

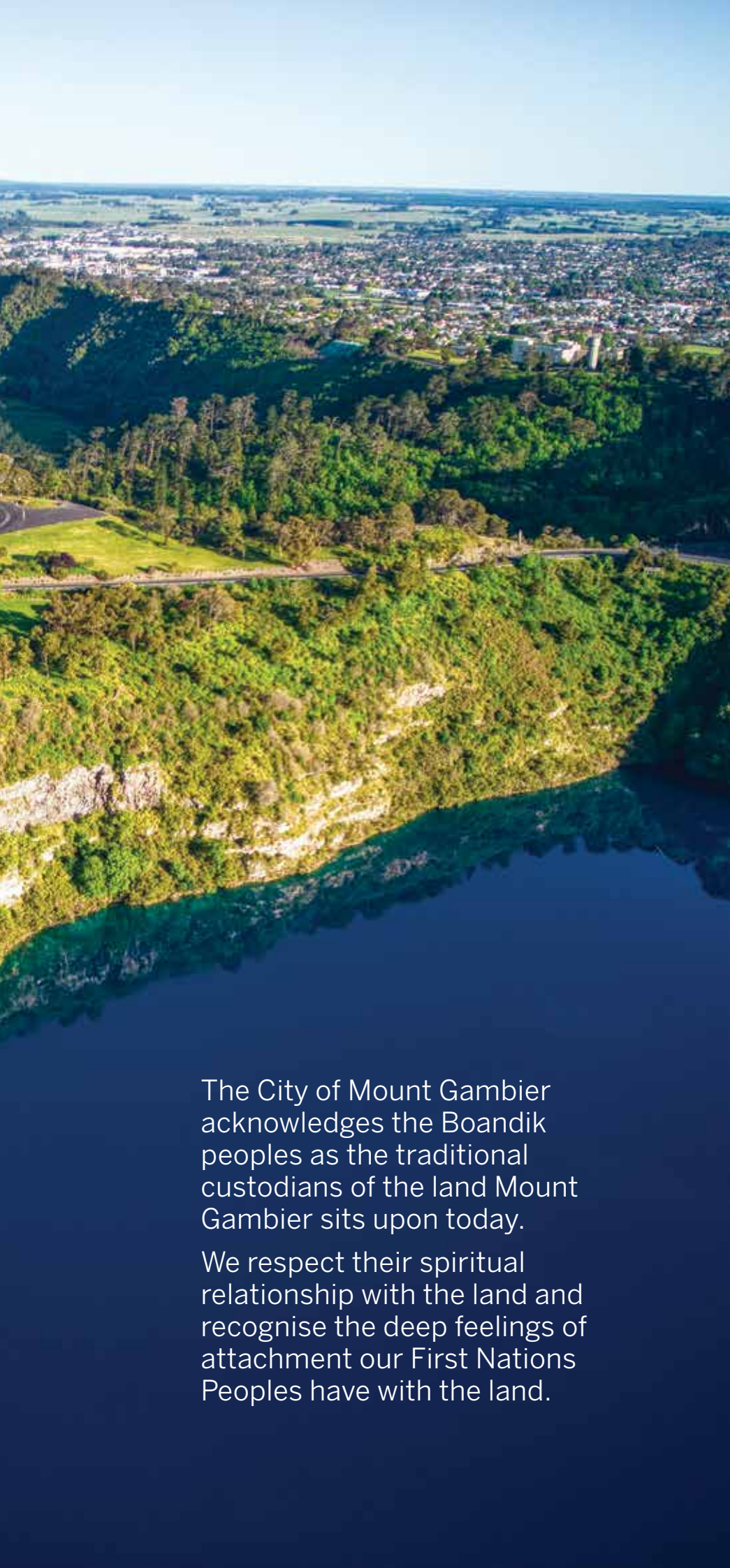


City of
Mount Gambier



Annual Report
2021/2022





The City of Mount Gambier acknowledges the Boandik peoples as the traditional custodians of the land Mount Gambier sits upon today.

We respect their spiritual relationship with the land and recognise the deep feelings of attachment our First Nations Peoples have with the land.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the City of Mount Gambier, I am pleased to present the 2021/2022 Annual Report, the last of this 2018 – 2022 council term. This Council has achieved significant progress towards our goal of making Mount Gambier an inclusive city where people lead fulfilling lives. The development of the Sport Recreation and Open Space Strategy and the CBD Principles are testament to this.

The 2021/2022 financial year has been busy for Elected Members and Council employees as the construction of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre proceeds. Injecting more than \$22m into local trades and contractors, Wulanda is an extraordinary building designed for today's and future generations' needs.

Wulanda is a year-round, multi-purpose facility, designed to be a community space, with facilities and activities for people of all ages and abilities and will create an incredible legacy of wellbeing and economic outcomes for our residents and city.

The implementation of dual naming has been many years in the making and is a key action within our Yerkalalpata Reconciliation Action Plan. In February 2022, we adopted our first dual naming policy that sees the Bunganditj language featured alongside the place names of six local sites of cultural significance. I encourage our community to join Council in extending respect to our Boandik Peoples and all First Nations people who live in or connect with Mount Gambier by adopting each of the new dual names.

In late January, firefighters battled a blaze in our iconic Crater Lakes, with emergency services personnel and volunteers working for days in challenging conditions and terrain to contain the fire. I thank the emergency services, groups, organisations, businesses, and volunteers who came together so quickly to preserve the life and property of our community.

I was overwhelmed with the generosity shown by the community when we raised a record-breaking \$51,231.60 for the 2021 Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal. I thank every individual, group and business who chose to support the appeal, this is an outstanding achievement, and I am so proud of our community.

City of Mount Gambier hosted Premier Malinauskas and his newly formed government for Country Cabinet and community meetings, acknowledging the importance of our city and region's contribution to South Australia's economy.

I want to acknowledge and thank my fellow Elected Members, the Executive Leadership Team, all Council staff, and the volunteers that continue to contribute so much to making our city a better place to live, work and play. Mount Gambier's reputation for its beautiful natural environment and welcoming facilities is due to the immense effort and commitment of all Council employees. It is reassuring to know the strong, reliable team our community has working for them.

It is my pleasure to present the 2021/2022 City of Mount Gambier Annual Report.

Lynette Martin OAM
MAYOR

CEO'S MESSAGE



As CEO of the City of Mount Gambier, I am pleased to present the 2021/2022 Annual Report. Our city maintains the vibrant lifestyle of a big city and the familiar comforts of a close community, and this report highlights how Council has worked together with our community to achieve our shared aspirations for Mount Gambier.

Over the past year, the Elected Members and Council Administration have worked toward our vision of an inclusive city where people lead fulfilling lives by delivering our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

As with many other organisations, we have been challenged over the past year by the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly impacted the city we work in and for.

As an employer, we are committed to providing flexibility and positive workplace experiences at the City of Mount Gambier, noting our staff's essential role in building and supporting our community, providing critical services and promoting our unique attractions.

Throughout 2021/2022, we consulted with our community and sought feedback on many topics, including the Sport Recreation and Open Spaces Strategy, CBD guiding principles, and our long term financial plan and annual business plan and budget.

After being granted joint custodianship with SA Water to a key land parcel at the Blue Lake/Warwar, we can now progress with plans to activate it for tourism and recreation purposes.

I am excited to work with our community to envisage a range of new ways that the greater Crater Lakes could be activated that may not have been previously considered or explored.

The City of Mount Gambier continues to attract migration as people move to regions at a higher rate than before the pandemic. We have demonstrated our capacity to work in partnership to deliver services and facilities that will continue to attract people to our place and benefit our community for the long term, not least of which is the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. We have advocated for our community at a regional, state and national level, taking every opportunity to promote our bold vision and to encourage investment in our City and into regional economies.

To that end, Council endorsed the 2021-2022 Partnership Priorities and Advocacy document. This strategic working document outlines priorities and initiatives that align with our strategic plan and will help to facilitate the growth and prosperity of the local community, the Limestone Coast, and South Australia.

I thank the Elected Members and staff for their commitment to the people of Mount Gambier and for making our city a wonderful place to live, work and play.

I am excited to work with our community and partners towards our bold vision for Mount Gambier in the years ahead.

Sarah Philpott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the foreground, a large building with a flat roof is covered with a grid of solar panels. To the left of the solar panels is a curved, blue-roofed structure, possibly a swimming pool or a sports field. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. In the background, a dense residential area with many houses and trees stretches up a hillside under a clear blue sky. A large blue triangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'OUR ORGANISATION'.

OUR ORGANISATION

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ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION

Following the 2018 Local Government Elections the Council is comprised of a Mayor and eight Councillors, elected at large.



Council 2018-2022 (left to right) - Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Ben Hood, Mayor Lynette Martin OAM, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Sonya Mezinec, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Christian Greco (Deputy Mayor), Cr Steven Perryman (resigned 29 March 2022).

Photo: Louise Agnew Photography.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(AS AT JUNE 2022)

Mrs Lynette Martin OAM
Her Worship the Mayor



Cr Christian Greco
Deputy Mayor



Cr Sonya Mezinec



Council committee positions

- CEO Review Committee (Presiding Member)

Ex officio

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Junior Sports Assistance Fund
- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) (Deputy Chair)
- Local Government Association
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel Advisory Committee
- Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal Advisory Committee

Council committee positions

- Junior Sports Assistance Fund (Presiding Member)
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee (Presiding Member)⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Limestone Coast Local Government Association (proxy)
- Local Government Association (proxy)

Council committee positions

- Audit and Risk Committee (Presiding Member)
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee (Presiding Member)⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Wulanda Project Control Group
- Mount Gambier Christmas Parade Advisory Group

⁺ People and Place Committee (currently in recess).

⁺⁺ Economic and Environment Committee (currently in recess).

^{*} Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee (ceased operation as per Council resolution 21/09/2021).

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(AS AT JUNE 2022)

Cr Kate Amoroso



Council committee positions

- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

Nil

Cr Max Bruins



Council committee positions

- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Queen Elizabeth Park Trust Board Member

Cr Ben Hood



Council committee positions

- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Mount Gambier and District Airport Committee (DC Grant s41)
- Limestone Coast Zone Emergency Centre Committee (Local Government Deputy Controller)
- Mount Gambier Youth Advisory Group

Cr Ben Hood was granted leave of absence from 1 October 2021 to 29 March 2022.

⁺ People and Place Committee (currently in recess).

⁺⁺ Economic and Environment Committee (currently in recess).

^{*} Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee (ceased operation as per Council resolution 21/09/2021).

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(AS AT JUNE 2022)

Cr Paul Jenner



Council committee positions

- Building Fire Safety Committee (Presiding Member)
- Council Assessment Panel
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- SAPN/LGA Public Lighting Working Group
- Joint Boundary Roads Advisory Group (with DC Grant)
- LCLGA Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee
- LCLGA Regional Waste Management Steering Committee
- LCLGA Roads and Transport Management Group

Cr Frank Morello



Council committee positions

- CEO Performance Review Committee
- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee^{*}

Other positions

- Limestone Coast Economic Development Reference Group
- Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre Advisory Group

Cr Steven Perryman



Council committee positions

- People and Place Committee⁺
- Economic and Environment Committee⁺⁺

Other positions

- Tourism Mount Gambier Board
- Australia Day Celebrations Advisory Group

Councillor Steven Perryman resigned from his role as an Elected Member of Council after almost 22 years of service to the local community on 29 March 2022.

Councillor Perryman became an Elected Member of Council on 13 May 2000 at the age of 26. In 2002 he began in the city's key civic role as the youngest Mayor in South Australia, a position he held for 12 years before he stood down at the local government election in 2014 to return as a Councillor.

⁺ People and Place Committee (currently in recess).

⁺⁺ Economic and Environment Committee (currently in recess).

^{*} Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee (ceased operation as per Council resolution 21/09/2021).

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The following is the recorded attendance (or apologies) of Elected Members at Ordinary and Special Council and Committee meetings and Designated Informal Gatherings/Workshops during the 2021/2022 year.

		Meetings held	Mayor Martin	Cr Meziniec	Cr Bruins	Cr Greco	Cr Hood	Cr Jenner	Cr Morello	Cr Perryman	Cr Amoroso
Council meetings	Meetings attended	12	11 ^P	11	12	10	6	12	11	7	8
	Apologies		1	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	4
	Absent (no apology)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Leave of absence		-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
Special Council	Meetings attended	4	3 ^P	4	4	1	2	3	4	1	1
	Apologies		1	-	-	3	1	1	-	1	3
	Absent (no apology)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Economic and Environment Committee <i>Committee in Recess as at 16/11/2022</i>	Meetings attended	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Apologies		2*	2	2	2	-	2	2	1	1
	Absent (no apology)		-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
People and Place Committee <i>Committee in Recess as at 16/11/2022</i>	Meetings attended	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Apologies		-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Absent (no apology)		2*	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Committee <i>Committee ceased operation as per Council Resolution 21/09/2021</i>	Meetings attended	3	3*	3	3	1	3 ^P	1	2		-
	Apologies		-	-	-	2	-	2	1		1 ^{>}
	Absent (no apology)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Audit & Risk Committee	Meetings attended	6	5*	6 ^P							
	Apologies		1	-							
Council Assessment Panel	Meetings attended	8						7			
	Apologies							1			
	Absent (no apology)							-			
Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee	Meetings attended	6 ^{<}	2*			5 ^P					
	Apologies		1			-					
	Absent (no apology)		-			-					
CEO Performance Review	Meetings attended	5	4 ^P	5		4		2 ⁺	4		
	Apologies		1	-		1		1	1		
	Absent (no apology)							1			
Designated Informal Gatherings/ Workshops	Meetings attended	42 [~]	39	39	37	13	9	33	38	13	14
	Apologies		2	3	3	25	7	7	2	14	26
	Absent (no apology)		-	-	-	2	2	-	-	5	-
	Leave of Absence		-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-

Cr Steven Perryman resigned as an Elected Member of the City of Mount Gambier as at 29 March 2022.

* Ex Officio

^P Presiding Member

~ Includes Informal Gatherings where attendance by all Elected Members not required.

[<] Of the 6 meetings scheduled, 1 meeting did not occur due to lack of quorum

> Cr Kate Amoroso resigned from Committee 30/07/2021

+ Cr Paul Jenner appointed to committee 17/08/2021

□ Member not appointed to committee

MEMBER ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Since the 2010 Local Government Elections, Elected Member allowances have been determined by the 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 members expenses.

Elected Member allowances for the City of Mount Gambier as from 9 November 2021 are:

Council has also approved *Policy M405 Members Allowances and Benefits* providing reimbursement of member expenses in accordance with Section 77 of the Act, including travel expenses (outside of council area only), child/dependent care expenses and the annual mobile/computing device and data plan allowance. The Mayor is provided with office and executive assistance and a motor vehicle.

Council determined reimbursements for mobile/computing devices and data plans up to \$1,500 per council term and an allowance for data of \$600 per annum.

All member base and prescribed committee allowances are paid monthly and non-prescribed committee allowances are paid quarterly in arrears.

The allowances set out in the Remuneration Tribunal Determination are adjusted annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the 2018 Local Government Elections to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index as defined at Section 76 (15) of the Act.

A sitting fee is payable to a member (other than the Principal Member, Deputy Principal Member or a Presiding Member of a prescribed committee) who is the Presiding Member of a council committee that is not a prescribed committee.

Sitting fees for independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee are:

- \$200 per meeting or \$100 for any special meeting,
- \$300 per meeting or \$200 for any special meeting for an independent Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

An Elected Member on the Audit and Risk Committee receives no sitting fee, except as Presiding Member. Until 15 March 2022 Cr Sonya Meziniec received a prescribed committee allowance as Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee. From 15 March 2022 the Audit and Risk Committee has had an independent Presiding Member.

Council	Group 2 classification base of \$18,100
Mayoral allowance	4 x \$18,553 or \$74,212
Deputy Mayoral allowance, Presiding Member of prescribed committee	1.25 x \$18,553 or \$23,191
Members	\$18,553

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

- Introduction to Local Government,
- Legal responsibilities,
- Council and committee meeting procedures, and
- Financial management and reporting.

The 2021/2022 budget allocation for Elected Member training and development was \$8,040 and an amount of \$7,245 was expended.

During 2021/2022, Elected Members were provided opportunities to participate in a varied range of training programs and briefings, several of which were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Below is a record of the training and briefings which were attended/undertaken in 2021/2022.

Mayor Lynette Martin OAM

2021 LGA Best Practice Showcase and AGM (Adelaide)

2022 LGA Best Practice Showcase and OGM (Adelaide)

2022 ALGA NGA (Canberra)

Cr Sonya Meziniec

2022 LGA Best Practice Showcase and OGM (Adelaide)

Elected Members were also provided with the opportunity to attend 44 Information Briefing Sessions in 2021/2022 on matters relating to:

- Introductory Meeting with the Chief Executive Officer
- Rateable Commercial Properties – Occupancy
- Presentation - SA Masters Games
- Draft LCLGA Business Plan 2021-2022
- CBD Strategy
- CBD Observations
- Committee Structures
- Review Works Program
- Country Arts SA Activation
- Waste
- Quarterly Meeting with Member for Mount Gambier
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Quarterly Elected Member Briefing with Member for Barker
- CBD Guiding Principles
- Partnerships Priorities and Advocacy (Part 2)
- Country Arts SA Master Plan for Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
- Next Stage – Committee Structures
- CEO Councillor Briefing
- Budget Process and LTFP
- Sport and Recreation Open Spaces – Engagement
- Communication Briefing
- Presentation from Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service regarding Mental Health Services
- Discussion on Regional Suicide Prevention
- SA Ambulance – Limestone Coast Service Provision
- Discussion regarding Drug and Alcohol Services for the Region
- Sport and Recreation Open Spaces – Draft Strategy
- CBD Activation Guiding Principles – Virtual Meeting
- Dual Naming Policy
- Crater Lakes Project Proposal
- Budget Workshop 1
- Briefing with SA Ombudsman Mr Wayne Lines
- Remuneration Tribunal
- Public Art Strategy
- Wulanda Opening
- James Morrison – JMA Future Directions/Activities
- Budget Workshop 2
- Budget Workshop 3
- Wulanda – Treasury and Project Update
- Development Industry Representatives
- Blue Lake Sports Park Master Plan
- Briefing with CEO LCLGA Annual Business Plan and Update on Waste
- Waste – In-Confidence
- Economy, Strategy and Engagement

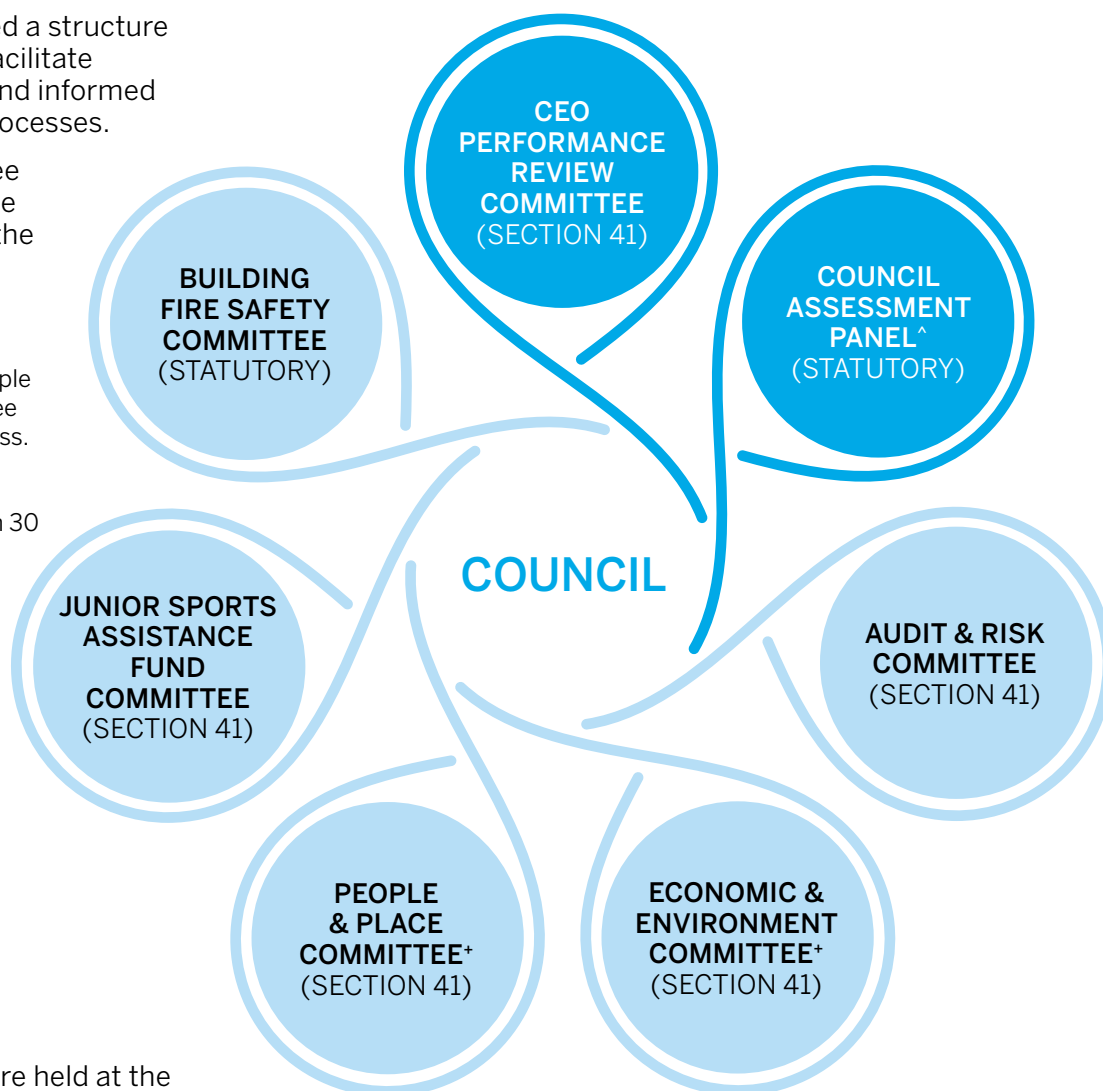
DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL

Council has adopted a structure of committees to facilitate good governance and informed decision making processes.

Council's committee structure at 30 June 2022 is set out on the right.

+ The Economic and Environment Committee and People and Place Committee are currently in recess.

^ The Council Assessment Panel ceased operation on 30 June 2022.



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.

Meetings of other Council committees are held as and when required.

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

While members of the public are not normally permitted to speak at meetings, individuals or groups may submit a request to make a deputation at a Council or committee meeting.

Any person wishing to have a matter considered by Council should make a request in writing to the Chief Executive Officer for presentation to the Presiding Member of the relevant Council

or committee meeting. Agenda closing dates apply.

Please check with Council for timeframes and the date/times of relevant meetings. Agendas of all meetings are published not less than three clear days prior to the meeting. Minutes of meetings are published within five days of a meeting. Meeting agendas and minutes are accessible on Council's website.

Delegations

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

delegations are periodically reviewed by Council. The Chief Executive Officer further sub-delegates certain powers and functions as necessary to specified officer positions.

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

Delegations and sub-delegations are published on Council's website and a printed copy may be obtained on payment of any relevant fee.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024

OUR VISION

An inclusive city, where people lead fulfilling lives.

OUR GOALS

Mount Gambier is a thriving and successful place that people are proud to call home. This is attributed to the richness and diversity of:

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

These elements contribute towards the future growth and development of the city and form the goals of Council's Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024. The plan is based on aspirations identified in the Futures Paper, Council's long term visionary plan.

An additional area, Our Commitment, has been included in the plan, outlining the principles that underpin our business and services to the community.

The strategies and actions featured in the plan will continue to guide Council and serve as a blueprint to build a progressive, knowledge-based city that embraces new technologies, culture and sustainable living.

GOAL 1: OUR PEOPLE

This goal brings together five key themes that affect our people – whether they live, work, study or visit the city of Mount Gambier. We seek to grow the city and the communities from which it is comprised. Steady growth in the city of Mount Gambier will enable sustainable growth and will help us achieve a size where services are more viable. Research and comparisons between cities with a reliance on a low skilled workforce and those with an approach to earning and learning has shown how much improved the quality of life and economy is in 'earning and learning' cities. With a TAFE and universities in the city, tertiary opportunities need to be exploited.

GOAL 2: OUR LOCATION

Situated halfway between Adelaide and Melbourne, Mount Gambier is close to the coast, surrounded by incredible natural features and opportunities to enjoy great food and wine. The city does not exist in isolation; the region helps cater for the diverse needs of around 65,000 people. Being the regional centre provides both opportunities and responsibilities. A prospectus will help us tell our story to a broader audience – whether it is those who want to visit, relocate their business, or their family.

Our Commitment

THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER WILL BE:

SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPARENT
RESPONSIVE
INVOLVING
VALUES BASED
EFFECTIVE

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024

GOAL 3: OUR DIVERSE ECONOMY

A diverse economy provides a greater range of opportunities and helps provide a degree of resilience during economic downturns. There is a need to increase diversity into a number of professional service sectors where it is currently difficult to recruit or provide services, but which through the growth of the city will become more attractive. Council will work in partnership with representative groups including the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Mount Gambier.

We listen and seek input and feedback to ensure inclusivity and build trust.

GOAL 4: OUR CLIMATE, NATURAL RESOURCES, ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Our region has an amazing natural and semi-natural environment, which provides the setting for many of our keynote activities. We rely on our environment for our water and many of our jobs. The challenges of climate change are yet to be fully understood, but our region has many inherent advantages in a world and country trending to be hotter and drier. Our setting has been an inspiration from time immemorial to the Boandik people and, since colonisation, to a range of newer residents. The ability to share our stories and portray them in various creative media is another way to display our differences. An active CBD and city, including a range of innovative public art, also helps build skills, creativity and potentially entrepreneurial skills within the community. Our newest migrants bring their stories with them, and our welcoming, inclusive approach helps embrace the creativity that they, too, bring with them. This goal is all about those things that tell our story and help improve our quality of life by giving us a sense of place and a clean, green, creative environment. A creative environment can help bring forward entrepreneurial skills. Coupled with educational offerings, coaching, mentoring and opportunity, it can make the difference between somewhere to pass through or stay. Selling what we achieve through this theme will be essential to celebrating our city.

GOAL 5: OUR COMMITMENT

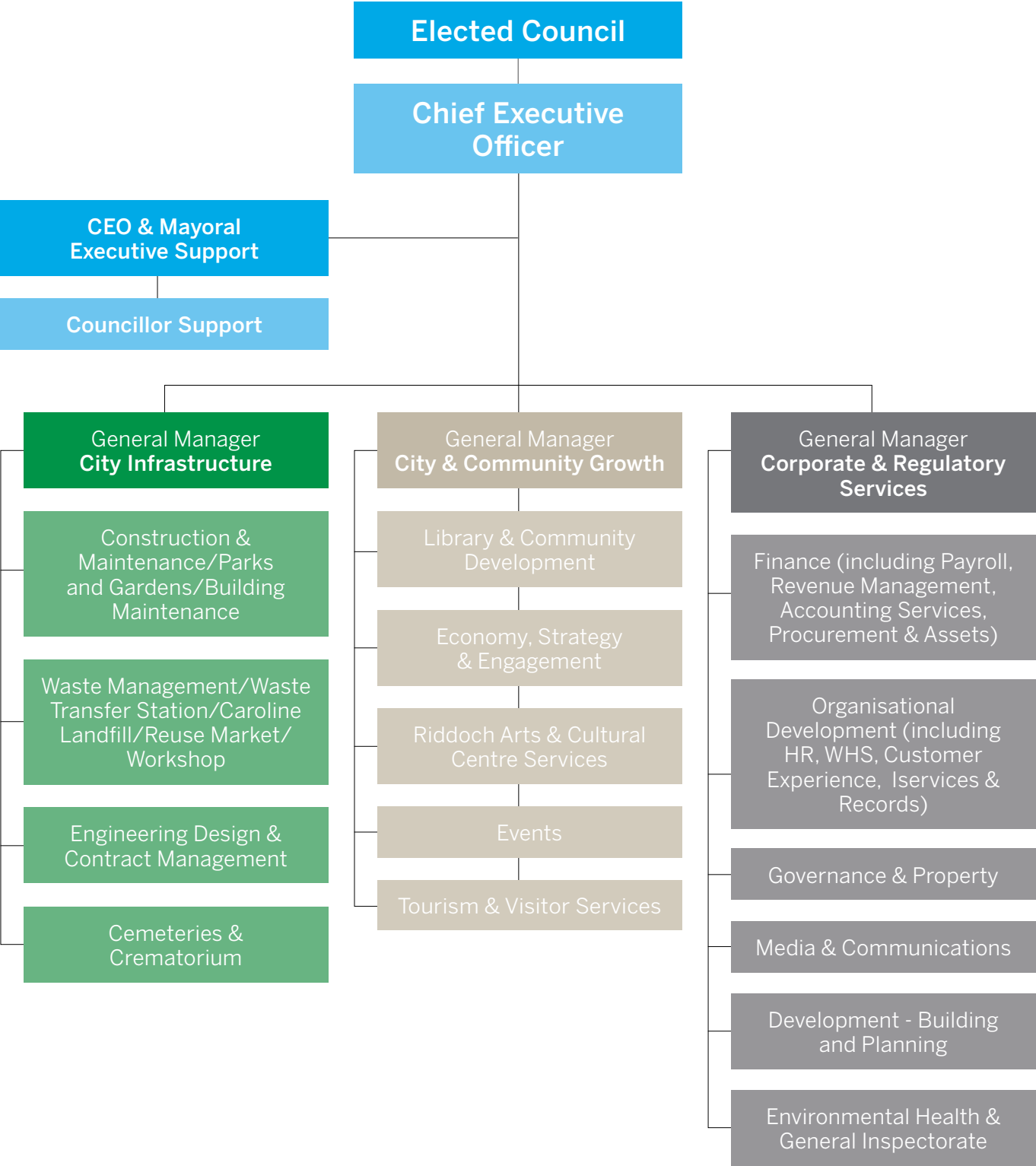
Council has determined the following principles to ensure delivery against the Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024:

- Sustainable
- Transparent
- Responsive
- Involving
- Values Based
- Effective

These principles underpin all decisions made by Council. They guide our strategic planning, processes, service delivery and the management of assets. Being more effective will enable Council to focus its spending on the delivery of services and what you have told us, and continue to tell us, is important to you. Council has challenging times ahead with a change in funding likely from both the State and Federal Governments and continued pressure to take on services formerly run by others or to improve existing services.

OUR PEOPLE

Organisational Chart



OUR PEOPLE

Senior Executive Officers

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

- Chief Executive Officer, and
- Three General Managers.

The remuneration and benefits of the Executive Leadership Team are detailed in Council's Salary Register and an extract is below. Each Senior Executive Officer is employed on a five-year fixed term contract of employment.

Position	Salary	Other allowances/benefits
Chief Executive Officer	\$247,576	Full private use of vehicle
General Managers	\$179,025-\$189,875	

The Senior Executive Officers as at 30 June 2022 were as follows:



Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Philpott



General Manager City and Community Growth
Mr Tim Coote



General Manager City Infrastructure
Ms Barbara Cernovskis

- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Project Sponsor



General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Mr Darren Barber

OUR PEOPLE

Interstate and International Travel Summary

Elected Member Travel Summary

During the 2021/2022 financial year, the following interstate travel was undertaken by Elected Members. No international travel was undertaken during this period.

Date	Attendee	Reason for Travel	Cost of travel (including accomm.)
18/06/2022 – 22/06/2022	Mayor	2022 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in Canberra ACT	\$1,684.49

Employee Travel Summary

During the 2021/2022 financial year, the following interstate travel was undertaken by employees. No international travel was undertaken during this period.

Date	Attendee	Reason for Travel	Cost of travel (including accomm.)
16/05/2022 – 19/05/2022	Strategy, Development & Research Coordinator	Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) National Congress in Hobart TAS	\$2,459.60
17/05/2022 – 22/05/2022	Manager Library & Community Development	Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) National Conference in Canberra ACT	\$1,312.69
18/06/2022 – 22/06/2022	CEO	2022 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in Canberra ACT	\$1,659.49

Gifts and Benefits Summary

Years of Service

Employees are recognised for their length of service, and those that have completed five years of service or more receive gift vouchers.

During the 2021/2022 financial year, six employees received a \$60 gift voucher for 10 years of service, three employees received an \$80 gift voucher for 15 years of service, three employees received a \$100 gift voucher for 20 years of service and one employee received a \$450 gift voucher for 25 years of service.

Resignation Gifts

When an employee leaves Council after a minimum of 10 years of accumulative full time service, a contribution to the value of \$200 is provided by Council to go towards a farewell gift for the employee. During the 2021/2022 financial year, this contribution was gifted to two departing employees.

Condolence Gifts

During the 2021/2022 financial year, Council offered one floral arrangement as a condolence gift to an employee and two floral arrangements as condolence gifts to an elected member at a total cost of \$270.

OUR PEOPLE

Employees by portfolio

Portfolio	Males	Females	Non-binary	Total
Office of the CEO	0	3	0	3
Corporate and Regulatory Services	10	31	0	41
City and Community Growth	9	38	1	48
City Infrastructure	62	3	0	65
Totals	81	75	1	157

Total number of employees: 157

Full time equivalents: 135.94

Volunteers

City of Mount Gambier is fortunate to have volunteers offering support across multiple locations in the organisation, enhancing our capacity to deliver services.

Volunteers can often be found at the Mount Gambier Library, The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre, ReUse Market, Valley Lake Conservation Park providing assistance to community events.

Some of our valued volunteers are featured on pages 51-52.

Workplace Safety and Wellbeing Program

Work Health Safety (WHS) principles and procedures are in place to ensure the City of Mount Gambier continues to provide a safe workplace for all. The Safety Always culture is promoted across the organisation. To provide support to our workforce there have been additional providers added to the Employee Assistance Program including the first national crisis support provider for First Nations people.

The organisation continues to ensure it maintains a safe and healthy workplace for staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors by eliminating or minimising hazards and risk, providing a safe and supportive work environment.

This year, Council introduced an organisation-wide wellbeing program with positive engagement and feedback from the workforce.

The City of Mount Gambier sourced funding from the Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) and organised a special Safety Culture Speaker to share his story and experience. This session highlighted the importance of Safety Always culture and the choices that we make every day in the workplace have long-lasting impacts on ourselves, our teams, our workplace, and our loved ones.

OUR PEOPLE

Diversity and Inclusion

At the City of Mount Gambier, maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture that allows us to understand and meet our community needs and facilitate services is important to us. Through our Reconciliation Action Plan, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) and Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Administrative Procedure, the organisation remains committed to achieving fair and equitable employment practices, workplace diversity and facilitating a culture of inclusiveness.

