leave payable in any one year reaches the maximum payable. For the 2016/2017 financial year, the maximum payable totalled \$133,654.41.

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 16.

10 GST Implications

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

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures

include GST net of any recoupment.

- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

11 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2017 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| AASB 7 | Financial Instruments – Disclosures |
| AASB 9 | Financial Instruments |
| AASB 15 | Revenue from Contracts with Customers |
| AASB 17 | Leases |
| AASB 1058 | Income of Not-for-Profit Entities |

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6, AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 2014-10, AASB 2015-1, AASB 2015-2, AASB 2015-3, AASB 2015-4, AASB 2015-5, AASB 2015-6 and AASB 2015-7.

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

Council is of the view that other than AASB 16 and AASB 1058, 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.

Accounting Standard AASB 16 Leases may have a material effect on the amounts disclosed in these reports, particularly in relation to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment, but does not commence until the 2019/20 financial period, and it is not Council's intention to adopt this Standard early.

Accounting Standard AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities may have a material effect on the amounts disclosed in these reports, particularly in revenues from grants & subsidies, but does not commence until the 2019/20 financial period, and it is not Council's intention to adopt this Standard early.

Note 2 - Income

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Rates Revenues | | | |
| General Rates | | 18,755 | 17,856 |
| Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs | | (197) | (178) |
| | | 18,558 | 17,678 |
| Other Rates (including service charges) | | | |
| Natural Resource Management levy | | 1,038 | 579 |
| | | 1,038 | 579 |
| Other Charges | | | |
| Penalties for late payment | | 76 | 70 |
| | | 19,672 | 18,327 |
| Statutory Charges | | | |
| Development Act fees | | 88 | 80 |
| Town planning fees | | 97 | 98 |
| Animal registration fees & fines | | 152 | 121 |
| Parking fines / expiation fees | | 32 | 31 |
| Other licences, fees, & fines | | 52 | 10 |
| | | 421 | 340 |
| User Charges | | | |
| Cemetery/crematoria fees | | 969 | 770 |
| Green Waste Collection | | 460 | 431 |
| Landfill Charges | | 1,949 | 1,430 |
| Hall & equipment hire | | 334 | 344 |
| Recycling | | 131 | 124 |
| Sales - general | | 289 | 374 |
| Bus Ticketing | | 274 | 290 |
| Sundry | | 109 | 43 |
| | | 4,515 | 3,806 |
| Investment Income | | | |
| Interest on investments | | | |
| Local Government Finance Authority | | 34 | 29 |
| Banks & other | | 1 | 2 |
| Loans to community groups | | - | 1 |
| | | 35 | 32 |

Note 2 - Income (cont)

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Reimbursements | | | |
| - for roadworks | | 44 | 16 |
| - for private works | | 98 | 86 |
| - other | | 54 | 172 |
| | | 196 | 274 |

| | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------|
| Other Income | | | |
| Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | | 473 | 241 |
| Donations | | 28 | 25 |
| Sundry | | 149 | 116 |
| | | 650 | 382 |

| | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--------------|
| Grants, Subsidies, Contributions | | | |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets | | 2,189 | 585 |
| Other grants, subsidies and contributions | | | |
| Untied - Financial Assistance Grant | | 3,908 | 1,261 |
| Roads to Recovery | | 763 | 806 |
| Library & Communications | | 179 | 174 |
| Sundry | | 8 | 9 |
| | | 4,858 | 2,250 |
| | | 7,047 | 2,835 |

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

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| Sources of grants | | | |
| Commonwealth government | | 763 | 806 |
| State government | | 6,284 | 2,024 |
| Other | | 0 | 5 |
| | | 7,047 | 2,835 |

Note 2 - Income (cont)

