

# Regional Council of Goyder

## Annual Report 2020 - 2021







*Close up wattle by Kane Edwards*

*Front Cover – The sky in the secret forest by Kane Edwards*

***The Regional Council of Goyder acknowledges the Ngadjuri People, the traditional owners of the land on which our Council is located upon, and pays respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends that respect to other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people in the Goyder region.***





*Sunset over Burra By Arlene Cmiel*

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*Goyder golden hour by Nicola Noakes*







# Message from the Mayor

It is without doubt the past year has yet again tested our resilience, COVID-19 continues to be a daily focus throughout the community. We have responded to this constant concern and manage the risks across Council based on the advice from SA Health. We are now living in a different world and must understand that COVID-19 will be with us for the foreseeable future.

Council took the decision to raise rates this year after two years of no rate rise, this was prudent due to increasing costs but not without considerable debate over the impact it would have on those ratepayers who were recovering from the drought and those who may have been impacted by COVID-19. On balance the decision was deemed appropriate to ensure the long term financial wellbeing of Council was maintained for the benefit of ratepayers.

Council has continued to play a very active role in discussions with the State Government regarding its Local Government Reform agenda. I have represented Council at many forums as your Mayor, Chair of the Legatus Group and as Board Member of the Local Government Association. Some of the reforms commenced in September this year, however the majority will commence during 2022 and into 2023.

Roads and transport infrastructure remain our highest priority. The maintenance and construction of our road network is critical to the movement of livestock and produce across Goyder. This year the investment exceeded \$3.6m. We also completed 72km of resheeting works valued at \$1.4m and significant new seal and resealing works.

Council finished condition rating inspections of the Community Waste Water System pipework of both Burra and Eudunda systems. Approximately 20km of the systems were inspected to provide data and condition information to help inform our decision making on maintenance and renewal over time.

We have engaged with the community through consultation on a range of issues during the year, this consultation is vital to provide the community with timely and relevant information that comes before us. Feedback we receive helps us form an understanding of those issues that affect the community. During the year legislative consultation included:

- Robertstown Transfer Station
- DRAFT Burra Storm Water Management Plan
- DRAFT Disability Access & Inclusion Plan
- Off Leash Dog Park at Eudunda
- Representation Review Options Paper
- Sale of Road Reserve – South Terrace Farrell Flat
- Provisional Northern Group of Councils Regional Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2020 – 2025
- Representation Review Report
- Eudunda Skate Park



- Rededication of Community Land at Eudunda Sports Precinct
- DRAFT Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021 – 2022
- Australia Day Award Policy

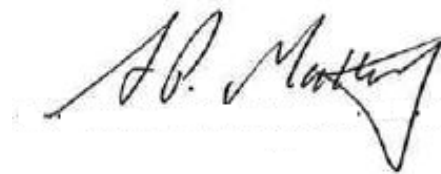
- Pastoral Lands Bill
- Advancing women in Agribusiness
- Disability Access & Inclusion Plan
- Small Business Road to Recovery
- Rural Road Safety
- Erosion Prevention

We also sought feedback via social media & our website on other matters including;

- The South Australian Community Achievement Awards
- Australia Citizen of the Year
- Grant Opportunities for both Council & Community
- Plastic Free July
- Livestock & Drought Forums
- Draft State Bushfire Management Plan
- On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure
- SA Health
- Creating local jobs
- Red Cross
- South Australia's Rural Highway Corridor
- South Australia's Road Safety Strategy
- Veterans SA
- Community Health & Wellbeing

I would like to thank the Chief Executive Officer, David Stevenson and his staff for the tremendous support given to the Elected Members and their competent management of service provision to our community. Finally, to my fellow Elected Members, I thank you for your representation and robust decision making in these particularly challenging times.

Mayor Peter Matthey OAM



Peter Matthey OAM  
**MAYOR**







## Looking in the rearview mirror

Our year was full of challenges and new experiences as we carefully navigated the unpredictable COVID-19 pandemic. Our approach was aimed at sharing information with our community, encouraging early adoption of vaccinations and being prepared.

The early warnings and actions by SA Health and the South Australian Commander has kept the pandemic largely out of the State and importantly out of our community, for the time being at least. Council implemented closures of community facilities and introduced additional cleaning regimes in keeping with recommendations at critical times, this initially put some additional pressure on resources but quickly became a routine for our staff.

We have continued to maintain community facing operations as unaffected as possible, Council like all businesses has had to introduce social distancing, sign in, good hygiene principles and

mask wearing, and it now seems to be the new norm. Staff have been committed to their tasks throughout the year and during the two lockdown periods since the pandemic commenced, our essential services operated without interruption.

New enterprise agreements with staff were completed, these replace the agreements which expired at the end of June 2021, on terms largely commensurate with the Local government sector. Our Infrastructure department has remained in a state of constant renewal and repair; road maintenance, patrol grading, drains and floodways. A large construction project associated with storm water management was completed for Paxton Terrace and Welsh Place. Footbridge replacements in both Chapel and Church Streets Burra were also completed. Public conveniences at the Eudunda oval and the skate park completion in Burra has been a smash hit with the youth.

Council still awaits progress on the Native Title Claim – Ngadjuri Nations 2, having recently provided the solicitors preparing the claim with information relating to where Council and community assets are located, I remain hopeful that in 2022 we will be closer to concluding this long awaited outcome.

After many years Levi Creek has been handed back to the Crown, this reserve became well known as a motor bike enthusiast's paradise, however this wasn't in keeping with the purpose of the reserve. In a joint collaboration with the Department of Environment & Water, local landholders, community and Council the land has now begun its next phase of rehabilitation. With fencing, signage and gates now protecting the reserve, its dedicated use is for community to enjoy walking and passive land use activities.

Council was obligated to undertake a Representation Review during the year. The report canvassed the Council's representation by way of its composition and ward structure, having a Mayor or Chairperson and other administrative matters. The Electoral Commission is due to provide a response to Council later this year.

Paxton Square Cottages Bible Christian Chapel underwent renovations and has been transformed



into Paxton Function Centre. The transformation enables a wide use of the facility for performances, weddings, conferences and events generally.

The organisation's culture and its human fabric was put under the microscope during the year. I held a series of workshops, titled Conversations with the Chief, which was aimed at improving the workplace culture. The conversations centered on influencing cultural change, the organisations character and personality. The outcome was to measure an improvement in the cultural barometer over time by reducing harmful attributors which damage the integrity and value of the organisation over time. Staff were asked to rate the culture of the organisation on a number of occasions during the year, I am pleased to say we have seen a significant improvement, but I acknowledge our commitment to continuous improvement as an organisation must remain a strong and defined focus into 2022.

Climate change is foremost in our strategic and operational thinking, the use of solar systems on public buildings, fuel efficient plant and equipment and changes in tree and green space management all help with our carbon footprint. In 2022 we will be reviewing the policy framework for climate risk management to do our part toward net zero.

After more than a year of meticulous work by Swanbury Penglase in conjunction with Council the new Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra Conservation Management Plan was endorsed by the Australian Heritage Council. The plan will be used as a tool by Council to conserve, protect, identify, present, transmit and enhance the National and State Heritage values of the Australian Cornish Mining Sites.

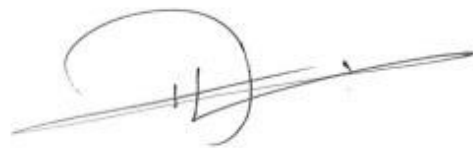
We have maintained our conservative approach to rating, Council initiated a return to rating after two years of zero rating which was in recognition of the

extended drought conditions across the Council area and burgeoning pandemic crisis. Council considered it prudent to ensure inflation factors impacting costs to operate were ameliorated by the rate increase of 4.5%. We remain cognizant of the State and Federal Government policy setting environment in relation to grants and therefore take a cautionary position on budget expenditure until government grants crystalise.

The financial position of Council is sound, the financial performance to 30 June 2021 is in line with our expectations. The timing of grants from government can be somewhat unpredictable therefore adjustments are made during the year if appropriate to forward looking budgets. Also deferred expenditure for capital works from one accounting period to another are taken into account in the Annual Financial Statements.

I would like to thank the staff for committing to their work, their integrity and conduct has been exemplary this year, we are the sum of our parts and as a small team we often show the grit that is required to hold our head high in our region.

I would like to make special mention of and a thank you to the Elected Members, without their tireless support and commitment to Council, its good governance, policy making, financial management and strategic foresight much of what the administration is charged with executing could not be possible.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David J. Stevenson', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

David J. Stevenson  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# O<sub>ur</sub> R<sub>egion</sub>