During National Reconciliation Week, the City of Mount Gambier launched the Cultural Immersion Program 2022. This program was created in collaboration with Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation to build a greater connection with Elders and cultural leaders to learn more about our local First Nations culture. It featured a range of interactive or hands-on experiences aimed at extending cultural awareness and understanding through practical or immersive activities, mostly in small group environments. This program had positive engagement and was well received by the workforce.



OUR PEOPLE

Organisational Values

City of Mount Gambier staff have identified core values to influence how the organisation works together to establish and maintain a positive culture and ensure the delivery of actions outlined within the 2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan.

LEAD

We embrace continuous learning and strive to innovate and implement best practices within local government.

We feel safe to challenge the status quo and take healthy risks.

We consider different points of view and we use these points of difference to inform our decisions.

We use our expertise to inspire and lead by example, with a focus on flexibility.

We welcome opportunities for personal and community growth.

CONNECT

We respect and take the time to understand the people we work and live with, including their diverse backgrounds and experiences.

We are united in being responsive to the needs of our community.

We are informed by all levels of community, with a local, regional, national and global outlook.

We communicate openly and honestly with each other and our community.

We listen and seek input and feedback to ensure inclusivity and build trust.

DELIVER

We work together to follow through on our commitments.

We value and acknowledge contributions from our people, our stakeholders and our community and take pride in the services we deliver.

We plan to ensure resources are used effectively to deliver sustainable outcomes.

We are accountable and ensure quality outcomes by taking the time to reflect, learn and celebrate success.

Recognition Program

At the City of Mount Gambier, our staff are our biggest asset and having engaged staff is critical to achieving our strategic goals and priorities. Following the launch of the organisational values, a recognition program was introduced that acknowledges staff for exemplifying the values in the workplace. There will be six acknowledgments across the organisation per calendar year.

Training and Development

Employees at the City of Mount Gambier can access various training and development opportunities. In addition to occupation-specific training, staff must undertake mental health first aid training, MAYBO conflict training, and disability inclusion training. This year,

general suicide prevention awareness training was provided to the workforce. The performance review and development check-in process were also reinvigorated.

Emerging Leaders Program

City of Mount Gambier supports staff professional development and aims at building internal talent in terms of leadership opportunities. Design Engineer Andrew Thompson was supported in attending the Local Government Professional SA Emerging Leaders Program. This program is popular within the SA Local Government sector. The program aims to increase participants' understanding of leadership concepts and practice, confidence, and self-awareness.



Emerging Leaders Program - Andrew Thompson.

OUR PEOPLE

Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme (LGAWCS) WHS Best Practice Regional Major Award Winner 2021/2022

The City of Mount Gambier won the LGAWCS WHS Best Practice Regional Major Award for its submission of “Pinned for Protection”.

The Construction and Maintenance team identified a hazard when operating the three-way tipper truck where if the pins were not locked in correctly the hydraulics would still raise the tipper tray causing the tray to slide off the truck completely and potentially cause a crush injury.

Following this hazard identification, the team consulted and worked collaboratively with an engineer and the manufacturer to design a modification that would indicate to the hydraulic operator that the pins were adequately positioned. This design included installing an electrical cut-out relay if the pins were not accurately engaged which ceases any hydraulic movement.

This collaborative consultation approach to hazard notification has resulted in a successful risk reduction not only for the City of Mount Gambier and other Councils but all industries that utilise three-way tipper trucks for loading and unloading materials.



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC PROFILE

profile.id provides a comprehensive socio-demographic profile of the city of Mount Gambier.

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.

profile.id uses Census data to tell an important story about the demographic characteristics of communities, how they are changing and how they compare to other areas.

The profile is updated with population estimates when the ABS releases new figures such as the annual Estimated Resident Population (ERP).

The statistics on the right about the Mount Gambier community have been sourced from profile.id.com.au/rda-limestone-coast and Council encourages the use of this extensive online resource.

economy.id combines 11 different datasets to build a cohesive story of the local economy, how it is changing and how it compares to other areas.

The city of Mount Gambier's economic profile presents economic information that enables you to describe the area's role within the broader economy, explore options for economic development and promote the area's strengths. The information presented is derived from official sources of information (Australian Bureau of Statistics) as well as Australia's leading economic modellers (NIEIR).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT
POPULATION IN 2021

27,642

\$1.46B

ESTIMATED GROSS
REGIONAL PRODUCT

POPULATION DENSITY
PER SQUARE KILOMETRE

8.16 PEOPLE

14,276

LOCAL JOBS

2,039

LOCAL BUSINESSES

HEALTH CARE &
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

LARGEST INDUSTRY

41

MEDIAN
AGE

34KM²

LAND
AREA





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CRATER LAKES FIRE

In the early hours of Tuesday 25 January 2022, a grass and scrub fire took hold on the western side of the Mount Gambier Crater Lakes precinct.

Water bombers were deployed and firebreaks implemented to control the fire, with Council staff supporting emergency services with trail maps, equipment and traffic management to ensure public safety.

City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott said Carinya Gardens Cemetery, the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi precinct and associated walking trails were closed, and the public asked to stay away from the area to allow emergency services to do their job.

Metropolitan Fire Service, SA Country Fire Service, Forestry SA and National Parks and Wildlife firefighter crews battled high temperatures and winds until they contained the blaze the following afternoon.

Mayor Lynette Martin acknowledged the expertise and support provided by emergency services personnel and volunteers in challenging conditions and terrain.

"On behalf of Council and the community, I acknowledge and thank all of the emergency services, groups, organisations, businesses and volunteers involved in fighting the fire over the past two days," Mayor Martin said.

"We are grateful for the immediate response to save our beautiful Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi area. It has been a sensational coordinated effort, and it is so good to see so many people come together to find solutions in times of need."

The fire continued to smoulder, and the area remained closed to enable fire control to continue and damage assessment could begin.

The fire blackened around 50 hectares of grass, scrub and vegetation.

Council opted for a phased reopening process to make the various areas accessible as soon as they could be deemed safe for the public.

Marist Park, Leg of Mutton/Yatton Loo, Davison Drive up to Marks Lookout, and the saddle area were reopened on 4 February.

On 9 February, Council held a special meeting to discuss the emergency response process. Council endorsed recommendations relating to budget expenditure, procurement, and road and land management to enable staff to progress with early assessment and recovery activities in the area.

The second stage of the phased reopening saw Davison Drive, the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi Conservation Park, playground and picnic areas, and Freemans Landing made available for public use on 14 February.

Additional signage, temporary fencing and bunting were installed along Davison Drive to ensure people were advised to stay away from fire-affected areas.

A vet assessed the animals within the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi Conservation Park to be in good health.

"It doesn't appear that the animals were impacted by fire, smoke or stress," Ms Philpott said.

"Council also worked with local native animal carers to assess the welfare of the wildlife, and they suggested that we place water tubes around the edges of the fire-affected areas for animals that may still be located in inaccessible burnt areas."

"A member of our Parks and Gardens Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi team created some fit-for-purpose water tubes, and six were installed throughout the area."



Photos by Ockert le Roux.





"On behalf of Council and the community, I acknowledge and thank all of the emergency services, groups, organisations, businesses and volunteers involved in fighting the fire over the past two days," Mayor Martin said.

CRATER LAKES FIRE

Potters Point and Valley Lake/ Ketla Malpi were reopened a month from the fire on 25 February, while Elliott Drive to the Centenary Tower car park was reopened on 11 March.

On 13 April, a section of the Sugarloaf reopened, enabling users to access the area between Potters Point and the Punchbowl at the base of the Centenary Tower stairs in time for Easter.

"The small sloped section adjacent to the stairs that were slightly burnt had recovered with the growth of bracken and posed a very low risk to the public, so we were pleased to reopen this section leading into the Easter long weekend in the hope that residents and visitors could explore a little more of the popular recreational precinct," Ms Philpott said.

The fire track running from the base of the Sugarloaf into Marist Park also reopened to pedestrians.

On 6 May, access was reinstated to the path leading to Centenary Tower from the Elliot Drive car park side.

Throughout May and June, Council officers undertook tree removal and a controlled vegetation burn of pest plants as part of the Blue Gum Trail clean-up.

Haig Drive and Brownes Lake/ Kroweratwari reopened to the public for the first time following the fire on 28 June. The reopening followed daily inspections around the area to ensure no evidence of falling debris or landslides from the surrounding sloped face.

On 30 June, the Blue Gum Trail and crater rim from the stairs to Centenary Tower and the back section of Carinya Gardens Cemetery were the only remaining zones closed to the public.

During the recovery process Council engaged a forestry consultant to undertake a detailed report into the options for managing the pine trees affected by the fire at the back section of Carinya Gardens Cemetery.

"To contain and confine the fire with no loss of life or property was amazing and a magnificent effort. The response and recovery process will now see us work together to rejuvenate the jewel in Mount Gambier's crown," Mayor Martin said.





Photos by Ockert le Roux.



Fire and recovery timeline

25 January 2022

Fire reported to authorities at 2:30am after flames were seen near Centenary Tower.

26 January 2022

Fire contained.

27 January 2022

Area returned to the care and control of Council. work began on the damage and risk assessment process.

4 February 2022

Marist Park oval, Leg of Mutton/ Yatton Loo, Davison Drive up to Marks Lookout and the saddle area were reopened.

9 February 2022

A Special Council meeting was held to discuss the emergency response process. Council endorsed recommendations relating to budget expenditure, procurement and road and land management to enable staff to progress with early assessment and recovery activities in the area.

14 February 2022

Davison Drive, the Valley Lake/ Ketla Malpi Conservation Park, playground and picnic areas and Freemans Landing reopened.

25 February 2022

Potters Point and the Valley Lake/ Ketla Malpi for recreational use reopened.

11 March 2022

Elliott Drive to the Centenary Tower car park reopened.

13 April 2022

A section of the Sugarloaf reopened, along with the fire track running from the base of the Sugarloaf into Marist Park.

6 May 2022

Access reinstated to the path leading to Centenary Tower from the Elliot Drive car park side.

May and June 2022

Blue Gum Trail tree removal and clean up.

28 June 2022

Haig Drive and Brownes Lake/ Kroweratwari reopened.

GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA VISITS MOUNT GAMBIER

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia toured Mount Gambier with City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin OAM during a visit to the region.

"We were very pleased to host Her Excellency on a tour of our city," Mayor Martin said.

"We began with a working breakfast and briefing on Council matters with Elected Members, CEO Sarah Philpott, and General Managers. We discussed our unique environment and our city's significant economic and investment opportunities."

The Governor then met with local support agencies busy wrapping gifts at the Uniting Church for distribution as part of the Christmas Cheer program supported by the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

"Her Excellency was particularly interested in the program and the service agencies who support our community during times of need," Mayor Martin said.

The Governor then visited the Boandik Lodge Wellness Centre and took the opportunity to meet members of the Ascot Club at the facility.

The driving tour continued with a stopover at Blue Lake/Warwar and the Crater Lakes precinct and a drive past Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre construction site at Olympic Park.

The Governor also toured Ryder Cheshire Homes before a luncheon held in her honour at City Hall.



Mayor Lynette Martin and Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC at the Blue Lake/Warwar.

"I hosted a lunch for Her Excellency at City Hall with Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin, Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell, State Member of the Legislative Council Hon Clare Scriven, SAPOL, Mount Gambier and Community RSL, Flinders University, Limestone Coast Local Health Network, University of SA, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation, BaptistCare, ac.care, Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation, and Women in Business Regional Development," Mayor Martin said.

"It was my great pleasure to visit the City of Mount Gambier for the first time in the vice-regal role," Her Excellency said.

"I was reminded of just how beautiful this part of the world is, with Blue Lake/Warwar and rolling countryside, as well as the strong sense of community spirit in this region. I enjoyed my visit very much and hope to return regularly."

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Council is proactive in seeking the views of our community. This includes considering the specific needs of different sections of the community, and ensuring appropriate strategies are developed to maximise opportunities for all to participate.

Throughout 2021/2022 Council consulted with the community and sought feedback on the following matters:

- Sport Recreation and Open Spaces Strategy
- Blue Lake Sports Park Master Plan
- Mount Gambier Live and Local Project and Live Music Action Plan
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Community Reference Group and Key Stakeholders
- Dual Naming of sites of cultural significance
- Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-2023
- Draft Long-Term Financial Plan
- CBD Guiding Principles
- Mount Gambier Developers Workshop
- Yerkalalpata Reconciliation Action Plan Community Reference Group
- 'Our Crater Lakes' – Crater Lakes Activation Plan
- Digital Garden – Surrounding business engagement

The Community Consultation and Engagement Policy outlines Council's commitment to effective, ongoing and timely community engagement as an integral part of local governance and decision making. The policy can be found at: www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, SERVICES AND INITIATIVES

Council provides many direct and indirect services and support to the community and to improve the health, welfare, lifestyle and wellbeing of our residents.

Care Ring Telephone Service (Lifeline SE)	\$2,000
Mount Gambier City Band	\$7,000
Mount Gambier Toy Library	\$2,000
Local Heritage Restoration Fund	\$6,200
Stand Like Stone Foundation	\$8,000

In addition to other contributions that may be referenced in this Annual Report, other direct financial support was provided by Council in 2021/2022, including:

Suicide Bereavement Support Group	\$3,000
Community Strengthening Grant	\$7,792.50
The Riddoch/City Hall hire subsidies	\$23,020
Wehl Street Theatre	\$9,500
Tertiary Health Education Grants	\$6,000
Women in Business and Regional Development	\$1,681.82
Pioneers Basketball	\$33,000
Sport and Recreation Major Capital Works Program	\$113,000
Creative Arts Fund	\$42,615.16



SPORT AND RECREATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

The City of Mount Gambier initially intended to distribute \$100,000 to local sporting clubs as part of the 2021/2022 Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program, which aims to increase community usage of sports and recreation facilities.

With Council receiving nine applications with a total value of more than \$145,000, the

decision was made to distribute \$113,000 to the nine applicants.

“Council is pleased to provide these grants to our local sporting clubs as these important projects enable our community to continue to enjoy their chosen sport,” General Manager City Infrastructure Barbara Cernovskis said.

Club	Project	Grant Amount
East Gambier Cricket Club	Repair and seal Scott Park Roadway	\$5,000
Mount Gambier Bowls	Refurbish ladies toilets	\$14,000
Mount Gambier Gun Club	Clay target trap upgrade	\$14,000
Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club	External lighting improvements	\$2,000
North Gambier Football / Netball Club	Female change room facility	\$25,000
South Gambier Football Club	30kW solar system installation	\$18,000
South Gambier Netball Club	Courtside shelter Installation	\$9,000
West Gambier Football Club	Installation of macerator pumps for sewage system	\$13,000
Blue Lake Golf Club	Driving range ball dispensing machine and fitout	\$13,000
Total		\$113,000



SPORT AND RECREATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

The Mount Gambier Gun Club received \$14,000 as part of the program to replace two skeet clay target traps and the balltrap/double rise trap to ensure they meet the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) standard.

“Several young people are involved in the Olympic pathway program and have real potential in the sport. At the moment, they have to travel to Adelaide to train to be competitive, as we’re not able to provide the standard of clay target competition to enable members to reach the ISSF standard,” Mount Gambier Gun Club Secretary Barry Sims said.

“It’s terrific that the Council is providing this grant to us, as without it, we wouldn’t be able to go ahead and buy and install the new traps. We’ve got some of the best shooters down our way, and they often make the state team,” Mr Sims said.

The total project cost is more than \$35,000.

Mount Gambier Bowls Club Treasurer William Bremner and Project Officer Peter Clark.



Mount Gambier Gun Club Secretary Barry Sims (left) and Committee and Club Coach Max Medhurst with the clay target trap to be upgraded.

The Mount Gambier Bowls Club allocated its \$14,000 grant towards refurbishing the ladies’ toilet facilities.

The club removed the existing stone walls and old single flush toilets, installed and levelled a new floor to remove a ramp, installed new toilets, tiled the walls and floor, installed a new ceiling and finished off with fresh paint.

The total refurbishment project cost is almost \$20,000, and the club is grateful for the financial assistance.

“Without funding, the club would fall backwards and slowly become defunct, so with the help of Council and other government agencies it makes it possible for us to provide modern and suitable facilities for the people using the place,” Mount Gambier Bowls Club Project Officer Peter Clark said.

“The wider community will benefit from this upgrade as we’ve got two Probus clubs and a ladies happy and healthy group who use the club as members but don’t play bowls. We also have some schools who use the club rooms too, so good toilets are essential.”

JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND

Membership of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund is comprised of the City of Mount Gambier, the District Council of Grant and 17 sporting organisations who have agreed to become financial members.

The fund provides financial support for junior sports people who have achieved state selection or higher in a specific sport.

The major considerations and achievements include:

- 17 sporting organisations/clubs as members of the fund,
- The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes provided generous support to the fund enabling a program to support financially disadvantaged juniors of member organisations. The funding provided is up to \$3,000, dependent on applications, and is part of the surplus from the Blue Lake Fun Run event.

The financial transactions and financial position of the fund in 2021/2022 is as follows:

2021/2022 financial position	\$
Assistance to juniors	2,950
Support for special coaching clinics	0
Assistance to disadvantaged juniors	1,600
Exceptional Junior funding	2,000
Member contributions (waived due to COVID)	0
Council contributions	16,000
Bank interest earned	607
Donations received	0
Sponsorship of programs received	1,600
Cash at bank - 30 June 2022	122,093

For the 36 years of the fund's operations, the consolidated transactions to 30 June 2022 are as follows:

Fund history*	\$
Assistance to juniors	500,045
Support for special coaching clinics	104,683
Assistance to disadvantaged juniors	19,000
Exceptional Junior Program	12,000
Member contributions	188,520
Council contributions	388,500
Bank interest earned	72,371
Donations received	44,586
Sponsorship of programs received	47,150
Other expenses	300
Government and bank charges	2,508

- 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, funding for the Exceptional Junior program did not commence until 2010 and funding for disadvantaged juniors did not commence until July 2012.

JUNIOR SPORTS EXCEPTIONAL JUNIOR AWARDS

Local athletes Emily Lynch and Elwood Geary were named the 2020 City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Exceptional Juniors. The 13-year-old athletes received a \$1,000 cash prize each, sponsored by the Mount Gambier Commercial Club.

The Exceptional Junior is awarded annually to an athlete or athletes who demonstrate exceptional commitment and skills to achieve excellence in their chosen sport.

Emily is a member of the Mount Gambier and District Little Athletics and has competed at state and national level. Her achievements include winning gold at the state championships in the 1500m Race Walk and gold at the SA Athletics Championships in the 3000m Race Walk. Emily also tasted success at the Australian Athletics Championships, placing sixth in the Under 15 3000m Race Walk.

In addition to her sporting talent, Emily displays a strong commitment to giving back to her club.

Emily is a great asset to the club - she helps set up on Friday nights, takes the athletes for their warm ups and helps to teach the younger athletes how to race walk.

- Mount Gambier and Districts Little Athletics President Michael Ellis

Right: Mayor Lynette Martin with Mount Gambier and Districts Little Athletics President Michael Ellis, Exceptional Junior Awardee Emily Lynch and Commercial Club Chairman Leigh Dowdell.

Joint winner Elwood Geary is a member of the Mount Gambier and District Cricket Association and has been a representative at the South East Country Cup in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Elwood was also selected in the Victorian Youth Premier League for Western Waves in 2020 and recently made his A Grade debut for South Gambier Cricket Club.

"The Junior Sports Assistance Fund congratulates Emily and Elwood on their achievements," Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Presiding Member Cr Christian Greco said.

"It is pleasing to see these athletes doing so well at just 13 years of age and on behalf of the fund, I wish them both every success in their future sporting endeavours."

The 2020 awards bring the Mount Gambier Commercial Club contribution to the fund to more than \$43,000 over 20 years.

"The fund is very grateful for the ongoing support from the Commercial Club. Thanks to this partnership with the fund, we have seen many local athletes supported to reach their fullest sporting potential," Cr Greco said.



13-year-old Elwood Geary was awarded joint winner of the 2020 Junior Sports Assistance Fund Exceptional Junior courtesy of his cricketing prowess.



AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Nine Citizenship Ceremonies were conducted by Council during 2021/2022, with a total of 102 people receiving Australian Citizenship.

Mayor Martin welcomed new residents to the city from Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, Iraq, Myanmar, Thailand, Kenya, Egypt, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, Hksar of the PRC, Zambia, Argentina, United States, Vietnam, Japan and Ukraine.

Originally from Thailand, new Australian citizen Napatsawan Chambers has called Mount Gambier home since 2014. Reflecting on why citizenship is important to her, Ms Chambers said it is about feeling connected.

"Australia is now my home, so to complete my connection to my new home country I feel it's important to become a citizen," Ms Chambers said.

Matthew Eudy arrived in Mount Gambier in 2008 and has now taken the final step to becoming an Australia citizen having originated from the United States.

"It's a celebration with other folks about cementing ourselves to a place we love and value," Mr Eudy said.

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.

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



Top: New Australian citizen Napatsawan Chambers accepts her citizenship certificate from Mayor Martin. Photo: Frank Monger.

Above: Mayor Martin with Matthew Eudy (centre), and family, who was conferred as an Australian Citizen on 26 January 2022.

Left: Chaiki Owen and Mayor Martin at the Citizenship Ceremony held on 31 March 2022.

MOUNT GAMBIER COMMUNITY MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The local community raised a record breaking \$51,231.60 for the 2021 Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal, eclipsing the 2020 fundraising record of just over \$40,000.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin was overwhelmed and grateful for the generosity shown by the community.

"We were hoping to surpass last year's total to be able to provide some additional support to those in need, but to break last year's record by more than \$10,000 is simply amazing," Mayor Martin said.

Funds raised as part of the appeal are distributed to local support agencies including Uniting Care, ac.care, Lifeline SE, St Vincent de Paul and The Salvation Army to provide food hampers, vouchers and gifts

through the Christmas Cheer program.

"The five support agencies used the funds they received as part of the program to support 761 adults, 415 children and 167 teenagers over the festive season."

"I appreciate that it has been a challenging year for many people as we navigate through the COVID pandemic, so to see so many people come forward to help others is truly uplifting and a wonderful reflection of the generosity of our community."

"I thank each and every individual, group and business who chose to support the appeal, this is an outstanding achievement, and I am so proud of our community," Mayor Martin said.

The Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal is open all year round. Donations can be made through the following channels:

Call Council on (08) 8721 2555 with your credit card details on hand. Council staff can email you a tax invoice.

In person at the City of Mount Gambier customer service counter - Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace.

Send a cheque made out to 'City of Mount Gambier' PO Box 56 Mount Gambier SA 5290 with advice that the cheque is a donation to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal.



City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin OAM wishes to thank and acknowledge the community groups, businesses and individuals who supported the 2021 Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to this generous support, the appeal raised a record **\$51,231.60** in 2021.

Mayor Martin also acknowledges the important work of Lifeline, ac.care, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Uniting Care who ensure food hampers, gifts and vouchers are distributed to those who are most in need in our community each Christmas.



Allen Woodham
Alexander Symonds Surveying Consultants
Andrew & Angela Turner Bank SA
Barney McCusker
Baxter Hire & Sales
Blue Lake Ladies Golf Club
Blue Lake Lioness
Bucki Tyrepower
Carleen Laslett
Carlin & Gazzard
Claire Staskevicius
Collins Booksellers
Confession Coffee House
David & Kay Turnbull
David Sullivan Trust
DGE Herbert & GCM Herbert
DIY Fencing - Chris Annear
DJ Interiors
Dr Michael Bailey Pty Ltd
Dr Robert Harvey
Eddies Furniture
Empak Homes
Exchange Printers
Garry Vandepeer
Girls On A Mission
Green Triangle Electronics

Green Triangle Forest Products
GTE
J Feast
John Williamson
Julian Mattay
Julie Bignell
K&S Freighters
Les Clode

Mount Gambier Probuc Club
Mount Gambier Library
Mount Gambier Men's Shed
Mount Glass & Glazing
Nada Brookes
Neil Richardson
Noel & Margaret Doody
People's Choice Credit Union
Peter Roberts
Queen Elizabeth Park Trust
Ray Scott Pastoral
Rotary Club of Mount Gambier
Sarah Philpott
Sheila Roach
Spencer & Sharon Buck
Susie Briffa
Timberlink Australia
Tony Pasin MP
Troy Redding
UFS Chemist
University of South Australia
Valley Lakes Wildlife Park
Donations
Vicki Johnson
We Care Lawn Spraying
WFC Contracting
Zena & Leigh Winner

Thank you

M M Riquier
Margaret Kaethner
Marita Chuck
Matthew & Fiona Dixon
Mike & Liz Donovan

Mount Gambier & District Community Bank
Mount Gambier Central Shopping Centre
Mount Gambier Disc Golf





MOUNT GAMBIER COMMUNITY MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Uniting Care representative Laura Kilsby (left), Salvation Army representative Daniel Scordia, Mayor Lynette Martin, Lifeline representative Shane Mitchell, St Vincent de Paul representative John D'Souza and ac.care representative Trish Spark with a cheque for the record breaking total donation amount of more than \$51,000 to the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal.



Maggie, Nevae, Esha, Fernley, Freya, Eliza, Chloe, Molly, Matilda and Frankie present their donation of \$380.65 for the Mayor's Christmas appeal to Mayor Martin.



Mayor Lynette Martin with St Vincent de Paul's John d'Souza, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, ac.care's Kelly McGuinness and Deanne Swift, Salvation Army Captain Judy Shaw and Bernie Douglas and Uniting Care's Jan Stafford and Laura Kilsby at Uniting Church.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

This past year has seen the Mount Gambier Library maintain its vision to be an “ever-evolving place, for ever-evolving people”. During the unforeseen challenges faced as a result of the COVID pandemic, the Mount Gambier Library has learned that it is essential to be flexible and adapt to the needs of the Community.

This year the Library reintroduced regular face-to-face programs including U5s: Baby Bounce, Move and Groove, Storytime, Lego Fan Club, and after-school programs, as well as the introduction of some new programs including Youth Chess Club and Sensitive Storytime.

The Bookmark Café located in the Mount Gambier Library closed in August 2021 to enable its refurbishment, which presents exciting plans for its future operation.

The role of the Mount Gambier Library within City and Community Growth is paramount in supporting lifelong learning and a sense of inclusion for our wonderful community.

VISITATION 165,200

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TOTAL 11,292

4,944	702
CHILDREN	YOUTH

3,874	1,772
CHILDREN	SENIORS

11,982	44,304
ACTIVE MEMBERS	ITEMS

255,641 LOANS

799 TOTAL PROGRAMS

Note: There was a pause on programs in January and February due to COVID-19.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

SENSITIVE STORYTIME INTRODUCED

Mount Gambier Library now offers 'Sensitive Storytime' sessions courtesy of a \$1,500 grant from National Backyard Cricket, a fundraising program established by national charity Learning for a Better World (LFW) Trust. The first session was held on Friday 3 December 2021 as part of International Day of People with Disability.

A selection of fidget and weighted aids, mobility equipment and specialised headphones allows children with sensory sensitivities to enjoy a storytime session in a space that is not ordinarily familiar to them.

"The Library Children and Youth Services team sought advice from the community and relevant sectors in order to extend the under 5 program

to offer Sensitive Storytime sessions for children on the spectrum and with other similar sensitivities," Mount Gambier Library Children and Youth Services Coordinator Kelly Lynch said.

"The advice identified the need for specialised sensory toys and aids and so we have used the grant funds from the National Backyard Cricket donation."

In addition to the equipment, the Library has acquired communication storyboards to assist with children's comfort level and understanding of the program. This visual aid will guide them with the sequence of events.

"Not only do children get to engage with other children with similar sensitivities, but parents and carers can use this time to meet a new network of friends," Ms Lynch said.

National Backyard Cricket raises funds for educational projects offered in country libraries across Australia with Mount Gambier Library one of 54 libraries to receive funding. The funds were made available following the inaugural National Backyard Cricket program which was held all around Australia last summer.

The grant-making process was managed by Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA), a national non-profit organisation that represents the 12 million Australians who are members of their public libraries.

Mount Gambier Library Children's Services Officer Bek Coates with specialised sensory toys and aids used to deliver Sensitive Storytime.



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

MOUNT GAMBIER 175 DIGITAL TIMELINE: NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

The Mount Gambier 175 Digital Timeline is an online interactive timeline that presents key moments in the history of Mount Gambier in a modern, engaging and accessible way.

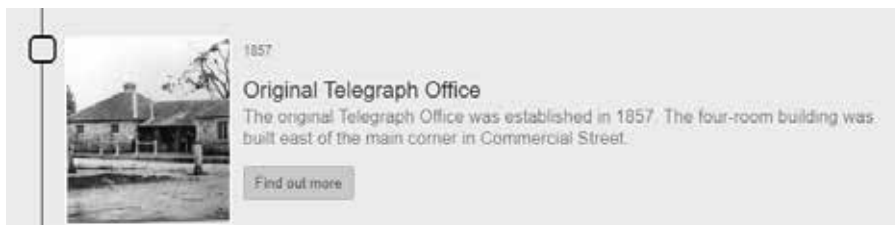
The timeline was unveiled at the Mount Gambier Library on 10 May 2022.

This resource was launched to mark the 175th anniversary of the sale of the first Government land grant for 77 acres in section 1103 in the Hundred of Balance in the County of Grey. This land would later be surveyed for the township of Mount Gambier.

Whilst this resource identifies this anniversary, the City of Mount Gambier acknowledges the Boandik people as the traditional custodians of the land.

The timeline is a working collection of photographs, videos, and documentation on significant buildings, people, events, and statistics charting the history of our city. Showcased during May for history month, this valuable resource received incredible feedback with sessions delivered to anyone with an interest in local history as well as school groups and educators who now have the confidence to navigate and use the resource from their classes.

The Mount Gambier 175 Digital Timeline can be accessed anywhere in the world that has an internet connection by visiting the Mount Gambier Library's website and the drop-down banner 'Local and Family History'.



VIEW THE
TIMELINE HERE

SPORT, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY ADOPTED

Following extensive community consultation and auditing of various outdoor spaces, the Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (SROSS) was endorsed by Council at the April 2022 meeting.

The strategy is a first of its kind for the city and provides strategic direction for the future development and management of the Council's 58 open spaces, including recreation, sporting, nature and public realm spaces.

Based on a supply and demand analysis involving an audit of each open space area while considering the city's sports, recreation and community needs, the strategy was developed through consultation with the community and various stakeholders, which commenced in April 2021.

City of Mount Gambier General Manager City and Community Growth Tim Coote said the Council received feedback from more than 300 stakeholders.

"Throughout the process, it was evident that Mount Gambier has a robust sporting and recreation culture, and Council understands the importance of open spaces within the community, whether they are used for sporting activities, exercise, socialising with family and friends or walking the dog," Mr Coote said.

The SROSS addresses the current gaps in sport, recreation and open spaces throughout the city based on the needs of the community now and into the future and aligns with:

- Strategic Plan 2020-2024
- Disability Action and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024
- Regional Public Health Plan 2021-2026

The SROSS will also influence future long-term financial plans, annual business plans and budgets, asset management and works and maintenance plans.

The strategy also proposes short, medium and longer-term recommendations to provide and improve public spaces.

"It outlines six guiding principles to provide a framework for how sport, recreation and open spaces can be delivered," Mr Coote said.

Mayor Lynette Martin said the document is an exciting and extensive work that will enable the City of Mount Gambier to work towards its vision for open space.

"Council's vision for open space is to create a network of accessible and connected high-quality open spaces that encourage a range of physical activities and social opportunities for the Mount Gambier community," Mayor Martin said.

"The SROSS shows a commitment by Council to the health and wellbeing of our community, and through its strategic direction, it is envisaged that over time the outcomes will positively impact the health and quality of life of our residents."

The SROSS was developed in conjunction with Outerspace Landscape Architects and InsideEdge Sport and Leisure Planning.



Mayor Martin, General Manager City and Community Growth Tim Coote discuss the Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (SROSS), while Annabelle enjoys the Rail Trail.

THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre's commitment to supporting and developing creativity within the community is unmatched. The opportunities to engage with and celebrate diverse cultural and creative practices are at the core of what The Riddoch strives to provide and is reflected in the programming including exhibitions, workshops, film screenings, events and online content.

Like other community facilities, The Riddoch endured many challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including closure, restricted capacity and adapting to alternative forms of delivering services, from online content, to special projects designed to engage the community which resulted in continuous service under challenging conditions.

Regular programs and services include:

- Visual art exhibitions and workshops,
- Creative media technology workshops, including regular Studio Saturday/Tech Thursday sessions in the Media & VR Studio,
- Junior creative workshops during school holidays,
- Jewellery making, print making, textiles,
- Film screenings including regular screenings of Craitbul and Volcano,
- Educator exhibition tours, general public tours and school tours,
- Artists in residence, and
- Life drawing, illustration, watercolour and ceramics workshops by established artists.

The Riddoch is also home to a retail outlet supporting local artists and supplying quality artistic materials.

ANNUAL VISITORS **21,995**

18 NUMBER OF EXHIBITIONS

247 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS & EVENT ATTENDEES **7,003**



THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

RIDDOCH CELEBRATES 10TH BIRTHDAY

The Riddoch Arts and Culture Centre celebrated its 10th birthday on Friday 10 December 2021 with a program of events which showcased arts, culture and creativity. The community was invited to join staff, volunteers, artists and friends to celebrate the milestone with artisan markets, live mural painting, still life drawing, Virtual Reality (VR) demonstrations and more.

Riddoch Programming Assistant Emma Telford says attendees enjoyed a lot of local talent on display at the celebration.

"We engaged many local artists and performers who have a connection to our history – attendees were treated to art, dance, VR and music in every nook of the centre, as well as the popular artisan market in City Hall, just in time for Christmas".

Purpose-built for events and light displays, the facility was opened by the City of Mount Gambier in 2011 in the heart of the city.

"The iconic Main Corner Complex was designed to represent the coming together of modern and traditional architecture, with original heritage features of the site still on display, and a cenote curved wall symbolising the volcanic activity which shaped the landscape," Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre Coordinator Talie Teakle said.

In 2016 Council took over management of the Riddoch Art Gallery and since then the centre has evolved into a space for storytelling, teaching and learning, events and community gatherings and a unique shop showcasing local artists, now known as The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre.



The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre team Melissa Horton (left), Rowan Thurlings, Serena Wong (front left), Talie Teakle, Lily Higgs (front right), Jo-anne Bowering, Lisa Priddle and Emma Telford celebrate the centre's 10th birthday.

Ms Teakle, who has coordinated the centre for most of the decade, has enjoyed being a part of the centre's evolution, saying the facility is a hive of activity seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year.

"The Riddoch has always been a place to tell local stories and hold events, and now we have developed more programming in line with our exhibitions and local events to create a vibrant facility for the community to enjoy."