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Conditions over grants & contributions | | | |
| Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows: | | | |
| Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period | | | 100 |
| Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods | | | |
| Railway Lands Artwork | | - | (100) |
| Subtotal | | - | (100) |
| Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions | | | |
| Bicycle Funding Program | | 40 | - |
| Salvage Yard | | 90 | - |
| Subtotal | | 130 | - |
| Unexpended at the close of this reporting period | | 130 | - |
| Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period | | 130 | (100) |
| Physical Resources Received Free Of Charge | | | |
| Land & Improvements | | 127 | 81 |
| Roads & Footpaths | | 1,086 | 523 |
| Total Physical Resources Received | | 1,213 | 604 |

Note 3 - Expenses

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Employee Costs | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | 9,493 | 8,931 |
| Employee leave expense | | 146 | 372 |
| Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions | 16 | 966 | 871 |
| Workers' Compensation Insurance | | 420 | 263 |
| Other | | 61 | 46 |
| Less: Capitalised and distributed costs | | (358) | (417) |
| Total Operating Employee Costs | | 10,728 | 10,066 |
| Total Number of Employees | | 123 | 120 |
| <i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i> | | | |
| Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses | | | |
| Prescribed Expenses | | | |
| Auditor's Remuneration | | | |
| - Auditing the financial reports | | 21 | 20 |
| Elected members' expenses | | 310 | 311 |
| Election expenses | | 8 | - |
| Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses | | 339 | 331 |
| Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses | | | |
| Contractors | | 3,023 | 3,044 |
| Contributions / Donations | | 763 | 902 |
| Individually Significant Items | | | |
| Energy | | 718 | 803 |
| Insurance | | 324 | 324 |
| Levies paid to government - EPA, ESL & Dog Levies | | 987 | 662 |
| - NRM Levy | | 1,041 | 578 |
| Materials | | 1,345 | 1,791 |
| Training | | 195 | 240 |

Note 3 - Expenses (cont)

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Sundry | | 1,433 | 280 |
| Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses | | 9,829 | 8,624 |
| | | 10,168 | 8,955 |

Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| Depreciation | | | |
| Land | | - | - |
| Buildings & Other Structures | | 2,873 | 2,999 |
| Infrastructure | | | |
| - Waste Management | | 581 | - |
| - Stormwater Drainage | | 99 | 108 |
| - Bridges | | 3 | 3 |
| - Footpaths | | 263 | 254 |
| - Pavement | | 699 | 731 |
| - Seals | | 1,054 | 1,205 |
| - Kerb & Channel | | 406 | 353 |
| - Carparks | | 248 | - |
| Plant & Equipment | | 699 | 674 |
| Office Equipment | | 143 | 131 |
| Riddoch Collection | | - | - |
| Other | | 263 | 246 |
| | | 7,331 | 6,704 |

Finance Costs

| | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------|
| Interest on overdraft and short-term drawdown | | 19 | 35 |
| Interest on Loans | | 182 | 201 |
| Unwinding of present value discounts | | 68 | - |
| | | 269 | 236 |

Note 4 - Gain (Loss) on Asset Disposal

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | | | |
| Assets renewed or directly replaced | | | |
| Proceeds from disposal | | 407 | 368 |
| Less: Carrying amount of assets sold | | 403 | 492 |
| Gain (Loss) on disposal | | 4 | (124) |
| Assets surplus to requirements | | | |
| Proceeds from disposal | | 105 | - |
| Less: Carrying amount of assets sold | | 61 | - |
| Gain (Loss) on disposal | | 44 | - |
| Net Gain (Loss) On Disposal Or Revaluation Of Assets | | 48 | (124) |

Note 5 - Current Assets

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash & Equivalent Assets | | | |
| Cash on Hand and at Bank | | 152 | 63 |
| Deposits at Call | | 2,876 | 928 |
| | | 3,028 | 991 |
| Trade & Other Receivables | | | |
| Rates - General & Other | | 433 | 443 |
| Accrued Revenues | | 6 | 4 |
| Debtors - general | | 761 | 646 |
| GST Recoupment | | 141 | 45 |
| Loans to community organisations | | 33 | 40 |
| Total | | 1,374 | 1,178 |
| | | | |
| Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts | | 20 | 20 |
| | | 1,354 | 1,158 |
| Inventories | | | |
| Stores & Materials | | 18 | 20 |
| Trading Stock | | 14 | 19 |
| | | 32 | 39 |

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.