## WARDS

Hallett



Burra



Robertstown



Eudunda





6,681 km<sup>2</sup>  
AREA

4,139  
PEOPLE

561  
BUSINESSES

2.3



Average Household

409



Born Overseas

49.8%



Females

50.2%



Males

74.1%



Access Internet  
from their home

3,727



Australian Citizens

\$125



Median Weekly Rent

\$654

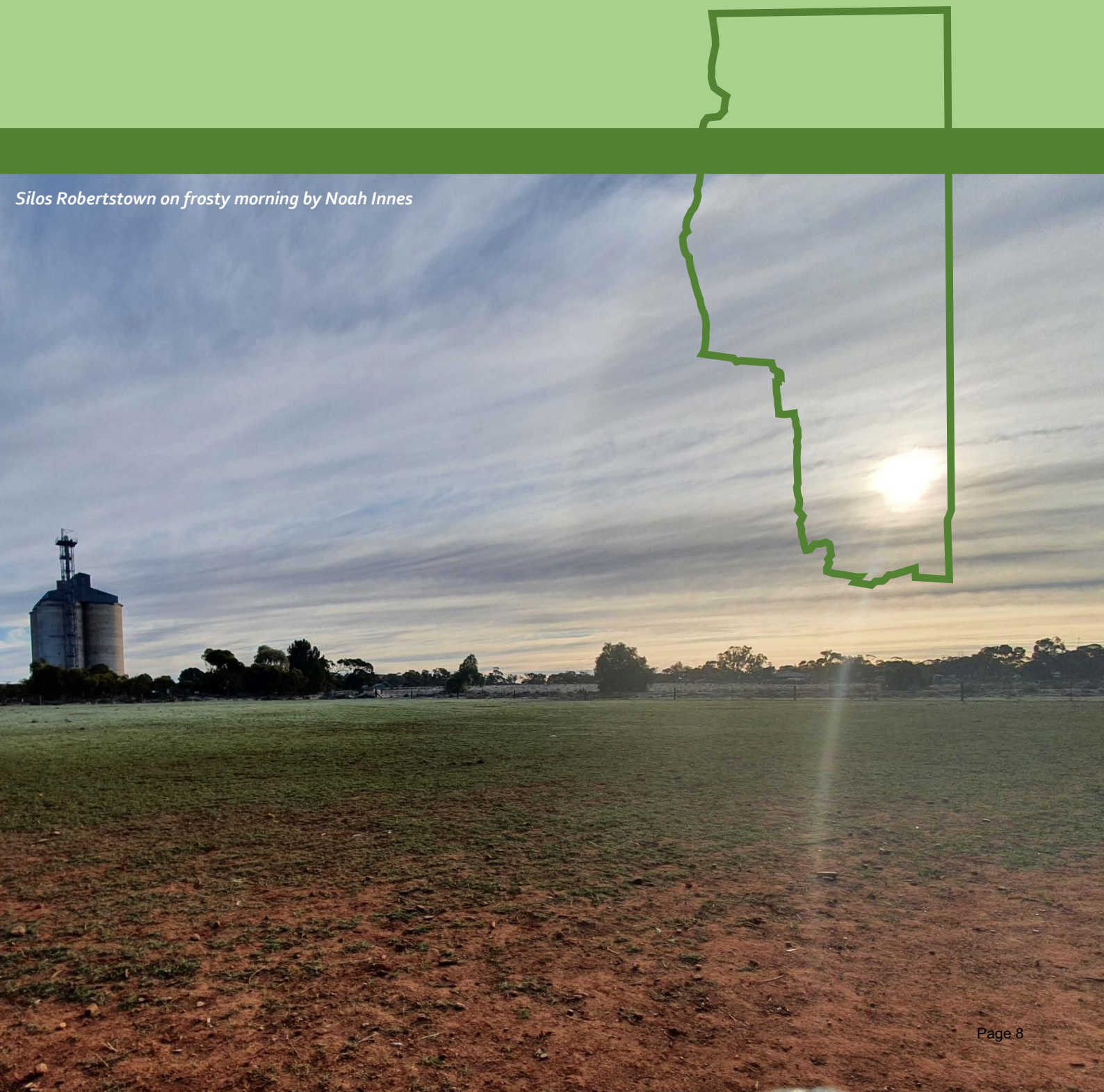


Average Monthly  
Mortgage Repayment



# Our Council

*Silos Robertstown on frosty morning by Noah Innes*





# Councillors

## Hallett Ward



**Mayor Peter  
Matthey**  
*since 1978*



## Burra Ward



**Cr. Jane  
Kellock**  
*since 2010*



**Cr. William  
Gebhardt**  
*since 2016*



**Cr. Heidi  
Thompson**  
*since 2018*



## Robertstown Ward



**Deputy Mayor  
John Neal**  
*since 2010*



## Eudunda Ward



**Cr. Debbie  
Hibbert**  
*since 2018*



**Cr. Peter  
Schiller**  
*since 2018*





# 1

# Engaging with the Community

*Rains coming by June Edwards*





# Council and community sharing information and working together

5,402

Total telephone calls to Council

1,600

Facebook Followers

65,235

Facebook page reach up by 27.9%



## Largest Post Reach – 7,198 people reached

31 May 2021

"New Sounds at the Engine House Museum"

*An intimate crowd gathered before sunset on Thursday 20 May at Morphett's Engine House Museum in the historic mine precinct in Burra. As the crimson sky began to fade the soundscape of Primordial began.*



## Largest Post Engagement – 1,509 post engagements

28 May 2021

"Noodles the Giraffe stopped in Burra today, on his way to Monarto Zoo!! "

**In the News!** Council were in the news on a number of occasions including: MAGIC FM 18 August 2020 – Goyder Rate Payers Rejoice, S&P GLOBAL – Neoen submits plan for 2.7GW hybrid renewables project in South Australia, HISTORY COUNCIL OF SA 28 August 2020 – HCSA Historian 2020 Award Winners, THE AUSTRALIAN 23 October 2020 – Abandoned Beauty in the Outback, LG FOCUS 11 November 2020 – Monster Mine Preserved for Prosperity, THE PLAINS PRODUCER 19 November 2020 – Farrell Flat joins the Silo Art trail, EXPLORING SOUTH AUSTRALIA 20 November 2020 – Things to do in Burra, ADELAIDE NOW 18 January 2021 – Family business Coopers Butchers takes top honour in Barossa, Clare and Gawler's best butcher vote, BIKE SA 24 February 2021 – Biking and Barking around Burra – It's a dog's life, ADELAIDE NOW 15 March 2021 – First stage of Neoen \$3bn renewable energy project Goyder South gets planning approval, STOCK JOURNAL 17 March 2021 – Industry confidence evident at buzzing Burra merino expo, THE FLINDERS NEWS 26 May 2021 – Excitement for new Skate Park, PLAINS PRODUCER 27 May 2021 – Youth to celebrate Burra Skate Park open space.



# Metrics

- Introduce a community survey
- Number of website and social media hits
- Number of media references to Council and Council activities
- Amount of media generated by Council that is picked up by media
- How well CMC's are functioning as a link
- Annual combined CMC meetings

## Objective 1

Use a range of innovative approaches to providing information to the community

## Objective 2

Continue the use and adoption of new and innovative technology and social media.

## Objective 3

Increase awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders across the region.

## Objective 4

Encourage, appreciate and understand our diverse community, history and culture

## Objective 5

Research and investigate the use of digital economy networking and communication infrastructure

## Objective 6

Support the STARCLUB Program to assist community sporting and recreation groups to develop and prosper



# Industry confidence evident at buzzing Burra Merino Expo

Quinton McCallum  
17 Mar 2021, 3:31 p.m.



## Neoen seeks approval for 2.7-GW renewable energy hub in Australia

Monster Mine preserved for posterity



Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia, has had a grant funding success with the promise of \$295,000 from the Federal Government's \$33.5 million program for heritage upgrades nationwide.

The fund is for conservation work and infrastructure upgrades across 23 national and world heritage sites, preserving and enhancing them while creating jobs and lasting benefits for the tourism industry.

The Town of Burra, an historic Australian Cornish mining site, is rich with mining heritage and most of its 1840 legacy is still intact.

The Burra Monster Mine Site, was included in the sites listed on the National Heritage List in 2017 and a conservation management plan developed to assist Council to identify, protect, conserve and present the heritage listed buildings/areas in the township for generations to come.

The new funding will allow Council to preserve the integrity and fabric of the remaining structure of the Mine office and residences constructed in 1849 which comprised of the Director's boardroom, Captain's changing and

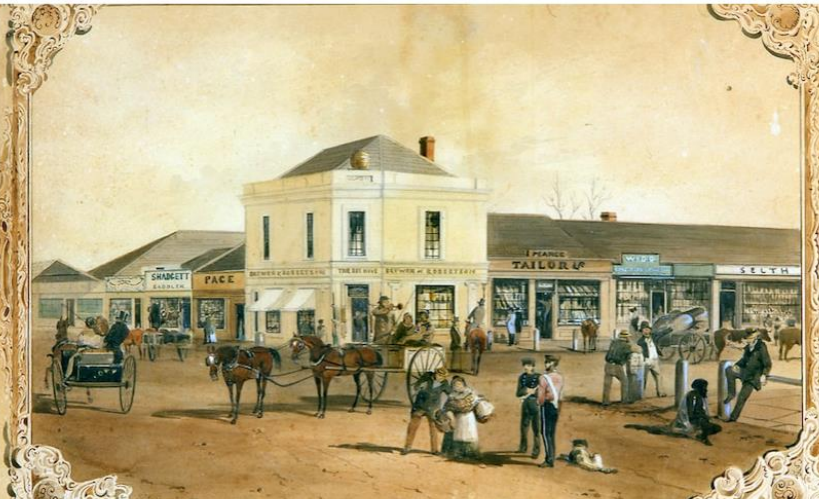
## First stage of Neoen \$3bn renewable energy project Goyder South gets planning approval

The first stage of a \$3bn renewable energy project has been approved, creating more than 300 construction jobs in the Mid North.

Chris Russell @ChrisRussellBiz 2 min read March 12, 2021 - 10:40AM The Advertiser

## Interactive, 'street-level view' brings colonial Adelaide to life

ABC Radio Adelaide / By Malcolm Sutton  
Posted Thu 27 May 2021 at 11:28am, updated Thu 27 May 2021 at 1:11pm



S.T. Gill's painting shows Adelaide's Beehive Corner — at the intersection of King William and what is now Rundle Mall — as it appeared to him in 1849. (Supplied: State Library of SA [B 60076])

BIKING AND BARKING AROUND BURRA - IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



## The ultimate guide to South Australia's regional silo art

By Ali Falkai  
Posted on May 19, 2021



### Abandoned beauty in the outback

The train doesn't stop any more at these picturesque South Australian towns.

Best things to do in Mid-North SA and the Clare Valley  
21. Burra Heritage

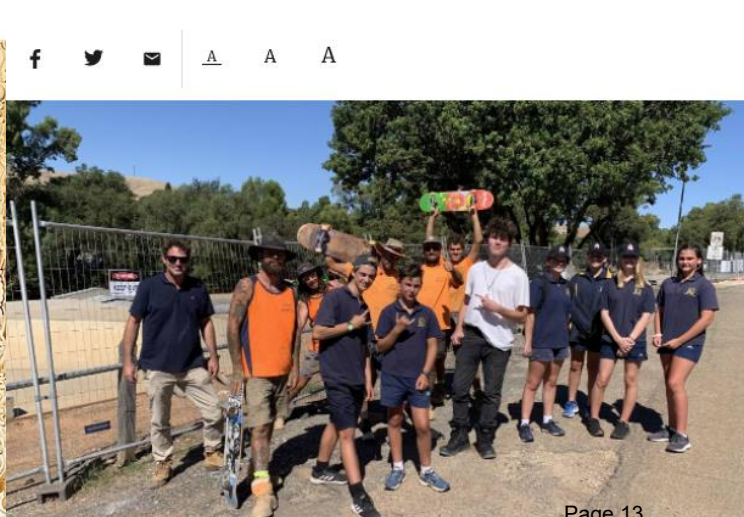


Monster mine at Burra, Clare Valley. Picture: SA Tourism Commission

## Excitement for new skate park

Christian Cominos

Local News



RISE AND GRIND: Technical services officer Sam Rosser (project manager) with Goyder YAC members Joseph Maguire, Adam Cunningham, Matthew Catchlove, Ellie and Bonnie Rayson, Isabella Smith and Grace Cunningham with Grind Projects contractors.





## Objective 1

Use a range of innovative approaches to providing information to the community.



*Goyder Online Hub Launch  
L-R Peggy Gebhardt, Catherine Balfour-Oglivy, Sharon Austin*

## ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Council currently uses the following methods to engage with its community;

- Newspaper advertisements, 'what's happening in Goyder' newsletters and public notices
- Media Releases
- Council Website and particularly 'latest news'
- Visit Burra Website
- Visit Burra Social Media (Facebook)
- Council Social Media (Facebook)
- Email, telephone, in-person
- Community Management Newsletters
- Attendance at committee meetings
- Letters, quarterly rates notices
- Bulk mail outs
- Agendas & minutes
- Council meetings
- Goyder Master Plan
- Forums, workshops & training
- Webinars
- Goyder Online Hub
- Surveys

Council will continue to investigate other methods of providing information to the community particularly in the digital field.



### FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH AT FARRELL FLAT

**TUESDAY 16th March 2021 at 12pm**



**The March 2021 Council Meeting will be held at the Farrell Flat Town Hall at 1pm.**  
**Community Members are invited to join the Elected Members, before the meeting, for a free community lunch starting at 12pm.**

**RSVP Essential: 8892 0100 or [council@goyder.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@goyder.sa.gov.au) by Monday 15th of March for catering & COVID safe purposes.**

## ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN FARRELL FLAT

All members of the public are welcome to attend meeting of Council which are held traditionally at the Burra council office. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Council has had to provide alternative ways for community to access meetings and now all meetings are also able to be accessed by the public via zoom (video conferencing) especially when attendance at the Council office is not an available option.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted Council's ability to hold Ordinary Council meetings outside of the Burra Council Office. However, the March 2021 Council meeting was held at the Farrell Flat Hall. Prior to the meeting, a community lunch was hosted by the Council as a way for community members to meet and talk with Elected Members in a relaxed and social atmosphere. Members of community were then invited to stay on and observe the Council meeting being held in their town.