"We have developed The Riddoch shop which supports Limestone Coast artists, and we have a great following with our workshops that are developing the artistic skills of our community."

"The centre really has become the arts and cultural hub right in the heart of the city."

THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

NEW MANAGER APPOINTED

The City of Mount Gambier welcomed Diana Warnes to the role of Manager Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre in January 2022. Diana joined Council from her most recent position as Head of Curatorial Projects at Home of the Arts (HOTA) on the Gold Coast.

Originating from South Australia, Diana is excited to work with the team to continue curating programs and exhibitions for the community.

"I love working in regional galleries - no matter where you live, getting a culture fix is vital and regional galleries are important in sharing diverse stories that engage local audiences," Manager Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre Diana Warnes said.

"I grew up in South Australia and had decided after 20 years away that it was time to head home – the stars aligned."

Diana is keen to listen and learn and to explore how The Riddoch can reflect its ethos of creativity and learning to locals while also being a place of curiosity for tourists.

"It's always a buzz to curate an exhibition that resonates with the community. I was delighted when the role became available at The Riddoch, a gorgeous gallery in a great regional city."

General Manager City and Community Growth Tim Coote welcomed Diana to Council and is working together to elevate the profile of the Riddoch Art Gallery as South Australia's largest regional gallery.

"Diana's previous experience in the Arts industry is invaluable in assisting her in overseeing the operations of The Riddoch while continuing to collaboratively drive the vision, direction and strategy for the facility," Mr Coote said.

"Diana plays an integral part as Council continues to work towards establishing the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust."

Diana's appointment follows the departure of Riddoch Art Gallery Director Dr Melentie Pandilovski, who accepted a position as Executive Director of Experimenta in Melbourne, Victoria, in August 2021.



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THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

CREATIVE ARTS FUND

The public art landscape within Mount Gambier continues to expand with four projects including visual arts, film, interactive live art and animated augmented reality works sharing in the \$50,000 2021/2022 Creative Arts Fund.

Project	Artist	Grant
The Portrait Project	April Hague	\$17,000
Return	Henry Wolff	\$18,000
Alice in Wonderland	Mount Gambier Theatre Group	\$5,000
Railway Lands Interactive	Yunita Manfrin	\$10,000*

*Due to project incompleteness, a total of \$2,615.16 was delivered.

The Portrait Project - April Hague

Ten Mount Gambier based emerging and established artists including April Hague, Jane Van Eeten, Jennie Mathews, Bianca Richardson, Sally O'Connor, Angela Hann, Stephanie Yoannidis, Anne Miles, Julia Reader and Christy Wallace came together to paint portraits for public display.

"Over a six-month period the artists shared their ideas, skills and knowledge through structured workshops, culminating in the creation of a multi-modal public art work. Reproductions of their paintings, and QR code technology will be brought together to form a semi-permanent 2D installation with a focus on storytelling," Riddoch Team Leader Curatorial Serena Wong said.

"Seeing new public artwork pop up around Mount Gambier is exciting, and the way that it draws people in from further afield is wonderful for our recognition as a thriving and vibrant artistic destination. Working on this type of public project is also fantastic for our own skill development as artists



and in building on our own experience of course, and we are thrilled to be able to showcase our abilities on this large stage, and provide a service to our local community," Artist April Hague said.

Local artists April Hague (left) and Jane Van Eeten preparing portraits for The Portrait Project. Photo: Kate Hill Creative.

THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

Alice in Wonderland - Mount Gambier Theatre Group

Mount Gambier Theatre Group produced a work of live art that depicts scenes from Alice in Wonderland on 20 November 2021.

“Actors dressed in character and sat among the various sets where the general public had the opportunity to meet the beloved characters and enter the scenes themselves through a live performance in the Cave Garden,” Ms Wong said.

Return - Henry Wolff

Return is a multi-stage film project with the opportunity for national exposure for Mount Gambier.

“This project will focus on themes of place, community, virtue, memory, and imagination. It will involve a residency for research and development, the creation of a moving image/artist film in and around the Mount Gambier area, and an interstate and local presentation,” Ms Wong said.



Mount Gambier Theatre Group – Alice in Wonderland.

MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICT TERTIARY HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS

The Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Education Grants program provided ten financial grants to local health students in 2022.

The program is in its 16th year provides \$2,000 grants to support city and district residents who are required to leave the region to undertake university studies in identified health skill shortage areas within the community.

"The grants are available to those students starting or continuing university studies in identified skills shortage areas such as medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, allied health, chiropractic, midwifery, psychology, paramedicine and mental health nursing," Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Education Grants Program Chairman Rodney Summers said.

"We recognise that study within the health area is expensive and we want to support students along the way and encourage them to return to our region to use their skills once they are qualified."

The grants can be used for university fees, medical uniforms, equipment, books, travel and living expenses.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy student Jennieva Burn moved to Bendigo in 2021 for her first year of the course at La Trobe University with the assistance of a Tertiary Health Education Grant.

"I applied for the grant because to be supported by my home town was an amazing opportunity. Also, my casual job has been my only source of earnings, and with full-time study I was seeking alternative sources of income to help out with my first year of university, in a different city too. As someone who plans to come back to the

Limestone Coast I thought it was ideal,"

"This grant has helped me pay for petrol, supplies, groceries, on-campus amenities fees and medical appointments. It allowed me to focus more on my university course and I was able to afford the long drives home to visit loved ones."

"I would absolutely encourage others to apply for this grant as it is a great way for fellow regional citizens pursuing education to receive financial assistance. University is no easy feat and any help is motivating, especially from your home town" Jennieva said.

Physiotherapist Anna Telford received a Tertiary Health Education Grant in 2015 and 2016 to assist her to complete a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at the University of South Australia in Adelaide.

"I relocated to Adelaide in 2014 to study full time for four years and there were several associated living costs like higher rent, more fuel, travelling further to and from home, public transport costs to and from university, university textbooks and uniform costs,"

"Financially the grant was very useful to me to assist with those costs, but it was also good for my mental health. I had less stress as I didn't need to work as many hours, my work/study life balance was much better and I could prioritise my studies." Anna said.

Anna returned to Mount Gambier after completing her studies in 2017 and started her own practice in 2020. She has since opened an additional clinic in Millicent with another young local returning physiotherapist.

"On reflection I've really come to value the sense of community support that the grant provided.

I am proud to be from a regional town and appreciate that this program acknowledges that it's not easy to study away from home and supports the hopes and dreams of people in the allied health area, it's a really special concept I think" Anna Telford reflected.

The Tertiary Health Education Grant program has awarded 156 grants to students at a total cost of \$312,000 since 2007. It is supported by City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant, UFS Chemist, Flinders Rural Health SA, Mount Gambier and District Community Bank, Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes, John and Helen Kentish and Ken and Carol Stafford.

2022 Recipients

Aimee Black	Bachelor of Speech Pathology
Alana Mullen	Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honors)
Jessica Snell	Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics
Madison Kilsby	Bachelor of Paramedicine
Mackenzie Winterfield	Bachelor of Paramedicine
Oliva Lamble	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Rajvi Purswani	Bachelor of Dentistry Science
Snehaa Ramah	Bachelor of Paramedic Science
Sophie Alexander	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Damian Aston	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety	
Total food businesses currently registered	509
Facilities which require food safety audits	11
P1 (highest) risk classified food businesses	135
P2 (high) risk classified food businesses	203
P3 (medium) risk classified food businesses	98
P4 (low) risk classified food businesses	73
Complaints received by Council	
Alleged food poisoning	5
Food unsafe due to foreign matter	3
Poor personal hygiene or poor food handling practices	8
Unsuitable food	3
Unclean premises	9
Food recall notifications received	50
Food safety education	
New business fit-out advice & consultations	20
'I'm Alert' online non-accredited food safety training users	2,177
Food business food safety newsletters	1
Community Health	
Hazardous waste (sharps) collected at Civic Centre	288 kg

Public Health	
Registered high risk manufactured water systems	62
Publicly accessible swimming pool and spa inspections	22
Registered hair, beauty and skin penetration businesses	98
Onsite wastewater treatment system applications	5
Complaints received by Council	
Accommodation standards	6
Air pollution/odour	8
Discharge of wastes/waste control	4
General health complaint or enquiry/other	12
Hoarding and squalor	17
Infectious disease/notifiable disease	34
Litter Control/unsightly properties	17
On-site Wastewater Systems	15
Hairdressing / Beauty Salons	15
Supported residential facilities	6
Vermin (including birds, rats & mice)	28
Water quality (other than public swimming pools and spa pools)	3

Communicable Disease Control Branch mandatory notifications	
Influenza notifications	24
Food borne related illnesses – eg. Campylobacter, Salmonella	54
COVID-19 customer enquiries	33

TOTAL FOOD BUSINESSES REGISTERED

509

REGISTERED HAIR, BEAUTY AND SKIN PENETRATION BUSINESSES

98

ONLINE NON ACCREDITED FOOD SAFETY TRAINING USERS

2,177

HAZARDOUS SHARPS WASTE COLLECTED

288KG

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2022

From 16 to 22 May 2022, City of Mount Gambier celebrated National Volunteer Week.

Here at Council we see first-hand how volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone, not just in our organisation but across the city.

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 was 'Better Together'.

Mayor Martin hosted a morning tea to thank and recognise volunteers' vital role in our organisation.



Volunteer Jenny Braddy (left) and City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott.

Council Events staff and volunteers (left to right) Kristine Berry, Daryl Ferguson, Helen Telford, Denise Richardson, Tom Telford, Alan Liptrott, Xarnia Keding, Nick Wilson, Tim Coote, Ken Sanders and Alan Richardson.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2022



Left: Community Events Officer Kristine Berry with events volunteers Tom and Helen Telford.



Left: Events volunteer Ken Sanders and Mayor Lynette Martin.



Bottom left: Riddoch volunteers Jennie Mannion (left) and Maree Thompson with Cr Paul Jenner.

Below: ReUse Market Attendant Tanis Alexander and ReUse Market volunteer Richard Radley.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

The Citizen of the Year Awards recognise individuals and community groups that have made a noteworthy contribution to the community during the past year, and/or have provided outstanding service over many years.

In 2022, Citizen of the Year was awarded to Adam Smith, Senior Citizen of the Year to Joan Osmond and Lorraine Musgrove, Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Julia Dangerfield, the Community Event of the Year went to Blue Lake Carols and the Active Citizenship Award was given to the Mount Gambier Men's Shed 'Toy Boys'.

"There are many members of our community who consistently go above and beyond to help others and it is a real pleasure to highlight their efforts to give back to the community as part of the annual Citizen of the Year Award honours," City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin said.

Citizen of the Year - Adam Smith

Local Mount Gambier man Adam Smith is passionate about assisting those doing it tough. He has organised, coordinated and been involved in events such as the Family Truck Show, the Mount Gambier Hay Run, The Full Monty, truck convoys to benefit disadvantaged children, and truck meets to raise funds for and awareness of mental health issues.

The 47 year old is a husband to Julie and a father of three who works tirelessly and with great enthusiasm in his spare time to bring local people together to assist those in need of support. Adam has raised more than \$80,000 to benefit causes close to his heart during the past five years.



Citizen of the Year Award, Adam Smith.

He is a co-founder of the Mount Gambier Hay Run, which delivered hay to drought affected farmers in Armidale, Queensland, and to bushfire ravaged farmers in Keilira, Lucindale and Kangaroo Island.

"Everything I get involved with has got to be heart driven, but I am very blessed and honoured to have so many good mates that say, 'no worries, what can we do?' The generosity is amazing, blokes just donate their trucks, hay, fuel and anything else required," Adam said.

In 2020, Adam took it all off for the Full Monty, raising money for mental health in the Limestone Coast.

"Most of us have two left feet, but within four weeks we were up and dancing. To raise \$50,000 on the night was unbelievable."

In 2016, Adam organised a charity auction and convoy to the Heywood Truck Show that raised \$15,000 for Beyond Blue, a mental health organisation focused on supporting people affected by anxiety, depression and suicide.

Adam shies away from accolades for his volunteer work, but is grateful for the opportunity to showcase the causes he believes in.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

Senior Citizen of the Year - Joan Osmond

Joan Osmond has dedicated her life to family, community involvement and service. At 92 years old she continues to actively volunteer for local community groups, organisations and services regularly.

Joan is known for her selfless and unassuming manner and lives by the philosophy that it is vital to give, assist and serve others to keep the community connected.

Joan has been a Board Member of not for profit service Miroma Incorporated since 2003 and will have served 20 years on the Board this year, including four years as chairperson.

"We look after people with dual disabilities which can include intellectual disability, mental illness and physical disability. When I started there were only a handful of carers, but we've got a really good group of carers now and it has grown to be a big organisation," Joan said.

Joan has been involved in significant decision making in relation to Miroma's growth and transition to becoming a National Disability Insurance Scheme service provider. Miroma CEO Anneliese Bates nominated Joan for the Senior Citizen of the Year Award and says that her contribution as a volunteer has improved the lives of others.

"Joan's focus is to ensure that the sick and vulnerable are not forgotten and their lives are enriched and comfortable," Anneliese said.

Joan was also a volunteer at East Gambier Football Club for more than 40 years, a volunteer and committee member at the Reidy Park Tennis Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Heart Foundation, Mount Gambier Community Health, and the Mount Gambier Hospital Auxiliary.

Joan continues to actively volunteer with the Probus Club and the Mount Gambier Cancer Support Group. "I will continue to volunteer until they kick me out," Joan joked.

"Joan is admired and respected by so many people in Mount Gambier and the surrounding areas. She has a wonderful ability to be able to relate with people of all ages, nationalities, religions and walks of life. Our world is a better place because of Joan," Anneliese said.

"When you meet Joan you would not realise how much she has contributed over the years as her selfless, unassuming manner belies this fact."



Senior Citizen of the Year awardee, Joan Osmond.



Senior Citizens of the Year - Joan Osmond (left) and Lorraine Musgrove.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

Senior Citizen of the Year – Lorraine Musgrove

Lorraine Musgrove has worked diligently as a member of the Mount Gambier Cancer Support Group since 1994 and chairperson since 2012. Lorraine is well known for supporting clients diagnosed with cancer and provides people with an empathetic ear during times of need.

Lorraine's empathy and understanding for those dealing with cancer began when her husband was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1988.

"We had to travel to Adelaide every three weeks for treatment and I think it makes you realise just what other families are going through," Lorraine said.

"I had a very dear friend who nagged me to join the Cancer Support Group in 1994 so I went to a luncheon and knew quite a few people there who were friendly and welcoming and that's how it all started." Sadly, Leonard passed away after a long battle with cancer in 2002.

Lorraine continued to support others going through cancer as the group's client coordinator.

Fellow group member Jeannette Breda nominated Lorraine for the Senior Citizen of the Year Award and says the support group wouldn't exist without Lorraine's ongoing dedication and guidance.

Lorraine has led fundraising efforts for the group for the past 15 years, gaining donations from businesses, individuals, sporting groups and group activities.

Lorraine drew on her personal strength and resilience to fight her own cancer battle in recent years.

"Lorraine is a cancer survivor herself, she had bowel cancer about five years ago and had treatment including surgery and chemotherapy locally. She took it in her stride with no fuss, that's our Lorraine," Jeannette said.

Lorraine has also been a long-time member of the Naval Association of Australia, the Mount Gambier Girls Quilting and Sewing Group, the Mount Gambier Chat and Craft group, North Gambier Primary School canteen, Mount Gambier Swimming Club and West Gambier Football Club.

Young Citizen of the Year – Julia Dangerfield

Julia Dangerfield is known for her dedication to and care of Australian native wildlife as a volunteer wildlife rescuer on call to undertake animal rescues and provide emergency care.

"I've just always really liked animals ever since I was a kid, I started volunteering out at the Animal Welfare League as soon as I turned 16 and then I moved away to university and studied animal science and got involved in wildlife rescue up there, so it has always been a passion of mine," Julia said.

Julia aims to educate the community about the importance of wildlife conservation and rehabilitation through the Mount Gambier Wildlife Carer social media page, advocating for injured animals and encouraging people to report native animals in distress.

Julia responds to call outs and deals with initial rescues and short-term care before the animals are distributed to carers throughout the region. In the past year alone, she dealt with more than 50 kangaroo and wallaby joeys.

"There is no government funding, it's all out of pocket which does get quite expensive especially with the macropods. Their milk isn't cheap I think it's \$40 to \$50 a kilogram and I can go through one or two kilograms a week depending on how many joeys I have in care. That's just a small part of the costs with things like vet bills too, so I don't go on holidays and most of my money goes back into rescuing."

One of her latest foster animals is Panda, a seven-month-old orphaned wallaby.

"It is hard to let them go as a short-term carer, but there is always more. You pass one on and the next two more come in, so it's a constant revolving door. I have the least I've had now for a while. I've got two wallabies, two kangaroos, a wombat and a couple of birds."

While Julia predominantly cares for macropods, she is part of the State Government's Wombat Program. She raises orphan wombats, who can't be released into the wild, until they are old enough to be placed in zoos and wildlife parks for breeding programs in Australia and overseas.



Senior Citizen of the Year awardee, Lorraine Musgrove.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

“One of the little wombats I have just finished raising is in quarantine at the moment waiting to fly over to go to the Prague Zoo in the Czech Republic. I love how she can go overseas now, but we’re all still stuck here. A wombat will get a first-class flight there no doubt,” she joked.

Julia is currently studying a Master of Business Administration online through the Australian Institute of Business and hopes to use her newfound knowledge to influence government policy and regulations to benefit native wildlife.

“I want to change people’s views and perceptions on wildlife. Living in a rural community some of them are seen as pests and as over abundant, I really want people to view our native wildlife the same way they do cats and dogs, if you saw an injured dog you’d call someone about it or if you hit a dog you’d do something about it.”

As a final step in completing her university studies, Julia plans to set up a not for profit charity organisation, Limestone Coast Wildlife Rescue.

Julia says volunteering helped her on the path of discovery towards her dream career and encourages other young people to consider volunteering in some capacity.

Community Event of the Year Award – Blue Lake Carols

COVID and SA Health restrictions around large scale events meant that the Blue Lake Carols Organising Committee had to innovate in an effort to continue to bring the iconic event first held in 1947, to the community to spread some festive cheer.

The 2020 and 2021 events were recorded live on stage at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre



The Young Citizen of the Year Award - Julia Dangerfield pictured here with orphaned baby wallaby 'Panda'.

and streamed via Facebook and YouTube in December. In 2020, more than 5,000 individual streams of the event occurred on the night, conservatively putting the viewing audience at more than 20,000 people. The event was simultaneously broadcast on radio 5GTR FM and Lime FM in the South East and on 107.9 Life FM in Adelaide, adding thousands more to the total views.

“COVID has changed everything for everyone. I keep saying we’re all in different boats but in the same storm and it has been a chaotic year. I think our community and our region beyond that need peace and hope and I think just having the Blue Lake Carols on again this time, like the previous year via livestream is incredibly important for all of us for our mental health,” Blue Lake Carols

Organising Committee Chair Rudy Furlong said.

The committee moved the event from the Cave Garden/Thugi to a larger venue at the Rail Lands about eight years ago. The event was then relocated to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in 2019 due to COVID restrictions.

“People have said you’re only as good as your team and we’ve got an incredibly talented team. Everyone that is giving their time is doing it for the love of the city because it’s all free and we’ve got quite a few professionals amongst the group, we’ve got an ARIA award winner, we’ve got a runner up in the X Factor and many others that contribute.”

The Community Event of the Year Award - Blue Lake Carols



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

“We’ve also got five committee members including stage managers, emcees, a videographer and a music director that give their time in addition to the performers.”

The committee hopes to return to a live format at the Rail Lands in 2022.

Active Citizenship Award – The Mount Gambier Men’s Shed ‘Toy Boys’

For the past five years members of the Mount Gambier Men’s Shed known as the ‘Toy Boys’ have handmade and painted wooden toys for donation to the Mount Gambier Community Mayor’s Christmas Appeal.

The Toy Boys received the Award for Active Citizenship for their efforts to bring some Christmas cheer to little faces within the local community.

“It all started after a conversation with Peter Heness back in 2017, he approached me to ask what I used to do in Adelaide and I told him that I was involved with toy making group the Woodville Toy Boys. The next day he told me that we had been approached to make toys for the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal and if I had any designs that would be suitable,” Ian Bond said.

The toys are made using donated timber and paint for children from the age of one to 10 years old.

In the first year the men crafted 80 toys which increased to 200 toys by 2020 when they worked from their own personal sheds during the COVID shut down period to ensure that disadvantaged local children received a gift on Christmas day.

“Peter and I have machines at home, so we raided the timber stocks, put together pots of paint, sandpaper and anything else they guys would need and they came around and picked up the packs from me to continue working. We were working eight hour days, 40 hours a week from April to August,” Ian said.

The Toy Boys have already begun to plan for their next donation to the 2022 Mount Gambier Community Mayor’s Christmas Appeal.

Award for Active Citizenship - Men’s Shed ‘Toy Boys’ Peter Heness, Ian Bond, Peter Kukola, George Renzi and Gary Austin (absent) with Mayor Lynette Martin.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Santa's Boulevard 2021

More than 10,500 people joined the car convoy at the Valley Lakes/Ketla Malpi precinct to see NF McDonnell and Sons Santa's Boulevard over five nights. Demand was strong and free tickets were replenished several times as interest in the twinkling Christmas display surged.

Santa's Boulevard featured many light and sound Christmas displays including 14 Christmas floats.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin was joined by fellow Councilors Frank Morello, Sonya Meziniec and Max Bruins, Council volunteers and members of the Mount Gambier Disc Golf Club to raise funds to support the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal at the event.

"Santa's Boulevard really was the happiest place to be in Mount Gambier, people were so full of joy and goodwill and I was thrilled to be part of the festive atmosphere, it was a truly special event," Mayor Martin said.

City of Mount Gambier would like to recognise and thank the many sponsors, groups, clubs, and volunteers who helped make Santa's Boulevard a success.



Santa was a big hit on the boulevard. Photo: A K Window Photography.

Bottom left: Mayor Lynette Martin and Cr Frank Morello were on location at Santa's Boulevard collecting donations for the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Above: City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott and Cr Max Bruins helped to raise funds for the Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal on the boulevard.



'Dawson Arrow of MacAnLeister' winning Junior Champion Bull with Rebecca Agnew (Handler), Melissa Kramer (Breeder) Fiona Sanderson (Judge) (photo credit: Mavstar Photography)

2022 Australian Highland Cattle Society 30th National Show

In June 2022 Mount Gambier hosted the Australian Highland Cattle Society (AHCS) National Show for the first time.

The public was invited to attend the show on Saturday 11 June and Sunday 12 June, with over 900 people in attendance. The Compton CFS Cadets managed the gate over the two days, raising over \$1800 in gold coin donations.

The event consisted of a range of programming including individual animal classes and championship, handler competition, fancy dress competition, junior judging, and a range of classes, as well as market stalls and bagpipe and highland dance performances.

The handler workshop was a huge success, with the ring filled from one end to the other. The show enabled several first-time cattle handlers to attend and gain experience.

The Australian Highland Cattle Society National Show will return to South Australia in 2025.

'Dalmation' winning 2022 AHCS Fancy Dress (photo credit: Steve Chapple)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2022 SA State Van Titles

Over 60 lovingly maintained and restored panel vans cruised the streets of Mount Gambier over the March long weekend for the 2022 SA State Van Titles.

Majestic Vanners Australia South Australian Chapter, supported by a local committee, organised a weekend of events including meet and greet opportunities, car displays, a cruise to Donovans, a Disco Fever dinner and charity auction.

Over 700 people attended the Show and Shine Display and Top 10 Awards at the Valley Lakes/Ketla Malpi which raised \$2,450. A variety of vans finished in the Top 10 with Ryan Oldman's 1979 Red HZ Holden Sandman taking out the top honour followed closely by the 2021 winner and local Peter Zukauskas' 1960 Blue FB Holden.

Over \$6,611 was raised over the weekend, with \$5,200 donated to The Mount Gambier & District Suicide Prevention Network and The Naracoorte & Districts Suicide Prevention Network.

"The weekend was a fabulous get together for all van and vehicle enthusiasts. Entrants travelled from as far away as Port Lincoln. We would like to recognise the many sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event so successful." Committee Representative Alison Slotegraaf said.



Photos: Turn8 Photography

RECONCILIATION

VISION FOR RECONCILIATION

Working together with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the City of Mount Gambier has the following vision for reconciliation:

A society free of racism and prejudice where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples feel a strong sense of belonging and are able to participate fully in the life of our community.

A city which supports expressions of cultural identity, where cultural practices, traditional sites and significant places are acknowledged, celebrated and preserved.

A community characterised by social justice which advocates for enriching the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Reconciliation Action Plan

The City of Mount Gambier's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) focuses on strengthening positive relationships, acknowledging and respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and providing opportunities to ensure that our First Nations peoples have the same life opportunities as other Australians.

The RAP is titled Yerkalalpata which means 'Leading the Way' in Bunganditj (the reclaimed language of the Boandik people). It incorporates more than 70 direct actions that strengthen our capacity as an organisation to deliver our vision for reconciliation.

One of the key focuses was to put the foundations in place to support cultural safety and engagement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our workplace.

This has included:

- A review of HR principles and procedures to identify any existing anti-discrimination provisions and future needs,
- Implementation of cultural safety and racism awareness training for leaders and staff,
- Support for staff to participate in cultural awareness and immersion activities as well as programs and events during National Reconciliation Week and National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week,
- Inclusion of the RAP and associated material as part of the staff and volunteer induction program, and
- Establishment of internal systems to identify workforce participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Dual naming

The City of Mount Gambier adopted its first Dual Naming Policy in February 2022 that sees Bunganditj language featured alongside the place names of six local sites of cultural significance – Umpherston Sinkhole, the Cave Garden, Leg of Mutton Lake, Brownes Lake, the Valley Lake and the Blue Lake.

Council has committed to a shared vision for reconciliation and is working with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to foster a strong cultural identity for Mount Gambier. This includes the acknowledgement, celebration and preservation of cultural practices, traditional sites and significant places.

The implementation of dual names for sites of cultural significance is detailed as a key action in the 'Yerkalalpata' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which was adopted in early 2020.

"We all share a relationship with the land and the names we give to places convey their significance, sense of history and identity," City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin said.

"Dual naming is recognised as an important step towards reconciliation and the truth-telling process for our Boandik Peoples."

The policy was developed in collaboration with members of Council's Yerkalalpata RAP Community Reference Group including Boandik Elders, local First Nations community leaders and senior representatives of Aboriginal controlled community organisations.

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RECONCILIATION

In 2021, Council sought the advice of Burramies Aboriginal Corporation and the Bunganditj Language Reclamation Committee to confirm the agreed names and spelling of key local sites of cultural significance and the approval to pursue the shared use of language through dual naming.

“The dual naming process will incorporate both the known European place name and the place name in Bunganditj – the reclaimed language of the Boandik Peoples. When referencing the areas both names will be used and displayed on signage throughout the city, for example: Blue Lake/Warwar,” Mayor Martin said.

Boandik Elder Auntie Michelle Jacquelin-Furr says the dual naming of places acknowledges Boandik Peoples as the Traditional Owners of this land and highlights the important relationship between people, country and language.

“In the spirit of reconciliation, the dual naming of significant sites around Berrin (Mount Gambier) is very important to the Boandik people, it’s a sign of respect, it’s a sign that we are being recognised and it’s a sign that we are important to the people of this town.”

“This gives back that compassion, that sense of Country, knowing and belonging - we need that as it was taken from us. By reviving the language, revitalising it, it makes everyone whole again and it’s the start of the healing process.”

Auntie Michelle reflected that, as the Bunganditj language belongs to the Boandik people, recognition of culturally significant places through the dual naming process provides an opportunity for the community to come together and connect.

Place name	Bunganditj name	Bunganditj meaning
Umpherston Sinkhole	Balumbul	Buttercup flower
Cave Garden	Thugi	Bullfrogs
Leg of Mutton Lake	Yatton Loo	No reference
Blue Lake	Warwar	Crow country
Brownes Lake	Kroweratwari	Emus, their tracks
Valley Lake	Ketla Malpi	Sacred talking tree

“When we travel throughout Australia you see language written for the local people, you see it on signs, you see it on shop windows, you see it around the town and it gives you a real strong feeling of connection and pride. I would love to see that happen here in Berrin (Mount Gambier), and it is happening.”

“We need the people to embrace it and take it on board, we all need to work together in the spirit of reconciliation. Language

is about having a go, your pronunciation might not be correct the first time, but it’s having a go and showing respect to the Boandik people that you are having a go.”

For further information about the dual naming process and to hear the correct pronunciations of the six sites of cultural significance in Bunganditj language visit www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/reconciliation



Boandik Elder Auntie Michelle Jacquelin-Furr at the Cave Garden/Thugi.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Week

A program of events was held at the Mount Gambier Library and The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre from Friday 27 May to Friday 3 June 2022 to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. The theme for 2022 was 'Be Brave. Make Change' and the City of Mount Gambier program celebrated the recent dual naming of culturally significant local sites.

Mount Gambier Library invited youth aged 13 years and over to participate in the Boandik Country; Through My Lens Photography Challenge. The photographic competition called for submissions of photographs showcasing any of the six local landmarks where dual naming has been implemented.

The photography competition was complemented by a photographic display in the Library foyer utilising photos from the Les Hill Collection compared with current day photos of sites of cultural significance.

The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre also encouraged the community to get acquainted with the dual named sites through a colouring in competition. Six different colouring sheets were created exploring the sites and acknowledging the traditional owners as the custodians of the land where Mount Gambier/Berrin sits today.

Individuals and school groups were also invited to join the Mount Gambier Library on Tuesday 31 May 2022 for two story sessions, including Storytime for under five year olds featuring 'Somebody's Land' by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing. The session was followed by an activity for children to create a door hanger with the theme 'My bedroom is on Boandik Country.' Aunty Michelle read local dreamtime story 'Thugi' in the Cave Garden/Thugi, followed by a guided drawing experience at the Library.

Uncle Ken Jones also joined the program on Thursday 2 June to perform a Welcome to Country and taught children about indigenous culture through sensory re-creation of local landmarks.

"We are very fortunate to have the involvement of local Aboriginal Elders as part of the City of Mount Gambier National Reconciliation Week program - Reconciliation is everyone's business and we are really excited at the opportunity to celebrate and learn more about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation," Manager Library and Community Development Georgina Davison said.

GENERAL INSPECTOR STATISTICS

General Inspector statistics	
Dog expiations	260
Dog complaints	295
Dog impoundments	51
Dog attack reports	9
Parking offences	211
Fire permits	122
Cattle impoundments (sheep and cows)	0
Vehicle impoundments	1
Dog registrations	7,863
Payment to SEAWL (provision of pound services)	\$46,356
Dog registration fees	\$181,223

Most popular dog names in the City

BELLA

MAX

MOLLY

BUDDY

CHARLIE

DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018 - 2023

Council is required by legislation to implement the provisions of the Dog and Cat Management Act. Council’s Dog and Cat Management Plan 2018 - 2023 was adopted in August 2017.

Council’s Dog and Cat Management Plan outlines areas where residents can let their dogs off the leash for healthy exercise.

These ‘off leash’ areas are:

- Hastings Cunningham Reserve,
- Corriedale Park,
- Don McDonnell Reserve,
- Blue Lake Sports Park,
- Northumberland Avenue, and
- Frew Park.

In all other public areas/places in the city, dogs must be kept on a leash.

Council encourages all dog owners to act responsibly and ensure their pet is not permitted to wander at large or cause a nuisance to neighbours.

Dogs typically get scared during storms and fireworks and dog owners should make arrangements to secure their pets when storms and/or fireworks are predicted or publicised.



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BUSINESS FOOD WASTE DIVERSION TRIAL

In August 2021 Council commenced a trial with several local food businesses to divert food waste from landfill.

Hundreds of tonnes of food waste are unnecessarily deposited at Caroline Landfill each year, creating methane and leachate, polluting the environment.

“Sending food waste to landfill is also a waste of resources as this matter can instead be composted and returned to local farms and gardens to grow more food,” City of Mount Gambier Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said.

The food waste trial aims to develop an appropriate food waste diversion system for local businesses as one restaurant can produce more than 20 tonnes of food waste each year.

“As part of the trial, Council provided participating businesses with free bins and compostable liners to separate food waste in their kitchens, as well as signage and directions on what goes in each bin.”

All food waste is emptied into a small 660-litre skip bin dedicated to food waste which is collected by a contractor once per week. The contents of the bin are then taken to Bio Gro, where the food waste is composted,” Mr Izzard said.

“As well as doing the right thing for the environment, reducing food waste in landfill saves the community money. This trial is free for food businesses.”

Hungry Jacks, Presto Eatery, Muffin Break, Wendy's, Southern Thai Cafe, the Tuck Shop and the Mount Gambier Hospital, were the initial businesses to participate in the trial.



City of Mount Gambier Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard, Presto Eatery Head Chef Kathryn Holmes and Manager Kate Wilson empty food waste into the skip bin as part of the food waste diversion trial.

“The trial diverted more than 57,260 kilograms of food waste from landfill from when the trial commenced to 30 June 2022,”

In return for free waste collection services, participating businesses are asked to record the number of general waste bins collected before and during the trial.

“The skip makes the process of getting rid of food waste so easy, we just dump it in, and it's collected each week,” Presto Eatery Head chef Kathryn Holmes said.

“We've been using internal kitchen bins for food waste for a couple of years now, and in the first eight weeks, we saved two tonnes of food and organic waste from going to landfill.”

The program is jointly funded by Council and the State Government Green Industries SA 2020/2021 Council Modernisation Grants to the value of more than \$46,000.

WASTE SNAPSHOT

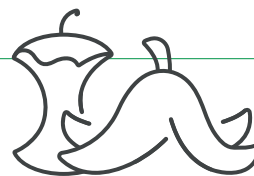
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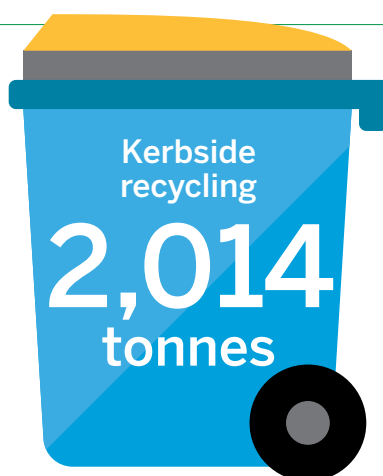


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Kerbside Bins



What is in
Mount
Gambier's
rubbish bins?