Note 6 - Non-Current Assets

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Financial Assets | | | |
| Receivables | | | |
| Loans to community organisations | | 35 | 68 |
| Total Financial Assets | | 35 | 68 |

Note 7 - Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

| Fair Value Level | 2016 \$'000 | | | | 2017 \$'000 | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | At Fair Value | At Cost | Accum Dep'n | Carrying Amount | At Fair Value | At Cost | Accum Dep'n |
| Land | 7,371 | - | - | 7,371 | 10,199 | - | - |
| Land | 34,246 | - | - | 34,246 | 41,453 | 128 | - |
| Buildings & Other Structures | 58,820 | 799 | (7,734) | 51,885 | 1,388 | 9 | (58) |
| Buildings & Other Structures | 68,085 | 768 | (32,733) | 36,120 | 98,067 | 1,123 | (32,562) |
| Infrastructure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - Waste Management | 4,622 | 254 | (891) | 3,985 | 7,678 | 1,169 | (5,446) |
| - Stormwater Drainage | 6,928 | 60 | (2,126) | 4,862 | 6,953 | 96 | (1,887) |
| - Bridges | 164 | - | (67) | 97 | 164 | - | (70) |
| - Footpaths | 14,726 | 912 | (2,171) | 13,467 | 14,755 | 1,247 | (2,348) |
| - Pavement | 45,614 | 2,063 | (11,825) | 35,852 | 45,660 | 1,412 | (11,912) |
| - Seals | 25,834 | 665 | (7,723) | 18,776 | 16,871 | 823 | (4,953) |
| - Kerb & Channel | 26,943 | 166 | (6,242) | 20,867 | 28,467 | 4 | (7,180) |
| - Carparks | - | - | - | - | 9,955 | 29 | (2,299) |
| Plant & Equipment | - | 6,523 | (1,618) | 4,905 | - | 7,030 | (1,909) |
| Office Equipment | - | 1,829 | (1,354) | 475 | - | 1,909 | (1,490) |
| Riddoch Collection | - | - | - | - | - | 2,059 | - |
| Other | - | 2,458 | (944) | 1,514 | - | 2,944 | (1,221) |
| Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 293,353 | 16,497 | (75,428) | 234,422 | 281,610 | 19,982 | (73,335) |
| Comparatives | 295,748 | 2,430 | (67,829) | 230,349 | 293,353 | 16,497 | (75,428) |