At the meeting the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission was also in attendance to hold discussions with elected members and staff, and with any members of the public in attendance. Under Section 11 of the Commonwealth Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act, 1995 requires the Commission to hold public hearings in connection with its recommendations. The purpose of these hearings is to provide clarification of the Commission's operations and the opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the Commission.

Thank you to the Farrell Flat Management Committee for supporting and promoting this opportunity to host the Council meeting at the Town Hall.



*Council meeting at Farrell Flat*





## COMMUNITY SURVEY DRAFT REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN

"Healthy and Connected communities" is at the core of the Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (RPHWP) for the Northern Group of Councils (NGC) comprising Clare & Gilbert Valleys, Regional Council of Goyder and Northern Areas Council.

The purpose of the RPHWP is to identify public health priorities for the region and to establish a coordinated approach towards promoting community health and wellbeing.

Through a community survey undertaken last year, and in-depth research to understand our various communities, the Draft Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan has been developed.

The health and wellbeing priorities for the Northern Group of Councils were informed by themes arising from recent consultations, staff feedback, data collection and policy contexts at local, State and Commonwealth levels.

1. A community that feels supported
2. Creating towns and villages which promote and encourage healthy and active lifestyles
3. Building Community resilience to adverse events which impact on the health and wellbeing of our communities
4. Protecting Community Health through ongoing management of Public and Environment Health

The Northern Group of Councils sought community feedback on the Draft Plan in May and June of 2021 to ensure it meets the needs of our diverse community.

Once community feedback has been considered and included the DRAFT plan will then be endorsed by Council at the July 2021 Ordinary Council meeting and then submitted to the Chief Public Officer for approval to be released as a strategic document.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY DISABILITY ACCESS & INCLUSION PLAN 2020 - 2024

The South Australian Government introduced the Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (the Act) in June 2018. The Disability Inclusion Act 2018 makes it mandatory for Councils to develop a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan that has to be reviewed every four years and reported on annually.

The Regional Council of Goyder has developed its first Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) for our region. Developing a Disability Access and Inclusion (DAIP) plan demonstrates the Regional Council of Goyder's commitment to improving the participation of people with disability, their families and carers across a range of areas, so they can enjoy the rights and opportunities provided to all citizens and reach their full potential.

This plan identifies and addresses barriers to inclusion and aims to identify and action improvements that will achieve accessible and inclusive communities, agencies and practices for people living with disability in the Goyder region.

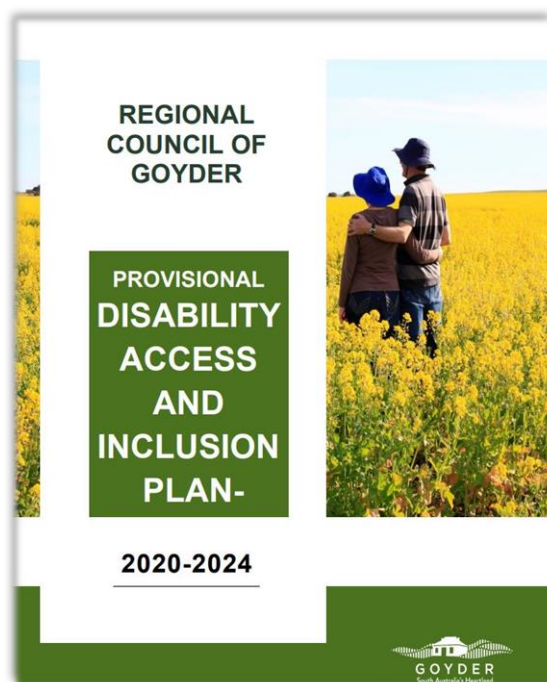
Through the DAIP Council aims to:

- Create welcoming and inclusive practices and culture
- Provide ways for people with disability to contribute to decision making and community leadership
- Improve accessibility to Council facilities, services, events and information
- Support employment and career development opportunities in our region.

This DAIP is a living document, developed through extensive community consultation, and its actions will be reviewed yearly to ensure that Council is continuing to work to improve access and inclusion through implementing the actions set out in this plan.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan was developed using a number of diverse community engagement activities that included:

1. A community survey- online and hard copy
2. A week of listening post sessions in each of the smaller towns from the 7th-11th of September
3. Four forums (am and pm) held in Burra and Eudunda
4. Survey to visitors at the Burra Goyder Visitor Information Centre
5. Presentation to Council Staff and Elected Members



## WHAT COUNCIL LEARNT FROM THE DIVERSE RANGE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

- Listening posts have been an extremely successful tool for community engagement
- Reached community members who are more isolated/no transport/ limited IT skills/ felt that what they had to say wasn't important
- Disability has been diverse- mobility, hearing and vision but also mental health and illness such as cancer
- Feedback from community has been overall positive around Council services, facilities and events
- Community members have been thoughtful and realistic in their expectations and ideas taking into account resources, population, heritage etc.

Council passed the following motion at its 17 November 2020 ordinary Council meeting; hat pursuant to and in accordance with the Disability Inclusion Act 2018 that the Provisional Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020 - 2024 be adopted by Council as one of Council's Strategic Management Plans.

## TEROWIE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

*"Firstly I would like to thank the TCA Committee Members for their level of commitment over the last financial year. It has been difficult at times with COVID-19.*

*General Store & Post Office – this project is still unfinished as veranda is still waiting to be complete due to builders. Information Centre – this is ongoing with walkway and planning maintenance. Thanks to volunteers for several working bees. Thanks to Jan, Shirley and Kathy for the good work. Museums – Simpson, Blacksmith and Pioneer Gallery need a lot of ongoing work. Volunteers have helped in the areas. Terowie Telegraph – is still letting local community know what is happening in our little town, bi-monthly. Thank you Gail. Art Show – We are busy preparing for this year's Art Show. Funding – We were lucky enough to receive some funding throughout the last 12 months. Ward Funding – For the veranda at the General Store, Hallett Wind Farm – Towards advertising and prizes for the Art Show, Australia Day – To purchase equipment to host safe COVID-19 events. We were lucky to receive some donated items from Drew Bevan (Church near school), which included organs, sharpening stones and old books. Filming – Earlier this year we had a filming crew here to film part of their miniseries "The Tourist". With the money received from use of the buildings, this helped with purchasing two tanks, one at the Information Centre and one behind the Enterprise Building".*

***Trevor Huddleston***  
***Terowie Citizens Association Chairperson***

## EUDUNDA COMMUNITY, BUSINESS & TOURISM ASSOCIATION

*Our AGM was delayed until August last year due to the restrictions placed on us by this COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite our AGM being on time this year – who would have thought we are still in the grips of COVID-19!*

*Big Thank you to you all for your support in my very first year as the ECBaT Chairperson. and ... Oh, what a year!!*

*Disappointingly, COVID-19 was responsible for the cancellation of our much loved Eudunda Christmas Street Party and continues to this day to raise its ugly head from time to time to create obstacles, lockdowns and generally a new and very different way of life for us all.*

*One in which we must look out for each other and be mindful of the stresses and strains this has placed on our local businesses and those more vulnerable members of our community who are struggling to adapt – both physically and mentally during these tough times.*

- *Despite this we managed to host a scrumptious "COVID-19 Safe" Australia Day Breakfast which was well attended with our very own Annie Wilson accepting her much deserved Eudunda Citizen of the year award along with the KESAB Tidy Towns award presentations.*
- *The grant from Regional Council of Goyder for the extension of 2 powered sites for the Eudunda Caravan Park was implemented and with a small contribution from ECBaT, saw us able to extend this out to an extra 4 powered sites; thanks to the generous support of local contractors who donated a significant amount towards this project to make it happen. The Caravan Park continues to have strong bookings and continues to exceed budget expectations. Several Grant applications have been submitted for the purchase of Cabins for the Park and a presentation was made to the Regional Council of Goyder on its future direction.*
- *This year also saw the rise of the "Community owned OP-Shop" owned and operated by ECBaT through the hard work of its Co-Ordinator Annie Wilson and her band of volunteers. This shop continues to amaze us with its record-breaking takings through the sale of secondhand goods. The revamped shop is attracting much praise and positive remarks. It is great to see how well the community has fully embraced this shop with the many, many donations of quality goods.*
- *The long-awaited Silo Art project and viewing area is well and truly underway. Voting was carried out on the 4 short listed artist's concepts. Over 200 local and visitors alike voted on the concept they liked with Sam's work coming out the overall winner.*
- *Stage 1: The landscaping with carpark and pathway has been completed.*
- *Stage 2: The irrigation and lawn area planting is yet to be completed, however an irrigation design has been received and is awaiting approval from the EPA to use the recycled water. Costings and final quotes are still coming in. Changes to the original budget have occurred due to the restrictions enforced on use with the use of recycled water.*
- *Stage 3: The painting has begun and looking great already, Sam's work has already generated a great deal of interest and visits.*
- *The Eudunda Railway Station transfer from Viterro to private ownership this year was great news indeed with the new owners aim to preserve and rejuvenate this piece of heritage and to grow tourism. It won't happen overnight but ECBaT fully support the new owners in this endeavour.*
- *ECBaT is now a registered volunteer work organisation. This opportunity has already been utilized by some volunteers in the Op-Shop*
- *The Eudunda Business Breakfast was held in the RSL and was very well attended. Despite the late change to guest speakers – all enjoyed themselves and Mike from Wombat Flat won the boozy hamper incentive.*
- *This year also saw the removal of old and the erection of new toilets in the Colin Thiele gardens, with ECBaT using the old toilet block as storage in the council depot/Hub area.*
- *The Levi Creek restoration is well underway with signage to re-educate off road users of this area, followed by fencing to protect and tree planting with a working bee scheduled for this weekend.*

*In closing I wish to thank you all again for your support in getting some of our projects over the line this year.*



We still have a considerable amount of work to do and I hope you will stay on to continue this momentum as we work towards:

- Continue to support our sub committees and volunteer groups in their efforts
- Silo Art area, sculptures, landscaping and viewing area completion
- Increased Fire Truck utilization/exposure
- Dog park completion
- Top Car Park upgrade
- Caravan Park ongoing upgrade
- Visitor Centre upgrade
- Housing subdivision
- Promoting tourists and visitors to our town
- Keeping the Regional Council of Goyder accountable

I sincerely hope that we will see COVID-19 under control as we move forward, that our community stays safe as we continue to be the absolute best place to work, live and raise our children.

**Judy Partington**  
**Eudunda Community Business & Tourism Association Chairperson**

## **HALLETT COMMUNITY AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

The Hallett Community and Sports Association started the year with a new Chair in Phill Storer and a new Secretary in Stuart Dale. The considerable efforts of Kristine Peters as past -Chair and Trisha Flak as Secretary over many years should be recognised and acknowledged. The efforts of Sam Quinn as Treasurer over a number of years is also recognised and she was elected to stay on as Treasurer for this year. The retiring committee member's efforts over the years is also recognised and new members to the committee are welcomed this year.