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

EXPANDED
POLYSTYRENE
PROCESSED FOR
RECYCLING ON SITE **10T**

METAL
RECYCLING

132T

MATTRESS
RECYCLING

70T

CONTRACTORS WASTE

20,615T

TOTAL TO LANDFILL

29,338T

MOUNT GAMBIER REUSE MARKET

The Mount Gambier ReUse Market, located at 3 Eucalypt Drive, aims to reduce landfill by reusing and upcycling useful items donated via the Waste Transfer Station. It is a place where you can get anything and everything second hand from building materials, to bikes and sports gear, garden equipment, spare parts, bric-a-brac and furniture.

Along with the Waste Transfer Station, the ReUse Market plays a pivotal role in assisting to deliver waste education to community groups, schools and the broader community by saving useful second-hand items from the waste stream.

Since opening in 2018, the Mount Gambier ReUse Market has built a number of partnerships within the community, including volunteers and students from the Independent Learning Centre, who play an active role assisting the operation of the market by sorting, recovering, upcycling, cleaning and presenting items for sale.

Opening twice per month, the ReUse Market is a popular destination for those seeking secondhand items in good condition that would otherwise end up in landfill. For information about upcoming open days visit www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/reusemarket

DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

84.5T

VISITORS

5,000

APPROX.

3,500

SALES TOTALLING

\$45,350



City of Mount Gambier ReUse Market Attendants Michael Satterley (left) and Tanis Alexander (middle) and Market Coordinator Rebecca Mobbs.

ReUse Market Attendants Tanis and Michael pictured with some of the goods available for purchase at the ReUse Market.



LANDSCAPE BOARD GRASSROOTS GRANTS: WEED CONTROL

City of Mount Gambier received \$50,000 in funds through the Limestone Coast Landscape Board Grassroots Grants 2021/2022 program to undertake weed control measures in the Crater Lakes area.

Council targeted pest weeds and plants found throughout the precinct, including Olive trees, Sweet Pittosporum, Cotoneaster, Italian Buckthorn and Ash trees on the Centenary Tower slope.

"Given the severity of the slope, Council engaged a local contractor to use abseiling techniques to cut and swab the targeted pest weeds and plants," City of Mount Gambier Engineering Technical Officer Sinaway Georgiou said.

"We expect to have removed all the pest weeds and plants within the vicinity of the area within the next two to three years to allow the native vegetation to thrive."

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board also provided Council with a grant for weed clearing work valued at \$30,000 last financial year, which included removing Cape Wattle Trees from the crater slope along Keegan Drive.

As part of this round of funding, Council also revegetated the area using native grasses such as Wallaby, Kangaroo and Poa.

Given the historical and cultural significance of the area, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation was engaged to assist with the planting of the native grasses. Local plant and seed nursery Southern Ground specialises in indigenous plants and has propagated the native grasses used in the revegetation project.

"Acknowledging the importance of the Crater Lakes as a unique natural environment, our work in conserving and maintaining this area creates a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with our First Nations community, build relationships and further enhance the space as a place of shared cultural learning and interpretation. This is the start of a long-term commitment to working with our cultural leaders as we explore the potential of the Crater Lakes into the future," Mr Georgiou said.

Southern Ground establish native and indigenous plants and seeds to supply to schools, councils and farms around the region and work closely with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation and local high school students with projects such as the Crater Lakes revegetation project.

"We collect local species to suit the local landscape. These have a high survival rate while being better for local birds, lizards and other wildlife," Aboriginal Elder, Southern Ground representative and Director of Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation Uncle Doug Nicholls said.

The City of Mount Gambier Reconciliation Action Plan advances the involvement of First Nations people in various projects. This collaborative project reaffirms the Limestone Coast Landscape Board's commitment to enhance further the respectful and strong relationships developed across the region.



Aboriginal Elder, Southern Ground representative and Director of Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation Uncle Doug Nicholls, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation labour hire team members Jayden Watson and Emayah Young, Limestone Coast Landscape Board Engagement Coordinator, First Nations Partnerships David New and City of Mount Gambier Engineering Technical Officer Sinaway Georgiou prepare to revegetate with native plant seedlings around the crater rim thanks to a Landscape SA Grassroots Grant.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION

The Waste Transfer Station is an important link in our community's total waste management system that understands the challenges, opportunities and unique issues of managing waste.

The facility plays a vital administrative role in the collection, treatment and disposal of waste streams received including commercial contractors, residents and community members.

Material taken through the transfer station from domestic customers is separated prior to going to landfill to ensure maximum resource recovery.

The Waste Transfer Station also assists to deliver waste education to community groups and schools through regular site tours where participants see the process of recovery, recycle and reuse, and promotion of Council's 'sort and save' initiative.



WASTE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Following months of research into the waste management behaviour of residents, City of Mount Gambier launched a waste education campaign in March 2022 focused on reducing organic waste ending up in landfill.

Developed in conjunction with experienced creative agency Paper Moose, the campaign encourages residents to use the kerbside bin system appropriately and dispose of all organic matter via the FOGO (food organics/garden organics) bin.

The effectiveness of the campaign will be measured against multiple objectives, including new uptake of the FOGO service and the level of contamination in the general waste bin. A bin audit will be undertaken at the conclusion to measure whether organic waste contamination in the general waste bin has decreased, intending to reduce this by 2.5%.

"Sending food organics/garden organics to landfill is a waste of resources as it can instead be composted and returned to local farms and gardens to grow more food. Therefore the focus of the campaign initially is to educate the community about the best way to dispose of this waste," Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said.

The 'Unfill Our Landfill' waste education advertising campaign will be rolled out gradually across radio, television, print and social media platforms in the coming months and will initially focus on FOGO and where food organics/garden organics should be deposited.



For residents who already have a FOGO bin, the campaign encourages the use of the service to its full potential, which means not placing food or garden waste in the general waste bin to reduce contamination rates within the entire kerbside bin system.

"The campaign uses storytelling, unique creativity and light-hearted humour to make it clear that Mount Gambier residents should put their food waste in the FOGO bin, rather than in the general waste bin where it ends up in landfill," Mr Izzard said.

FOGO is the abbreviation for food organics and garden organics. Throughout the campaign, it will emphasise that residents should put their food and garden waste into this bin and create a clear distinction between the general waste bin and the larger green bin, previously known as the green waste or organics bin.

Council currently offers the FOGO service to all residents who already receive kerbside waste collection at no extra charge on an opt-in basis, with a one-off payment of \$80.00 to purchase the correct bin.

The campaign will be expanded to raise community awareness about what goes into the other waste streams, such as the recycling bin in the future.

For further information on the FOGO service, visit www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/FOGO

LIMESTONE COAST BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 requires each of the nine South Australian Bushfire Management Committees to prepare and maintain a Bushfire Management Area Plan.

- Each Bushfire Management Committee will adopt a Bushfire Management Area Plan that will:
- Identify existing or potential risks to valuables from bushfire within the bushfire management area,
- Outline coordinated and cooperative bushfire prevention and mitigation strategies to achieve appropriate hazard reduction associated with bushfire management within its area,
- Identify asset or land custodians responsible for the implementation of the bushfire risk mitigation treatments, and
- Use or establish principles and standards to guide or measure the success of the bushfire management strategies and initiatives.

The Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Area Plan is available to view on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

LOCAL NUISANCE AND LITTER CONTROL ACT

Under the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* Council is the relevant authority for local nuisance and litter control within the council boundary.

Allowing or contributing to local nuisance or litter is a crime with costly penalties. Some common complaints of nuisance are noise, smoke, unsightly properties and littering.

Council officers have investigated a number of enquiries and customer requests in relation to matters which can be addressed by the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act however at 30 June 2022 Council had not made any prosecutions under this Act.



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK 2021

Planet Ark's National Recycling Week was held from 8 to 14 November 2021, and City of Mount Gambier joined the campaign with a program of activities designed to encourage the community to reduce waste and recycle.

Council invited the community to participate in the activities aimed at demonstrating the value of various resources by giving them a second life through reuse and recycling.

"Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill, but it also benefits the environment by reducing our need for new materials. Reducing and reusing can also save you money at home and in the workplace," City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said.

The program of activities kicked off with a tour of two local plastic recycling operations, Tenison Woods College Precious Plastics Program and Ecoplas, located at the Waste Transfer Station.

In addition, local waste reduction advocate Trudy-Anne Doyle organised a 'Late Night Op Shopping' event followed by an open day at the Mount Gambier ReUse Market.

Mount Gambier Library hosted a free 'Waste Not!' upcycling workshop where participants learned as library staff demonstrated how to make unique gift ideas with items usually destined for landfill, the compost or recycling bin, including body scrubs, bunting, planter boxes and more.

"I was excited to help residents reduce their impact on the environment through teaching residents to upcycle for reuse items usually destined for the bin," Mount Gambier Library Assistant and upcycling enthusiast Susan Briffa said.

To finish the week, The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre hosted papermaking workshops with local artist Chrissy Pudney for children and adults.

"Chrissy introduced children to the basic method of making paper using recycled products, encouraging them to experiment with colour and decoration, while in the afternoon, she ran a class for adults," Mr Izzard said.

City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard with Library Assistant Susan Briffa who hosted the 'Waste Not!' upcycling workshop as part of National Recycling Week.



VALLEY LAKE / KETLA MALPI WATER TESTING

Two water quality monitoring floats were deployed at the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi in January 2022 to determine the algae species present in the water as a first step towards improving water quality for recreational use.

During Summer, the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi experiences algal blooms due to increased water temperature and light conditions, negatively impacting the recreational value of the water.

“We wish to find the most appropriate way to eliminate these blooms and reduce summer cyanobacteria and algae counts to below guidelines outlined within the National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines for managing risk in recreational water,” City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard said.

“The first step in attempting to improve the water quality is to try to understand the dynamics of the lake, and the floats will assist with this.”

New South Wales based water investigation and solutions company Photon Water deployed two floats on the lake to investigate the water quality at various depths in the following months.

“Characterising and measuring what is in the water and then looking at good control is a logical way to approach it. Doing it slowly and scientifically,” Photon General Manager - Water Ian Phillipps said.



City of Mount Gambier Environmental Sustainability Officer Aaron Izzard (right) with Photon Water Head of Engineering Manuel Cilia and General Manager - Water Ian Phillipps and one of the two monitoring floats deployed at the Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi.

“This water management approach will ensure that scientifically principled and verified engineering solutions are considered and applied to fix the problem,” Mr Izzard said.

The first phase of the project is being implemented at the cost of about \$14,000.

“The floats will measure temperature, salinity and oxygen. Photon Water will take samples and send them off within Australia and over to Europe to understand the exact species of algae and bacteria there.”

“The floats will sit out on the lake until winter and then be removed and placed back out again in spring. The lake can still be used for recreational purposes during the investigation period as the floats are situated out of the way of watercraft and are visible to ensure the safety of water users,” Mr Izzard said.

The results will inform the project’s second stage, which will involve implementing water quality control solutions to reduce algal blooms.

Coming into the next summer season, we should have a good understanding and hopefully some control methodology to improve the water quality,” Mr Phillipps said.

“Treatment of the algal blooms will lead to a healthier lake and natural environment. Reduction of algal blooms will also be beneficial for fish and invertebrate species that inhabit the lake,” Mr Izzard said.

“We also hope that by reducing the algal blooms, the lake may be utilised for a wider variety of recreational purposes.”



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TIMBER DONATED TO NATIONAL TRUST OF SA

City of Mount Gambier donated a portion of the salvaged timber beams from the Railway Lands Roundhouse building to the National Trust of South Australia. The timber was used to repair and restore the Roundhouse building at Peterborough and following a request from the Trust discussed at the August 2021 Council meeting.

In June 2018, Council accepted an offer from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to obtain the salvaged timber beams from the Railway Lands Roundhouse building, which was being demolished at the time.

"The timber beams have since been stored at the Council Works Depot and with the intent for the materials to be reused by Council in a way that preserves the Railway history," CEO Sarah Philpott said.

The council received a request from the National Trust in June 2021 for permission to use some of the beams and columns to replace sections of the Peterborough Roundhouse.

The National Trust Silver to Sea Way Steering Committee recently wrote to Council expressing their appreciation for the donation.

"We were able to use much of your timber in the restoration of the roundhouse, which hopefully will now stand the test of time for many decades to come," National Trust Silver to Sea Way Steering Committee Chair Deborah Morgan said.

"It is a most satisfying result that we could successfully reuse your timber in the Peterborough Roundhouse and a story that we will continue to tell going forward.



The Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi public toilet block will be demolished to make way for new amenities.

Timber beams from the former Mount Gambier Railway Roundhouse were reused in the restoration of the Peterborough Roundhouse. Image: National Trust Silver to Sea Way Steering Committee.



LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FEDERAL FUNDING



Four City of Mount Gambier projects will share more than \$1 million in Federal grant funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI).

The old Valley Lake/Ketla Malpi public toilet block opposite the community playground and barbecue area and the secondary non-compliant toilet block will be demolished to make way for new amenities.

"The new toilets will be designed to increase accessibility for people with disabilities or impairment," City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott said.

"Importantly, the new amenities will improve safety for children in the area as they currently have to cross internal access roads and public car parking areas to access the facilities."

The existing public amenities adjoining the State Heritage Railway Station building will also receive a funding allocation of \$460,000 to ensure the facilities meet compliance standards.

The existing toilets retain the original layout from 1918 and are currently closed due to non-compliance. This upgrade will make the amenities available for public use and future events held at the Mount Gambier Railway Lands," CEO Sarah Philpott said.

A \$50,000 cash injection assisted with landscaping improvements at the Cave Garden/Thugi and Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul under the LRCI program.

The path leading into one of Mount Gambier's leading tourist attractions, Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul, has undergone lighting improvements following LRCI funding assistance of \$40,000.

"Funding for additional maintenance on two of the city's most popular public reserves and pathway lighting for the Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul will add to the aesthetic appearance of these spaces for tourists and locals," Ms Philpott said.

The LRCI program aims to stimulate additional community infrastructure construction projects to support local communities with short-term job opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin said the projects would ensure community members and visitors have well-constructed and accessible public amenities.

"Council is very appreciative to the Federal government for

the funding which will assist Council to deliver infrastructure which will improve the liveability and amenity of our city, assisting in the attraction of new business and industry and creating economic benefit for a sustainable future," Mayor Martin said.

"The design, demolition and new construction works will create job opportunities for our local community, including architects and building contractors."

"We want to ensure Mount Gambier continues recovering strongly from COVID-19. Funding programs like this give Council and the community the best opportunity to do so."

Council received almost \$500,000 in funding during Phase 1 of the LRCI Program to review existing lighting levels across the city compared to Australian Standards. This project is due for completion by the end of 2022.

Mayor Lynette Martin at the Railway Station building on Railway Terrace Mount Gambier. The existing public amenities adjoining the State Heritage building will be refurbished at a total cost of \$460,000.



INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

Road Construction and Maintenance

Council is committed to maintaining its road network to a high standard. In 2021/2022 Council invested \$2,795,097 as part of the Capital Works Program.

The following works were undertaken as part of this spend:

Reseal Program - \$468,949

Asphalt Roundabout Program - \$11,843

- Wehl Street North/Allison Street

Asphalt Intersection Program - \$260,122

Road Reconstruction Program

Council contribution - \$1,629,890

Roads to Recovery funding - \$424,293

- Victor Street (Lansell Street to Gwendoline Street)
- Dutton Street (Boandik Terrace to Cockburn Street)
- Commercial Street East (Mark Street to Davison Street)
- Commercial Street West (Cunningham Street to McDonnell Drive)
- Coutts Street (Shepherdson Road to Earl Street)
- Earl Street (Lacepede Street to End)
- Wehl Street North (Chute Street to Jubilee Highway West)
- Commercial Street West (Wehl Street to Gray Street)
- Francis Street (Wyatt Street to Jubilee Highway West)
- Commercial Street East (Mark Street to Davison Street)
- Percy Street (Penola Road to Mitchell Street)
- Lake Terrace West/Wehl Street South (Intersection Reconfiguration)
- Oak Street (new kerbing and carpark)
- Commercial Street West to Cave Road
- Ramsay Avenue (Slow Point)

Carpark Resurfacing - \$35,385

- Malseed Park

Footpath Construction

In 2021/2022 Council invested \$299,816 in concrete footpath construction, providing an additional 1.6 kilometres of concrete paths in the city.

The projects that were included in the 2021/2022 program were:

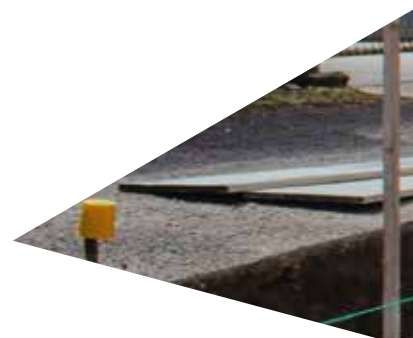
- Victor Street (Lansell Street to Gwendoline Street)
- Bailey Street (Wimmera Street to Wehl Street North)
- Ramsay Avenue (Jubilee Highway East to Tamar Court)
- Wallace Street (Howland Street to O'Halloran Terrace)
- White Avenue (Grant Avenue to Tenison Drive)

An additional \$19,984 was invested in the following project:

- Installation of Pedestrian Crossing along Rail Trail Path (Wehl Street South)

Footpath Asphalt Overlay Program - \$25,388

- Heriot Street (Reginald Street to Crouch Street South)
- Krummel Street (Sturt Street to Commercial Street East)



INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

Stormwater Management

Council's 2021/2022 capital drainage works included the upgrade of existing drainage assets and installation of new infrastructure to the total value of \$61,373.58.

The works included:

- Bore clean outs
- Raising buried silt pits and lid replacement with certified lifting lugs
- Silt pit clean outs
- Retention basin/swale drain construction
- Side entry pit construction and road crossing installation

Drainage improvement works completed within the 2021/2022 budget included:

- Gladigau Road (New kerbing from Wireless Road East to existing Settlement Pit)
- Peters Street (Penola Road to cul-de-sac)
- Currawong Crescent / Heron Street

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.

The O'Leary Road / Pinehall Avenue intersection works will be undertaken in 2022/2023, with an anticipated completion date of December 2022. This is funded from the Special Local Roads Program along with a joint contribution from each Council of \$91,500.

In 2022/2023 it is planned for a road reconstruction upgrade along Pinehall Avenue (O'Leary Road to Sunnybrae Road) and the reseal of Pinehall Avenue (Wehl Street North to Suttontown Road).



WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE (AS AT JUNE 2022)

The Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre at Olympic Park on Margaret Street continues to take shape both internally and externally despite current challenges facing the construction industry.

Recent progress on site includes installation of pool plant room and mechanical equipment and first fix lighting throughout the pool hall, while the build and installation of the splash pad area equipment is also progressing.

“Construction is progressing well, and the site is a flurry of activity each day both internally and externally,” City of Mount Gambier General Manager City Infrastructure and project sponsor Barbara Cernovskis said.

“It’s really exciting to see the concept drawings literally coming to life, and the quality of the finishes is really coming to the fore now.”

The café is beginning to take shape with installation of wall framing and sheeting throughout with electrical works underway.

Fitting of acoustic treatment is almost complete in the entertainment hall and sports courts area, along with the AV equipment installation, lighting and bench seating.

“It is really impressive to see the building all lit up at dawn and dusk and you start to get a real appreciation for what the facility is going to offer the community.”

“The use of timber throughout the courts, aquatic and other areas of the building gives it a real sense of warmth when inside, and along with the limestone features outside the building, really showcases the materials that our region is renowned for.”

Flooring in the bar areas and upstairs kitchen and the kitchen warm shell is

nearing completion, along with balustrade glazing for the spectator seating in the courts area. Painting of walls and ceilings, and tiling in all amenities is well progressed, bringing the facility to life.

The upstairs multi-function room is taking shape with the preparation for flooring underway and operable wall in place, allowing for flexible use of the space while providing views over the aquatic area.

Installation of the Myrtha lining has commenced in all pools, including the 25 metre lap pool, warm water program pool and learn to swim pool and the pre-existing 50 metre outdoor pool.

“The use of Myrtha stainless steel pool linings provides significant advantages in terms of longevity and reduced maintenance schedules compared with a concrete option,” Ms Cernovskis said.



WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE

Landscaping works surrounding the building have begun, and the Margaret Street car park is beginning to take shape.

“As we continue to battle with the current COVID environment and challenges facing the construction industry, we are working closely with our project team to firm up the completion timeframe so we can inform the community as soon as possible,” Ms Cernovskis said.

“It is important we continue to work towards completing this complex build in a timely manner while ensuring it is delivered to a high standard using quality products.”

The project continues to run on budget despite delays and Council remains committed to protecting its commercial position to continue seeking best value for the community while working within a live contractual agreement with the builder.

Wulanda timber beam installation and roofing

BADGE Constructions, Williams Crane Hire and specialist timber beam erectors made the most of the fine weather conditions on site at the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre at Olympic Park erecting 8 of the 13 HESS Timber rafters over the pool hall area.

As a first step, a 160 tonne crane lifted the beams out of the storage area in the 50 metre pool to enable the plastic covering to be removed. The crane then lifted the rafter into place. The beams were placed in a temporary ‘birds mouth’ wooden construction on top of the columns to ensure the timber settled in place, before the 110 tonne crane was used to enable erectors to screw and bolt each end securely.

Plywood flooring was placed on top of the rafters to provide structural support to enable installers to walk on the surface while applying the roofing. SA Construct commercial roofing and cladding was on site using a mobile mill machine to roll the iron roofing sheets that measure 56 metres long. A team of 13 waited in a line to receive 80 or so sheets and combine them into packs of six ready for installation. The roofing was rolled out in a staged approach. The four layer system included placing foil, spaces and insulation down, and then another foil layer and iron sheeting to complete the roof. More than 400 iron roof sheets were installed over the entire building.



WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE



The Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre project is supported by a \$15 million grant from the Australian Government Regional Growth Fund and a \$10 million grant from the South Australian Government Regional Growth Fund. City of Mount Gambier received funding partner support of \$350,000 from the District Council of Grant.

To find out more about the project, visit www.haveyoursaymountgambier.com.au/wulanda

WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE

Premier Steven Marshall visits Mount Gambier

In October 2021, South Australian Premier Steven Marshall toured Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre and met with Elected Members to discuss strategic priorities during a whirlwind day trip to Mount Gambier.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin was pleased to host a tour for the Premier through Council's largest ever infrastructure project currently under construction at Olympic Park, Mount Gambier.

"The project received \$10 million in State Government funding through the Regional Growth Fund, so I was very pleased to show the Premier through the facility so he could see how it is developing."

The Premier was impressed with the construction occurring on site. Following the tour, Premier Marshall met with the Mayor, Council's senior executives and candidate for

Mount Gambier Ben Hood to discuss key priorities for our community, including investment opportunities, our strong regional position and tourism.

"We talked about opportunities to build on the success of Wulanda and our partnership in activating the Blue Lake/Warwar and Crater Lakes area. We have so many amazing spaces and working together we can build even stronger connections." Mayor Martin said.

Councillors Sonya Meziniec, Frank Morello and Paul Jenner then joined the Mayor and the Premier for a discussion over lunch at the Civic Centre.

The Premier's itinerary also included a visit to the Mount Gambier Show and meetings with primary producers, Grant District Council and the Generations in Jazz board.

Country Cabinet

The Premier of South Australia, Peter Malinauskas, together with state government ministers and chief executives, visited Mount Gambier in June 2022 as part of Country Cabinet.

During their visit, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Katrine Hildyard and Director Infrastructure and Planning with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Adam Trottman toured Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre with General Manager City Infrastructure Barbara Cernovskis.

Badge Constructions Construction Manager Steven Crowther, Project Sponsor Barbara Cernovskis, Premier Steven Marshall, Mayor Lynette Martin, Liberal candidate for the seat of Mount Gambier Ben Hood, City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott, Badge Constructions Andy Shoemark and City Growth General Manager Tim Coote on site at the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.



BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The primary function of the Building Fire Safety Committee 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 firefighting environment.

The BFSC is made up of one Elected Member, Cr Paul Jenner, who is the chairperson, a member of both the Metropolitan Fire Service and Country Fire Service, a Level 1 accredited Building Surveyor, a person with expertise in the area of fire safety and the City of Mount Gambier Senior Building Officer.

For 2021/2022 the Building Fire Safety Committee met twice to discuss items of concern.

A focused program of compliance for buildings over 500m² has been ongoing since 2018. The level of return for Essential Safety Provisions documentation has increased considerably which indicates a raised awareness of owners and operators on building fire safety matters.

Several development applications for larger buildings have been addressed through development applications for building fire safety upgrades. These applications are assessed against the National Construction Code and bringing these buildings into alignment with current standards.

CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES

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

Mount Gambier Licensing Accord

A regular forum coordinated by Council involving the Liquor and Gaming Commissioner, SAPOL, hotel and 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)
- Vansittart Park Oval (Area 3),
- Dimjalla Park (Area 4), and
- AF Sutton Memorial Park (Area 5).

CCTV Surveillance Cameras

There are more than 30 surveillance cameras at various locations within the city centre. CCTV is a useful tool to decrease anti-social behaviour and increase public safety. Council will continue to work with SAPOL to determine areas that require the presence of increased surveillance and will continue to expand on the number of cameras installed to improve public safety. The cameras are monitored by Mount Gambier Police and this has proven to be an effective initiative.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - BUILDING AND PLANNING

Throughout 2021/2022 Council's building division continued to support local builders and professionals to deliver a core range of services including:

- Assessment of proposed development,
- On site audit-based inspection of construction activities,
- Approval for occupation of commercial premises,
- Maintenance of 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 *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, the planning and Design Code and the National Construction Code.

Statistics for development within the City is now provided through the online ePlanning platform.

Council's building division records statistics regarding activities within the local construction industry which are as follows:

The impact of COVID-19 and state and federal government grants initiated to stimulate the economy influenced a significant increase in City of Mount Gambier development applications in 2020/2021 with application numbers dropping slightly once the grant funding was no longer available.

	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Dwellings	149	210	72	62	102
Dwelling additions	19	17	22	21	24
Outbuildings	208	263	148	145	160
Commercial	33	31	28	57	32
Industrial	2	15	8	11	4
Signage	3	12	5	3	15
Wastewater	0	0	0	2	2
Other	27	86	80	43	52
Total number of development applications	441	634	363	344	391
Estimated total development expenditure	\$68,495,083	\$162,682,216	\$70,013,622	\$34,190,596	\$47,052,940

Changes to SA Planning System

South Australia's new planning system for large regional and metropolitan areas launched on 19 March 2021, allowing development applications to be submitted and tracked online via Australia's first state wide ePlanning platform. 2021/2022 was the first full

twelve month period operating within the new planning system.

The ePlanning platform brings together the PlanSA portal, the online Planning and Design Code, the South Australian Property and Planning Atlas and the electronic Development Application processing system.

The new planning system delivers clear and consistent planning policies across the entire state of South Australia that are easily accessible and widely available.

For more information visit www.plan.sa.gov.au

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* requires all councils in South Australia to establish a Council Assessment Panel (CAP) to make decisions in respect to the assessment of development applications.

In the assessment process the CAP had regard to the Planning and Design Code, third party representations if received and any advice from a referral body to determine the merits of each application.

Development applications that were referred to the CAP are those applications that are required to be publicly notified and have received representations objecting to the development as part of the public notification process.

The CAP could also provide advice and reports to Council regarding trends, issues and other matters relating to planning and development.

This advice could emerge as a result of performing its development assessment function and in performing other duties as assigned by the Council.

The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act required that the membership of the CAP must be no more than five members, only one of which may be an Elected Member. All members of the CAP were appointed by Council and must have experience and/or qualifications in town planning or a similar field of expertise.

The members of the CAP were:

- Mr Ian Von Stanke (Presiding Member),
- Mr Peter Seebohm,
- Mr Mark Teakle,
- Cr Paul Jenner.

During 2021/2022 there remained one vacancy on the CAP.

During 2021/2022 the CAP considered 13 development applications.

The CAP held meetings on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 5:45pm.

The City of Mount Gambier Council CAP concluded as at 30 June 2022. From 1 July 2022, City of Mount Gambier is a member of the Limestone Coast Southern Regional Assessment Panel (RAP).

CARINYA GARDENS CHAPEL AND CEMETERY

The gardens, chapel and surrounds of Carinya Gardens provides a peaceful ambience for bereavement services.

Great pride is taken in the quality of services offered to the community at Carinya Gardens, particularly to families in a time of need.

There were 480 services conducted at the cemetery during the 2021/2022 year, compared with 418 in the previous year.

The cemetery undertook 110 burials compared with 104 the previous year, and a total of 370 cremations were performed compared to 314 in 2020/2021.

Throughout 2021 and 2022 the team at Carinya have worked closely with funeral service providers to enable funerals to be held while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols.



LOCAL HERITAGE RESTORATION FUND

Now in its 19th year, the Local Heritage Restoration Fund was established as part of Council's commitment to the conservation and management of heritage assets around the city and provides funding towards preservation and restoration works of heritage listed properties in Mount Gambier.

The City of Mount Gambier provided a total of \$20,000 to owners of local heritage listed properties following Council endorsement of 19 applications for funding under the 2021/2022 Local Heritage Restoration Fund in it'

"Council is committed to protecting Mount Gambier's heritage and assisting heritage property owners to maintain their buildings," Manager Development Services Tracy Tzioutziouklaris said.

It is important that local heritage buildings are preserved, and Council hopes that providing some financial assistance will help to ensure the character of these buildings are maintained for years to come.

Council received a total of 24 applications for the 2021/2022 Local Heritage Restoration Fund with Local Heritage Advisor and Director of Arcuate Architecture Ian Hamilton recommending 19 applications be granted funding.

"Each year we invite applications from the owners of 125 local heritage places and the fund continues to be well supported with a strong number of applications and 100% of budgeted funds allocated," Ms Tzioutziouklaris said.

Ian was appointed as the Local Heritage Advisor in 2021 following a tender process conducted by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and takes over from former longstanding advisor

Richard Woods of Habitable Places.

"Ian has extensive experience working in private practice in both the UK and Australia for more than 30 years and has a particular interest in heritage repair, reconstruction and conservation, adaptive reuse of historic buildings, conservation management plans, fabric condition reports and sustainable design," Ms Tzioutziouklaris said.

Mount Gambier residents Michael and Sarah Cutting received \$2,200 to assist with undertaking restoration works to the exterior of their 1920's property located in Wallace Street.

"We're incredibly excited to invest in a bit of Mount Gambier's history and to pay respect to the heritage of the property," Ms Cutting said.

"We would love to bring the home back to its former glory outside by repairing the external stonework, veranda, windows and fences and so it's wonderful that Council can provide support to undertake these works."

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier is also a successful applicant of the fund and received \$3,800 to assist with repairs to the bell tower, stonework and memorial porch located at 26 Bay Road.

Other works to be undertaken on local heritage properties include repairs and restoration of fencing, replacement of louvers and barges, gutters, repainting and salt damp repairs, and various external restoration works.



Members of the Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier Richard and Rhonda Strickland were pleased the parish received \$3,800 to assist with repairs to the bell tower, stonework and memorial porch located at 26 Bay Road through the 2021/2022 Local Heritage Restoration Fund.



TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tourism and Visitor
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JOINT CUSTODIANSHIP OF BLUE LAKE/WARWAR LAND SECURED

Crown Lands - Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has granted City of Mount Gambier and SA Water joint custodianship of a key land parcel at the Blue Lake/Warwar. It follows the expiry of a 21-year licence between SA Water and Council for the Crown Land on 31 December 2020.

Council was advised on 29 June 2021 that joint custodianship for the Blue Lake Crown Land Title had been approved with SA Water and City of Mount Gambier named as custodians for recreation, tourism and water supply purposes.

"Council recognises that the Blue Lake/Warwar is the city's leading tourist attraction, so we intend to develop a shared vision and model to activate the Blue Lake/Warwar with cultural and tourism opportunities," Mayor Lynette Martin said.

"SA Water and City of Mount Gambier will work together to enable a contemporary visitor experience that champions and adds value to the local area, capitalising on its natural beauty, cultural heritage and important operational role in water supply," SA Water Senior Manager Customer Growth Matt Minagall said.

In July 2020, Council resolved to pursue a new avenue for the high-profile tourism site and its tourism assets as outlined in its 2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan to develop and deliver a tourism master plan for the area.

"The co-custodianship means that Council can now move forward with the preparation of a draft Community Land Management Plan for the Blue Lake/Warwar, with reference to the fact that it is part of the State Heritage Crater Lakes precinct managed in accordance with the Crater Lakes Conservation Management Plan," Ms Philpott said.

"We will now progress with plans to activate the Blue Lake/Warwar land parcel for tourism and recreation purposes. In the interim, 'pop-up' mobile tourism services will continue at the lake."

Council will undertake community engagement as part of the planning process for the activation of the area.

"Council is excited to explore opportunities for activating the Blue Lake/Warwar area and Crater Lakes precinct in consultation with the community as part of developing a Crater Lakes Activation Plan," Mayor Martin said.

City of Mount Gambier CEO Sarah Philpott and Mayor Lynette Martin OAM, Former Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs MP and SA Water Customer Growth Senior Manager Matt Minigall at the Blue Lake/Warwar.



'LIVE AND LOCAL' GRASS ROOTS MUSIC INDUSTRY INITIATIVE

Mount Gambier experienced a heightened focus on live music in 2021 with the rollout of a grassroots music industry development initiative called Live and Local.

The first of its kind for regional South Australia, Live and Local is a tried and tested model that seeks to support the growth of venue-based live music by delivering unique performance opportunities and professional development activities for local live music communities.

The City of Mount Gambier partnered with the Live Music Office and APRA AMCOS to deliver the program, which the Australian Government assisted through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

Additional project support was made possible by the Department for Innovation and Skills through the Music Development Office.

City of Mount Gambier General Manager City Growth Tim Coote said the program is an opportunity to grow the local music industry by bringing together our local musicians, businesses and the community.

"Mount Gambier has an exciting opportunity to continue to build as a live music city, and we understand the importance of fostering strong relationships between local musicians, venues and audiences in strengthening our local industry," City of Mount Gambier General Manager City Growth Tim Coote said.

The Mount Gambier Live and Local program consisted of a series of micro-festival music events supplemented with dedicated skills and professional development workshops, a local industry roundtable and support for the development of a live music action plan informed by



Live and Local Working Group members (rear - left to right) Isaac Bruggeman, Jason Flint, Natasha Little, Marie Holmes, Taylor Fry, and Trish Bruggeman with City of Mount Gambier Live Music Project Officer Monica Hart (front) onsite at Body Fit Training - one of the micro-festival music event locations.

the experience, engagement and information gained through the program.

"As a result of COVID-19, local venues and artists have had a tough run over the past few years, so we're delighted by the opportunity to safely re-energise our live music scene and explore how we can continue to build live music in our region into the future."