| | 2016 \$'000 | Carrying Amount Movements During Year \$'000 | | | | | | | | | | 2017 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | Carrying Amount | Additions | | Disposals | Depreciation | Impairment | Transfers | | Net Revaluation | Carrying Amount | |
| | | | New/ Upgrade | Renewals | | | | In | Out | | | |
| Land | 7,371 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,828 | 10,199 | |
| Land | 34,246 | 222 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,113 | 41,581 | |
| Buildings & Other Structures | 51,885 | 9 | - | - | (41) | - | - | - | (51,187) | 673 | 1,339 | |
| Buildings & Other Structures | 36,120 | 475 | 648 | - | (2,832) | - | 51,187 | (485) | (18,485) | | 66,628 | |
| Infrastructure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| - Waste Management | 3,985 | 5,469 | - | - | (581) | - | - | - | (5,472) | | 3,401 | |
| - Stormwater Drainage | 4,862 | 54 | 42 | - | (99) | - | - | - | 303 | | 5,162 | |
| - Bridges | 97 | - | - | - | (3) | - | - | - | - | | 94 | |
| - Footpaths | 13,467 | 686 | 698 | - | (263) | - | - | - | (934) | | 13,654 | |
| - Pavement | 35,852 | 741 | 1,061 | - | (699) | - | - | - | (1,795) | | 35,160 | |
| - Seals | 18,776 | 496 | 490 | - | (1,054) | - | - | (7,206) | 1,239 | | 12,741 | |
| - Kerb & Channel | 20,867 | 265 | 3 | - | (406) | - | - | - | 562 | | 21,291 | |
| - Carparks | - | - | 30 | - | (248) | - | 7,392 | - | 511 | | 7,685 | |
| Plant & Equipment | 4,905 | 42 | 1,337 | (464) | (699) | - | - | - | - | | 5,121 | |
| Office Equipment | 475 | 70 | 17 | - | (143) | - | - | - | - | | 419 | |
| Riddoch Collection | - | 2,059 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 2,059 | |
| Other | 1,514 | 33 | 140 | - | (263) | - | 299 | - | - | | 1,723 | |
| Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 234,422 | 10,621 | 4,466 | (464) | (7,331) | - | 58,878 | (58,878) | (13,457) | 228,257 | | |
| Comparatives | 230,349 | 2,154 | 5,183 | (492) | (6,704) | - | - | - | 3,932 | 234,422 | | |

Note 7 - Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land: Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but

include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

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

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

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

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

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

| | |
|---|----------|
| Office Furniture & Equipment | \$1,000 |
| Other Plant & Equipment | \$1,000 |
| Buildings - new construction/extensions | \$10,000 |
| Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment | \$2,000 |
| Road construction & reconstruction | \$10,000 |
| Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter | \$2,000 |
| Drains & Culverts | \$5,000 |
| Reticulation extensions | \$5,000 |
| Sidelines & household connections | \$5,000 |
| Artworks | \$5,000 |

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Office Equipment | 5 to 10 years |
| Office Furniture | 10 to 20 years |
| Vehicles and Road-making Equip | 5 to 8 years |
| Other Plant & Equipment | 5 to 15 years |

Building & Other Structures

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Buildings – masonry | 50 to 100 years |
| Buildings – other construction | 20 to 40 years |
| Park Structures – masonry | 50 to 100 years |
| Park Structures – other construction | 20 to 40 years |
| Playground equipment | 5 to 15 years |
| Benches, seats, etc | 10 to 20 years |

Infrastructure

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sealed Roads – Surface | 15 to 25 years |
| Sealed Roads – Structure | 20 to 50 years |
| Unsealed Roads | 10 to 20 years |
| Bridges – Concrete | 80 to 100 years |
| Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter | 80 to 100 years |
| Drains | 80 to 100 years |
| Culverts | 50 to 75 years |
| Flood Control Structures | 80 to 100 years |
| Dams and Reservoirs | 80 to 100 years |
| Bores | 20 to 40 years |
| Reticulation Pipes – PVC | 70 to 80 years |
| Reticulation Pipes – other | 25 to 75 years |
| Pumps & Telemetry | 15 to 25 years |
| Landfill Assets | 1 to 75 years |

Other Assets

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Library Books | 10 to 15 years |
| Artworks | indefinite |

Land & Land Improvements

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road

purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 1997 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2016 by Richard Wood, AAPI CPV, of Opteon Property Group. Additions are recognised at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council officers at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2016, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting periods ended 30 June 2016. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Council officers as at 30 June 2017 at depreciated current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2017. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Landfill remediation and cell development assets are amortised on a consumption basis over the individual landfill cell's capacity to receive waste. Council has altered its accounting treatment for the costs associated with capping a cell. At the time of construction of a cell, Council will increase the cost of the cell by the present value of estimated costs to cap and close the cell. This estimate is offset by recognition of a provision. This recognition of the capping costs are amortised in line with the consumption of airspace used in the cell in any one year.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