In the past year the HCSA has held open forums to encourage the Hallett community to contribute to the development of the community. These included a forum to contribute to the Hallett Strategic Plan (2021-2023) which has now been drafted by Kristine Peters and is undergoing a consultation process and should be in place as a living document/plan very soon.

The HCSA has worked with the Goyder Council to finalise a new lease encompassing arrangements for the Hallett Community assets and the Goyder Council. This have been evaluated by the HCSA committee and any required amendments flagged. The new lease arrangements will come into effect when signed of by both the HCSA and the Goyder Council. While a lease arrangement is the 'official' document the HCSA liaises often with council to ensure the upkeep of shared spaces is maintained and will continue to maintain a productive working relationship with Council.

Hallett community members are always welcome to attend open committee meetings, approach committee members and contribute ideas which the HCSA can assist to develop where possible. To that end a template was developed whereby community members can propose ideas in an easy format to be put forward to the HCSA committee for consideration.

A number of proposals have been flagged with the committee over the year which included the:

- development of a community garden
- revamp of a few of the holes at the golf course
- a Community Dinner dance (postponed due to COVID-19 and due to take place in late November)

These have been received by the board and considered and while some have not yet progressed the committee is always looking for new ideas and initiatives to boost things in Hallett. The HCSA has a responsibility to ensure that any ideas or plans for areas that it has oversight over, and are under lease from the Goyder Council are considered and endorsed by the board.

During the year the HCSA and various board members contribute in many small ways to community life, for example, hosting both the Remembrance and ANZAC Day ceremonies with the Hub Group providing assistance with catering and organisation. The HCSA committee members also lend a hand with many small jobs around the town including clean ups at the recreation area, painting and mowing, fixing up the old ticket booth and are encouraged when other community members pitch in to lend a hand. Trisha Flak from the HCSA organises bookings and key distribution for the Hallett Recreation/Campground which hosts many visitors throughout the year.

In May the HCSA in conjunction with the Hallett Hub Committee successfully hosted the Bike SA Odyssey Event, catering for over 100 people at the Hallett Hall and Recreation Grounds. This was, as noted in feedback received from Bike SA, a very successful event. Acknowledgement must go to the Hub Committee for their excellent catering and organisation and for Trisha Flak acting in the coordinators role.

Other events / training organised by HCSA members included CPR training and a Farmers First Day training day both of which were well attended. HCSA members also organise the summer VACSwim program at the pool and take responsibility for ensuring that the pool is well maintained for all community members to use.

As all would acknowledge there have been a number of stop-starts during the last year due to COVID-19. The HCSA, however, look forward to another year where, as a board, we can contribute to the community. I would like to commend the hard work and commitment of the HCSA Committee and volunteers.

**Phill Storer**  
**Hallett Community and Sports Association Chairperson**



## Objective 2

Continue the use and adoption of new and innovative technology and social media.

### COUNCILS WEBSITE

In late 2019 Council migrated to a new website platform specifically designed for Local Government. The digital capabilities of Council's website have reduced the operational complexity and provide a more accessible experience for community. Since that time, further development has been incorporated into the 'SQUIZ' platform with the following additional features now available to Council;

- My Local Services App
- Advanced cyber security
- Mobile emergency alerts
- Understanding search behaviour
- More streamlined on-line services
- Online education for users



### GOYDER HUB ONLINE

Council received notification on 6 May 2020 that their application for a 'Virtual Community Hub Age Friendly Facilitator' for the amount of \$25,000 was successful. This project was aimed at bringing together all opportunities within Burra to showcase the contribution that older people make within the Goyder community as well as provide a locally lead digital resource that supports the capacity of older people. This project has since created a network and tool that will ensure the sustainability of volunteering and community groups that provide opportunities for older people within the Goyder region to participate, be active and contribute to their community. The Goyder Hub ([www.goyderhub.com](http://www.goyderhub.com)) was successfully launched in 2021 providing the community with opportunities to volunteer, find local services, know what's on in the community, find out what's happening in the arts space and join a sporting group or specialty group.





## Objective 3

Increase awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders across the region.



First Nations Voices at the Burra Bowling Club  
L-R Kenneth Wilson, Arts & Cultural Facilitator Ali  
Eckermann & Russell Smith

## THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS - NGADJURI

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## THE BURRA BOWLING CLUB PRESENTS.....

In March the Bowling Club was filled to capacity for the 2021 Fringe event First Nations Voices. A poignant yidaki performance by Russell Smith (Pitjantjatjara) began the evening. Renowned Adelaide-based singer songwriters Glenn Skuthorpe (Nhunggabarra) and Vonda Last (Nganyatjarra) shared original songs portraying their life inside the Australian landscape backed by musician friends Anthony Pak Poy, Austin Fogarty and Lainee Jamieson. Kenneth Wilson (Wirangu) was the encore to much applause. First Nations Voices was judged overall joint winner 2021 Music award at the Adelaide Fringe.

In June the crowd returned to the Bowling Club to listen to another evening of Aboriginal song. Nancy Bates (Barkindji) from Wilcannia and Uncle Chris Dodd (Dieri) from Broken Hill are masters of storytelling. An interactive event, the audience became an impromptu choir.

Burra Bowling Club has proved the perfect venue to host First nations evenings. In partnership with Country Arts SA the Regional Council of Goyder proudly sponsors these event through the initiative of the Arts & Cultural Facilitator Ali Eckermann.

Regional Council of Goyder, presents...

# FIRST NATION VOICES

GLENN SKUTHORPE | VONDA LAST | RUSSELL SMITH  
with ALAIN VALODZE | LAINIE JAMIESON | ANTHONY PAK POY | AUSTIN FOGARTY

**BURRA BOWLING CLUB**  
13 UPPER THAMES ST, BURRA SA  
13th March 7:30pm  
\$20 - \$15 conc



 **\*ADELAIDE \*FRINGE \*2021\***  
adelaidefringe.com.au

Collins Lee Photography  
Aunty Oudlyck Photography



*First Nations Voices at the  
Burra Bowling Club*



## BOOBOROWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURAL DAY

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*Booborowie School Cultural Day  
L-R Quentin Agius, Anne Heinrich, Cr.  
Debbie Hibbert, Cr. Peter Schiller, CEO  
David Stevenson*





## Objective 4

Encourage, appreciate and understand our diverse community, history and culture.



*Primordial  
New music advocate and  
pianist Gabriella Smart*





## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Fifty people attended the International Women's Days annual Breakfast event at the Burra Town Hall. A wonderful group of volunteers decorated the tables and served a scrumptious breakfast and drinks.

Sonya Rankine honoured her family delivering a moving Welcome To Country observance in Ngadjuri language, the first time Ngadjuri language has been heard in Burra. Principal Alicia Hoddle was our early morning host and was supported by the Year 11-12 girls from Burra Community School.

Our guest speakers were superb. Award-winning Narungga archival poet Natalie Harkin shared her research into the domestic servitude of Aboriginal women and how she wove the harshness of this reality into a beautiful paper basket that was handed around. 2020 AgriFutures Rural Woman of the Year Steph Schmidt from Worlds End reinforced the practice of consideration and kindness in our daily interactions, and holistic care for families and farmers. It was a very uplifting morning.



## A GRAND PIANO AT MORPHETT'S ENGINE HOUSE

The arrival of a grand piano in the back of a truck launched Morphett's Engine house as a new venue for a musical performance. Primordial was an experience in soundscape music inspired by the Ediacara fossil beds in the Flinders Ranges. Of Greek descent, Constantine Koukias is a Tasmanian composer who arranged Primordial for grand piano, electronics and light. Pianist Gabriella Smart, who is a leading advocate of new music in Australia, performed the event. Following a perfect sunset the audience listened to combinations of music formed by every element of the piano, the tectonic sounds of the natural environment filling the atmosphere above the Monster Mine.



A tall, stone tower with a gabled roof and a small window, set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The tower is made of rough-hewn stone blocks.

SOUNDSTREAM PRESENTS

A SOUNDSCAPE INSPIRED BY THE EDIACARA  
FOSSIL BEDS IN THE FLINDERS RANGES

# PRIMORDIAL

COMPOSED BY CONSTANTINE KOUKIAS FOR GRAND  
PIANO, ELECTRONICS AND LIGHT, PERFORMED BY  
GABRIELLA SMART

**THURSDAY 20 MAY**  
**5.30PM SUNSET START**

MORPHETT'S ENGINE HOUSE MUSEUM  
BURRA HISTORIC MINE SITE

\$10 PER TICKET. PURCHASE FROM THE BURRA & GOYDER  
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 8892 2154

BYO CHAIR, WINE & NIBBLES

The logo for Goyder, featuring a stylized green house icon above the word "GOYDER" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below "GOYDER" is the tagline "South Australia's Heartland" in a smaller, lighter font.

**GOYDER**  
South Australia's Heartland







## Objective 5

Research and investigate the use of digital economy networking and communication infrastructure.



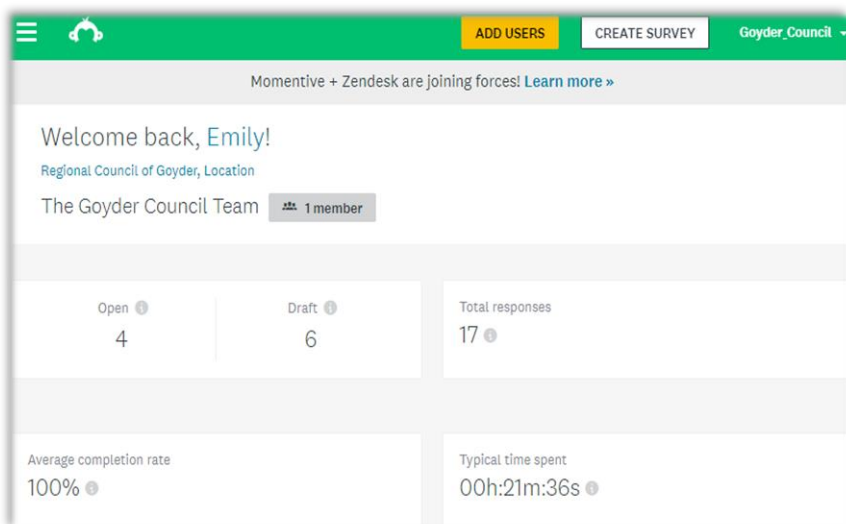
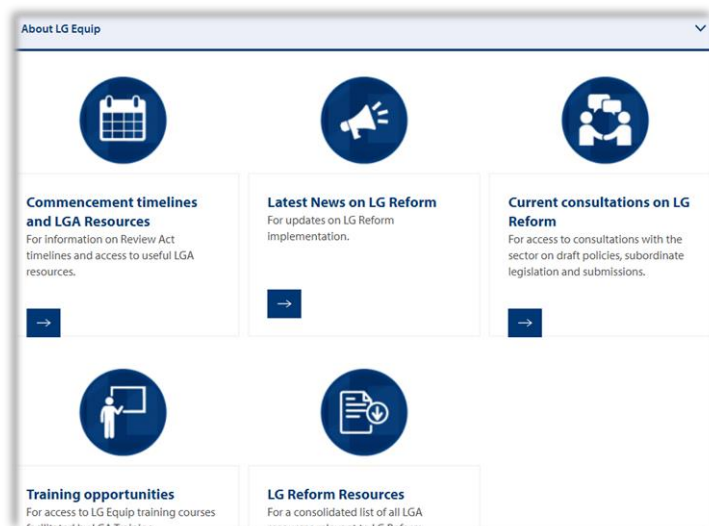
*Redruth Gaol, Burra*

## LG-EQUIP LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The LGASA launched LG-EQUIP to support member councils through the reform implementation process, having led the sector through the development of the legislation and successful advocacy program. LG-EQUIP is an online portal for the sector to gain access to all resources and updates relating to reform implementation. These resources are useful for CEO's, council members, and council administration.