Buoyed by the prospects of Live and Local, City of Mount Gambier Live Music Project Officer Monica Hart said that the project aims to create paid performance opportunities for local musicians in a range of activated spaces during the micro-festivals.

"The micro-festivals are suited to soloists, duos or small trios that can easily activate some unique local businesses in and around the CBD as part of these events."

"This is a fantastic opportunity for our live music champions to come together to inject vibrancy into our CBD and help define the ingredients required to further build a thriving live music scene for Mount Gambier."

Minister for Innovation and Skills David Pisoni welcomed the opportunity to support the initiative by contributing \$19,000 towards managing and delivering the project in Mount Gambier.

"Live music is a critical component of the cultural fabric of our communities. We're delighted to be supporting the City of Mount Gambier to embrace the opportunities that the Live and Local initiative will present in further building a vibrant and sustainable local music sector," Minister Pisoni said.

BLUE LAKE WELCOME CENTRE ACTIVATED FOR SUMMER

The Blue Lake Welcome Centre was re-activated on 19 November 2021 in time for summer.

The temporary pop-up service is staffed with City of Mount Gambier Visitor Service Officers on weekends between 10:00am and 3:00pm and extended hours during peak periods.

"We have provided our staff with additional training to ensure they are ready to provide information from the Blue Lake/Warwar," General Manager City and Community Growth Tim Coote said.

"Staff will be able to answer any questions visitors may have when they stop to view the city's leading tourist attraction."

Temporary parking permits have been provided to approved mobile food vendors to allow operators to serve food and drink outside the Welcome Centre.

"Council is keen to activate the site with mobile food and coffee vendors and is also selling new tourism merchandise such as t-shirts, hoodies, caps, beanies and stickers. We also stock the Molony's range of soft drinks, including Blue Lake lemonade."

In July 2020, Council resolved to pursue a new avenue for the high-profile tourism site and its tourism assets as outlined in its 2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan to develop and deliver a tourism master plan for the area.

Visitor Service Officers Tracey Martin (left), Sarah Norris, Olivia Slattery and Mandy Telfer ready to welcome visitors and locals at the Blue Lake Welcome Centre.



TOURISM AND VISITOR SNAPSHOT

Visitor Services

VISITORS SERVICED AT THE VISITOR CENTRE

19,359

VISITORS SERVICED AT BLUE LAKE WELCOME CENTRE

6,338

VISITORS SERVICED VIA PHONE

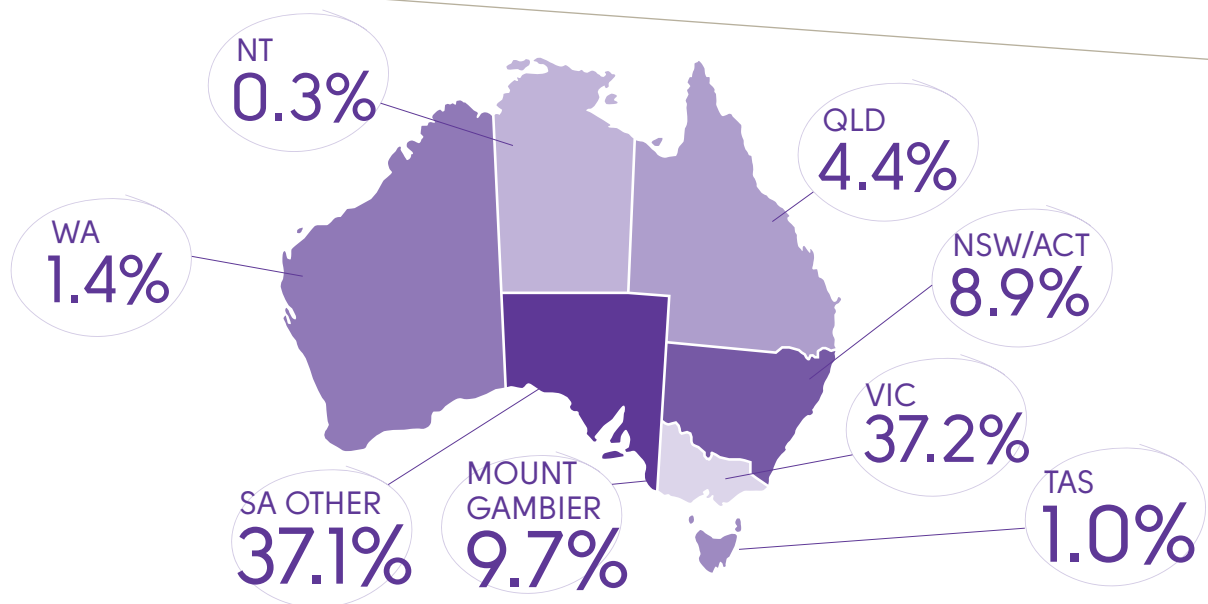
2,438

LIVE CHAT

288

TOTAL VISITORS SERVICED

28,243



Digital - Discover Mount Gambier

PAGE VIEWS

131,263

UNIQUE WEBSITE USERS

64,149

WEBSITE SESSIONS

78,894

Social Media Followers

@discover_mount_gambier

6,254 9,088

@mountgambiervisitorcentre

1,076 4,482

Top Performing Pages

Home 24,671

Umpherston Sinkhole 16,257

Geological Wonders 12,596

Explore 4,388

Top Users by City

Adelaide 45.7%

Melbourne 22.7%

Sydney 7.4%

Brisbane 2.8%

Mount Gambier 1.9%

MOUNT GAMBIER PINPOINTED FOR REGIONALISATION

Mount Gambier was one of 20 regional centres identified by the National Farmers Federation (NFF) as best placed to share in a recommended government investment program of \$1.4 billion as part of the peak body's plan for regional renewal.

The NFF's Regional Development Precincts paper calls on the Federal Government to establish a National Cabinet-led process to support the major regional precincts highlighted throughout the country and put in place governance and funding to shape their success meaningfully.

The NFF's 20 proposed Regional Precincts

1. Roma (Qld)
2. Tenant Creek (NT)
3. Toowoomba (Qld)
4. Latrobe Gippsland Region (Vic)
5. Emerald (Qld)
6. Mildura (Vic)
7. Gladstone (Qld)
8. Shepparton (Vic)
9. Mount Gambier (SA)
10. Warrnambool (Vic)
11. Port Lincoln (SA)
12. West & North-West – Tas (Burnie/Devonport)
13. Central West – Orana Region (NSW)
14. Greater Geraldton (WA)
15. Riverina Region (NSW)
16. Kalgoorlie-Boulder (WA)
17. New England – North West Region (NSW)
18. Esperance (WA)
19. Northern Rivers (NSW) – Lismore, Ballina, Casino
20. Merredin (WA)

NFF President Fiona Simson said thousands of Australians recognised the endless potential of regional Australia and made their home in areas like Mount Gambier.

"Our regional centres should be great places to live with affordable housing, social services, amenity and cultural opportunities – on par with urban Australia. There must also be career and business opportunities," Ms Simson said.

"For example, places like Mount Gambier and Warrnambool, and surrounding regions, should be globally recognised centres of high-tech agriculture, food processing and manufacturing leading to the creation of thousands of new jobs in the process."

The proposal puts the onus on Cabinet to establish a framework, including state and local government input, to develop a plan for the precincts.

"Rural local governments are acutely aware of the challenges their communities face and their potential but are financially constrained by a more-often-

than-not small rate base. The tangible support of state and Federal governments, to address these would be a game-changer for the identified 20 towns and, undoubtedly, many more rural regions."

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin said that Mount Gambier and surrounding areas already provide a thriving place to live and work, offering an outstanding quality of life for residents, backed by a robust local economy worth \$6.8 billion.

"The Regionalisation Agenda provides us with the opportunity to build on our strengths, to support our diverse businesses and to apply the learnings from the COVID pandemic that has seen regional Australia come to the fore as a viable lifestyle choice with flexible working opportunities for those wishing to relocate from urban areas," Mayor Martin said.

City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin and City and Community Growth General Manager Tim Coote welcome the NFF Regional Development Precincts paper that pinpoints Mount Gambier as a place for regional renewal.



2021-2022 PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES AND ADVOCACY

“As attitudes begin to change about what it means to live in a regional area post-pandemic, I believe that the time is right for all levels of government to work together to embrace and support the concept of regionalisation to ensure we have the social and economic infrastructure in place to cater to an increasing population in the regions.”

“Our proximity to the Victorian border links the Limestone Coast to Western Victoria, and investment in Mount Gambier and the Limestone Coast region will build on our strengths in agriculture, viticulture, fishing and forestry/timber manufacturing industries.”

Ms Simson said at least \$1.4 billion in new funding is required to ensure the plan was empowered to come to life and didn't become another document gathering dust on a shelf.

“The goal is for Australians and Australian business to be no more than 90 minutes from the services they need to thrive personally and financially, and businesses have access to infrastructure that can get people and goods around the country and worldwide.”

Nearly 30 industry and community representative groups contributed to the NFF's proposal. The NFF also engaged with local government and federal and state agencies and received widespread support.

“The NFF is buoyed to have widespread support for the proposal. A real, impactful plan for regional Australia, based on developing the economic capability, availability, and quality of critical services, goes to the heart of the NFF's goal for agriculture to be a \$100 billion industry by 2030.”

Council endorsed the 2021 - 2022 Partnership Priorities and Advocacy strategic working document in December 2021, outlining initiatives to help to facilitate the growth and prosperity of the local community, the Limestone Coast and South Australia.

The document highlights Council's key priorities aligned with the City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024.

“With a State and Federal Election in 2022, this document provides an opportunity to bring government attention to Council's current areas of focus for partnership and funding opportunities,” CEO Sarah Philpott said.

The areas of focus include:

- Local transport and housing,
- Education,
- Health services and emergency support,
- Internet connectivity,
- Road, rail and freight infrastructure,
- Forestry and water,
- Sustainability, environment, waste and the circular economy,
- Tourism and major events,
- Workforce attraction and retention,
- Arts and creative industry, and
- Regional collaboration.

These areas form the basis of Council's current and future work, with objectives to maximise funding and advocacy opportunities as they arise to deliver sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits for the community.

“For example, the Crater Lakes Activation Plan will soon be developed and will guide the exploration of investment



opportunities to showcase and use our unique natural assets sustainably.”

“Activation plans also continue in the CBD with the development of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre, the Railway Lands and the exploration of tenancy options for the old Railway Station building.”

“The document also highlights the need for advocacy for equity of spending on bus services and the implementation of new bus routes as well as a desire to work in partnership to address housing accessibility in Mount Gambier.”

The Partnership Priorities and Advocacy document will be revised and updated annually to incorporate changes as Council and the implementation of its initiatives evolves.

“Councillors have been working on this strategic positioning document since October. We look forward to working in partnership with all levels of government to deliver on important shared outcomes.”

“This is a dynamic living reference document that will be reviewed and updated as the needs of our community change. We expect the key focus areas to move depending on the landscape at any given time. Therefore some aspects of the document may become more important and will be prioritised up the list, and new areas of focus not included right now might be added,” Ms Philpott said.





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COMMUNITY LAND

Under the Local Government Act 1999 Council is required to adopt a Community Land Management Plan for any land classified as community land that has been specifically modified or adapted for the benefit or enjoyment of the community, or that is, or is to be, occupied under a lease or licence.

Community Land Management Plans are periodically prepared and/or reviewed and re-adopted for new and existing community land parcels.

New community land parcels arise when Council purchases land (that is not excluded prior to acquisition) or receives land from subdivisions (usually in the form of reserves and roads). Roads are specifically excluded from the definition of community land.

When Council prepares a new, or reviews an existing Community Land Management Plan, it undertakes public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act prior to its adoption.

In November 2021 Council adopted a Community Land Management Plan for the Caroline Landfill.

Community Land Management Plans are available for inspection at the Council office.

In May 2022 Council revoked the community land classification of the Caroline Landfill to enable it to be managed as an operational site.

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.

This policy and 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's 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.

During the 2021/2022 Financial Year, there was one application received in relation to section 270 of the Act or Council's Internal Review of Council's Decisions Policy C290.

This application related to Council Resolution 2021/154 regarding Lagunaria Trees located along the western side of Mitchell Street.

At the conclusion of the Financial Year, this matter was with an external reviewer to conduct a review under section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 in accordance with Council Resolution 2022/66 – Request for Internal Review of Council Decision.

The outcome of this Internal Review will be included in a report for the 2022/2023 financial year for publication in the 2022/2023 Annual Report.



COUNCIL POLICIES, REGISTERS AND CODES

Council has adopted a wide range of policies, registers and codes to assist in its administrative and decision-making processes.

Council policies, registers and codes are periodically reviewed to ensure they remain up to date with legislative requirements, Council and community expectations and emerging practices in local government.

Current council policies, registers and codes and a range of other documents required by legislation are available at the Council office and on Council's website.

The following policy index lists all current Council policies at 30 June 2022.

A520	Animal Control		Council Election Caretaker Policy	F500	Footways and Council Land - Removal of Objects
A515	Animal Control - Dog			F505	Footways and Council Land - Sales of Commodities
A240	Assemblies and Events on Streets and other Council Land	C355	Council Land - Irrigation	F175	Footways and Crossovers
	Asset Accounting	D150	Development Act - Building Inspection	F225	Fraud and Corruption Prevention
A900	Asset Management	D230	Donations - Authority to Approve Requests	H120	Historical Matters - Collection of
A270	Australia Day Awards	E115	Elections - Council Entitlement to Vote	H125	Historical Matters - Copyright - 'The Les Hill Photographic Collection'
B300	Budget Framework		Emergency Management	C290	Internal Review of Council's Decisions
B150	Building - Sewer Connections, Waste Management Control and the Provision of Toilet Facilities	E200	Employees –Service Awards - Gifts at Resignation or Retirement	L130	Land Divisions
C120	Cemeteries - Carinya Gardens and Lake Terrace Cemetery	E135	Encroachments - Protection of Public during Building/ Maintenance Work	L230	Licensed Premises
F125	City Burning	E240	Expiation Notices - Cancellation or Waiver	C140	Main Corner Complex - Hire
P195	Community Consultation and Engagement	S115	Fencing and Stormwater Retention Basins	M130	Media - Statements on behalf of Council
R200	Community Land (Reserves) Lease/ Licence/Rental Arrangements	F110	Fencing Costs - Contributions by Council	M405	Members - Allowances, Reimbursements, Benefits and Facilities
C410	Conduct of Meetings (Code of Practice for Access to Meetings & Documents, Meeting Procedures, Informal Gatherings)	F140	Flag Protocol	M265	Members - Complaints Handling Procedure
C700	Corporate Branding and Identity	F135	Flammable Undergrowth	M205	Members - Mayor - Anniversary Messages
C320	Council Chamber and Reception Area - Use of	F190	Footways - Paving in City Centre Zone	M270	Members - Mayor Seeking Legal Advice
		F510	Footways and Council Land - Fundraising and Promotion		

COUNCIL POLICIES, REGISTERS & CODES

M225	Members - Service Recognition
M500	Members - Training and Development
	Memorials
O110	Order Making
P135	Planning - Entertainment Venues
P155	Privacy
P420	Procurement and Disposal of Land and Assets
P910	Provision of Loans or Guarantees to Community Groups
P415	Prudential Management
P900	Public Interest Disclosure
R130	Rates - General Matters
R155	Rates - Rate Rebate
R105	Rates - Rating
R180	Records Management
C200	Request for Service and Complaint
	Risk Management
R270	Road Pavement – Excavation and Reinstatement of

S175	Safe Environment
S140	Street Numbering
S120	Street Signs - Directional, Tourist and other Scenic Facility Signs
S135	Streets - Naming of
S400	Supplementary Elections
T150	Treasury Management
T120	Tree Policy
	Unreasonable Conduct Policy
U900	Unsolicited Proposals
V140	Visits by Parliamentary/ Governmental Representatives
W115	Waste Management - Receiving of Waste - Caroline Landfill
W125	Waste Management - Refuse Collection

The following codes and registers are required in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999;

S44	Delegation Register
S63	Code of Conduct for Members
S68	Register of Interests (Members)
S79	Register of Allowances and Benefits
S92	Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents (refer Policy C410)
S105	Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
S110	Code of Conduct for Employees (refer regulation 8A of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013)
S116	Register of Interests (Officers)
S207	Community Land Register
S231	Public Road Register
S252	By-Law Register

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, and
- When the Council next intends to conduct a review under Chapter 3 Part 1 Division 2.

The following provides the required statements.

Select Outer Metropolitan and Regional Councils Composition and Elector Ratio (at June 2022)

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
Port Pirie	10	13,143	1:1,314
Victor Harbor	10	13,376	1:1,337
Murray Bridge	10	15,548	1:1,554
Whyalla	10	15,680	1:1,568
Alexandrina	12	22,417	1:1,868
State Average			1:1,874
Comparable Councils			1:1,875
Mount Gambier	9	20,222	1:2,246
Adelaide Hills	13	30,462	1:2,343
Mount Barker	11	28,557	1:2,596

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 last conducted an Elector Representation Review during 2016/2017 with an amended composition applying from the November 2018 Local Government Elections.

Prior to the November 2018 Local Government Elections, City of Mount Gambier comprised

of 10 Area Councillors with no wards and a Mayor elected by the community.

The following composition applied from the November 2018 Local Government Elections:

- The principal member of Council be a Mayor elected by the community,
- The Council area not be divided into wards, and
- The elected body of Council comprise eight Area Councillors and the Mayor.

The next representation review for the City of Mount Gambier is scheduled to occur between April 2024 and April 2025. Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 prescribes the procedures that are available for electors to make submissions on representation under this Act.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The City of Mount Gambier received and determined four applications under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* during the 2021/2022 year.

Number of applications	4
Number of applications carried over from 2020/2021	0
Full access granted	2
Partial access granted	2
Access refused	0
Withdrawn	0
Fees not paid	0
Documents otherwise available	0
Incomplete (at 30 June 2022)	0
Applications for internal review	0
Decision confirmed	0

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

Manager Governance and Property

City of Mount Gambier
PO Box 56
Mount Gambier SA 5290
city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

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.

BY-LAWS

Council had the following by-laws in operation during the 2021/2022 year:

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-laws are available on Council's website.

By-laws 1 to 5 will expire on 1 January 2026 after the seventh anniversary of their adoption, unless revoked or replaced prior to this date.



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 1996.

The following tables provide the information required to be published for the 2021/2022 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	#53	19	33	-	31	2	-	27	5	6	4	4	-	-

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 30 June 2022
53	*15	^118

Some Orders were made under more than one S90(3) ground, making the total number of Orders less than the aggregate for all grounds.

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

^ Includes 80 Orders that remain operative from previous financial years.

Council meeting dates, subject, S90(3) grounds and status (at 30 June 2022) of S91(7) orders associated with the use of confidentiality provisions during the 2021/2022 financial year.

Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
21/06/2022	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #18 - as at 07/06/2022 – Report No. AR22/38086	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
21/06/2022	Delegation to Award Electricity Contract – Report No. AR22/34770	(b)	Current
21/06/2022	Execution of Deed - First Right OF Refusal – Report No. AR22/38437	(a), (b) and (d)	Current
17/05/2022	Council's Debt Structuring – Report No. AR22/31137	(g)	Current

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Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
17/05/2022	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #17 - as at 10/05/2022 – Report No. AR22/30401	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
17/05/2022	Performance Review Documentation Presentation - Report No. AR22/30546	(a)	Current
17/05/2022	Chief Executive Officer - 12 Month Performance Update - Report No. AR22/28319	(a)	Current
19/04/2022	Tender - Procurement - Tender for Railway Station Building Toilets Refurbishment – Report No. AR22/24421	(k)	Partially Released
19/04/2022	Property Management - Leasing – Report No. AR22/24354	(a), (b) and (d)	Current
19/04/2022	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #16 - as at 05/04/2022 – Report No. AR22/24271	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
19/04/2022	Request for Internal Review of Council Decision – Report No. AR22/21802	(h)	Partially Released
15/03/2022	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #15 - as at 07/03/2022 – Report No. AR22/16061	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
15/02/2022	Audit and Risk Committee Appointment of Independent Members – Report No. AR22/8463	(a)	Current
15/02/2022	Crater Lakes Project Proposal – Report No. AR22/8597	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
15/02/2022	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #14 - as at 01/02/2022 – Report No. AR22/7779	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
15/02/2022	EPA Notice – Report No. AR22/7711	(g), (h) and (i)	Current
18/01/2022	Queen Elizabeth Park Trust (QEPT) Update – Report No. AR21/83935	(a), (b) and (d)	Current
18/01/2022	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Update – Report No. AR22/1582	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
18/01/2022	Property Management - Leasing – Report No. AR22/430	(a), (b), (d) and (e)	Current
18/02/2022	Road Opening Process - Pinehall Avenue/O'Leary Road, Suttontown – Report No. AR21/84957	(a), (b), (d) and (i)	Current
18/02/2022	Micromobility Device Proposal – Report No. AR21/73765	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
14/12/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #13 - as at 07/12/2021 – Report No. AR21/79587	(b), (d) and (g)	Current

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Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
14/12/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Update – Report No. AR21/79179	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
14/12/2021	Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates – Report No. AR21/72835	(a)	Current
16/11/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #12 - as at 02/11/2021 – Report No. AR21/71837	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
16/11/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Update – Report No. AR21/71835	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
16/11/2021	AF21/68 Tender - Procurement - Caroline Landfill - Capping of Cells 3A & B – Report No. AR21/70391	(k)	Current
16/11/2021	City of Mount Gambier - IT Entity Controls Review 2020/21 - Report No. AR21/71285	(b), (e) and (g)	Current
16/11/2021	Chief Executive Officer Probationary Period - Report No. AR21/70965	(a)	Partially Released
16/11/2021	Chief Executive Officer - Performance Update - Report No. AR21/71607	(a)	Current
19/10/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Update – Report No. AR21/64857	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
19/10/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #11 - as at 05/10/2021 – Report No. AR21/64848	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
19/10/2021	Chief Executive Officer KPI's – Report No. AR21/59974	(a)	Current
19/10/2021	Mount Gambier Health Presentation – Report No. AR21/62736	(g) and (j)	Current
21/09/2021	Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement Variation (Superannuation) – Report No. AR21/57924	(a)	Partially Released
21/09/2021	Waste and Materials Recycling Options – Report No. AR21/59399	(a), (b), (d) and (g)	Current
21/09/2021	Valley Lake Algal Control – Report No. AR21/47621	(k)	Current
21/09/2021	Site Strategic Land Use Assessment – Report No. AR21/52780	(b), (d), (g) and (j)	Current
21/09/2021	Road Opening Process - Pinehall Avenue / O'Leary Road – Report No. AR21/39329	(a), (b), (d) and (i)	Current
21/09/2021	Pinehall Avenue / O'Leary Road Upgrade – Report No. AR21/53178	(a), (b), (d) and (i)	Current

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Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
21/09/2021	Legal Advice – Report No. AR21/58597	(g), (h), (i) and (j)	Current
21/09/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Update - Report No. AR21/57503	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
21/09/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #10 - As At 07/09/2021 - Report No. AR21/57494	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
21/09/2021	Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates- Report No. AR21/53765	(a)	Current
21/09/2021	Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates - Report No. AR21/53732	(a)	Current
21/09/2021	Community Health Information - Report No. AR21/51525	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
17/08/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #9 - As at 03/08/2021	(b), (d) and (g)	Current
20/07/2021	Design Services - Construction and Defects Liability Period	(b), (d), (g) and (h)	Partially Released
20/07/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #8 - As at 06/07/2021	(b) and (d)	Current
20/07/2021	Tender Af21/209 Supply and Delivery of Premixed Concrete – Report No. Ar21/43214	(k)	Partially Released
20/07/2021	Covid-19 Tourism Tenancies – Report No. AR21/41157	(a), (b) and (d)	Current
20/07/2021	Strategic Property Management - Land Valuations – Report No. AR21/38766	(b) and (d)	Current
20/07/2021	Legal Advice - Report No. AR21/39325	(g), (h), (i) and (j)	Current
15/06/2021	Road Opening Process - Pinehall Avenue – Report No. AR21/28521	(a), (b), (d) and (i)	Current
15/06/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 01/06/2021 – Report No. AR21/32471	(b) & (d)	Current
15/06/2021	Request for Expressions of Interest - Management and Operation of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub – Report No. AR21/34712	(b) & (k)	Current
15/06/2021	Notice of Motion - Surplus Land Declaration – Report No. AR21/34745	(b)	Current
18/05/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 02/05/2021 – Report No. AR21/26211	(b) & (d)	Current
18/05/2021	Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates – Report No. AR21/13122	(a)	Current

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Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
20/04/2021	Country Arts SA - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Master Plan – Report No. AR21/21895	(b), (d), (g) & (j)	Current
20/04/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Stage 3 Community Reference Group - Membership Recommendations – Report No. AR21/16985	(a)	Partially Released
20/04/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 05/04/2021 – Report No. AR21/20559	(b) & (d)	Current
20/04/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Branding – Report No. AR21/19990	(b) & (d)	Current
20/04/2021	Tender for External Audit Services for FY2022 to FY2025 – Report No. AR21/20765	(k)	Current
20/04/2021	Road Opening Process - Pinehall Avenue – Report No. AR21/12277	(a), (b), (d) & (i)	Current
23/03/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Funding – Report No. AR21/17395	(b), (d) & (k)	Current
16/03/2021	Blue Lake Golf Club - December 2020 Quarterly KPI Report – Report No. AR21/8520	(d)	Current
16/03/2021	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Stage 3 - Community Reference Group - Member Selection - Report No. AR21/14861	(a)	Current
16/03/2021	Question with Notice - Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Funding - Report No. AR21/14681	(b), (d), (g) & (j)	Current
16/03/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 01/03/2021 - Report No. AR21/11450	(b), (d) & (k)	Current
11/03/2021	Chief Executive Officer - Contract of Employment – Report No. AR21/15086	(a) & (g)	Partially Released
03/03/2021	Chief Executive Officer Recruitment - Report No. AR21/11473	(a), (b), (d) & (g)	Partially Released
03/03/2021	Update on the Chief Executive Officer Selection Process – Report No. AR21/12144	(a), (b), (d) & (g)	Current
16/02/2021	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 01/02/2021 – Report No. AR21/6521	(b), (d) & (k)	Current
20/01/2021	Chief Executive Officer Recruitment – Report No. AR21/3669	(a), (b), (d) & (g)	Current
19/01/2021	Notice of Motion - Independent Consultant Member of Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel – Report No. AR21/1800	(a), (b) & (d)	Partially Released
19/01/2021	Mount Gambier Private Hospital - Feasibility Study Stages 4-6 – Report No. AR21/1334	(d) & (g)	Current
22/12/2020	Review of Information provided by Recruitment Consultants, Morton Philips – Report No. AR20/85494	(a), (b), (d) & (g)	Current

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Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
15/12/2020	Notice of Motion - Request for Information - Community and Recreation Hub – Report No. AR20/82569	(h)	Current
15/12/2020	Blue Lake Golf Club - September 2020 Quarterly KPI Report – Report No. AR20/78759	(d)	Current
15/12/2020	Bookmark Cafe Update – Report No. AR20/79583	(b) & (d)	Current
15/12/2020	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 29/11/2020 – Report No. AR20/80910	(b), (d), (k)	Current
17/11/2020	Funding of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Project – Report No. AR20/73196	(b) & (d)	Current
17/11/2020	Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Project Budget – Report No. AR20/73063	(b) & (d)	Current
17/11/2020	Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report - At 02/11/2020 – Report No. AR20/73679	(b) & (d)	Current
17/11/2020	Blue Lake Golf Club June 2020 Quarterly Report – Report No. AR20/71756	(d)	Current
20/10/2020	Confidential Question with Notice	(a), (e), (h) & (i)	Current
15/09/2020	Viability of Establishing Material Recovery Facilities in the Limestone Coast Region – Report No. AR20/57874	(a), (b), (d), (g) & (j)	Current
15/09/2020	Mount Gambier Private Hospital Feasibility Study – Report No. AR20/56996	(b), (d), & (g)	Current
18/08/2020	Blue Lake Golf Club - Quarterly KPI Report to 31 March 2020 – Report No. AR20/39363	(d)	Current
21/07/2020	Property Management - Expiry of Agreement – Report No. AR20/44292	(a), (b), (d) & (i)	Partially Released
21/07/2020	Commercial Lease - Request for Extended Lease – Report No. AR20/38059	(a), (b) & (d)	Current
01/07/2020	Community and Recreation Hub Procurement – Report No. AR20/39192	(b) & (k)	Partially Released
19/05/2020	Proposal from Mount Gambier Private Hospital – Report No. AR20/30776	(d)	Current
5/05/2020	Our City. Our Economy - Business Survey – Report No. AR20/26987	(d) & (g)	Partially Released
17/03/2020	Presentation by Beach Energy – Report No. AR20/8188	(d)	Current
18/02/2020	Riddoch Art Gallery Crate Loader - Report No. AR19/62327	(b) & (k)	Partially Released
18/02/2020	Bookmark Café - Expression of Interest - Report No. AR20/3205	(a), (b), (d) & (g)	Partially Released

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Date of Meeting	Subject of S90(2) Order	S90(3) Grounds	S91(7) Order Status (as at 30 June 2022)
19/11/2019	Bookmark Cafe - Expressions of Interest and Request – Report No. AR19/58946	(b) & (d)	Current
19/11/2019	Blue Lake Holiday Park - Property Matters – Report No. AR19/54537	(b) & (d)	Partially Released
19/11/2019	Operating Model Scenarios – Report No. AR19/60159	(d)	Current
15/10/2019	Property - 9 Penola Road, 1-3 Lawrence Street – Report No. AR19/48305	(b)	Current
18/06/2019	Property Management - Licence Expiry Review – Report No. AR19/26427	(b) & (d)	Partially Released
07/03/2019	Discussion with QEPT on the Wellplayed Report, The QEPT's response to the report and their proposed sub-leasing arrangements	(b), (c) & (g)	Partially Released
07/03/2019	QEPT Wellplayed Report and Documentation - Report No. AR19/10346	(b), (c) & (g)	Partially Released
07/03/2019	Documents Relating to the Management of the Crater Lakes Area - Report No. AR19/10304	(b), (c) & (g)	Partially Released
18/12/2018	Property Management	(b)(d)(g)	Current
21/08/2018	Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre 2018/2019 Business Plan - Report No. AR18/30233	(g)	Current
17/04/2018	Surplus Government Property Notice - Report No. AR18/12667	(j)	Current
21/11/2017	Surplus Government Property Notice - Report No. AR17/47214	(b)	Current
18/04/2017	CEO Report on Confidential Matters - Ref. AF11/1894	(g)	Current
31/01/2017	Allegations Regarding Mayor Andrew Lee to be referred to ICAC – Ref. AF13/275	(g)	Current
18/08/2015	Property Management - Railway Lands - Expression of Interest - Management of Community Markets	(b)	Current
18/08/2015	Property Management - Railway Lands - Expression of Interest - Occupation and Use of Old Railway Station Building	(b)	Current
15/04/2014	Governance – Committees – City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund (Section 41) - Minutes of meeting held 02/04/2014 – Ref. AF11/725	(a)	Current
17/12/2013	Commercial Club Inc. - Donation to Exceptional Junior Sports person	(a)	Current
17/12/2013	Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sports persons	(a)	Current
18/06/2013	Social, Cultural and Community Services - Committees - City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund (Section 41) Committee - Minutes of meeting held 22/05/2013 – Ref. AF11/725	(a)	Current





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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION DATA

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 SALGGC makes recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing authorities in South Australia.

Grants distributed aim to 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 SALGGC aims to equalise councils' 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 SALGGC prepares and distributes comparative data on each council, commonly referred to as the Grants Commission database reports.

The SALGGC website includes other database reports for the Local Government sector. Refer to dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt/LGGC



STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Council's 2021/2022 operating surplus ratio of 5.4% is within the local government target range of 0 - 10%. It is significantly above the adopted budget of (1.7%) and Long Term Financial Plan of 3.9%.

Financial liabilities have increased in 2021/2022 largely due to the development of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. The asset renewal funding ratio is lower than the local government target where the capital expenditure carried forward to 2022/2023 has exceeded the amount carried forward from 2020/2021.

Financial ratios	Local Govt target	2021/2022 actual	2020/2021 actual
Operating surplus ratio	0% - 10%	5.4%	(5.2%)
Net financial liabilities ratio	0% - 100%	97%	62%
Asset renewal funding ratio	90% - 110%	79%	84%



PROCUREMENT AND COMPETITIVE TENDERING

The City of Mount Gambier Procurement Policy complies with Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The City of Mount Gambier is committed to achieving value for money in procuring goods and services that benefit the community and supporting the city's economic, environmental, cultural, and social life.

Council's Procurement Policy was reviewed, updated, and endorsed in April 2022.

The Procurement Policy drives consistent, transparent processes and cultivates a competitive environment. The strategies for tenders, formal quotes, and expressions of interest are built to deliver value, achieve high quality, and manage attendant 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.

Consideration will vary with each procurement to determine local and regional opportunities. Tenders incorporate a "local weighting" as part of the procurement evaluation process.

The expenditure levels established within the Procurement Policy determine the appropriate purchase method.

Council released 25 formal tenders during 2021/2022.