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

Note 8 - Liabilities

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | | 2016 \$'000 | |
|---|-------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Current | Non-current | Current | Non-current |
| Trade & Other Payables | | | | | |
| Goods & Services | | 2,066 | - | 1,391 | - |
| Payments received in advance | | 163 | - | 263 | - |
| Accrued expenses - employee entitlements | | 292 | - | 132 | - |
| Accrued expenses - other | | 9 | - | 9 | - |
| Deposits, Retentions & Bonds | | 249 | - | 193 | - |
| Other | | 172 | - | 104 | - |
| | | 2,951 | - | 2,092 | - |
| Borrowings | | | | | |
| Bank Overdraft | | - | - | 44 | - |
| Loans | | 206 | 2,790 | 195 | 3,675 |
| | | 206 | 2,790 | 239 | 3,675 |
| All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council. | | | | | |
| Provisions | | | | | |
| Employee entitlements (including oncosts) | | 2,288 | 232 | 2,435 | 209 |
| Future reinstatement / restoration, etc | | 1,000 | 3,367 | - | - |
| | | 3,288 | 3,599 | 2,435 | 209 |

Council has recently reviewed and improved data collection from carrying out it's Landfill operations. Due to this, Council has for the first time recognised a future reinstatement provision for capping and restoration costs associated with operating the Landfill. This provision should have been incorporated in a prior accounting period. The prior period errors have been adjusted through the revaluation reserve.

Note 9 - Reserves

| | Notes | 1/7/2016 \$'000 | Net Increments (Decrements) \$'000 | Transfers, Impairments \$'000 | 30/6/2017 \$'000 |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | | | | | |
| Land | | 31,370 | 9,941 | - | 41,311 |
| Buildings & Structures | | 75,418 | (17,812) | - | 57,606 |
| Infrastructure | * | 57,758 | (5,586) | - | 52,172 |
| Plant & Equipment | | 769 | - | - | 769 |
| Minor Plant | | 34 | - | - | 34 |
| Other | | 3,617 | - | - | 3,617 |
| Total | | 168,966 | (13,457) | | 155,509 |
| Comparatives | | 165,034 | 3,932 | | 168,966 |

| | 1/7/2016 | Transfers to Reserve | Transfers from Reserve | 30/6/2017 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Other Reserves | | | | |
| Long Service Leave | 724 | - | - | 724 |
| Downstream Drainage | 264 | 95 | (140) | 219 |
| Work in Progress | 2,640 | 1,314 | (2,640) | 1,314 |
| Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust | 685 | 11 | - | 696 |
| Junior Sports Assistance Fund | 69 | 8 | - | 77 |
| Total Other Reserves | 4,382 | 1,428 | (2,780) | 3,030 |
| Comparatives | 9,149 | 2,752 | (7,519) | 4,382 |

Note 9 - Reserves (cont)

Purposes Of Reserves

Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).
* \$5.472m of this net decrement relates to prior period error.

Other Reserves

Long Service Leave

Established to fund City of Mount Gambier employee long service leave entitlements. Ongoing Reserve Fund. Transfers from the Fund are made as required. Transfers to the Fund include Council budgetary allocations, interest received and funds from other employers in respect of transferred employees.

Downstream Drainage

Funds contributed by developers and held by Council to complete drainage obligations. Ongoing Reserve Fund. Transfers from the Fund are made as and when required. Transfers to the Fund are developer contributions and interest received.

Work in Progress

Established to fund Council works and projects that are carried over from one budgetary year to the next. Ongoing Reserve Fund. Transfers from the Fund are made as and when required with works and projects normally completed in the year following. Transfers to the Fund include funds for work and projects that have been allocated in one budget year but not completed in that year.

Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust

Established to fund any development works or projects that may be required at the Carinya Gardens Cemetery and Crematorium. Ongoing Reserve Fund. Transfers from the Fund are made as and when required. Transfers to the Fund include Cemetery Trust budgetary allocations and interest received.