The development of the reform implementation resources is being delivered through funding support from the Local Government Research and Development Scheme, which allows the LG-Equip program to be delivered at a significantly reduced cost to member councils.

The LGASA is working closely with its legal partner, Norman Waterhouse Lawyers, to provide a consistent package of resources that are de-risked, quality assured and save councils time and money.



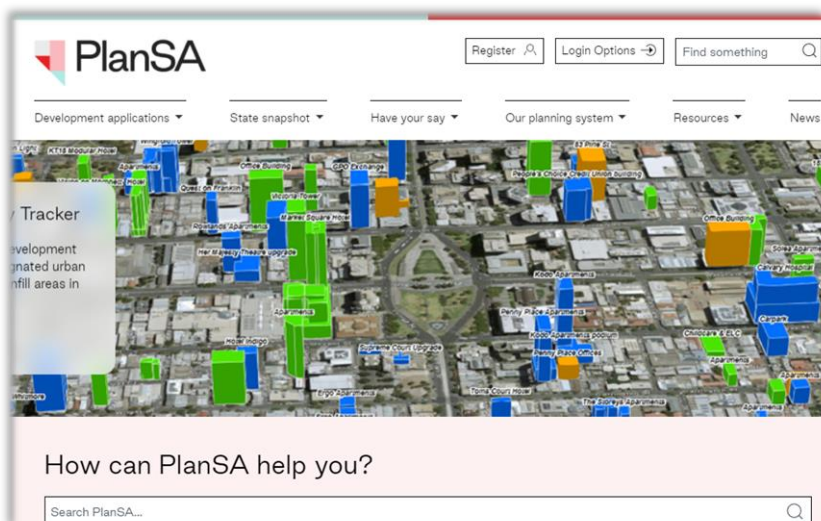
## SURVEY MONKEY ONLINE PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS

In 2021 Council implemented online performance appraisals for each staff member employed by Council. This statistical data will be collated yearly against each staff member's previous reviews to effectively present results and improve Council's service performance.

## PLANSA PLANNING & DESIGN CODE

Effective 31 July 2020, a new planning system - PlanSA was implemented across South Australia's outback and rural areas that will help shape your community, both now and into the future.

PlanSA includes the new Planning and Design Code and associated ePlanning platform for South Australia, replacing hard copy council development plans and the manual processing of development applications.





## GIS-CLOUD

Council installed the GIS Cloud patrol grading software tool to enable the recording of unsealed road maintenance carried out each year.

Capturing this data enables Council to document in more detail the frequency of road maintenance and visually display where the work is being carried out in real-time.

The next part of this process includes displaying this information via Councils website for the benefit of community.

A similar process has been implemented using GIS-Cloud to document condition ratings for Councils building assets to assist council to develop a long-term maintenance & capital works program.



## TABLETS

Field staff have been provided with tablets to collect information as work is carried out. Additionally operators have the ability to provide data regarding the condition of the road network in real-time to assist in keeping Councils asset management program up to date.

## SKYTRUST

Skytrust has been a big focus for Council in 2020 – 2021 financial year. Skytrust is a cloud-based organisational management system which drives performance and provides live feed of critical business risks and information. Capabilities include incidents, plant & equipment, calendar, risk management, inductions, training and mobile apps.





## Objective 6

Support the STARCLUB Program to assist community sporting and recreation groups to develop and prosper.





## STARCLUB CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The STARCLUB - Club Development Program has been designed for use by local sport and active recreation clubs of all sizes. The program is a valuable online resource for your clubs and sport to establish a model of basic governance for best practice club and sport operations. The councils Sport and Recreation Development Officer is available to assist all clubs and community recreation groups in Working closely with Goyder Sporting clubs and active recreation groups to build business and development capabilities ensures that clubs are strengthened for the future and the community has opportunities to be active and improve health and well-being. Council in partnership with industry representative bodies, sport and recreation organisations and local clubs and groups actively champion the community by assisting with the provision of high quality, inclusive and accessible sport and recreation club development and through improving infrastructure driven by the community's needs.



Throughout 2020-21 the Game On roadshow set about across the region discussing the "Getting south Australians Moving" concept. The program was targeted at the Community Management Committees to provide information about the numerous active recreation opportunities that each town could consider and champion.

- Fat Farmers
- Park-Run
- Healthy Heart foundation Walking Programs
- COTA-Strength for Life fitness program
- Sport Australia- Moving for Life exercise program
- Active Ageing Australia
- Aqua Aerobics
- Roll Back the Clock-Better Ageing –Bowls Australia
- Get Healthy Program
- Exercise Right Program

## ACTIVELY ENGAGED CLUBS

Eudunda Bowls, Burra Bowling Club, Burra Fun Run Committee, Burra Sports Hub, Burra Hockey Club, BAFT Goyder Virtual Hub Project, Burra Basketball Association, BBH Netball Club, Hallett Community & Sports Association, Burracooda Swim Club, Eudunda 150<sup>th</sup> Committee, Burra Seniors Cricket, Burra Town Hall Committee, Burra Community Management Committee, Burra Pony Club, BBH Football Club, Burra Tennis Club, Farrell Flat Community Management Committee, Terowie Citizens Association, Eudunda Business & Tourism Association, Hallett Hub, Burra & Districts Dog Obedience Club and the Lavender Federation Trail Committee

## AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION IMPACT OF COVID- 19 ON COMMUNITY SPORT

The Australian sports Foundation survey sporting clubs across the nation to highlight the present and future problems that will affect sport and sport and volunteer participation into the future on the unfolding crisis among community clubs and to use data collected to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that community sport can survive and thrive into the future.

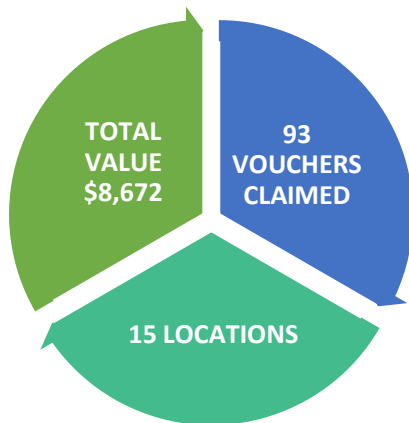
## DECLINE IN PARTICIPATION MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS

**Members-** Nearly 70% of Small Local Clubs and 56% of Large Local Clubs are forecasting a reduction in the number of members due to loss of interest caused by the period of COVID-19 lockdowns / inactivity. **Volunteers-** The projected decline in volunteers is particularly concerning when set against the fact that 42% of Small Local Clubs and 34% of Large Local Clubs say they will require additional support from volunteers to cope with additional hygiene measures and reporting, and practicalities such as staggered training.

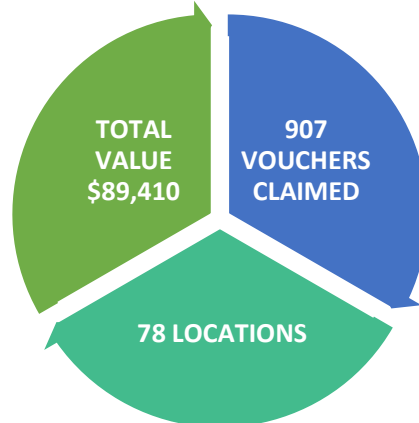
## GOYDER SPORTS VOUCHERS

The Sports Vouchers program provides a \$100 discount on Sports and Dance membership and/or fees for primary school aged children – reception to year 7. The SA Government has committed this program to 2021-2022.

### GOYDER COUNCIL



### CENTRAL MID NORTH



Health and Wellbeing and Active Recreation is a main focus for clubs and the community. All ORSR funding programs are focused on the Game On principles and targets.

The Game On focus will require a coordinated approach from state government, local councils, sport & recreation organisations and local community clubs and groups to all play a role in addressing the targets, benefits and key trends which will shape the outcomes of health, fitness and activity levels in South Australia.

The Goyder Council work in Partnership with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing to provide and deliver regional sport Club Development. The Game On initiative will become more important as clubs search for additional support to recover from COVID-19. Clubs will need to adopt and adapt to recreational participation programming and to create partnerships with external stakeholders, building relationships that support both themselves and the community. Council worked with the following stakeholders: Mid North Sport Network, NDIS-Baptcare, SA Women's Sport Network, Basketball SA, SANFL, Mid North Access & Inclusive Sport & Recreation Network, Tennis SA, Office for Recreation Sport & Racing, Inclusive Sport SA, One Culture, Red Cross, Netball SA, Athletics SA, Walking SA, SACA, Horse SA, Parks & Leisure SA/NT, Volunteer SA/NT, Legatus Group, Play Australia, Department of Human Services, Country Basketball SA, Australian Sports Foundation, Good Sports, YMCA SA, Heart Foundation, Sports Community, Belgravia Leisure, Office for Ageing Well, Health SA and the Department for Education.

**GET YOUR 30 MINUTES A DAY!**  
**STAYING ACTIVE DURING COVID-19**  
 The Office for Recreation and Sport strongly encourages South Australians to be active on the proviso that sport and recreational activities meet the requirements as outlined by the Federal Government. ORSR urge South Australians to continue to play sport and participate in recreational activities, particularly outdoors and in well ventilated areas.

**GO FOR A WALK**

**SOCIAL TENNIS**

**BIKE RIDE**

**HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY**

Help stop the spread & Stay Healthy!  
 For further information go to  
 ORSR: <https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/>

## Recreation, Sport & Racing Strategic Plan

2021 - 2025



# 2

# Strengthening Community



# *A well-resourced and connected community*

**\$7,116,404**

RECEIVED IN  
EXTERNAL  
FUNDING

**\$40,684**

NET COST OF  
COVID-19  
PROTOCOLS

**17,975**

VISITORS TO THE  
BURRA & GOYDER  
VISITOR  
INFORMATION

**2,523**



VISITORS TO THE  
EUDUNDA POOL

**3,318**



VISITORS TO THE  
BURRA POOL

**\$126,860**



PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY  
FROM WARD FUNDING

**570**



TOTAL COMMUNITY  
PASSENGER NETWORK TRIPS



# Metrics

- Levels of volunteering and community connection
- Number of clubs, memberships, usage rates, level of activity, club viability and external funding obtained
- Number of community initiated events and activities supported by Council
- Visitation rates for Council facilities
- Patronage of Community Passenger Network
- Level of community participation in externally funded programs

## Objective 7

Continue to contribute financially to support and actively promote the Mid North Community Passenger Network and Youth Advisory Committee

## Objective 8

Support the development of retirement housing

## Objective 9

Continue to support recreation and sporting clubs through equitable access to funding and relevant assistance

## Objective 13

Identify the needs of our aging population to support active participation within the community and healthy lifestyles

## Objective 10

Advocate to improve access to a high standard of education, health and community services for residents of all ages including the development of the 2018 Regional Health Plan

## Objective 11

Active development of arts and cultural activities and maintaining those initiatives

## Objective 12

Assist community organisations to obtain the information they need to manage and support their volunteers







THANKS FOR  
MAKING GOYDER  
GREAT PLACE TO  
LIVE, WORK & PLAY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

**GOYDER**  
South Australia's Heartland

A COUNTRY  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL  
AGM

Burra Food Market

Burra Bowling Club  
13 Upper Thames Street,  
Burra

Tickets \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession  
Purchase from The Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre 88922154  
or at the door on the night

**Cyber Security**  
FREE WEBINAR  
PRESENTED BY CyberCX

June 21,  
7pm.  
To register, contact  
STARCLUB Program  
Samantha  
0429 696 180

Find out what your cyber needs to be to stay cyber safe!