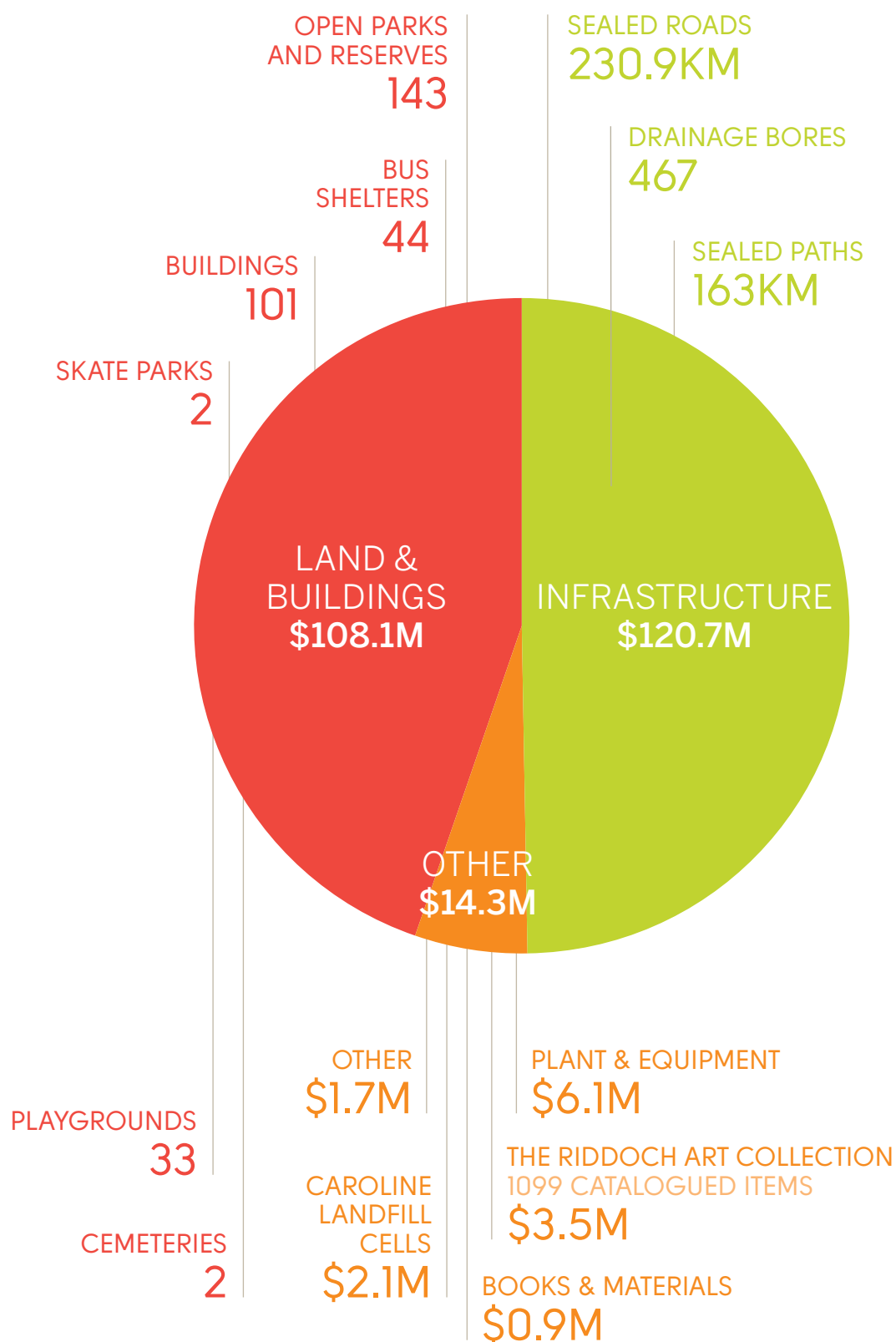
CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

The City of Mount Gambier has a corporate card facility provided by Westpac with an overall purchasing limit approved of \$30,000. No cards are issued to Elected Members and there are five employees with allocated limits within the corporate facility. For the financial period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the total amount of expenditure incurred by employees of Council using credit cards, totalled \$23,726.



FIXED ASSET SNAPSHOT

TOTAL ASSET VALUE \$243.1M



RATES

Rates are Council’s main source of revenue. Council has determined to raise differential rates based on the use of the Land. Land use is recognised by state taxing agencies and is easily identified and understood by communities. It is therefore considered the most appropriate method for apply different rates by the majority of Councils

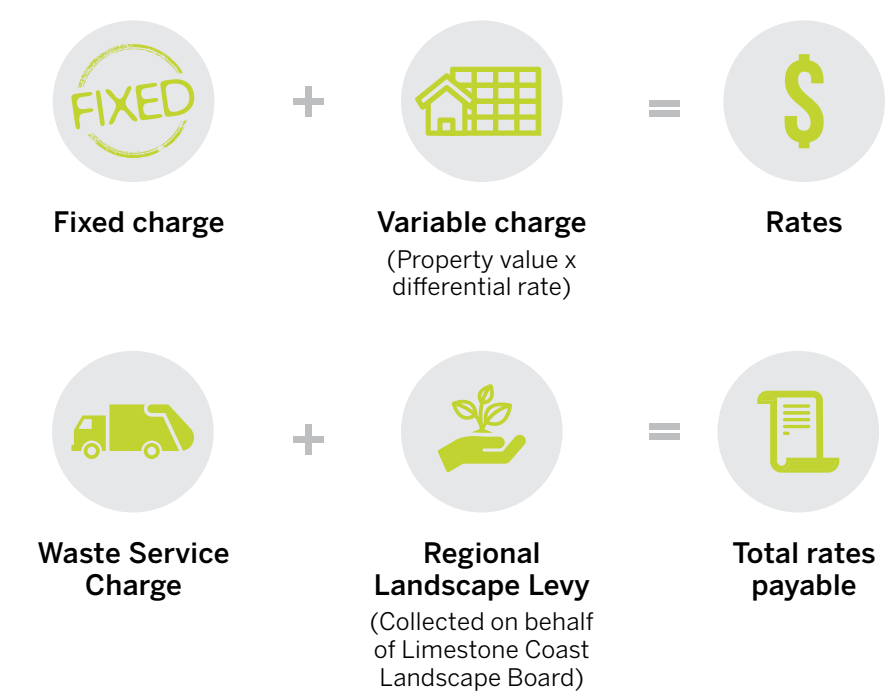
In terms of residential rates, the average residential ratepayer for the 2021/2022 financial year paid \$1,312 (including the Waste Service Charge), an increase of \$65.00 compared with the 2020/2021 average.

Waste Service Charge

As of 1 July 2021, Council implemented a Waste Service Charge (WSC). Council implemented the WSC to highlight the cost of waste management on rate notices. It is important to note the \$200 WSC was not an additional cost to most ratepayers as Council adjusted its rating structure to remove the waste component from the General Rates and introduced it as a new separate WSC. Council hoped the WSC would encourage ratepayers to consider their personal environmental impact and the costs associated with waste management.

How rates are determined

Council’s rating strategy uses a combination of a fixed charge on every rateable property and a differential or variable rating system, based on land use, when calculating general rates.



City of Mount Gambier uses valuations from the Office of the Valuer-General. The rate in the dollar determines how much is payable according to how much the property is worth. The fixed charge component was \$518.30 in 2021/2022 (2020/2021: \$682.70), applicable to every rateable property, raising approximately (37.3%) of Council’s gross general rate revenue. The variable rating component that raises the remaining 62.7% is determined by multiplying the individual property value by the differential rate in the dollar adopted for each separate land use category, i.e. residential, commercial, industrial, primary production, vacant land or other land use.

As part of Council’s rating strategy, a range of rate relief measures are available upon application.

AUDITORS AND AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The City of Mount Gambier Annual Financial Statements for 2021/2022 were audited by Dean Newbery and Partners who were appointed as external auditors in May 2021 for a five year term pursuant to Section 128 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Remuneration paid or payable during 2021/2022 to the auditors for work performed for the annual audit of Council's financial statements pursuant to Section 128 of the Act was \$27,000.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee held five meetings and one special meeting in 2021/2022, two of which were attended by Galpins' audit partner (for the 2020/21 financial statements) and one of which was attended by Dean Newbery's audit partner (for the 2021/22 interim audit).

The Audit and Risk Committee established an annual works program including the review of:

- Terms of Reference,
- Financial Reporting and Governance,
- Internal Controls and Risk Management Systems,
- External Audit,
- Review of Strategic Management and Business Plans,
- Policy Reviews,
- Annual Work Program.

Audit Committee member attendance was as follows:

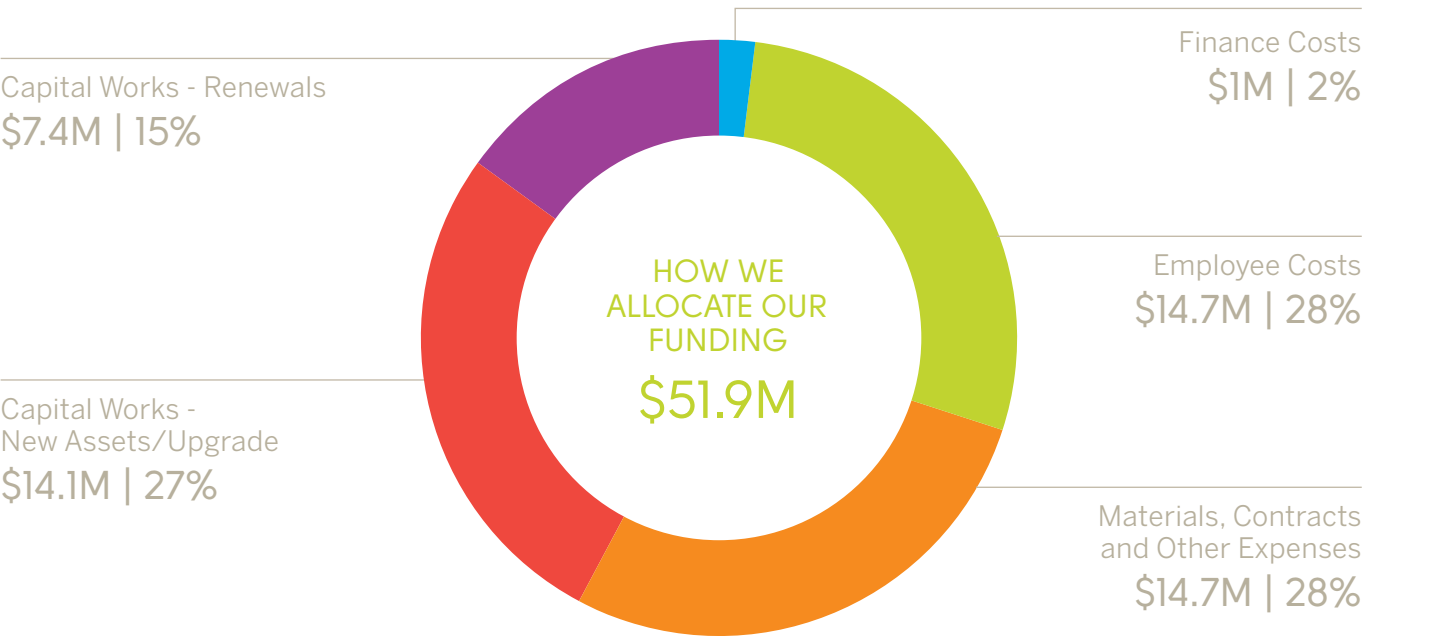
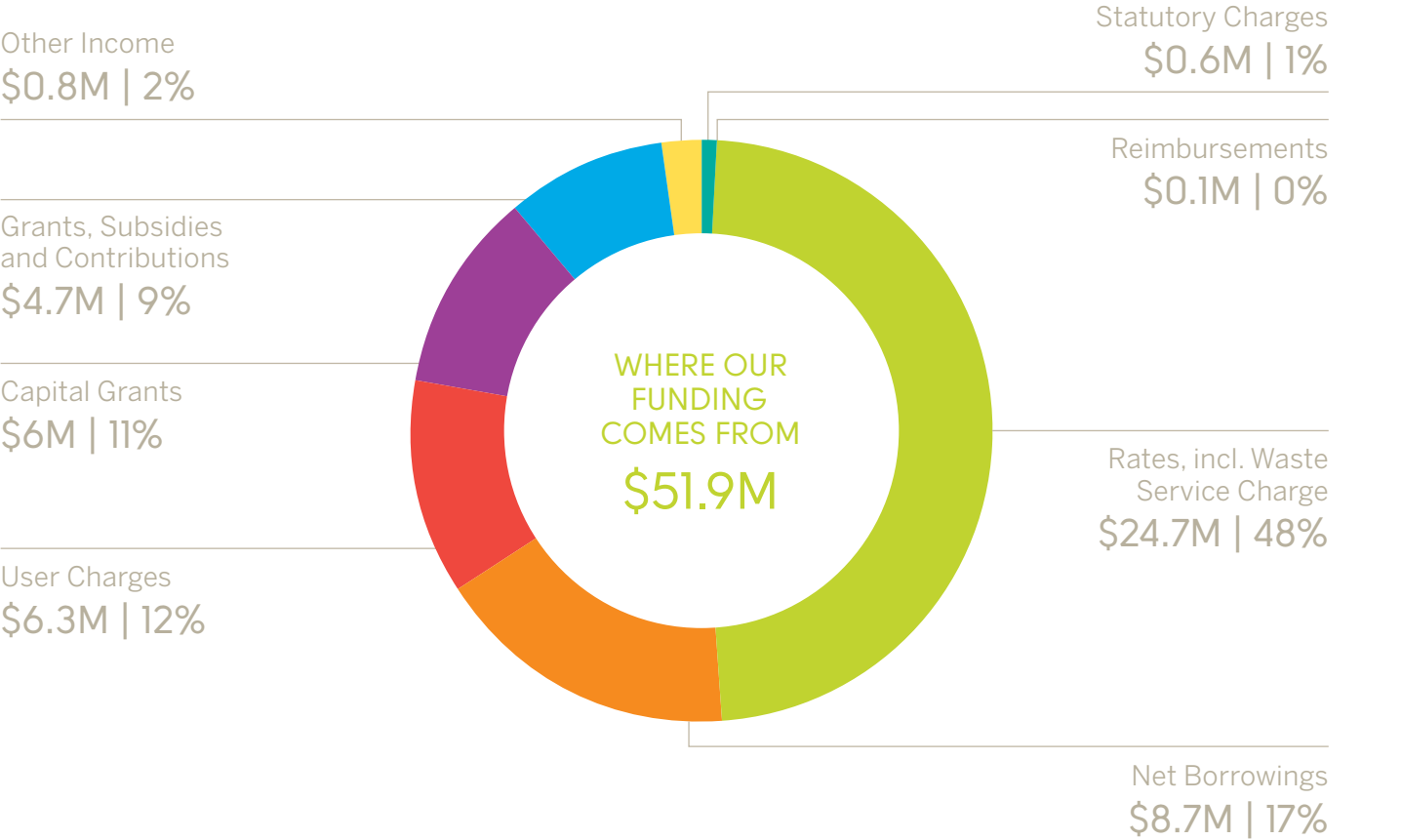
Committee member	Audit and Risk Committee member attendance
Presiding Member (part of the year): Cr Sonya Mezinac	6/6
Ms Angela Kain (resigned in November 2021)	1/6
Mr Paul Duka (appointed as presiding member during the year)	6/6
Mr Alexander Brown	4/6
Ms Belinda Johnstone	4/6

Information regarding sitting fees for the Audit and Risk Committee can be found under 'Members Allowances and Reimbursements' on page 11.



PROJECTIONS AND TARGET FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

The City of Mount Gambier 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget outlines the services, programs and activities Council plans to deliver over the next 12 months. The objectives and key initiatives outlined in the plan are guided by the vision and goals set out in the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans. These documents can be viewed at: www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au



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for the year ended 30 June 2022

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Certification of Financial Statements

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards,
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year,
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year,
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Sarah Philpott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date:

18 Oct 22



Lynette Martin
MAYOR

Date:

18 October 2022

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Income			
Rates	2a	23,822	22,769
Statutory Charges	2b	633	621
User Charges	2c	5,515	4,880
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2g	6,615	4,505
Investment Income	2d	14	25
Reimbursements	2e	65	60
Other income	2f	498	635
Total Income		37,162	33,495
Expenses			
Employee costs	3a	13,090	13,058
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	3b	13,234	14,018
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3c	8,479	7,940
Finance Costs	3d	358	226
Total Expenses		35,161	35,242
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		2,001	(1,747)
Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	2i	1,760	1,230
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(787)	(730)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2g	17,940	2,677
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		20,914	1,430
Total Comprehensive Income		20,914	1,430

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

City of Mount Gambier

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	5a	250	1,893
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,974	4,579
Inventories	5c	64	47
<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,519</u>
Total current assets		<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,519</u>
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6a(i)	301,171	263,422
Total non-current assets		<u>301,171</u>	<u>263,422</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>304,459</u>	<u>269,941</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7a	9,331	6,274
Borrowings	7b	1,222	447
Provisions	7c	2,784	2,902
<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>13,337</u>	<u>9,623</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>13,337</u>	<u>9,623</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	7b	22,311	13,502
Provisions	7c	3,507	4,064
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>25,818</u>	<u>17,566</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>39,155</u>	<u>27,189</u>
Net Assets		<u>265,304</u>	<u>242,752</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		83,080	66,406
Asset revaluation reserves	8a	180,852	175,462
Other reserves	8b	1,372	884
Total Equity		<u>265,304</u>	<u>242,752</u>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
2022					
Balance as at 1 July		66,406	175,462	884	242,752
Adjustments (Correction of Prior Period Errors)		(3,752)	5,390	–	1,638
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		20,914	–	–	20,914
Total comprehensive income		20,914	–	–	20,914
Transfers between Reserves	8b	(488)	–	488	–
Balance at the end of period		83,080	180,852	1,372	265,304
2021					
Balance as at 1 July		64,986	175,462	874	241,322
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,430	–	–	1,430
Total comprehensive income		1,430	–	–	1,430
Transfers between Reserves	8b	(10)	–	10	–
Balance at the end of period		66,406	175,462	884	242,752

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

City of Mount Gambier

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		23,829	22,978
Statutory Charges		633	621
User Charges		4,335	5,214
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		6,615	5,210
Investment Receipts		14	26
Reimbursements		65	66
Other Receipts		896	3,517
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(13,157)	(13,005)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(13,852)	(17,433)
Finance Payments		(136)	(212)
Net cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	9b	<u>9,242</u>	<u>6,982</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		20,443	555
Sale of Replaced Assets		112	393
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(5,623)	(5,326)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(35,134)	(16,298)
Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities		<u>(20,202)</u>	<u>(20,676)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Loans		9,581	11,550
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Loans		—	(206)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities		(202)	(163)
Repayment of Bonds & Deposits		(62)	—
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		<u>9,317</u>	<u>11,181</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(1,643)</u>	<u>(2,513)</u>
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period		1,893	4,406
Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period	9a	<u>250</u>	<u>1,893</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(1) Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.2 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.

1.3 Rounding

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

1.4 Estimates and assumptions

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

With the aim of minimising any impact of Covid-19, Council worked to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to assist in mitigating decreased revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow into the 2022/23 financial year but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2022/23. The budget assumptions for 2022/23 assume a continued easing of restrictions put in place by the government. Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

(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 consolidated financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions.

(3) Income Recognition

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

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

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

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

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2019/20	\$3,384,000	\$3,546,000	- \$162,000
2020/21	\$3,410,267	\$3,381,972	+ \$28,295
2021/22	\$5,134,125	\$3,891,585	+ \$1,242,540

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.

Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

(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 also form part of Note 11.

(5) Inventories

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(6) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 6. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land or the Riddoch art Collection.

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 6.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, footpath nature strips, the Les Hill Collection and the Riddoch art Collection, 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. Waste management assets are depreciated on an asset capacity in use basis.

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

6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

6.6 Correction of errors relating to a previous reporting period

Two errors from prior years have been identified with corrections made as at 1 July 2021.

Caroline Landfill

Adjustment of \$1,675,800 to reflect the actual usage and remaining capacity of the 3C landfill cell.

Asset Disposal

Adjustment of \$5,390,079 to correct an asset disposal error.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

(8) Borrowings

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

(9) Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

Weighted avg. discount rate 3.29% (2021, 0.36%)

Weighted avg. settlement period 1 year (2021, 1 year)

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

9.3 Capitalised and Distributed Costs

Historically, Capitalised and Distributed Costs have not been included in note 3.

This additional information is disclosed in Note 3 Employee costs (for 2021/2022 and restated for 2020/2021).

This change is a reallocation of capitalised and distributed costs and does not impact the overall employee costs.

(10) Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation

Council operates the Caroline landfill site, incorporating cells which require capping upon complete fill. Capping and restoration costs can include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

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

The Council recognises a liability (disclosed as a provision) on the Balance Sheet and in Note 7. of the financial statements to recognise the estimated future obligation of undertaking the required works per the conditions of the EPA licence held. A number of assumptions are factored into the calculation of the liability to the estimated cost, required activities to be undertaken

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

and the timing of when they will occur. Council is planning on undertaking an independent assessment and update of the key assumptions and for the liability to be updated in the 2022/23 financial year.

(11) Leases

Leases the Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Council as a lessee

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-Use-Assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Office equipment	3 to 5 years
Land Improvements	4 years

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in section 6.5 - Impairment of non-financial assets above.

ii) Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

(12) GST Implications

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

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

(13) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASBs - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under IFRS 16, if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment was intended to apply until 30 June 2021, but as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is continuing, in 2021 the AASB extended the period of application of the practical expedient to 30

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

June 2022. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2022, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Councils.

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

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

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and associated standards (amended by AASB 2020-6)
- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates (amended by AASB 2021-6)

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10, AASB 2017-5 and AASB 2021-7))

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Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2022	2021
(a) Rates		
General Rates		
General Rates	19,944	21,773
Less: Mandatory Rebates	(236)	(236)
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs	(17)	(27)
Total General Rates	19,691	21,510
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)		
Landscape Levy	1,213	1,179
Waste Collection	2,790	–
Total Other Rates (Including Service Charges)	4,003	1,179
Other Charges		
Penalties for Late Payment	81	57
Legal & Other Costs Recovered	47	23
Total Other Charges	128	80
Total Rates	23,822	22,769
(b) Statutory Charges		
Development Act Fees	189	219
Town Planning Fees	147	160
Animal Registration Fees & Fines	195	148
Parking Fines / Expiation Fees	20	13
Other Licences, Fees & Fines	82	81
Total Statutory Charges	633	621
(c) User Charges		
Cemetery/Crematoria Fees	869	771
Hall & Equipment Hire	8	11
Sales - General	98	64
Sundry	199	150
Green Waste Collection	38	63
Landfill Charges	4,012	3,537
Sales - Waste Transfer Station	291	284
Total User Charges	5,515	4,880
(d) Investment Income		
Local Government Finance Authority	13	25
- Banks & Other	1	–
Total Investment Income	14	25

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
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(e) Reimbursements

Private Works	16	16
Other	49	44
Total Reimbursements	65	60

(f) Other income

Insurance & Other Recoupments - Infrastructure, IPP&E	155	158
Sundry	284	405
Donations	59	72
Total Other income	498	635

(g) Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	17,940	2,677
Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	17,940	2,677

Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	5,134	3,410
Roads to Recovery	409	404
Library and Communications	172	163
Sundry	184	285
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	716	243
Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	6,615	4,505

Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	24,555	7,182
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The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.

(i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government	10,162	2,155
State Government	13,877	4,770
Other	516	257
Total	24,555	7,182

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
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(h) 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	427	—
Less:		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Pine Hall / O'Leary Road	(8)	—
Tertiary Education	(15)	—
State Bicycle	(19)	—
Subtotal	(42)	—
Plus:		
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
Pine Hall / O'Leary Road	—	378
Tertiary Education	—	49
State Bicycle	31	—
Subtotal	31	427
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	416	427
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period	(11)	427

(i) Physical Resources Received Free of Charge

Land & Improvements	24	108
Roads	1,052	736
Other	10	—
Footpaths & Kerbing	674	386
Total Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	1,760	1,230

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Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
(a) Employee costs			
Salaries and Wages		11,095	10,382
Employee Leave Expense		863	1,508
Superannuation	16	1,268	1,205
Workers' Compensation Insurance		305	282
Other Employee Related Costs		49	58
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(490)	(377)
Total Operating Employee Costs		13,090	13,058
Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		135	129
(b) Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
(i) Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		25	13
Bad and Doubtful Debts		(72)	73
Elected Members' Expenses		224	236
Election Expenses		9	10
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		186	332
(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses			
Contractors		3,445	3,516
Energy		916	864
Maintenance		708	980
Legal Expenses		201	199
Levies Paid to Government - Regional Landscape levy		1,209	1,173
Sundry		779	460
Contributions/Donations		464	508
Insurance		325	335
Levies Paid to Government - EPA, ESL & Dog Levies		2,065	2,040
Materials		1,035	1,116
Training		185	188
Water		121	149
Communication		263	289
Consultants		388	888
Licences and Subscriptions		944	981
Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts & Expenses		13,048	13,686
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		13,234	14,018

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
(c) Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		
(i) Depreciation and Amortisation		
Buildings & Other Structures	2,895	2,630
Infrastructure		
Stormwater Drainage	117	115
Kerbing and Footpaths	1,206	1,157
Roads	1,932	1,861
Carparks	257	257
Right-of-use Assets	188	165
Plant & Equipment	788	724
Waste Management	842	795
Office Equipment	115	114
Other Assets	139	122
Subtotal	8,479	7,940
Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	8,479	7,940

(d) Finance Costs

Interest on Loans	126	135
Interest on Leases	10	18
Unwinding of Present Value Discounts	222	73
Total Finance Costs	358	226

Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

\$ '000	2022	2021
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		
(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced		
Proceeds from Disposal	112	393
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(899)	(1,123)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	(787)	(730)
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets	(787)	(730)

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Note 5. Current Assets

\$ '000	2022	2021
(a) Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets		
Cash on Hand at Bank	250	95
Deposits at Call	–	1,798
<u>Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1,893</u>
(b) Trade & Other Receivables		
Rates - General & Other	796	803
Accrued Revenues	–	2,500
Debtors - General	1,411	1,007
GST Recoupment	655	398
Prepayments	114	27
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>2,976</u>	<u>4,735</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(2)	(156)
<u>Total Trade & Other Receivables</u>	<u>2,974</u>	<u>4,579</u>
(c) Inventories		
Stores & Materials	41	35
Trading Stock	23	12
<u>Total Inventories</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>47</u>

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Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

(a(i)) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

	Fair Value Level	as at 30/06/21			Asset movements during the reporting period						as at 30/06/22				
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount	Asset Additions New / Upgrade	Asset Additions Renewals	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense 3c)	WIP Transfers	Adjustments	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount
Waste Management	3	1,533	8,548	(8,920)	1,161	–	150	–	–	–	1,676	1,683	8,548	(8,086)	2,145
Capital Work in Progress		–	19,458	–	19,458	37,195	1,515	(30)	–	(349)	–	–	57,789	–	57,789
Land	2	15,601	–	–	15,601	–	–	–	–	–	–	15,601	–	–	15,601
Land	3	37,683	108	–	37,791	25	–	–	–	–	–	37,683	133	–	37,816
Office Equipment		–	2,064	(1,499)	565	8	193	(12)	(115)	40	–	–	2,288	(1,609)	679
Riddoch Collection	3	3,515	–	–	3,515	10	–	–	–	–	–	3,515	10	–	3,525
Buildings & Other Structures	2	3,987	–	(2,018)	1,969	33	–	–	(113)	–	–	3,987	33	(2,131)	1,889
Buildings & Other Structures	3	104,343	1,061	(50,101)	55,303	102	133	(35)	(2,782)	47	–	102,030	1,343	(50,605)	52,768
Stormwater Drainage	3	8,022	88	(2,354)	5,756	23	–	(117)	(117)	16	–	8,022	127	(2,471)	5,678
Kerbing and Footpaths	3	74,206	1,696	(19,807)	56,095	1,163	705	(168)	(1,206)	1	–	74,038	3,533	(20,981)	56,590
Roads	3	67,385	3,073	(20,216)	50,242	850	2,093	(457)	(1,932)	202	–	66,929	6,099	(22,029)	50,999
Carparks	3	10,451	45	(2,865)	7,631	47	35	–	(257)	–	–	10,451	127	(3,122)	7,456
Right-of-Use Assets		–	568	(340)	228	–	204	–	(188)	–	–	–	593	(349)	244
Plant & Equipment		–	8,997	(2,707)	6,290	75	658	(197)	(788)	43	–	–	9,385	(3,304)	6,081
Other Assets		–	4,175	(2,358)	1,817	55	178	–	(139)	–	–	–	4,408	(2,497)	1,911
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment															
		326,726	49,881	(113,185)	263,422	39,586	5,864	(899)	(8,479)	–	1,676	323,939	94,416	(117,184)	301,171
Comparatives															
		335,143	17,670	(105,970)	246,843	20,295	5,347	(1,123)	(7,940)	–	–	326,726	49,881	(113,185)	263,422

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Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

(b) Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

Valuation of Assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Refer to Note 6a for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets.

Information on Valuations

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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets 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. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

Other Information

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.D5 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent addition at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

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, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

Highest and best use

All of Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

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.

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Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

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.

Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

Capitalisation Thresholds

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	5,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	5,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	1,000
Road construction & reconstruction	5,000
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	5,000
Stormwater Drainage	5,000
Waste Management	5,000

Estimated Useful Lives

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Office Equipment	3 to 10 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equipment	3 to 25 years
Other Plant & Equipment	4 to 20 years

Building & Other Structures

Buildings	15 to 100 years
Park Structures	20 to 30 years
Playground Equipment	20 to 30 years
Benches, Seats, etc	10 to 30 years

Waste Management

Landfill assets	capacity in use
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Infrastructure

Sealed Roads - Surface	12 to 40 years
Sealed Roads - Structure	30 to 150 years
Unsealed Roads	40 to 75 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	10 to 70 years
Stormwater Drainage	50 to 70 years

Other Assets

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Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

Library Books	7 to 10 years
Artworks	indefinite
Right-of-Use Assets (refer to Note 15)	3 to 5 years

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

Land was last revalued in 2020 based on Valuer General's valuations provided to Council.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 30 June 2020 by Mitch Ekonomopoulos of AssetVal Pty Ltd. Revaluations occur every four years. All additions are initially recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure assets include stormwater drainage, footpath and kerbing, roads and carpark assets. Infrastructure assets were valued by Council officers at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2018, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2018. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Waste Management - Landfill

Landfill remediation and cell development assets are amortised on a consumption basis over the individual landfill cell's capacity to receive waste. At the time of construction of a cell, Council includes the present value of estimated costs to cap and close the cell into the landfill cell. This estimate is offset by the recognition of a provision. This recognition of the capping costs is amortised in line with the consumption of the landfill cell's capacity used in any one year.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Riddoch Art Collection

The Riddoch art collection was revalued as at 30 June 2018 by Simon Storey Art and Cultural Collection valuers. These assets are not depreciated.

All other Assets

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

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Note 7. Liabilities

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non Current	2021 Current	2021 Non Current
(a) Trade and Other Payables				
Goods & Services	7,645	—	2,348	—
Payments Received in Advance	396	—	371	—
- Grants & Contributions - Capital	401	—	378	—
- Other	37	—	49	—
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	331	—	291	—
Accrued Expenses - Other	398	—	2,646	—
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	86	—	148	—
Other	37	—	43	—
Total Trade and Other Payables	9,331	—	6,274	—

(b) Borrowings

Loans	1,100	22,202	219	13,502
Lease Liabilities 15b	122	109	228	—
Total Borrowings	1,222	22,311	447	13,502

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

(c) Provisions

Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)	2,784	179	2,902	168
Future Reinstatement / Restoration, etc	—	3,328	—	3,896
Total Provisions	2,784	3,507	2,902	4,064

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Note 8. Reserves

	as at 30/06/21				as at 30/06/22
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
(a) Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Land	42,801	—	—	—	42,801
Buildings & Other Structures	53,310	—	—	—	53,310
Infrastructure	70,636	—	5,390	—	76,026
Plant & Equipment	770	—	—	—	770
Minor Plant	34	—	—	—	34
Waste Management	2,926	—	—	—	2,926
Other Assets	4,985	—	—	—	4,985
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	175,462	—	5,390	—	180,852
Comparatives	175,462	—	—	—	175,462

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Note 8. Reserves (continued)

	as at 30/06/21				as at 30/06/22
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	Closing Balance
(b) Other Reserves					
Mount Gambier Cemetery	711	—	—	—	711
Mayor Christmas Appeal	69	23	—	—	92
Christmas Parade	(3)	3	—	—	—
Junior Sports Assistance Fund	107	15	—	—	122
Waste Management	—	150	—	—	150
Open Space	—	297	—	—	297
Total Other Reserves	884	488	—	—	1,372
Comparatives	874	13	(3)	—	884

Purposes of Reserves

Asset Revaluation Reserves

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

Other Reserves

Other Reserves are used when reserves are maintained for the purpose of specific Council committees or for committed funds of Council.

Mount Gambier Cemetery

The Mount Gambier Cemetery reserve represents funds that have been separated for any development works or projects that may be required at the Carinya Gardens Cemetery and crematorium.

Mayor Christmas Appeal

The Mayor Christmas Appeal represents bank funds and payables of the City of Mount Gambier related to the Mayor Christmas Appeal and to be used for that purpose.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade reserve represents bank funds and payables of the City of Mount Gambier related to the Christmas Parade to be used for that purpose.

Junior Sports Assistance Fund

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund reserve represents bank funds and payables of the City of Mount Gambier related to the Junior Sporting Assistance Fund and to be used for that purpose.

Waste Management

Residual monies (income less expenses) from activities relating to waste collection.

Open Space

Monies held from creation of sub-divisions to be used for future open space projects.

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Note 9. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
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(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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	250	1,893
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		250	1,893

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

Net Surplus/(Deficit)		20,914	1,430
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		8,479	7,940
Premiums & Discounts Recognised & Unwound		–	73
Non-Cash Asset Acquisitions		(8,252)	(3,906)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(20,443)	(555)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		787	730
		1,485	5,712
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		1,759	(2,208)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		154	61
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		(17)	8
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		6,536	3,296
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits		(107)	53
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		(568)	60
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		9,242	6,982

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	2i	1,760	1,230
Amounts recognised in Income Statement		1,760	1,230
Leases		203	21
Estimated Future Reinstatement etc. Costs		264	210
Total Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities		2,227	1,461

(d) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit (\$ '000):

Bank Overdrafts	250	250
Corporate Credit Cards	30	30
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture Facility	30,000	20,000

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Note 9. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows (continued)

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

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Note 10(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 10(b).											
\$ '000	2022	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
		2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021
Functions/Activities											
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,364	398
Administration / Support Services	27,961	25,156	6,827	6,380	21,134	18,776	—	—	—	9,996	20,824
Community Support	898	808	1,829	1,918	(931)	(1,110)	—	—	1	13,362	20,534
Culture	368	298	3,771	4,086	(3,403)	(3,788)	203	185	—	32,772	26,034
Economic Development	162	188	2,060	1,871	(1,898)	(1,683)	34	—	—	3,840	3,890
Environment	4,621	4,355	8,982	8,470	(4,361)	(4,115)	50	201	—	8,980	11,075
Recreation	2,207	1,397	4,159	5,160	(1,952)	(3,763)	771	31	—	113,266	74,411
Regulatory Services	587	736	1,002	1,232	(415)	(496)	—	—	—	18	18
Transport	444	728	3,788	3,817	(3,344)	(3,089)	409	677	—	106,067	103,715
Engineering / Indirect	(86)	(171)	2,743	2,347	(2,829)	(2,518)	—	—	—	8,168	8,965
Unclassified Activities	—	—	—	(39)	—	39	—	—	—	6,626	77
Total Functions/Activities	37,162	33,495	35,161	35,242	2,001	(1,747)	6,615	4,505	—	304,459	269,941

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.

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Note 10(b). Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Administration / Support Services

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.

Community Support

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, street-scaping, 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

Footpaths and kerbing, roads – sealed, roads – formed, roads – natural formed, roads – unformed, traffic management and other transport.

Engineering / Indirect

Depot management, indirect and general plant cost not included in other functions.