Junior Sporting Fund

Established to fund the operations of the Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund. Ongoing Reserve Fund.

Note 10 - Reconciliation to Cash Flow Statement**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

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

| | Notes | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Total cash & equivalent assets | 5 | 3,028 | 991 |
| Less: Short-term borrowings | 8 | - | (44) |
| Balances per Cash Flow Statement | | 3,028 | 947 |

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

| | | | |
|---|--|--------------|-------|
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | | 5,301 | 515 |
| Non-cash items in Income Statement | | | |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment | | 7,331 | 6,704 |
| Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits | | 36 | 288 |
| Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound | | 68 | - |
| Non-cash asset acquisitions | | (1,213) | (604) |
| Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity | | (2,189) | (585) |
| Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals | | (48) | 124 |
| | | 9,286 | 6,442 |
| Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets | | | |
| Net (increase) decrease in receivables | | (203) | 404 |
| Net (increase) decrease in inventories | | 7 | 1 |
| Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables | | 699 | (296) |
| Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations | | 9,789 | 6,551 |

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

| | | | |
|--|---|--------------|-----|
| Acquisition of assets by means of: | | | |
| - Physical resources received free of charge | 2 | 1,213 | 604 |
| | | 1,213 | 604 |

(d) Financing Arrangements

| | | | |
|---|--|--------|--------|
| Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit: | | | |
| Bank Overdrafts | | 250 | 250 |
| Corporate Credit Cards | | 29 | 21 |
| LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility | | 10,000 | 10,000 |

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June, 2017

Note 11 - 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 2017 \$'000 | Actual 2016 \$'000 | Actual 2017 \$'000 | Actual 2016 \$'000 | Actual 2017 \$'000 | Actual 2016 \$'000 | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
| Administration / Support Services | 23,580 | 19,492 | 6,724 | 5,347 | 16,856 | 14,145 | 3,908 | 1,261 | 12,846 | 18,934 |
| Community Support | 1,111 | 117 | 2,113 | 2,207 | (1,002) | (2,090) | 4 | 10 | 10,198 | 9,467 |
| Culture | 549 | 555 | 3,402 | 2,898 | (2,853) | (2,343) | 179 | 278 | 37,801 | 42,602 |
| Economic Development | 317 | 365 | 1,977 | 1,625 | (1,660) | (1,260) | - | - | 4,735 | 4,734 |
| Environment | 2,892 | 2,318 | 5,315 | 3,740 | (2,423) | (1,422) | 4 | - | 11,179 | 11,834 |
| Recreation | 73 | 116 | 2,837 | 2,586 | (2,764) | (2,470) | - | 300 | 54,361 | 40,235 |
| Regulatory Services | 430 | 398 | 1,036 | 1,157 | (606) | (759) | - | - | - | - |
| Transport | 807 | 1,646 | 3,439 | 3,247 | (2,632) | (1,601) | 763 | - | 90,662 | 92,305 |
| Engineering / Indirect | - | - | 1,230 | 2,331 | (1,230) | (2,331) | - | 981 | 7,524 | 7,100 |
| Unclassified Activities | 588 | 404 | 423 | 823 | 165 | (419) | - | - | 3,400 | 9,467 |
| | | | | | - | - | | | | |
| Totals | 30,347 | 25,411 | 28,496 | 25,961 | 1,851 | (550) | 4,858 | 2,830 | 232,706 | 236,678 |

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

Note 11 - Functions (cont)

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Private Works and Landfill Facility.

Community Services

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Senior Citizens Facilities, Children and Youth Services, Community Assistance, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries / Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, and Other Community Amenities.

Culture

Library Services, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, and Other Cultural Services.

Economic Development

Regional Development, Tourism, Visitor Information and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Animal/Plant Boards, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Station, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

Recreation

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

Regulatory Services

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

Transport

Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management and Other Transport.