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*Youth Volunteering Project  
L-R Joseph Maguire, Emily Lines, Stu Nankivell*





Number of visits  
to the library

36818



Population Served

2263



Total opening hours

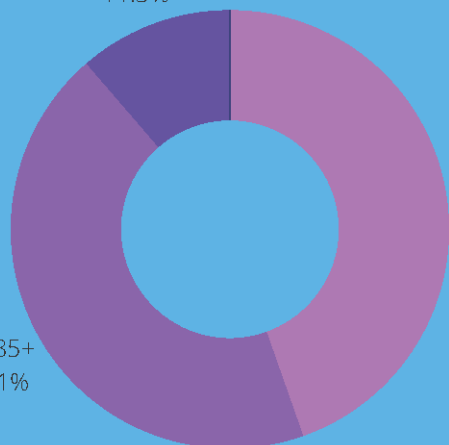
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Networking with:  
Regional Council of Goyder,  
Burra Early Learning Centre,  
Public Library Services,  
Public Libraries SA  
& Goyder Hub

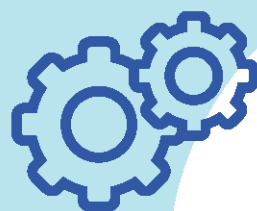
## Members by age group

As yet unidentified age  
11.3%



0-19yrs  
44.6%

20-85+  
44.1%



## Burra Community Library

01/7/2020- 30/6/2021



A member of  
Public Libraries SA



Free Library sessions: 84

Childrens: 47

Storytime, NSS, PRC, Early Learning Centre Visits,  
Book Fairs/Clubs, Book Week, Splash Theatre Co.

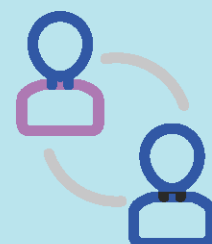
Adults: 37

Knitting, meet.swap.grow,  
meet.create.share, author visits.

Participants:

Children 1139

Adults 202



Staffing 1.51 (full time equivalent)

## Items borrowed from us:

Books	11186	Kobo eReaders	33
DVDs	1981	Student Texts	466
Audiobooks	100	Teacher Resources	652
CDs	71	Other Equipment	50
Magazines	57	Used in Library	2115
Digital Loans	2420		

## Free access in the library

- 2 PCs with internet & Office
- WiFi Internet/printing
- Printing, copying, faxing & scanning
- Laminating
- Outreach service
- Local history research

Burra Items borrowed  
18405



Inter library loan holds  
placed by Burra members  
2010

## GOYDER YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Goyder Youth Advisory Committee is a volunteer committee for young people aged 12 to 25 years who are passionate about their community and live, work, study or volunteer in the Regional Council of Goyder. The YAC meets bimonthly and connect via zoom from the Burra Council Office and the Eudunda Youth Room. The YAC assist Council to develop and run youth events and programs, and advise Council on current issues affecting youth.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions the Goyder YAC were unable to meet in the last half of 2020 and we had to cancel our planned Battle of the Bands. However we reconnected in December to come together at the Burra Bowling Club to meet, catch up and the celebrate Christmas. Burra Bowling Club engaged YAC members in some fun bowling activities and provided a delicious dinner for us to enjoy. YAC is hoping to work with the Burra Bowling Club in 2022 to look at ways to further engage young people in the club as they had such a great time.





## YOUTH INTO VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Goyder YAC along with Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and Wakefield Regional Council collaborated through their Regional Local Government Association the Legatus Group and Adelaide University to deliver stage 1 of a Youth into Volunteering Project.

This project was identified by a 2018 Yorke and Mid North regional leadership program and through linkages the Legatus Group have been making with Volunteering SA&NT, SAFECOM, Department of Human Services, Commissioner for Children and Young People and local service and community groups this project is now linked to the Volunteering Strategy for SA to:

- Strengthen and promote volunteering among young South Australians as a pathway to job ready skills, employment, and lifelong learning, wellbeing and development.
- Enhance regional communities through volunteering.

Goyder YAC members provided valuable feedback to the research project which looked at a proactive approach to building a culture for encouraging youth into volunteering.

Goyder YAC members Joseph Maguire, Emily Lines, Georgie Lines and Jake Alker, as well as local Eudunda volunteer Samuel Doering were involved in the development of a short film about volunteering in Goyder. YAC members worked with Stu Nankivell from Blue Goanna Digital. They provided great insight into what they enjoyed about volunteering in their local community and why young people should give it a go.



*Youth Volunteering Project  
L-R Georgie Lines, Emily Lines, Joseph Maguire,  
Stu Nankivell*



## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We were sad to farewell a number of YAC members who left us at the start of 2021 due to moving towns or continuing their education in Adelaide.

We thank Emily Lines, Georgie Lines, Alice Tiver, George Peart, Nevie Peart, and Anton Thompson for all their contribution to YAC over the years. These young people have demonstrated strong leadership within YAC and should be extremely proud of their support to the local community. We will miss you but know that we will see you at our events in the future.

However we are very excited to welcome new members from both the towns and surrounding areas of Burra and Eudunda this year. We are particularly excited to have so many Eudunda members now as a result of Cr Debbie Hibbert working collaboratively Eudunda Area School to undertake a membership drive. We look forward to achieving some great outcomes for youth in the Goyder region with such a healthy YAC membership!







# BURRA SKATEPARK GRAND OPENING

FREE SKATING WORKSHOPS  
BEST TRICK GIVEAWAYS  
BBQ LUNCH  
YOUTH MARKETS AND ACTIVITIES  
ALL AGES WELCOME!

**SUNDAY MAY 30TH**  
**11:30AM - 4PM**  
**MARKET STREET, BURRA**

BYO CHAIRS, SCOOTERS & HELMETS

For more information and to register for workshops online go to [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au)

## BURRA SKATE PARK OPENING & DEVELOPMENT

The Goyder YAC has identified that creating spaces and events for young people in the Goyder region to support young people to feel a sense of belonging and inclusion within their towns is a high priority for the committee. As a result YAC has been involved with the Burra Skate Park project from the very start- from the first community consultation and concept development and right through to the designing of the new sign and the management of the opening event. The upgrade to the skate park in Burra has been over 10 years in the making and has been driven by the local YAC committee, school and community. Through an extensive community consultation with young people in 2018 (especially local skate board and scooter riders) and a successful Open Space grant application from the State Government in 2019, the dream of the Burra Skate Park has become a reality.

We believe that the Burra Regional Skate Park, which through the world class expertise design by Grind Projects, will provide a space for young people to come together to skate, ride, hang out and connect with others. The skate park had been closed for the last 18 months for the development, due to delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, so we knew that there was going to be a great turn out on the day with young people who couldn't wait to trial the park...and we were right!

The opening event held on Sunday May 30th 2021 was a huge success with children, young people and their families, as well as the broader community coming along from all over SA to enjoy the day. Special Guest You-Tube scooter riders Jeremy and Kai opened the event, with YMCA Skate Park League providing free skate board lessons. The Burra School cooked up a storm at the BBQ and Cake stand, whilst youth stalls provided by YAC created a real festival feel. Those looking for an extra challenge also had the opportunity to climb the huge rock wall which was very popular throughout the day.

It was a rewarding day for all Goyder YAC members who have been involved in this project from its inception. A great example of what young people in regional areas can achieve!







*Burra Skate Park Opening  
L-R Matt Catchlove, Cr. Debbie Hibbert,  
Catherine Mooney, Christopher Eckermann  
(hidden), CEO David J. Stevenson*











## Objective 9

Continue to support recreation and sporting clubs through equitable access to funding and relevant assistance



*Eudunda Centenary Gardens Community Project  
Community Development Manager Barb Button  
Deputy Mayor John Neal*



## WARD FUNDING PROGRAM

To facilitate community benefit within the Goyder region, Council will provide Ward Project Funds (in the form of grants and loans) to support a broad range of social and cultural activities, programmes and services on a bi-annual basis. The funding program also supports the conservation and upkeep of infrastructure that is integral to and necessary for the conduct of activities that Council considers beneficial for the community of the Goyder region.

<b>BURRA</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>SPORTS &amp; RECREATION</b>
Burra Sports Hub Committee- Burra Sports Complex Feasibility Study	\$8,801	
Farrell Flat Community Management Committee- Ride on Mower	\$4,100	
Farrell Flat Community Management Committee- Viewing Platform for silo viewing	\$7,000	
Burra Community Sports Club- New canteen fridge		\$1,500
Burra Men's Shed- Metal Lathe	\$3,700	
Burra RSL Sub Branch- Restoration and conservation of RSL picture, artefacts and certificates		\$5,055
Burra & Districts Dog Obedience Club Inc- Gazebo		\$1,100
Burra Basketball Association- Electronic scoreboard		\$4,000
Burra Regional Art Gallery- Artist camp and residency		\$1,755
Burra Cricket Club- New pitch matting		\$1,250
Burra Bowling Club- Freestanding Oven		\$2,000
Burra Creek Gardeners- Formal garden along Burra creek	\$500	
Burra Community Development Program- purchase of a projector	\$3,000	
Burra Community Development Program- Cinema Project	\$6,300	
Burra Regional Art Gallery- Upgrade security system	\$700	
Burra History Group- Digitisation course		\$3,450
Farrell Flat Management Committee- Duncan Park Toilets		\$2,500
Burra Skate Park	29,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,101</b>	<b>\$22,610</b>

<b>ROBERTSTOWN</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>SPORTS &amp; RECREATION</b>
Point Pass District Hall and Park Inc- Hot water to shower	\$1,950	
Robertstown & Districts Community Management Committee- Historical Mural	\$5,000	
Robertstown Bowling Club- Laser level bowling green, replace timber plinth and wiring	\$2,000	
Robertstown & Districts community Management Committee- 150 <sup>th</sup> celebration event	\$8,500	
Robertstown & Districts community Management Committee- Prize money for towns best garden and property competition		\$300
Point Pass Hall and Park Inc- Fencing at Point Pass Oval	\$2000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,450</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>HALLETT</b>		
Burra Community Development Program- Cinema Project	\$700	
Burra Community Sports Club- New canteen fridge		\$1,500
Terowie Citizens Association- Installation of General Store verandah	\$4,540	
Burra Sports Hub Committee- Burra Sports Complex Feasibility Study	\$5,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,240</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>EUDUNDA</b>		
Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery- Digital meeting platform	\$3,161	
Eudunda Playgroup- Nature Play	\$5,000	
Eudunda Playgroup- upgrade of play space	\$2,500	
Eudunda/Kapunda Health Advisory Council- Restore outside area at the day care centre	\$2,100	
Eudunda Hall- Kitchen	\$7,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,761</b>	<b>-</b>

## DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION

Council was very pleased to receive funding from the Commonwealth Government Drought Communities Programme- Extension 2020. This grant saw one million dollars committed to support the development of long standing community projects across the Goyder region that created employment, economic stimulus within our local businesses as well as opportunities to build the resilience of our communities.