Unclassified Activities

Finance charges and investment revenue, private works and sundry property maintenance.

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Note 11. Financial Instruments

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy:

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost; interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & Conditions:

Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.3% and 1.05% (2021: 0.3% and 1.95%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.42% (2021: 0.43%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Other Levels of Government

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

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

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

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.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 11. Financial Instruments (continued)

Terms & Conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 11. Financial Instruments (continued)

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy:

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 1.3% and 5.97% (2021: 1.3% and 5.97%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Leases

Accounting Policy:

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 16 as stated in Note 17.

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets and Liabilities					
2022					
Financial Assets					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	250	—	—	250	250
Receivables	2,860	—	—	2,860	2,860
Total Financial Assets	3,110	—	—	3,110	3,110
Financial Liabilities					
Non-Current Borrowings	6,350	8,139	12,630	27,119	22,202
Payables	8,498	—	—	8,498	8,498
Current Borrowings	1,925	—	—	1,925	1,100
Leases	122	109	—	231	231
Total Financial Liabilities	16,895	8,248	12,630	37,773	32,031
2021					
Financial Assets					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,893	—	—	1,893	1,893
Receivables	4,552	—	—	4,552	4,552
Total Financial Assets	6,445	—	—	6,445	6,445
Financial Liabilities					
Non-Current Borrowings	11,676	2,164	—	13,840	13,502
Payables	5,476	—	—	5,476	5,476
Current Borrowings	219	—	—	219	219
Leases	228	—	—	228	228
Total Financial Liabilities	17,599	2,164	—	19,763	19,425

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Note 11. Financial Instruments (continued)

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

\$ '000	2022		2021	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Other Variable Rates	2.42%	6,350	1.79%	11,550
Fixed Interest Rates	5.19%	17,183	5.97%	2,399
		<u>23,533</u>		<u>13,949</u>

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

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

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Note 12. Capital Expenditure and Investment Property Commitments

\$ '000	2022	2021
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Capital Commitments

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Buildings & Other Structures	6,579	41,206
Plant & Equipment	542	369
Other	341	–
	<u>7,462</u>	<u>41,575</u>

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	<u>7,462</u>	<u>41,575</u>
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 13. Financial Indicators

\$ '000	Amounts 2022	Indicator 2022	Indicators 2021	Indicators 2020
<p><i>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.</i></p>				
1. Operating Surplus Ratio				
Operating Surplus	2,001	5.4%	(5.2)%	(1.7)%
Total Operating Income	37,162			
<p><i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i></p>				
2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio				
Net Financial Liabilities	35,931	97%	62%	18%
Total Operating Income	37,162			
<p><i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i></p>				
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio				
Operating Surplus	759	2.1%	(5.3)%	(1.2)%
Total Operating Income	35,920			
<p>Adjustments to Ratios</p> <p><i>In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These Adjusted Ratios correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison.</i></p>				
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio				
Net Financial Liabilities	32,891	92%	67%	17%
Total Operating Income	35,920			
3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio				
Asset Renewals	5,623	79%	84%	105%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure	7,140			
<p><i>Asset renewals expenditure is defined as capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets relative to the optimal level planned, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i></p>				

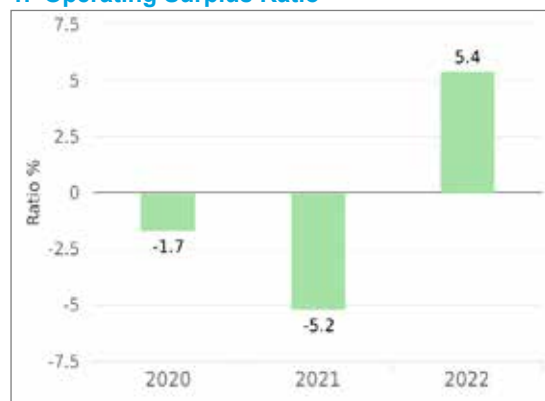
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Note 13. Financial Indicators (continued)

Financial Indicators - Graphs

1. Operating Surplus Ratio



Purpose of operating surplus ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 5.4%

The operating surplus ratio in 2022 is significantly higher than in previous years driven by the timing of Financial Assistance Grants and additional Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant revenue, and increased user charges (including Caroline landfill facilities). Overall operating expenditure was broadly in line with the prior year.

The target as per Council's Treasury Management Policy is a ratio of greater or equal to 0.0% by 2026/27.

2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio



Purpose of net financial liabilities ratio

This indicator shows the significance of the net amount owed to others, compared to operating revenue

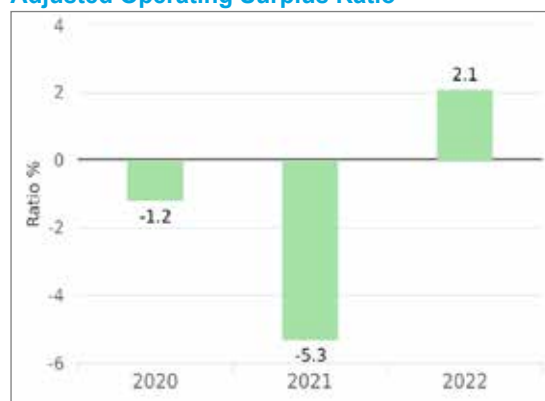
Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 97%

Council's Net Financial Liabilities Ratio is greater than previous years reflecting a higher level of borrowings.

Due to timing of the Wulanda project and associated borrowings the ratio is lower than the target of lower than 100% by 2026/27.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio



Purpose of adjusted operating surplus ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2021/22 result

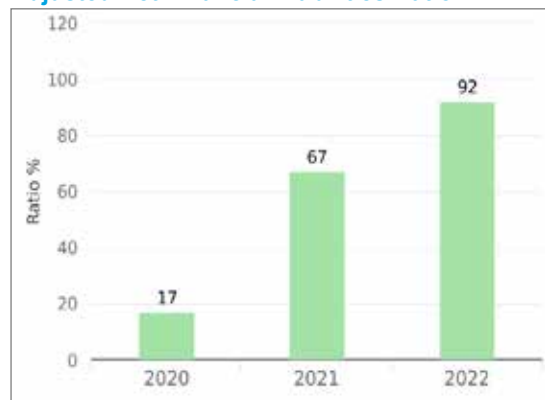
2021/22 ratio 2.1%

The operating surplus ratio in 2022 is significantly higher than in previous years driven by additional Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant revenue, and increased user charges (including Caroline landfill facilities).

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Note 13. Financial Indicators (continued)

Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio



Purpose of adjusted net financial liabilities ratio

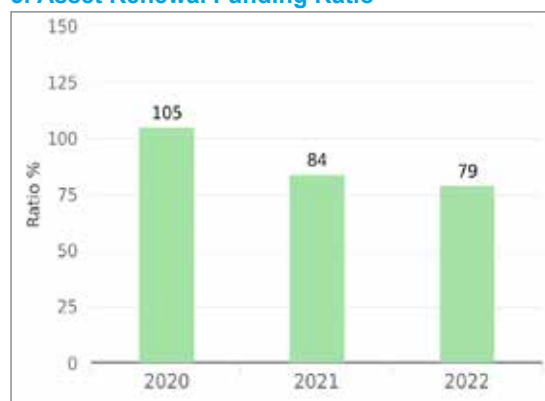
This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 92%

Council's Net Financial Liabilities Ratio is greater than previous years reflecting a higher level of borrowings.

3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio



Purpose of asset renewal funding ratio

This indicator aims to determine if assets are being renewed and replaced in an optimal way

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 79%

Council developed and adopted revised Asset Management Plans at the end of 2022 which provide guidance of when and how much needs to be spent to maintain Council's infrastructure.

Disruptions and supply shortages including equipment, materials and labour have impacted on the timing of the delivery of planned works. These projects are expected to be completed in the 2022/23 financial year.

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Note 14. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$ '000	2022	2021
<p>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.</p> <p>All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.</p> <p>The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.</p>		
Income	37,162	33,495
less Expenses	(35,161)	(35,242)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	2,001	(1,747)
Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	(5,623)	(5,326)
add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	8,479	7,940
add back Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	112	393
	2,968	3,007
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including Investment Property & Real Estate Developments)	(35,134)	(16,298)
add back Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	20,443	555
	(14,691)	(15,743)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	(9,722)	(14,483)

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Note 15. Leases

(i) Council as a lessee

Terms and conditions of leases

Council entered contracts as a lessee for various IT equipment, the Dimjalla skate park and RFID.

Set out below are the carrying amounts (written down value) of right of use assets recognised within Infrastructure Property, Plant & Equipment.

(a) Right of use assets

\$ '000	Office	Other	Total
2022			
Opening balance	217	11	228
Additions to right-of-use assets	204	–	204
Depreciation charge	(177)	(11)	(188)
Balance at 30 June	244	–	244
2021			
Opening balance	350	21	371
Additions to right-of-use assets	22	–	22
Depreciation charge	(155)	(10)	(165)
Balance at 30 June	217	11	228

(b) Lease liabilities

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities (included under interest-bearing loans and borrowings) and the movements during the period:

\$ '000	2022	2021
Balance at 1 July	228	370
Additions	202	21
Accretion of interest	10	18
Payments	(209)	(181)
Balance at 30 June	231	228
Classified as:		
Current	122	228
Non Current	109	–

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is included in Note 13.

The Group had total cash outflows for leases of \$198,000.

The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:

Depreciation expense of Right-of-Use Assets	188	165
Interest expense on lease liabilities	10	18
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	198	183

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Note 15. Leases (continued)

(ii) Council as a lessor

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

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Note 16. Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus (formerly Statewide Super). 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 (10.00% in 2021/22; 9.50% in 2020/21) and enterprise bargaining agreement (1% in 2022 and 2021). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2020/21) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.34(a), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2021. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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Note 17. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet

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

1. Land under roads

As reported in the Financial 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 the 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 230.9 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. Potential insurance losses

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

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

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

3. Legal expenses

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 18. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2022, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Council is aware of the following "non adjusting event" that merits disclosure;

- a deed of settlement and variation was signed with Badge Constructions (SA) Pty Ltd on 5 September 2022 which amended the timescales for delivery of the Wulanda project and the amount payable.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 19. Related Party Transactions

Key Management Personnel

Transactions with 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, 16 persons were paid the following total compensation:

\$ '000	2022	2021
The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:		
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	1,005	974
Post-Employment Benefits	82	72
Long-Term Benefits	–	41
Total	1,087	1,087

One key management personnel and/or relatives of key management personnel are members in organisations that received Council support in the year, e.g. through sponsorship of community and sporting.

Key management personnel and/or relatives of key management personnel 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 arm's length basis. No individual purchases from these businesses exceeded \$188.30 with the total cumulative spend for 21/22 being \$1,845.21.

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 2022, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as 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 auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other 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

The 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 to be 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 relating 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 Responsibilities 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 the audit conducted in accordance with the 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 financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 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 Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the 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.

DEAN NEWBERY



Samantha Creten
Partner

Signed on the 20th day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Mount Gambier (the Council) has complied, in all material respects, with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Basis for opinion

We have audited the Internal Controls of the Council under the requirements of *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements *ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and *ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and applying Auditing Standard *ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Review of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements* in undertaking the assurance engagement.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities

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 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

ASAE 3150 requires that we plan and performed our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the control objectives and the controls operating effectively through the period. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

An assurance engagement to report on the designed and operating effectiveness of controls involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the control objectives and the operating effectiveness of the controls throughout the period. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks that the controls are not suitably designed or the controls did not operate effectively. Our procedures included testing the operating effectiveness to the controls that we consider necessary to achieve the control objectives identified. An Assurance engagement of this type also includes evaluating the suitability of the control objectives.

Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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 operating effectiveness of 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.

DEAN NEWBERY



SAMANTHA CRETEN
PARTNER

Signed on the 20th day of October 2022
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Certification of Auditor Independence

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

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



Sarah Philpott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Paul Duka
PRESIDING MEMBER, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Date: 11.10.2022

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Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the City of Mount Gambier for the year ended 30 June 2022, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, 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*.



SAMANTHA CRETEN

Partner

DEAN NEWBERY

Dated this 20th day of October 2022



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LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



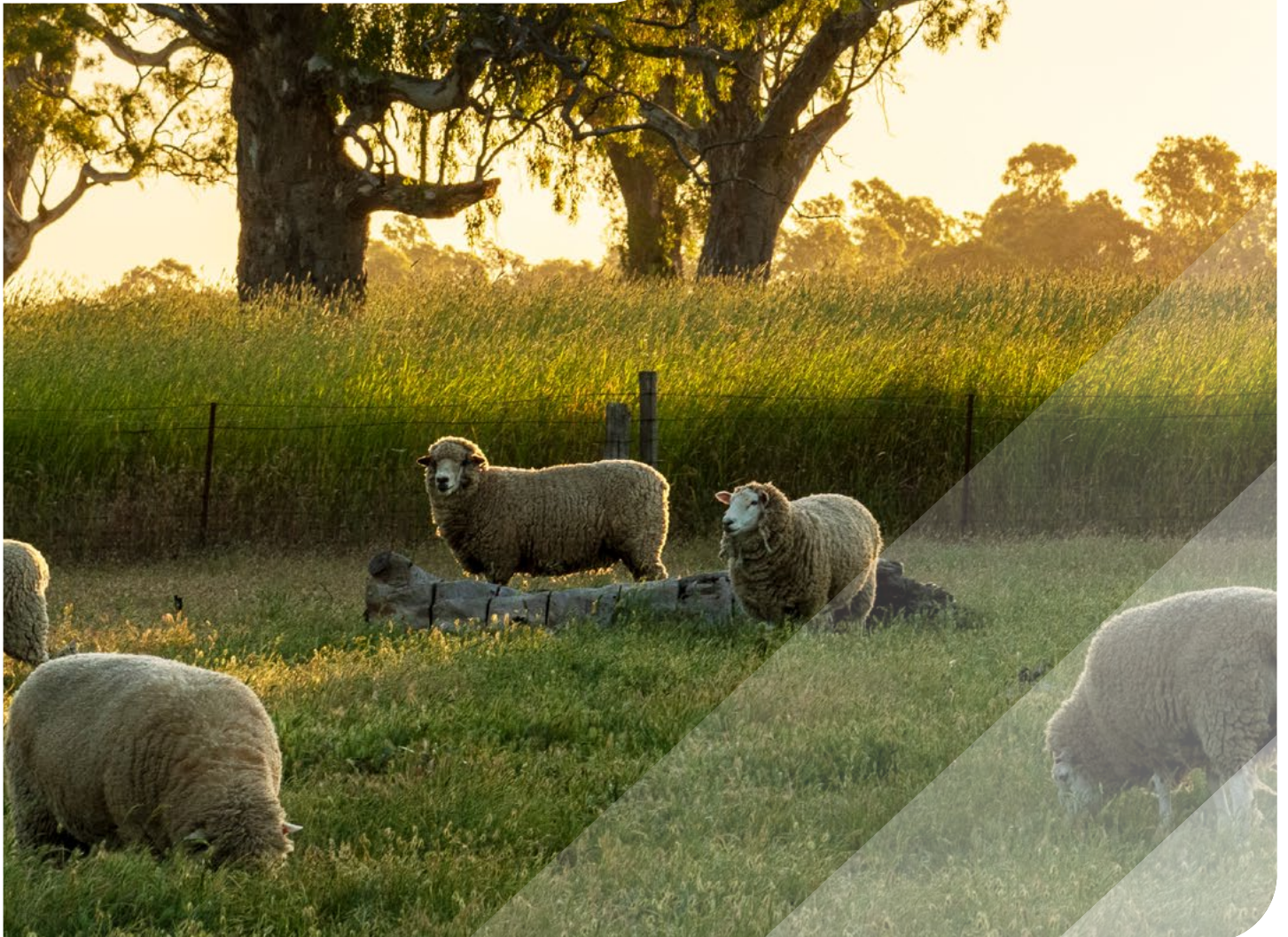


Welcome

“It has been a privilege to be the president of the LCLGA and to work with the Mayors and CEOs of the Limestone Coast Councils.

2021/22 was a challenging year for our limestone coast community as we successfully managed the impacts of the pandemic and variants, cross-border travel restrictions with Victoria, geopolitical tensions that continue to impact supply chains and our markets, State and Federal elections, housing shortages, difficulties in recruiting staff, and the devastating impact of fire and coastal erosion.”

Mayor Erika Vickery (OAM)
President LCLGA



Local government is the level of government that is closest to our community, and we have worked collaboratively across the seven councils in the Limestone Coast for the benefit of our region. Indeed our purpose or “Why” is to “collectively build stronger communities”. The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) is the collaboration vehicle Councils use to collaborate and pursue regional outcomes. The Limestone Coast Councils have collaborated through the LCLGA for over 136 years showing that collaboration is a highly and sustainably held value.

We have continued to implement the directions of our five-year strategic plan. In particular, we continued to focus our efforts on being narrow and deep rather than shallow and wide in delivering value to our members and our water community. This means we are targeting our resources to do a few things well, rather than taking on so many activities that our efforts become diluted. The key to this approach being successful is to ensure we are focusing on the highest priority outcomes for our members.

Our highest priority work (as identified by our members in the 2021/22 Business Plan) was advocacy, destination development, regional waste, roads strategy, joint planning board, and StarClub. In addition to these projects, the LCLGA also delivered the outcomes from incubator projects. These are projects where, for a limited time, we experiment to see if we can deliver an innovative value proposition for our community and assess the potential for the innovation to transition into either business as usual or to exist as an ongoing concern outside of the LCLGA.

In 2021/22 we delivered three incubator projects, they were the Substance Misuse Limestone Coast (SMLC), the Regional Leadership Programme, and the Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy (LCRSA). The SMLC has evolved into its own entity and is expected to spin out of the LCLGA in 2022/23, the Leadership program completed three successful years and has now evolved into a State Project with significant funding (\$2m) from the State Government using our project as a model for all regions in SA; and the LCRSA continues to develop and has had significant success in assisting young sub-elite athletes to pursue sporting opportunities.

The development of our first Advocacy Agenda, which spells out the advocacy priorities for our region, has been a great tool to focus the advocacy effort of the

LCLGA and our members with a number of other regions seeking to duplicate this approach.

A special thank you to those agencies that partnered with us over the past twelve months. Without your valuable contribution, time and effort, many of our projects would not go ahead. They are the South Australian Tourism Commission, Office for Recreation Sport and Racing, Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast, Local Government Association of South Australia, SA Government Departments and Agencies, the University of South Australia, the Australian Federal Government and our member Councils. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

We acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Federal Member of Parliament Mr Tony Pasin MP and State Members Mr Troy Bell MP and Mr Nick McBride MP. Their assistance and support is valued and greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated staff over the past 12 months.

The Annual Report includes an overview of the value we have delivered to our members and community in 2021/22. I commend this years’ report to you and would like to acknowledge the continued support of the constituent council Mayors, elected members and Chief Executive Officers.

Mayor Erika Vickery (OAM)

President LCLGA



This document is the Annual Report of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) Inc. for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 and was prepared pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 to report to Constituent Councils on the work and operation of the Association for the preceding financial year.

This report details the activities of the Association to represent and serve the seven Constituent Councils and to advance the Limestone Coast communities through effective advocacy, facilitation, project delivery and innovation.

Our Association

LCLGA was established as a regional body on 6th October 1885. LCLGA is a regional subsidiary representing its Constituent Councils and is established pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999 by the Constituent Councils.

The Association is comprised of the following Constituent Councils:

- District Council of Grant
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- Wattle Range Council
- Kingston District Council
- District Council of Robe
- City of Mount Gambier
- Tatiara District Council

Under its Charter, LCLGA's objectives are to:

- Work in Association with both the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) and the Australian Local Government Association.
- Undertake co-coordinating, advocacy and representational roles on behalf of its Constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to social, environmental and community development with the object of achieving improvement for the benefit of the communities of its Constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and co-operation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other governments, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further co-operation between its Constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities of its region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in its region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities of the region.
- Undertake projects and activities that benefit its region and its communities.
- Associate, collaborate and work in conjunction with other regional local government bodies for the advancement of matters of common interest.
- Implement programs that seek to deliver local government services on a regional basis; and
- To effectively liaise and work with the State and Commonwealth Government and instrumentalities on a regional basis for the general enhancement of the region.

The LCLGA Board

The LCLGA Board comprises nominated representatives from each of the Constituent Councils and is chaired by the LCLGA President. Each Constituent Council can nominate up to two Deputy Board Members.



LCLGA Board Memembers 2021-22

Council	Delegate	Deputy Board Member/s
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM)	Deputy Mayor Christian Greco
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage	Cr Gillian Clayfield
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll	Deputy Mayor Moira Neagle Cr Dale Price
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan	Cr David Laurie
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed	Cr Jodie Gluyas Cr Chris England
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery (OAM)	Cr Scott McLachlan Cr Craig McGuire
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell	Cr Robert Mock

The Board held six ordinary bi-monthly General Meetings, and The Annual General Meeting during 2021-2022. Meetings are hosted by Constituent Councils on a rotational basis.

Office Bearers 2021-22

In accordance with the LCLGA Charter, the positions of LCLGA President and Vice President are appointed at the Annual General Meeting, held in February.

At the Annual General Meeting in February 2022, Mayor Erika Vickery was again elected as LCLGA President, to serve in the position for a period of 12 months. Mayor Lynette Martin was elected as LCLGA Vice President.

During 2021-2022, the Executive Officer role was filled by Tony Wright.

Dean Newbery and Partners are the appointed Auditor.

During 2021-2022, LCLGA engaged the following staff to deliver regional programs:

Staff Member	Position
Tony Wright	Executive Officer
Michaela Bell	Program and Policy Manager
Tony Elletson	STARCLUB Field Officer Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy Coordinator
Biddie Shearing	Destination Development Manager
Ali Auld	Leadership Program
Paul Manfrin	Corporate Services Officer
Sophie Boucher	Substance Misuse Limestone Coast
Heidi Eldridge	Destination Development Coordinator

Delegates to the Local Government Association of South Australia

Under the Constitution of the LGASA, regions are represented via appointed members to serve on the LGA Board and the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC).

Council	LCLGA Representative
LGA Board	Mayor Erika Vickery
SAROC	Mayor Erika Vickery
	LCLGA EO
	Mayor Richard Sage (Proxy)

SAROC is an important LGA committee for non-metropolitan Councils. Membership is drawn from each of the six non-metropolitan Regional Local Government Associations with members meeting bi-monthly to discuss the key issues affecting non-metropolitan Councils.



Association Committees and Working Parties

To undertake specific projects or fulfil areas of operational responsibility, LCLGA convenes a number of committees and working parties. LCLGA acknowledges the work of all who have contributed to the following committees and working parties throughout 2021-2022.

(The current appointments are listed, as of February 8, 2022)

Committee / Working Party	Representative	Council
LCLGA Roads and Transport Management Group	Cr Jamie Jackson (Presiding Member)	Tatiara District Council
	Mr Aaron Hillier	
	Cr Paul Jenner	City of Mount Gambier
	CEO or delegated staff member	
	Mr Daniel Willsmore	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Mr Dave Worthley	Kingston District Council
	Mr Peter Halton	Wattle Range Council
	Ms Lauren Oxlade (Proxy)	
	Mr Adrian Schutz	District Council of Grant
	Mr Robert Noir	Robe District Council
Limestone Coast Economic Development Reference Group (the group was suspended during 2021/22)	Cr Bob Bates (Proxy)	
	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)	LCLGA
	Mr Tony Wright	
	Mr Trevor Smart	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Mayor Richard Sage	District Council of Grant
	CEO or delegate (Proxy)	
	Ms Emma Clay	Wattle Range Council
	Cr Frank Morello	City of Mount Gambier
	Mr James Holyman	District Council of Robe
	Ms Nat Traeger	Kingston District Council
	Mayor Graham Excell	Tatiara District Council
	Ms Anne Champness	
	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)	LCLGA
	Mr Tony Wright	
	Mrs Michaela Bell	

Committee / Working Party	Representative	Council
LCLGA Regional Waste Management Steering Committee	Mr Peter Halton (Chair)	Wattle Range Council
	Ms Lauren Oxlade (Proxy)	
	Mr Daniel Willsmore	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Mr Dave Worthley	Kingston District Council
	Cr Paul Jenner	City of Mount Gambier
	Mr Aaron Price	District Council of Grant
	Mr Leith McEvoy	
	Mr James Holyman	Robe District Council
	Mr Aaron Hillier	Tatiara District Council
	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)	LCLGA
	Mr Tony Wright	
	Mrs Michaela Bell	
Tourism Management Group	Ms Jayne Miller	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Ms Nat Traeger	Kingston District Council
	Ms Emma Clay	Wattle Range Council
	CEO or delegate	City of Mount Gambier
	Mr Kingsley Green	Tatiara District Council
	Ms Anne Champness	
	Mr Mike Ryan	District Council of Grant
	Ms Camille Lehmann	District Council of Robe
	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)	LCLGA
	Mr Tony Wright	
	Mrs Biddie Shearing	
Regional Sport and Rec Advisory Group	Vacant	District Council of Grant
	Ms Heather Schinkel	Kingston District Council
	Mrs Jayne Miller	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Cr David Laurie	District Council of Robe
	Mayor Alison Nunan (Proxy)	
	Ms Naomi Fallon	Tatiara District Council
	Cr Kate Amoroso	City Mount Gambier
	Ms Emma Clay	Wattle Range Council
	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)	LCLGA
	Mr Tony Wright	
	Mr Tony Elletson	
LCLGA Audit & Risk Committee	Mayor Richard Sage	District Council of Grant
	Mayor Erika Vickery (Chair)	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
	Mr James Holyman	District Council of Robe
	Mr Paul Duka	Wattle Range Council
	Mr Tony Wright	LCLGA

Association Representation - Outside Organisations

LCLGA has numerous representatives on working parties, boards and committees including State Government boards, cross border bodies and regional boards and committees. This representation allows LC LGA to keep in touch with communities and contribute to new and existing initiatives.

During 2021-2022, LCLGA made or continued the following appointments to other organisations.

(The current appointments are listed, as of February 2022)

LCLGA Appointments To Outside Organisations	Current Appointments	Council
South East Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC)	Ms Barbara Cernovskis Mr Daryl Whicker	City of Mount Gambier District Council of Grant
Limestone Coast Zone Emergency Centre Committee (ZEST)	Mr Tony Wright (Local Government Controller) Mr Ben Hood (Local Government Deputy Controller)	LCLGA City of Mount Gambier
Green Triangle Freight Action Plan - Implementation Management Group	Ms Barbara Cernovskis Mr Tony Wright	City Mount Gambier LCLGA
Limestone Coast Community Services Roundtable	Mayor Erika Vickery Cr Moira Neagle	Naracoorte Lucindale Council Wattle Range Council
Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast	Mayor Erika Vickery	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Limestone Coast Bush Fire Management Committee	Mr David Hood Mr Roger Balbolka (Deputy)	Naracoorte Lucindale Council Wattle Range Council
Southern Border Fire Coordination Association	Mr Roger Balbolka	Wattle Range Council
Local Government Association of SA - LGA Board	Mayor Erika Vickery (SAROC Chair) Mayor Richard Sage (Proxy)	Naracoorte Lucindale Council District Council of Grant
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC)	Mayor Erika Vickery (SAROC Chair) Mayor Richard Sage LCLGA EO (Observer)	Naracoorte Lucindale Council District Council of Grant LCLGA
Group Training Employment	Cr Paul Jenner	City of Mount Gambier
AC Care	Mr Tony Wright	LCLGA

The background of the slide is a deep blue underwater scene. Sunlight rays penetrate from the top left, creating a dramatic effect. Two divers are visible: one in the upper right and another in the center, both equipped with scuba tanks and fins. Bubbles are scattered throughout the water, adding to the sense of depth and movement.

Key Result Areas

The strategic plan identifies three key result areas to focus on and support our “why” of collectively building stronger communities.

They are building:

- Sustainable Communities
- Stronger Economy
- Member Capability

1. Building Sustainable Communities

A sustainable community has resilience, leadership, a healthy environment, an optimistic mindset, community well-being, connected and inclusive with built environments where we want to live and others want to join.

Over the 2021/22 year, building sustainable communities in a COVID-19 recovering environment within a local government context was the focus.

Business Plan Objectives

- > Our networks, members and stakeholders are connected and engaged
- > Incubator project outcomes have transitioned to alternative governance and operational arrangements
- > The governance, effective management, and capabilities of sporting clubs continue to improve (Star Club)
- > Joint Planning Board commences operations to develop a new regional plan

Strategy	Overview	Key Outcomes
Engage with stakeholders and proactive advocacy	The development of our advocacy agenda was a helpful tool as we engaged with local members, through the LGASA, directly with government departments and via the Cross Border commissioner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Local members incorporated our priorities into their campaigns. > Meetings with departments like DiT to create a channel for local priorities. > The Victorian Cross Border Commissioner picked up the transportability of TAFE funding as an impediment to efficient access to vocational training in cross border communities. > Shifting the state thinking on Regional Plans and Joint Planning Boards. > Engaging in the emerging debate on Regionalisation.
Star Club Program	This highly successful program continues to derive benefits for our community. As a region as we develop the skills and capability of our clubs to sustainably run them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Highest participation rate in StarClub of any region in SA. > Significant success from our StarClub Members accessing grants (\$1.3m) > Delivery of training courses in the region in the areas of cyber security and child safe officer
Sports Academy	The Academy continues to grow and in 2021/22 a decision was made to limit numbers to ensure we sustain a focus on sub-elite athletes and develop the capability of our regional coaches.	<p>Multiple achievements from personal bests to state and national teams and awards.</p> <p>Continued support from ORSR and working closely with a number of sports on sub-elite pathways.</p>
Leadership Program	To develop an immersive leadership development program to active community leadership.	45 graduates from the program which has triggered a \$2m investment in Regional Leadership by the SA Government as a direct result of the LCLGA Leadership Program.

Strategy	Overview	Key Outcomes
Substance Misuse Limestone Coast	To support allied professionals and the community in engaging in the challenge of substance misuse and to activate a community response.	<p>The Planet Youth program is providing insights into community responses to reduce youth drug and alcohol harm.</p> <p>SMLC Summit identified a number of areas where there were insufficient services to meet the need.</p> <p>Training and information provided to professionals and families to assist with managing addiction and violence.</p>
Regional Health and Wellbeing	Develop and implement a Regional Health Plan	Plan completed and little additional work now required.
Access Grant Funding	Access grant funding for LCLGA programs and assist our community with access funding.	<p>LCLGA accessed \$248,000 in project grants, \$288,000 for Auspiced projects, \$665,000 for Roads (\$1.2m).</p> <p>Indirectly supported \$1.3m in sports and numerous tourism submissions which have not been quantified.</p>
Auspice the SA Coastal Council Alliance (SACCA)	Support the operations of the SA Coastal Council Alliance	The SACCA program was supported with use of our systems, contracts and financial controls. SACCA received \$90,000 in 2021/22.



2. Building Stronger Economy

A strong economy relies on human capital (skills, knowledge, and innovation), financial capital (investment), productivity (more from less), realising local competitive advantages, entrepreneurialism, value clusters, increased supply chain value capture from exports, capturing local value (buy local); and attracting spend from outside our area (investment and visitation).

Business Plan Objectives

- › Destination Development Strategy (DDS) is approved, and implementation commences
- › Regional Roads Strategy is monitored and sought after funding for high-priority roads achieved
- › A viable (politically, commercially, risk and governance) waste option is developed
- › The Regional Growth Strategy is monitored, and Board approved projects delivered
- › Collaboration opportunities on cross-border projects are agreed

Strategy	Overview	Key Outcomes
Monitor and develop the regional growth strategy	Overseeing the regional growth strategy.	The regional growth strategy lost momentum and is being refreshed in 2022/23.
Maintain the Roads Database and Councils Skills	The Limestone Coast Regional Roads Plan and Database is current so we are seeking funding support for high-priority roads with regional significance. This planning and analysis ensures we have a sound evidence base to support these applications.	All projects but one were accepted for SLRP funding. Feedback was provided into the LGASA process which seems to have become disconnected from the Regional Transport Plan.
Test the viability of a regional waste solution	Continue to develop a model for a regional materials recycling facility.	Tender released for commercial advisors following three reviews into the financial viability of a regional MRF.
Implement the Destination Development Strategy	Implement the Limestone Coast Destination Development Strategy to drive the increased economic value of Tourism for our region.	The strategy implemented, staff engaged, and the program had to pivot several times during the year to support our local industry with Covid-19 and borders closing, opening and the rules for crossing the border constantly changing.
RDALC Deliverables Qualified	Work with the RDALC to ensure there is clarity on the outcomes achieved from the provision of funding on behalf of our members.	Clarification was reached on the funding model being related to small business services.
Cross Border Partnerships	Work with the Victorian Cross Border Commissioner and Councils to ensure the border does not limit opportunities for our region.	Frequent meetings with the Cross Border Commissioner who include the Limestone Coast in his Victorian Council fortnightly updates.
Red Meat Cluster	The Red Meat Cluster strategic plan was completed. The future of the group changing to a networking opportunistic one.	The Plan was completed as approved by the steering committee. Meetings were held to allow for networking and sharing of industry knowledge.

3. Building Member Capability

Building our capability focuses on increasing the availability and access to resources, reducing costs, improving performance, developing new skills and knowledge, leveraging our member's abilities for collective benefits, and developing and growing our employee's capabilities across our region.

Business Plan Objectives

- > Priority skills, resource sharing and funding arrangements (including grants) commenced
- > Shared approaches deliver improved value
- > Members collaborate effectively through LCLGA forums, committees and working groups
- > Members are well-positioned to respond to the requirements of the Local Government Review Bill.

Strategy	Overview	Key Outcomes
Deliver member forums	Deliver a number of forums to keep our members connected and informed.	Multiple forums delivered as board meetings, workshops, fortnightly CEO and Mayor catchups and working group meetings. In total at least 95 forums and meetings were facilitated by the LCLGA throughout the year.
Members' communications and dashboard	Ensure our members are kept up to date on regional issues and have a clear oversight of the LCLGA's performance	Communications are being improved with informal forums and email proving to be an effective channel. A draft dashboard has been developed for inclusion in the website upgrade in 202/23.
Shared capability	Seek opportunities for shared capability development.	An opportunistic approach, such as with the Localis system but a structured approach was not developed and in 2022/23 this responsibility has been moved back to the CEO forum.
Provide analysis, advice, submissions and advocacy.	Engage, via various channels, with stakeholders to ensure the needs of our members and region are considered in decisions making and policy development.	<p>The development of our Advocacy Agenda has focused our communications and stakeholder attention on our priorities.</p> <p>DiT is now trialling a local government engagement with the LC Roads Group to set regional priorities.</p> <p>Following the election, there has been a significant increase in support for the Sports Academy with an additional \$300,000 in grant funding over the next three years.</p>

Destination Development

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) reshaped the regional tourism program into a broader Destination Development Strategy to bring together regional branding and activities to grow the visitor economy and regional prosperity and as a result of this, the Destination Development Strategy received additional resources from our members to support its delivery.