Unclassified Activities

Finance charges and investment revenue, private works and sundry property maintenance.

Council Administration

Governance, Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, Separate and Special Rates.

Note 12 - Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are categorised as loans and receivables.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits Accounting Policy:

Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.5% and 2.15% (2016: 2.15% and 2.35%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 1 days and an average interest rates of 1.5% (2016: 1days, 2.00%).

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

Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges

(including legals & penalties for late payment)

Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.583% (2016: 0.604%)

Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & other charges

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. However certain charges can be secured to a property where legislative criteria is met. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council Boundaries and Council properties immediately surrounding

Council Boundaries.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - other levels of government

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.

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

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals

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

Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms or in line with the specific terms and conditions of the supplier.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions

Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.

Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.

Note 12 - Financial Instruments (cont)

Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (2 repayments per year with fixed terms of between 10-15 years); interest is charged at fixed (or variable 3.75% as at 30 June 2017) rates between 5.05% and 5.97% (2016: 5.05% and 5.97%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Finance Leases

Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

Note 12 - Financial Instruments (cont)

| Liquidity Analysis | | Due < 1 year | Due > 1 year; < 5 years | Due > 5 years | Total Contractual Cash Flows | Carrying Values |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 2017 | Financial Assets | | | | | |
| | Cash & Equivalents | 3,028 | - | - | 3,028 | 3,028 |
| | Receivables | 767 | - | - | 767 | 767 |
| | Other Financial Assets | 33 | 35 | - | 68 | 68 |
| | Total | 3,828 | 35 | - | 3,863 | 3,863 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Financial Liabilities | | | | | |
| | Payables | 2,605 | - | - | 2,605 | 2,605 |
| | Current Borrowings | 206 | - | - | 206 | 206 |
| | Non-Current Borrowings | - | 838 | 1,952 | 2,790 | 2,790 |
| | Total | 2,811 | 838 | 1,952 | 5,601 | 5,601 |
| 2016 | Financial Assets | | | | | |
| | Cash & Equivalents | 991 | - | - | 991 | 991 |
| | Receivables | 650 | - | - | 650 | 650 |
| | Other Financial Assets | 40 | 68 | - | 108 | 108 |
| | Total | 1,681 | 68 | - | 1,749 | 1,749 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Financial Liabilities | | | | | |
| | Payables | 1,951 | - | - | 1,951 | 1,951 |
| | Current Borrowings | 239 | - | - | 239 | 239 |
| | Non-Current Borrowings | - | 825 | 2,850 | 3,675 | 3,675 |
| | Total | 2,190 | 825 | 2,850 | 5,865 | 5,865 |

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

| | 30 June 2017 | | 30 June 2016 | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | Weighted Average Interest Rate % | Carrying Value \$'000 | Weighted Average Interest Rate % | Carrying Value \$'000 |
| Overdraft | 3.03 | - | 3.03 | 44 |
| Other Variable Rates | 3.84 | - | 4.19 | 679 |
| Fixed Interest Rates | 5.51 | 2,996 | 5.51 | 3,191 |
| | | 2,996 | | 3,914 |

Note 12 - Financial Instruments (cont)

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

Note 13 - Financial Indicators

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|------|
| These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements. | | | |

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

| Operating Surplus Ratio | | | |
|---|------|--------|------|
| Operating Surplus | 6.0% | (2.0%) | 4.0% |
| Total Operating Revenue | | | |
| <i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i> | | | |

| Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio | | | |
|---|------|------|--------|
| | 2.0% | 3.0% | (1.0%) |
| In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. The Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjusts for the resulting distortion in the disclosed operating result for each year. | | | |

| Net Financial Liabilities Ratio | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Net Financial Liabilities | 28% | 25% | 26% |
| Total Operating Revenue | | | |
| <i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i> | | | |

| Asset Sustainability Ratio | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Net Asset Renewals | 62% | 57% | 53% |
| Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure | | | |

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

Note 14 - Uniform Presentation of Finances

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

| | 2017 \$'000 | 2016 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Income | 30,347 | 25,411 |
| less Expenses | 28,496 | 25,961 |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | 1,851 | (550) |
| less Net Outlays on Existing Assets | | |
| Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets | 3,253 | 4,579 |
| Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment | (7,331) | (6,704) |
| Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets | (407) | (368) |
| | (4,485) | (2,493) |
| less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets | | |
| Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments) | 6,322 | 2,154 |
| Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets | (2,189) | (585) |
| Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments) | (105) | - |
| | 4,028 | 1,569 |
| Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year | 2,308 | 374 |

Note 15 - Operating Leases

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

Contingent rental payments exist in relation to the lease of one grader if utilisation exceeds 250 hours during any month. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

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

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|
| Not later than one year | 86 | 86 |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years | 45 | 102 |
| Later than 5 years | - | - |
| | 131 | 188 |

Note 16 - Superannuation

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2016/17; 9.50% in 2015/16) and enterprise bargaining agreement (1% in 2016/17; 1% in 2015/16). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2015/16) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of ordinary time earnings for Salarylink members to their Accumulation account plus an additional 1% per enterprise bargaining agreement. Employees also make member contributions to the Salarylink section of the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Salarylink section of the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2014. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

Note 17 - Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities Not Recognised In The Balance Sheet

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

1. Land Under Roads

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 227.5 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. Potential Insurance Losses

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

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

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

3. Bank Guarantees

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$110,000 (2016: \$210,000) at reporting date.

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

4. Legal Expenses

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

Note 18 - Related Party Disclosures

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 18 persons were paid the following total compensation:

| | 2017 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|
| Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits | 1,194 |
| Post-employment benefits | - |
| Long term benefits | 27 |
| Termination benefits | - |
| Total | 1,221 |

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

| | 2017 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|
| Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes | - |
| Planning and building applications fees | - |
| Rentals for Council property | - |
| Total | - |

Parties Related To Key Management Personnel

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. These purchases were made on normal commercial terms on an arms's length basis. No individual purchases from these businesses exceeded \$600 during the year.

One Key management personnel or close family member (including related parties) lodged a planning application during the year. No fees were applicable to Council due to the nature of the application. The application remains to be finalised at the end of the year.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the City of Mount Gambier

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the City of Mount Gambier (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Council Certificate of the City of Mount Gambier.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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 the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Council is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit of the financial report in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the City of Mount Gambier

Independent Assurance report on the Internal Controls of the City of Mount Gambier

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of the City of Mount Gambier (the Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

In our opinion, the City of Mount Gambier has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. ASAE 3100 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Council's Responsibility for Internal controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and apply Auditing Standard ASQC 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements* in undertaking this assurance engagement.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. ASAE 3100 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and implementation of controls on a sample basis based on the assessed risks.

Limitations of Controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, the control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected.

An assurance engagement on controls is not designed to detect all instances of controls operating ineffectively as it is not performed continuously throughout the period and the tests performed are on a sample basis. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

Limitation of Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in Accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the Internal Controls Specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than which it was prepared

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CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

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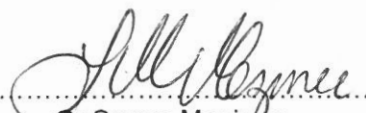
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the City of Mount Gambier for the year ended 30 June 2017, the Council's Auditor, Galpins Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants., has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



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Mark McShane
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Cr Sonya Meziniec
ACTING PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 23/10/2017.

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2017

Note 18 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

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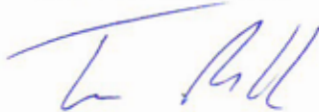
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CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2017

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of City of Mount Gambier for the year ended 30 June 2017, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



Tim Muhlhausler

Galpins, Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants

Dated 26 / 10 / 2017



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