The successful submission included many projects and events that have been proposed by local community groups within the Council's "Goyder Master Plan".

The majority of the projects are now complete with a variation completed on 2/6/21 to extend grant completion date for three projects until to 31 March 2022, as offered by Department of Industries, as a result of delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

#### Farrell Flat

Art trail development in Farrell Flat that will complement the work undertaken at Duncan Park last year.

#### Burra

Bike and Walk Trail Extension in Burra to ensure the connection between North and South Burra and provide further recreational options to the broader community.

Upgrades to the Council owned Burra Town Hall including the Burra Town Hall Cinema (not for profit cinema run by youth within Burra) projection system and the digital preservation of historical archives that will lead to an enhanced tourist experience.

#### Goyder

Community Events program involving 6 community events that will support social cohesion and wellbeing within the community across the Goyder region.

The engagement of youth through workshops that build capacity and skills to support community resilience across the region which will be implemented through the Goyder Education Foundation Inc.

#### Eudunda

Eudunda town precinct development including car parking and landscaping to support the new community driven silo art project.

#### Hallett

Tennis Court lights to be installed at the Hallett Community Hub.

#### Mt Bryan

Development of community and tourist viewing area on Council land for safer and more inclusive access to the iconic "Midnight Oil House"



## **NATIONAL HERITAGE & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **B**ooborowie

Upgrade of the kitchen and irrigation at the Booborowie Community Recreation ground precinct.

### **B**urra

The restoration and readaptation of the Unicorn Brewery Cellars in Burra for ongoing use by community and tourists to the region including salt damp repairs.

The installation of a replacement canopy which will be built over a train carriage based at the historical Burra Railway Station to ensure its protection and also historical relevance to the town

Remediation, conservation and preservation works to the Burra Mine Site as identified as a high priority recommendation in the 2019 Conservation Management Plan Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra

### **E**udunda

Extension of the Eudunda Council-owned but Community-run (not for profit) Caravan Park including the development of a camping kitchen/shelter.

Upgrade of the electrics switch board at the Eudunda Show Hall to support catering of larger community events.

### **R**obertstown

Upgrade of the public conveniences and waste system at the new Robertstown courts precinct to support the increase of numbers involved with the sporting clubs at the site.

## **WATER SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **B**urra

Burra Community Golf Club Water security project which will see a new water tank installed, solar panels and power to the bore at the Council owned recreational space to ensure the ongoing management of the golf green

The development of a Burra Show grounds fire management system including installation of fire tanks and trenching for hose reels on the site.

The installation of emergency lighting at the Burra Sports Oval which will ensure the safety of landings by medical helicopters and also support the night games and practice by the Burra sport clubs that access the recreational ground.

### **T**erowie

Works on the Terowie "Roadhouse road" (Council Reserve Road) which will ensure the safe use and access of the road by local farmers and suppliers to the region



## AGL HALLETT WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Since 2016, the Regional Council of Goyder has administered the AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community fund in partnership with AGL which also includes Council representatives being part of the assessment Panel.

In 2020/21 financial year, AGL invested more than \$100k across the footprint of the Hallett wind farm including local community projects submitted through the 2020/21 AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Funding period and other special projects such as the Rally of the Heartland and support for the new Nature Play facility adjacent to the new Burra Skate Park.

Recipients from the AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund who received funding for community projects for 2020/21 were:

- Terowie Citizens Association- Terowie Curious Art Accident- promotion and prize money for event
- Uniting Church of Robertstown- Office equipment including a laptop for a financial counsellor to be based in Eudunda
- Burra & Districts Dog Club- Replacement of a fridge/freezer, to repair and repaint shade structures and to purchase safety equipment
- Robertstown Bowling Club- Toilet refurbishment of toilets to ensure disabled access
- Animal Rescue and Care- Purchase of foldable cages for temporary animal accommodation in an emergency
- Burra and Districts Open Gardens- Accommodation costs, website updates, musicians and postage/stationary for the 2020 Burra Open Gardens event
- Southern Saints Football Club- Installation of a 19.61kw solar system on club rooms
- Eudunda Playgroup - Upgrading of the outdoor learning space at the centre for playgroup
- Burra Quilters- Wadding and Backing fabric for creation of charity quilts
- Burra Inter Church Council - Annual 2020 Christmas carols in Burra
- Burra CMC - friends of the Burra Railway- Laying of industrial vinyl in train carriage that is being fitted out by the community
- Burra Community School - Upgrade to school canteen to become safety compliant
- Robertstown CMC - Publishing of a book to record the history of Robertstown for 150 years celebration

Each year AGL hosts a presentation morning tea in Burra for AGL representatives Catherine Mooney, Sonia Oke and Joanne Mercer to meet with successful community groups and to further hear about the funded projects and the outcomes that community groups aim to achieve through the funding. The 2020 presentations were held in the Burra Council Office on the 14th October 2020.





## EUDUNDA BOWLING CLUB

The Eudunda Bowling Club were successful in gaining \$190,000 from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Infrastructure Grant Program in April 2021. This grant along with loans and club money will upgrade the greens to synthetic pitches. This will give the club year round use of the club and assist with reducing the costs to water and volunteer labour. The club planned years ahead to be 'Grant Ready' and 'Funding Ready' and then presented to Council to seek financial support for the project.

Working with Club Committees to have the necessary planning and finances to complete projects is vital to maintain and improve facilities across the Goyder Region. If your club and sport requires a new and large facility project in the near future, get in touch with Council as soon as possible to discuss your project.



## BURRA SPORTS HUB

The Burra Sports Hub Steering Committee is now waiting on the consultancy firm Swanbury Penglase to provide the master plan for the sporting community hub complex. To date, there has been a round of community consultation meetings to draw out the thoughts of the involved club. Furthermore, The Burra Sports Hub Steering Committee held a community meeting in 2020 to ensure all community members had the opportunity to engage with the committee and provide feedback. This information was provided to the consultants and both council and the steering committee are looking forward to reviewing the plan and releasing the information across the Goyder Region. If you would like to discuss the Burra Sports Hub Complex project, please contact Council.



## Objective 10

Advocate to improve access to a high standard of education, health and community services for residents of all ages including the development of the 2018 Regional Health Plan.

### **COUNCILS & SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER**

Over the past 12 months Council has been working on developing stronger relationships with the Schools, Preschools and Early Learning Centres in the Goyder region.

Collaborative work has taken place through the delivery of information sessions to schools staff, attendance of Elected Members and Council staff at school events, supporting work experience placements at the Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre, support to specific sites with grant applications, lease negotiations with the Department of Education, and funding support through Council's Ward funding program.

Council values these strong relationships and the positive outcomes that are achieved from these partnerships for children, young people and their families in the Goyder Region.

### **BOOBOROWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NGADJURI CULTURAL DAY**

Through Drought Communities Program Funding, Council funded Booborowie's Ngadjuri Cultural Day which was held on 17 May 2021.

Welcome Country and smoking ceremony was given by Ngadjuri Elder, Quenten Agius who had brought his grandchildren with him to be involved in the day. The school children and their families then participated in a number of activities to support their understanding and awareness of the Ngadjuri culture.

Invited by Anne Heinrich (Principal of Booborowie School) the day was attended by CEO David Stevenson, Cr Heidi Thompson, Cr Debbie Hibbert and Cr Peter Schiller, along with staff from Council's community team.

### **BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION**

On the 30th June 2021, Council presented an information session to Burra Community School staff which was held at the Paxton Function Centre.

CEO David Stevenson discussed the Goyder Master Plan and explained how community and educational projects that the school determine a priority can be included within the Master Plan.

Marie O'Dea (Tourism and Events Officer) provide a summary of tourism in the Goyder region and opportunities for engagement by young people in this field. Whilst Hannah Dale (Tourism Information Officer) spoke about the mining history of Burra which included a visit to the Unicorn Brewery Cellars with the aim to look at ways that we can further build local history knowledge in our community. Human Resources & Payroll Officer spoke about the services that Council provided and work experience opportunities for students

We thank Principal Alicia Huddle and Assistant Principal Morgan Randall for enthusiasm and time taken in working collaboratively with Council for the benefit of their school community.





# HEALTH & WELLBEING

## Food Safety Courses

There were no food safety courses run this reporting period due to the stringent rules regarding COVID-19 and social distancing. It is hoped that a few courses will be run in the 2021/2022 reporting period.

During the reporting period the Environmental Health Officer had noted that there were several food businesses that had improved their food safety handling practices and some that had not improved the level of food safety in their premises. This was evident by those food businesses that ensured their staff were completing the SA Health endorsed online program called Do Food Safely. Conversely there were several food premises that had to be served written warnings and Food Improvement Notices for failing to comply with food safety standards.

## Food Business Opening and Closing

During the reporting period there were some 5 new food businesses open throughout the Goyder Region. They consisted of a hotel reopening, a roadhouse reopening, a takeaway store reopening, one new cafe and a mobile food van operator. At the same reporting period there were four food premises that ceased to operate or were no longer serving food which included a restaurant, a café, a general store, and hotel.

## COVID-19 Report

The impact of the COVID-19 Inspection Program in the previous reporting period had an impact on this reporting period's Food Safety Inspection Program. The number of food premises requiring new routine inspections was much greater than usual due to having to catch up on inspections not undertaken during the previous reporting period. That impact is still being felt in the current 2021/2022 reporting period.

## General Report

The Environmental Health Officer balanced his time between (6) wastewater complaints, (24) wastewater assessments and wastewater approvals, (3) public health complaint investigations, registering and auditing (10) high risk manufactured water systems and (4) routine swimming pool inspections. There was also reporting requirements pursuant to the Public Health Act and Food Act report and attending meetings on behalf of Council as a participant in the review of the Food Act Memorandum of Understanding between State and Local Government.

## Inspections Undertaken

During the reporting period the following inspections were undertaken:

43 x routine food premises inspections were undertaken with a further 13 repeat inspections from a total of 67 food premises

5 x preliminary food inspections were conducted from 5 new food business opening.

2 x squalor inspections, 1 squalor re-inspection, 3 vermin inspections from public health complaints

12 x wastewater inspections consisting of (5) preliminary inspections for wastewater proposals, (3) installation of systems and (4) complaints received regarding non-compliant wastewater systems.

4 x swimming pools inspected.

15 x bed and breakfast inspections were conducted from 20 bed and breakfasts within the Goyder Region

## Written Warnings

2 x food written warnings issued.