While significant progress was made in implementing the approved strategy there was also a need to pivot and support our industry as the border opened, closed and opened as states tried to manage community concerns, health infrastructure and lack of knowledge as new Covid-19 variants emerge. Over the Christmas period, this was extremely disruptive and significantly impact our Tourism industry.

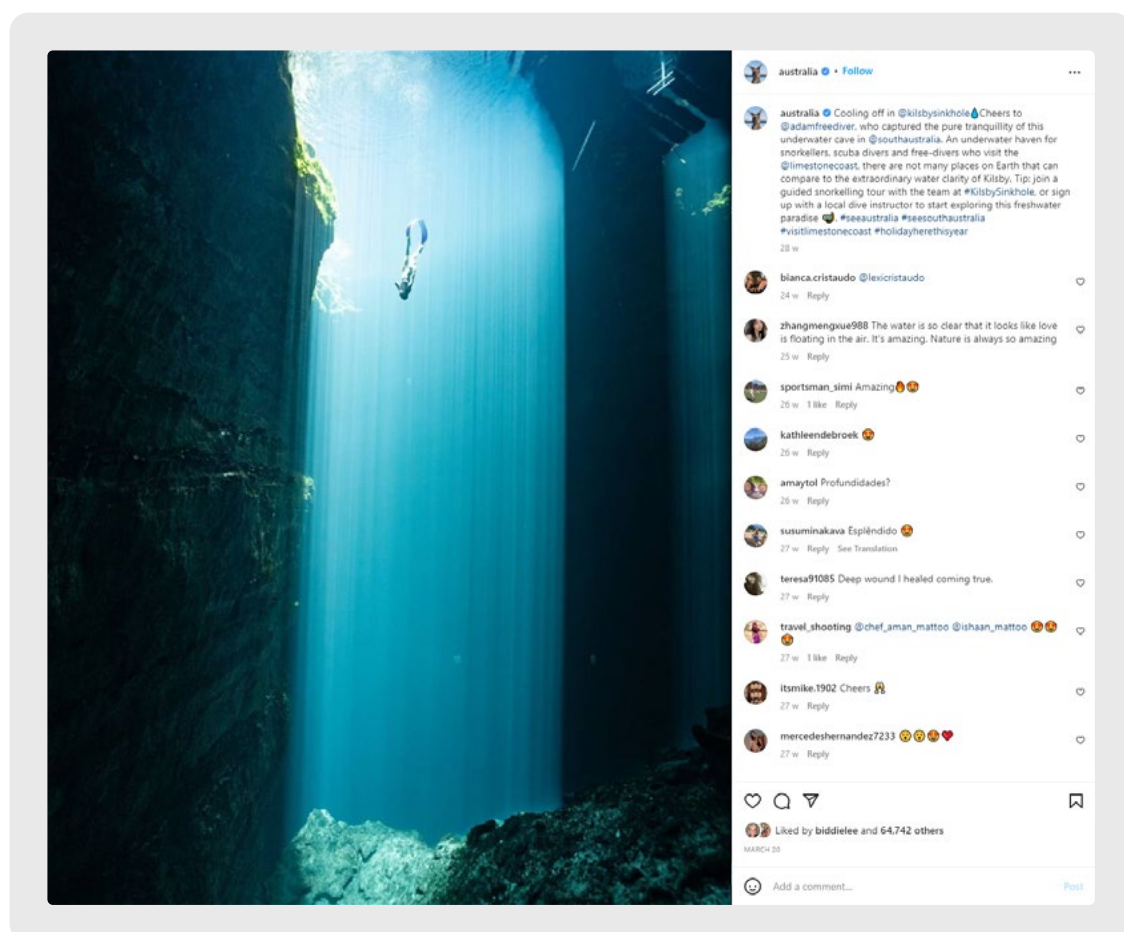
In particular, we made significant progress implementing the 149 identified actions in the strategy which included increasing our social media marketing, developing industry capability, developing itineraries, connecting the local industry, creating learning experiences and creating a new website landing page.

The continued development of the industry operator Facebook page, which we established to support operators when COVID-19 started, has grown from 253 to 533 members and proved to be an extremely effective communication tool with the limestone coast tourism industry.

The LCLGA have invested in creating digital storytelling to promote our region to target markets. This has proven

to be extremely effective as social media reach across Instagram and Facebook achieving just under 800,000 engagements.

The focus of our social media marketing campaign has been to increase the awareness of the Limestone Coast as a travel destination, increase engagement and trust with website users, convert website users into two bookable opportunities, and build trust and reposition the tourism industry within the limestone coast to be more invested and engaged in digital marketing.



In addition to our social media marketing activities, we also worked closely with the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) and attended regional tourism forums, facilitated Famil's with the tourism industry and over 50 influencers, and distributed over 1300 pieces of communication with Limestone Coast tourism operators, over 150 face to face appointments within our region provided over 208 posts on opportunities for funding training and webinars to tourism operators. We also provided essential market intelligence to the SATC on the impact of close borders on the tourism industry and the effectiveness of the programmes in supporting tourism in the Limestone Coast.

During 2021/22, we also entered into new collaborative partnerships with Wimmera Mallee Tourism, Glenelg Shire Tourism, Great Ocean Road Tourism and specific consumer campaigns with Southern Grampians Shire.

The Destination Development Project continues to support the Mixed Dozen Interactive Trails Planner which is embedded in our destination website and supported over 50 businesses who applied for state government tourism-related grants for industry development, event funding and nature-based tourism.

We supported over 12 events across the region with collaboration from the SATC.

A significant milestone in the Destination Development Project was delivering the first operator event at Cape Jaffa Wines with over 80 operators attending (the largest turnout for an event of this type in 10 years). There was a significant appetite to meet again in person and to hear about the LCLGA's plans to support the limestone coast tourism industry.

We continued to engage in face-to-face and in-person trade events with tourism booking intermediaries, for example in just one of these events we had 211 appointments with the trade to promote the Limestone Coast as a desirable destination for their clients.

The Destination Development Manager (Biddie Shearing) took up a new role with the City of Mount Gambier. We thank Biddie for the significant work she has done in supporting the Limestone Coast tourism industry and by creating the destination development strategy we are currently implementing.

Biddie has been a powerhouse behind the LCLGA's activities working with our members and operators to promote and develop the capability of our tourism industry. We wish her well for the future.





Limestone Coast Regional Sports Academy and STARCLUB

Local government recognises the importance of sporting and recreation clubs to regional communities and is pleased to partner with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing to deliver the Star Club Program and Regional Sports Academy in the Limestone Coast.

StarClub

The StarClub Program promotes involvement in recreation and sport by supporting all sporting and recreation clubs in the Limestone Coast in the areas of leadership, financial sustainability, compliance, planning and volunteer management. LCLGA hosts the StarClub Field Officer, who serves as an on-ground resource and a conduit between clubs, councils, associations and the Office of Recreation and Sport.

The long-term goals of this program are:

- › To ensure clubs in the region are compliant with State and Federal Legislation,
- › Clubs are financially stable through prudent self-management and have access to appropriate funding
- › Maintain and build on membership, players and volunteers within the club.

The StarClub Field Officer provides support to clubs and associations in a number of areas:

Funding and Financial Stability

Awareness of grant availability and application support, increased eligibility through Starclub membership, and education and training regarding financial stability.

In 2021/22 the Limestone Coast received 20% of State Government Grants for sporting infrastructure (\$1.3 million), this was a significant outcome when we represent 3% of the SA population.

Volunteer Management

Sourcing and retaining volunteer support, running nationally-accredited training and education locally, information on education and training courses, providing templates for job descriptions for volunteers, Volunteer Management Policy assistance, ideas to involve, recognise and reward volunteers, and providing information on Succession Plans and complaints / conflict procedure.

Compliance

Occupational Work, Health and Safety for club staff and volunteers, Child Protection, constitutions update, review or start from scratch, incorporation, affiliation with State or national bodies, compliance with the Discrimination Act, risk management and information on licensing requirements for clubs selling alcohol. Such as providing Cyber Safe Webinar and Child Safe Officer courses across the region (free to StarClubs members).

Planning

Long term maintenance of facilities, Strategic Planning, Job Descriptions, Codes of Conduct, Good Sports Program and Play by the Rules Program. Such as the Robe Strategic Plan, Assisting the Tatiara Masters Games Committee, Mount Gambier Open Space Recreational Plan.

Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy (LCRSA)

In partnership with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing and the LCLGA, the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy (LCRSA) inducted its first Inductees in October 2017 and commenced working with these Athletes in November, as part of a Pilot Program.

The Academy has continued to grow since its inception and now partners with six sports - Hockey, Tennis, SASI Cycling, Swimming, Basketball (via the Pioneers) and Athletics SA. The Academy also continues to receive significant support from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing in terms of funding, advice and networks.

Due to the Academy's success, there has been a high demand to join our program. The LCLGA took a decision to ensure we remained focused on elite and sub-elite pathways and capped the numbers at 70 so we could continue to provide focused and efficient support to Academy members.

Highlights included:

- > Hockey and Tennis program athletes won competitions against Western Victoria Sports Academy. Our Hockey team in particular excelled playing against a team made up of Victorian State Players and our Tennis Team won against players up to five years their seniors.
- > A Coach from the Academy was appointed Head of Sports Science with Div. One English Football Team Ipswich Town.
- > Academy member drafted by the AFLW Crows.
- > Two cyclers were selected in the National Futures Squad.
- > Academy hockey players selected in the National U18 Squad
- > Former Academy participant becomes the youngest player to reach 50 games in the SANFLW.
- > State titles in the under 20 years of age in the 100m and 400m.
- > Basketball U18 State Girls Team Representative.
- > Supporting a member of the Australian Ballet School with strength and conditioning programs.
- > SASI partnership to enable talent testing in schools.
- > National Men's Track Cycling Coach visiting our region to work with our athletes.
- > Ten Basketball Program athletes making their state age teams and one making the national team.
- > A National Champion in the Heptathlon.



Leila Croker National Champion and High Performance Director Tony Checker



Sarah Dally SASI



In the gym

Limestone Coast Leadership Program

In its last year, the community leadership capacity-building program aims to develop people for roles on Boards, Council, Community Leadership, Project Development and Governance, Industry and Business Associations and Sport, Recreation and Service Clubs.

Over three years, there were 45 graduates with a number progressing to take on leadership roles in the community and even progressing to employment in local government. Overall the program was 23% funded by Councils and 77% of funds sourced from business, industry associations, community, government, and philanthropic organisations.

Following the cessation of the program, the State Government Announced a \$2m investment in activating regional leadership, based on the outcomes and learnings from the LCLGA project.



SMLC

SMLC's origins are inspired by the work of the Western Region Alcohol and Drug Service and research by the Victorian Parliament's inquiry into the Supply and Use of Methamphetamines and in their subsequent Ice Action Plan.

While the issues and responses are complex, SMLC has focused on objectives which match key elements of the Victorian Ice Action Plan and National and State Alcohol and Other Drug Strategies.

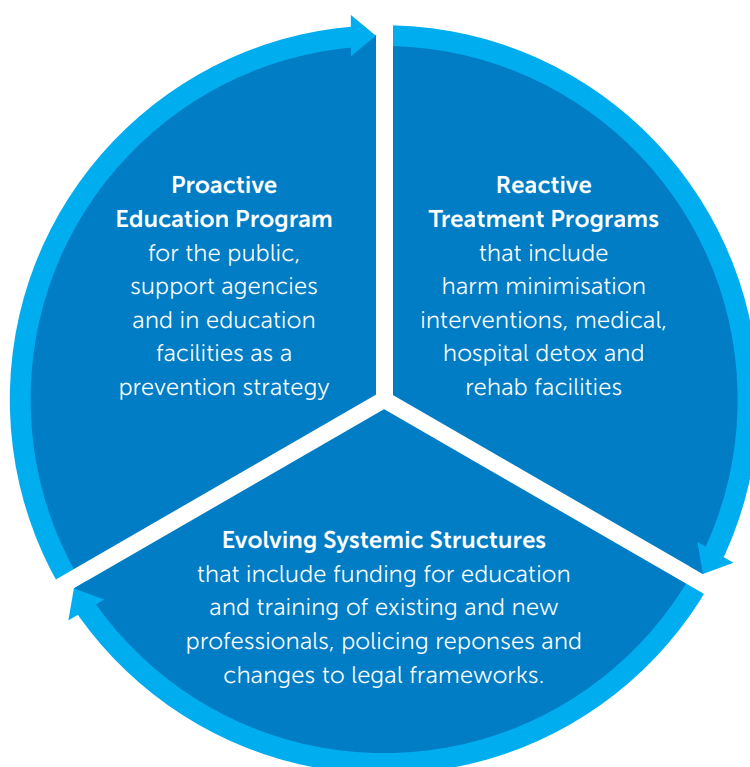
The SMLC focuses on delivering against the following objectives:

- Supporting Limestone Coast school's evidence-based AOD education in the curriculum.
- To Build community awareness of addiction issues / Website / LinkedIn.
- Establish Community Partnerships
- To establish a Board representing diverse community interests to build and champion the development of substance misuse infrastructure and a community-based collaborative model.

Highlights included:

The SMLC produced a substance use report on the impacts of Covid-19 in the Limestone Coast which identified the following issues:

- Alcohol use increase by up to 25%;
- Increased reports of domestic and family violence;
- Increased reports of severity of domestic and family violence;
- An increase in methamphetamine and GHB use;
- A 25% mental health presentation increase;
- A 25% increase for financial counselling services;
- Privacy and security concerns through Zoom and online applications were experienced by professionals;
- 67% of agencies considering altering client contact models into the future;
- No public transport within the Limestone Coast highlighted.



Planet Youth Survey Conducted Across Our Region with 12 schools participating

Family education and therapeutic training for family and friends supporting someone with drug and or alcohol problems.

Formation of the SMLC as an independent legal entity

Delivered a regional summit on regional needs and goals in alcohol and other drug sectors.

Domestic and family violence workforce training for 40 frontline professionals

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORTS

30 JUNE 2022



LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME			
Local Government Council Contributions	2	807,383	647,288
Other Contributions	2	42,783	73,091
Other Income	2	42,127	164,937
Project Income	2	496,035	496,762
Unbudgeted Project Income	2	-	12,864
Total Income		1,388,328	1,394,944
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses	3	212,600	175,496
Employee Costs	3	667,725	619,225
Project Expenditure	3	606,471	734,196
Unbudgeted Project Expenditure	3	-	12,864
Total Expenses		1,486,795	1,541,781
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			
transferred to Equity Statement		(98,467)	(146,837)
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(98,467)	(146,837)

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****as at 30 June 2022**

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	648,360	771,577
Trade and Other Receivables	4	66,147	81,556
Total Assets		<u>714,507</u>	<u>853,133</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	5	87,723	53,935
Provisions	5	89,972	60,313
Other Liabilities	5	160,859	253,467
Total Current Liabilities		<u>338,553</u>	<u>367,715</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	5	2,737	13,734
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>2,737</u>	<u>13,734</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>341,290</u>	<u>381,449</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>373,217</u>	<u>471,684</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		<u>373,217</u>	471,684
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>373,217</u>	<u>471,684</u>

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2022

		Accumulated Surplus	TOTAL EQUITY
2022	Notes	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		471,684	471,684
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(98,467)	(98,467)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Balance at end of period		373,217	373,217
2021			
Balance at end of previous reporting period		618,521	618,521
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(146,837)	(146,837)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Balance at end of period		471,684	471,684

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members		774,281	647,288
Other Receipts		645,966	733,954
Payments		<u>(1,543,464)</u>	<u>(1,548,308)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	6	(123,217)	(167,066)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		<u>(123,217)</u>	<u>(167,066)</u>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		771,577	938,643
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	4	<u>648,360</u>	<u>771,577</u>

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

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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 Limestone Coast LGA's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Limestone Coast Local Government Association is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at Level 1, 9 Bay Road, Mount Gambier, SA, 5290. These financial statements include Limestone Coast Local Government Associations direct operations and all entities through which Limestone Coast Local Government Association controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on Limestone Coast Local Government Association as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income recognition

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

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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.

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

5 Payables

5.1 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.

5.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

6 Employee Benefits

6.1 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 on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

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

Weighted average discount rate	3.56% (2021 0.36%)
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Weighted average settlement period	1 year (2021, 1 year)
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No accrual is made for sick leave as Limestone Coast Local Government Associations experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. The Association does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

7 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.

8 Leases

At the inception of a contract, the Association assesses if the contract is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right of use assets and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Association where the Association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 2: INCOME			
Local Government Council Contributions			
City of Mount Gambier		221,489	181,118
District Council of Grant		96,987	80,329
Wattle Range Council		168,021	134,499
Naracoorte Lucindale Council		122,501	91,565
District Council of Robe		53,157	43,468
Tatiara District Council		94,668	75,874
Kingston District Council		50,560	40,435
Total		807,383	647,288
(The above includes income for "pass-through" expenditure for RDALC, SACCA and the provision of heritage services.)			
Other Contributions			
LGA SA		42,783	42,591
Total		42,783	42,591
Other Income			
Interest		773	3,648
Sponsorship		2,317	64,364
Participant Contribution		19,563	67,127
Other		19,474	29,799
Total		42,127	164,937
Project Income			
Tourism (Includes SA Tourism Commission payments)		80,927	104,197
Leadership Program		-	38,275
Sports Academy & Star Club (Office of Sport and Rec payments)		126,000	126,000
SACCA		90,935	104,805
SMLC		198,173	153,986
Total		496,035	496,762
Unbudgeted Project Income			
Unbudgeted Project Income		-	12,864
Total		-	12,864

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 3: Expenditure			
Operating Expenses			
Audit Fees		3,543	3,300
Accounting Fees		24,800	12,500
Computing and IT		33,611	18,302
Rent		20,824	20,824
Insurance		14,450	11,529
Vehicles		63,622	53,750
Chairperson Allowance		8,000	13,591
Travel, Accommodation and Meals		10,574	10,783
Other		33,176	30,917
Total		212,600	175,496
Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		573,301	562,507
Workcover		5,346	7,720
Superannuation		55,106	52,821
Leave Provision Movement		28,692	(17,377)
FBT		5,279	13,554
Total		667,725	619,225
(2022 Leave Provision Movement is substantially greater as a result of the recording of Time-Off-In-Leiu and a substantial increase in the present value calculation of LSL as a result 3 employee hitting pro-rata 7 years of service.)			
Project Expenditure			
Tourism		141,951	140,342
Leadership Program		25,722	128,802
Sports Academy & Star Club		95,355	133,375
SACCA		85,235	98,936
SMLC		73,983	44,775
Other		184,225	187,968
Total		606,471	734,196
Unbudgeted Project Expense			
Unbudgeted Project Expense		-	12,864
Total		-	12,864

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 4: Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash at Bank		244,638	318,564
Term Deposits		403,723	453,013
Total		648,360	771,577
Trade and Other Receivables			
Trade Debtors		46,259	78,193
Prepaid Wages		-	3,305
Prepayments		19,815	-
Accrued Interest		73	58
Total		66,147	81,556
NOTE 5: Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables			
Goods and Services		80,387	49,867
Accrued Expenses		3,393	2,747
Other		3,943	1,321
Total		87,723	53,935
Provisions - Current			
Employee Entitlements including On-Costs		89,972	60,313
Total		89,972	60,313
Provisions - Non-Current			
Employee Entitlements including On-Costs		2,737	13,734
Total		2,737	13,734
Other Liabilities			
LC Regional Sport Academy		-	70,000
Substance Misuse LC		88,563	114,737
SA Coastal Councils Alliance		72,295	68,730
Total		160,859	253,467

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 6: Reconciliation of 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:

Total cash & equivalent assets	4	648,360	771,577
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		648,360	771,577

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(98,467)	(146,837)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		15,357	(7,483)
		(83,111)	(154,320)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		18,713	(17,006)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		33,788	(4,513)
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		(92,608)	8,773
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		(123,217)	(167,066)

(c) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	11,057	12,253
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LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 7: Financial Instruments

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.05% and 0.10% (2021: 0.05% and 1.3%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the association is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Association.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 7: Financial Instruments (Cont.)

Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	648,360	-	-	648,360	648,360
Receivables	46,332	-	-	46,332	46,332
Total	694,692	-	-	694,692	694,692
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	67,908	-	-	67,908	67,908
Total	67,908	-	-	67,908	67,908

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	771,577	-	-	771,577	771,577
Receivables	78,251	-	-	78,251	78,251
Total	849,828	-	-	849,828	849,828
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	50,630	-	-	50,630	50,630
Total	50,630	-	-	50,630	50,630

The following interest rates were applicable to Limestone Coast LGA at balance date:

	30 June 2022		30 June 2021	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Term Deposits	0.07%	403,723	0.1%	453,013
		<u>403,723</u>		<u>453,013</u>

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

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 Association is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. Except as detailed in Note 4 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Limestone Coast LGA boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

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

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Association has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate investments.

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 8: Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	1,388,328	1,394,944
Operating Expenses	(1,486,795)	(1,541,781)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(98,467)	(146,837)
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add Back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
	-	-
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-	-
	-	-
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	(98,467)	(146,837)

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

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2022, the Association is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in the this financial report.

Note 10 – Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2022, the Association is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in the this financial report.

Note 11 – Events after the end of the reporting period

The entity has and continues to be affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic which has seen some impact on the ability to deliver programs and projects.

Subject to the impact from COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is not aware of any other events which have occurred subsequent to balance date which would materially affect the financial statements prepared for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Note 12 – Economic Dependence

Limestone Coast Local Government Association is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Board believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the Association.

Note 13 – Capital Management

The Board controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised within tolerable risk parameters. The Board ensure that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective. The Board operates under policies approved by the board. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. These include credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements. The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities supported by financial assets. There has been no changes to the strategy adopted by the Board to control the capital of the entity since the previous financial year.

Note 14 – Related Party Disclosure

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of Limestone Coast Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows;

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Short Term employee benefits inc allowances	183,256	170,656
Post Employment Benefits	15,345	14,921

Key management personnel above includes the executive and Board of Management.

The specific banding of key management personnel and Board of management from the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows;

\$	2022	2021
Under \$50,000	1	1
\$50,000 to \$100,000	0	0
\$100,001 to \$150,000	0	0
\$150,001 to \$200,000	1	1

Other related parties includes close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members.

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 14 – Related Party Disclosure (Cont.)

There were no transactions with other related parties apart from;

- A relative of a KMP owns a business who contract's their services as required to Kingston District Council.

Related Party Entity	Amounts received from Related Party during the Financial Year	Amounts outstanding from Related Party at the end of the financial year
	2022	2022
	\$	\$
City of Mount Gambier	228,489	-
District Council of Grant	96,987	-
Wattle Range Council	168,021	-
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	114,011	-
District Council of Robe	29,856	23,301
Tatiara District Council	94,668	6,792
Kingston District Council	52,258	-
TOTAL	784,290	30,093

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (the Authority), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Authority as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of 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 other 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.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*, and for such controls as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 the audit conducted in accordance with the 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 financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Authority'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 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 Authority 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.

DEAN NEWBERY



JIM KEOGH

Partner

Signed on the 18th day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006

**Limestone Coast Local Government Association
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

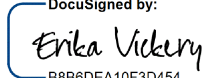
CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Association to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Association's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Association provide a reasonable assurance that the Association's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Association's accounting and other records.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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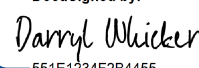
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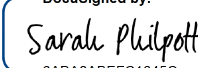
To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Limestone Coast Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Association's Auditor, Dean Newberry & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local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

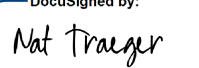
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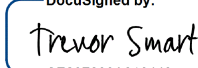
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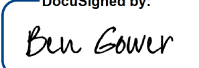
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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 22 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2022, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, 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*.



JIM KEOGH
PARTNER

Signed on the 18th day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LCLGA acknowledges the Constituent Council Mayors, Elected Members, Chief Executive Officers, Council staff and LCLGA staff for their support of the regional role of the Association.

During 2021/22, the LCLGA Board engaged a small team to implement a diverse and comprehensive regional work plan: Tony Wright (Executive Officer), Michaela Bell (Program & Policy Coordinator), Tony Elletson (LCLGA Star Club Field Officer & Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy), Biddie Shearing (Destination Development Manager Manager), Ali Auld (Leadership Program), Sophie Bouchier (Substance Misuse Program) and Paul Manfrin (Corporate Services Officer).

The Local Government Association SA has continued to provide strong support to LCLGA and its members throughout the year. LCLGA acknowledges the contributions of SAROC members and the many LGA SA staff that have supported LCLGA throughout the year.

LCLGA continues to enjoy a close working relationship with RDALC Board members and staff.

Tony Wright
Executive Officer



LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME			
Local Government Council Contributions	2	807,383	647,288
Other Contributions	2	42,783	73,091
Other Income	2	42,127	164,937
Project Income	2	496,035	496,762
Unbudgeted Project Income	2	-	12,864
Total Income		1,388,328	1,394,944
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses	3	212,600	175,496
Employee Costs	3	667,725	619,225
Project Expenditure	3	606,471	734,196
Unbudgeted Project Expenditure	3	-	12,864
Total Expenses		1,486,795	1,541,781
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			
transferred to Equity Statement		(98,467)	(146,837)
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(98,467)	(146,837)

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	648,360	771,577
Trade and Other Receivables	4	66,147	81,556
Total Assets		714,507	853,133
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	5	87,723	53,935
Provisions	5	89,972	60,313
Other Liabilities	5	160,859	253,467
Total Current Liabilities		338,553	367,715
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	5	2,737	13,734
Total Non-current Liabilities		2,737	13,734
Total Liabilities		341,290	381,449
NET ASSETS		373,217	471,684
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		373,217	471,684
TOTAL EQUITY		373,217	471,684

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2022

		Accumulated Surplus	TOTAL EQUITY
2022	Notes	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		471,684	471,684
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(98,467)	(98,467)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Balance at end of period		373,217	373,217
2021			
Balance at end of previous reporting period		618,521	618,521
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(146,837)	(146,837)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Balance at end of period		471,684	471,684

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members		774,281	647,288
Other Receipts		645,966	733,954
Payments		<u>(1,543,464)</u>	<u>(1,548,308)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	6	(123,217)	(167,066)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		<u>(123,217)</u>	<u>(167,066)</u>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		771,577	938,643
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	4	<u>648,360</u>	<u>771,577</u>

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

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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 Limestone Coast LGA's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Limestone Coast Local Government Association is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at Level 1, 9 Bay Road, Mount Gambier, SA, 5290. These financial statements include Limestone Coast Local Government Associations direct operations and all entities through which Limestone Coast Local Government Association controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on Limestone Coast Local Government Association as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income recognition

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

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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.

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

5 Payables

5.1 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.

5.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

6 Employee Benefits

6.1 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 on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

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

Weighted average discount rate	3.56% (2021 0.36%)
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Weighted average settlement period	1 year (2021, 1 year)
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No accrual is made for sick leave as Limestone Coast Local Government Associations experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. The Association does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

7 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.

8 Leases

At the inception of a contract, the Association assesses if the contract is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right of use assets and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Association where the Association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 2: INCOME			
Local Government Council Contributions			
City of Mount Gambier		221,489	181,118
District Council of Grant		96,987	80,329
Wattle Range Council		168,021	134,499
Naracoorte Lucindale Council		122,501	91,565
District Council of Robe		53,157	43,468
Tatiara District Council		94,668	75,874
Kingston District Council		50,560	40,435
Total		807,383	647,288
(The above includes income for "pass-through" expenditure for RDALC, SACCA and the provision of heritage services.)			
Other Contributions			
LGA SA		42,783	42,591
Total		42,783	42,591
Other Income			
Interest		773	3,648
Sponsorship		2,317	64,364
Participant Contribution		19,563	67,127
Other		19,474	29,799
Total		42,127	164,937
Project Income			
Tourism (Includes SA Tourism Commission payments)		80,927	104,197
Leadership Program		-	38,275
Sports Academy & Star Club (Office of Sport and Rec payments)		126,000	126,000
SACCA		90,935	104,805
SMLC		198,173	153,986
Total		496,035	496,762
Unbudgeted Project Income			
Unbudgeted Project Income		-	12,864
Total		-	12,864

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 3: Expenditure			
Operating Expenses			
Audit Fees		3,543	3,300
Accounting Fees		24,800	12,500
Computing and IT		33,611	18,302
Rent		20,824	20,824
Insurance		14,450	11,529
Vehicles		63,622	53,750
Chairperson Allowance		8,000	13,591
Travel, Accommodation and Meals		10,574	10,783
Other		33,176	30,917
Total		212,600	175,496
Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		573,301	562,507
Workcover		5,346	7,720
Superannuation		55,106	52,821
Leave Provision Movement		28,692	(17,377)
FBT		5,279	13,554
Total		667,725	619,225
(2022 Leave Provision Movement is substantially greater as a result of the recording of Time-Off-In-Leiu and a substantial increase in the present value calculation of LSL as a result 3 employee hitting pro-rata 7 years of service.)			
Project Expenditure			
Tourism		141,951	140,342
Leadership Program		25,722	128,802
Sports Academy & Star Club		95,355	133,375
SACCA		85,235	98,936
SMLC		73,983	44,775
Other		184,225	187,968
Total		606,471	734,196
Unbudgeted Project Expense			
Unbudgeted Project Expense		-	12,864
Total		-	12,864

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 4: Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash at Bank		244,638	318,564
Term Deposits		403,723	453,013
Total		648,360	771,577
Trade and Other Receivables			
Trade Debtors		46,259	78,193
Prepaid Wages		-	3,305
Prepayments		19,815	-
Accrued Interest		73	58
Total		66,147	81,556
NOTE 5: Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables			
Goods and Services		80,387	49,867
Accrued Expenses		3,393	2,747
Other		3,943	1,321
Total		87,723	53,935
Provisions - Current			
Employee Entitlements including On-Costs		89,972	60,313
Total		89,972	60,313
Provisions - Non-Current			
Employee Entitlements including On-Costs		2,737	13,734
Total		2,737	13,734
Other Liabilities			
LC Regional Sport Academy		-	70,000
Substance Misuse LC		88,563	114,737
SA Coastal Councils Alliance		72,295	68,730
Total		160,859	253,467

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
NOTE 6: Reconciliation of 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:

Total cash & equivalent assets	4	648,360	771,577
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		648,360	771,577

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(98,467)	(146,837)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		15,357	(7,483)
		(83,111)	(154,320)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		18,713	(17,006)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		33,788	(4,513)
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		(92,608)	8,773
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		(123,217)	(167,066)

(c) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	11,057	12,253
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 7: Financial Instruments

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.05% and 0.10% (2021: 0.05% and 1.3%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the association is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Association.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 7: Financial Instruments (Cont.)

Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	648,360	-	-	648,360	648,360
Receivables	46,332	-	-	46,332	46,332
Total	694,692	-	-	694,692	694,692
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	67,908	-	-	67,908	67,908
Total	67,908	-	-	67,908	67,908

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	771,577	-	-	771,577	771,577
Receivables	78,251	-	-	78,251	78,251
Total	849,828	-	-	849,828	849,828
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	50,630	-	-	50,630	50,630
Total	50,630	-	-	50,630	50,630

The following interest rates were applicable to Limestone Coast LGA at balance date:

	30 June 2022		30 June 2021	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Term Deposits	0.07%	403,723	0.1%	453,013
		<u>403,723</u>		<u>453,013</u>

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

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 Association is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. Except as detailed in Note 4 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Limestone Coast LGA boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

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

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Association has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate investments.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 8: Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	1,388,328	1,394,944
Operating Expenses	(1,486,795)	(1,541,781)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(98,467)	(146,837)
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add Back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
	-	-
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-	-
	-	-
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	(98,467)	(146,837)

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

Limestone Coast Local Government Association

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2022, the Association is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in the this financial report.

Note 10 – Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2022, the Association is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in the this financial report.

Note 11 – Events after the end of the reporting period

The entity has and continues to be affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic which has seen some impact on the ability to deliver programs and projects.

Subject to the impact from COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is not aware of any other events which have occurred subsequent to balance date which would materially affect the financial statements prepared for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Note 12 – Economic Dependence

Limestone Coast Local Government Association is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Board believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the Association.

Note 13 – Capital Management

The Board controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised within tolerable risk parameters. The Board ensure that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective. The Board operates under policies approved by the board. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. These include credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements. The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities supported by financial assets. There has been no changes to the strategy adopted by the Board to control the capital of the entity since the previous financial year.

Note 14 – Related Party Disclosure

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of Limestone Coast Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows;

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Short Term employee benefits inc allowances	183,256	170,656
Post Employment Benefits	15,345	14,921

Key management personnel above includes the executive and Board of Management.

The specific banding of key management personnel and Board of management from the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows;

\$	2022	2021
Under \$50,000	1	1
\$50,000 to \$100,000	0	0
\$100,001 to \$150,000	0	0
\$150,001 to \$200,000	1	1

Other related parties includes close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members.

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Note 14 – Related Party Disclosure (Cont.)

There were no transactions with other related parties apart from;

- A relative of a KMP owns a business who contract's their services as required to Kingston District Council.

Related Party Entity	Amounts received from Related Party during the Financial Year	Amounts outstanding from Related Party at the end of the financial year
	2022	2022
	\$	\$
City of Mount Gambier	228,489	-
District Council of Grant	96,987	-
Wattle Range Council	168,021	-
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	114,011	-
District Council of Robe	29,856	23,301
Tatiara District Council	94,668	6,792
Kingston District Council	52,258	-
TOTAL	784,290	30,093

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (the Authority), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Authority as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of 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 other 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.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*, and for such controls as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 the audit conducted in accordance with the 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 financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Authority'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 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 Authority 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.

DEAN NEWBERY



JIM KEOGH

Partner

Signed on the 18th day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006

**Limestone Coast Local Government Association
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

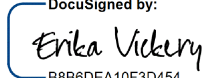
CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Association to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Association's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Association provide a reasonable assurance that the Association's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Association's accounting and other records.

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Date: 10/13/2022

**Limestone Coast Local Government Association
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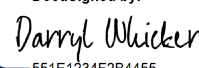
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

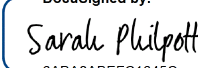
To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Limestone Coast Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Association's Auditor, Dean Newberry & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local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

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

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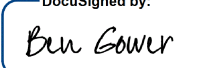
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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 22 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2022, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, 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*.



JIM KEOGH
PARTNER

Signed on the 18th day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006