## Public Health Notices

2 x public health notices issued

4 x wastewater notices issued

## Food Improvement Notices

2 x food Improvement notices issued

## Food & Public Health Related Complaints

4 x food related complaints received (3) being justified and action taken to resolve

9 x public health complaints received



*Rain please by Julie Mathews*





## Objective 11

Active development of arts and cultural activities and community events and maintaining those initiatives



*Walking to Murray  
Bridge by Trevor  
Mathews*





## ART & TOURISM COMBINED

Arts and Tourism combined to create a new Public Art opportunity within the Burra Information Centre. Wall space is available to showcase artists on a 3 monthly rotation. The first featured artist was local legend Mr Len Bence. A partnership with the Burra Regional Art Gallery allows Goyder Council specific access to their permanent collection and also exhibiting artists who may like to participate. Sue Michaels is the second artist, and has strong family ties with Eudunda

## CAPTURING GOYDER THROUGH A LOCAL LENS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Regional Council of Goyder has held the fourth successful year of the community photography competition "Capturing Goyder through a Local's Lens" to assist in the creation of the 2021/22 Community Calendar. The competition encouraged local residents to submit images that capture the essence of living, or visiting, the Goyder region. Whilst in the middle of COVID-19 pandemic, the Goyder community got really behind the competition, using the extra time they may have had to explore their own towns or surrounding areas to take spectacular photos. This resulted in an overwhelming number of entries being submitted into the competition showcasing all that the Goyder region has to offer. Thank you to all our community judges for their enthusiastic involvement within the competition. The quality and diversity of the entries made it a very difficult process for all the judges in determining the thirteen photos to be included in the calendar. Winners of the competition received vouchers from a local Goyder business of their choice to support Council's Buy Local campaign.



Citizen of the Year representative Bev Fleming (Burra Ward) joined Cr Debbie Hibbert in the hard task of choosing 13 photos that would create the 2021/22 Community Calendar. Thank you to our judges providing their time and being so enthusiastic in their role to produce a stunning Goyder wide calendar

## AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year the Goyder region celebrates Australia Day with community breakfasts held in each of the four Council Wards. In 2021 these events were held in Eudunda, Robertstown, Burra and Terowie.

Council would like to thank Eudunda and Community Business and Tourism Association, Burra Cricket Club, Robertstown Community Management committee and Terowie Citizens Association for organising this year's events, especially in their efforts in ensuring that all their events were COVID-19 Safe for the community.

At the events, the Australia Day Awards are presented by the Mayor and Councillors to community members that have been nominated by their local community for the significant impact they have made to their towns. Council would like to congratulate those recipients within the categories of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year for their ongoing contributions to the Goyder community.



### BURRA WARD

Citizen of the Year *Beverley Fleming*

Community Achievement Award

*Erin Cousins*

Community Achievement Award

*Student Representative Council Burra*

*Community School Mixed Social*

*Netball Competition*







## ROBERTSTOWN WARD

Citizen of the Year *Adrian Schmidt*  
 Community Event of the Year  
 Robertstown Bowling Club "Kick the Drought in the Bowls" Event  
 Community Achievement Award  
*Patricia Schmidt*  
 Community Achievement Award  
*Stephen Schulz*  
 Community Achievement Award  
*Cheryl Lehmann*

**EUDUNDA WARD**  
 Citizen of the Year  
*Annie Wilson*  
 Community Event of the Year 2019  
*Eudunda Christmas Street Party*



**HALLETT WARD**  
 Citizen of the Year  
*Doreen Hughes*



## Objective 12

Assist community organisations to obtain the information they need to manage and support their volunteers

**Burra RSL Sub Branch 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation with Branch Members and Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan (back row, 5<sup>th</sup> from right), CEO David J. Stevenson (back row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Cr. Heidi Thompson (front row 1<sup>st</sup> on left)**





## TOURISM AMBASSADORS

From the 28th April until the 30th June the visitor centre hosted two tourism work experience students from Burra Community School. This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the region, and potential tourism career paths, with the ultimate goal of them becoming tourism ambassadors. Their tasks included:

- Assisting staff with providing a positive, timely and informative environment ensuring visitors leave well informed
- Promoting the Goyder Goodness experience
- Promoting the Burra Heritage Passport sales, tours and merchandise
- Assisting staff with daily tasks including; presentation for the centre, restocking shelves and brochures, collecting statistics and updating notice boards.

Staff have encouraged the Burra Community School to advice of other students who may be interested in the tourism industry to complete a work placement.



## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering plays a valuable role in sustaining healthy, resilient communities and contributes significantly to the quality and vibrancy of our society.

It was pleasing to welcome back volunteers into the visitor centre, following the COVID-19 pandemic. Our newest volunteer kindly provides 30 hours per fortnight. This has been extremely valuable assistance, particularly during peak times and when local events are on. Image below Sue with volunteer Carol.

## GOYDER HUB ONLINE

The Goyder Hub Online was created in response to Council's focus and importance placed on the communities' health and wellbeing and the principles of 'Ageing Well' in our towns. The website is a wonderful tool for all residents in the Goyder Region to be connected and to use and to promote their club, groups and association's activities. The website most importantly focusses on bringing the community together by assisting the community to promote their:

- Activities and programs
- Volunteering opportunities
- Event opportunities
- Social occasions and opportunities to connect

Volunteers Valued is a key focus for the STARCLUB program. The Goyder Region heavily relies on volunteers from the community to operate, maintain and support all of the groups and sporting clubs in the region. Because of the importance of volunteers to our activities, Council can assist the community to plan and prepare 'volunteer management strategies' to help keep sport and recreation activities supported and growing.



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### Volunteer SA/NT Strategic Direction 2021-2027

We need to support volunteer involving organisations as they look at new ways to promote volunteering, find new ways to engage and support volunteers, and create more diverse workplaces, to make sure the volunteering sector will be well prepared for the future. Over recent years, shifts in economic, social, environmental and cultural drivers have been contributing factors to a decline in volunteering.

### Australian Sports Foundation- Impact of COVID-19 on Community Sport

The Australian Sports Foundation survey sporting clubs across the nation to highlight the present and future problems that will affect sport and sport and volunteer participation into the future on the unfolding crisis among community clubs and to use data collected to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that community sport can survive and thrive into the future.

### Decline in participation- (membership & volunteers)

**Members** - Nearly 70% of Small Local Clubs and 56% of Large Local Clubs are forecasting a reduction in the number of members due to loss of interest caused by the period of COVID-19 lockdowns / inactivity.

**Volunteers** - The projected decline in volunteers is particularly concerning when set against the fact that 42% of Small Local Clubs and 34% of Large Local Clubs say they will require additional support from volunteers to cope with additional hygiene measures and reporting, and practicalities such as staggered training.



## ASSISTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

To assist the community sporting clubs, groups and associations, numerous meetings, training workshops and committee planning sessions are offered to assist committees to increase and strengthen their organisation through committee and volunteer training and development. Well trained and informed committees have the skills to make governance and 'business like' decisions that will ensure their activities are well managed, financially sound, volunteer rich and member strong. Some of the sessions offered were:

- Unlocking The Power Of Strategic Planning At Your Club
- Grants And Fundraising In A COVID-19 Environment
- Attracting And Retaining Volunteers At Your Club
- What Can Go Wrong???? How To Make Sure Things Don't Go Wrong At Your Club.
- Making Sure We Always Have Enough Players And Participants
- Cyber security



## BURRA RSL

Council not only shares the Burra Council Chambers with the RSL Burra Sub Branch but also works collaboratively with RSL members to support commemorative activities.

Over the past year, Council has assisted the RSL with Remembrance Day 2020 and ANZAC Day 2021 Services held in Market Square through the formatting and printing of the service program, road closures and support on the day to ensure that both events were COVID-19 safe.

The Burra RSL was also successful in receiving funds through Council's Ward Funding Program to conserve and protect many old photos and displays which now hang proudly in the Burra Council Chambers for viewing.

A special service was also held on the 31st of October by the RSL to commemorate the Battle of Beersheeba. To honour the charge of the Light Horse Brigade and Burra's Light Horsemen, the Barossa Light Horse Association joined Burra RSL and Burra Pony Club in Market Square for a moving service.





## Objective 13

Identify the needs of our aging population to support active participation within the community and healthy lifestyles

### *Suicide Prevention Network Meeting*

*Back row: CEO David J. Stevenson, Karen McColl, Deputy Mayor John Neal, Justyna Rosa, Tanya Mallins (Wellbeing SA)*

*Front row: Community Development Manager Barb Button, Cr. Peter Schiller, Cr. Debbie Hibbert*





## SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK

Mental Health support and Suicide Prevention is a health priority for Council, as indicated in the new "Healthy and Connected Communities" Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for Council.

In 2018, CEO David J. Stevenson and Community Development Manager Barb Button met with a number of representatives in the Mid North region including Clare & Gilbert Valley Council, Country and Outback Heath, Office for the Chief Psychiatrist and Country SA Primary Health Network to discuss the very important subject of suicide prevention. The purpose of the meeting was to look at ways that Council can provide an enabling environment that supports the coordination of improved services and networks for community around mental health and suicide prevention across the region.

At this meeting we identified that Mental Health issues were being exacerbated by drought and how this had stimulated the conversation as to how Council can move forward to provide proactive and responsive support to the community and agencies/organisations/groups.

One of the actions from this initial meeting was to look at ways that council could facilitate the development of a community driven suicide prevention network in the Goyder region. Since then, it is impossible for us to ignore the recent cumulative impacts from experiencing consecutive drought years for many communities within our region, and the impacts of COVID-19 over the past two years and into the future.

The Regional Council of Goyder Elected Members and staff met with Wellbeing SA in February 2021 to support the development of community lead suicide prevention networks in the Goyder region. Wellbeing SA, in partnership with Council, will be delivering two community information sessions in Eudunda (18th October 2021) and Burra (19th October 2021).

## ACTIVE RECREATION PROGRAMS

There is a new focus for sporting clubs and the broader community to work with Council to bring about active recreation programs that will help to increase activity levels. Through funding programs and state implementation of participation strategies for sport, it is hoped that non-competitive exercise and active recreation for all ages will increase across Goyder. Catering to other sectors of the community currently not represented in sport will also increase the number of people participating in active recreation in the community.

Council, STARCLUB, NDIS-Baptcare and Play Partners presented to the North Eastern Football League Committee (NEFL) to gather support and resources to assist with the running of a 4 week SANFL Inclusive football program for 12-16yrs children. It was the first inclusive sport program to be run in the Mid North.

The program consisted of 3 weeks of skills training and the final week was an all-inclusive footy game between participants, family, friend's siblings and community football members, SANFL and SANFL players who came to the region to support the program, kids and footy!

With Councils undergoing Disability and Inclusion Plans and a Regional Health and Wellbeing strategy, participation in and access to Sport and Recreation activities is an important service provision for diverse, disabled and inclusive communities in the Mid North.

The community at large as well as sporting clubs can be supported with education and training for inclusive norms and practices in sport and recreation. The Mid North Access and Inclusive Sport & Recreation Network was formed to create a regional voice for Inclusion and Diversity in sport and recreation in the Mid North.



## GOYDER ONLINE HUB

Creating connections and bringing people together is the aim of Regional Council of Goyder through the development of the Goyder Online Hub. With funding from an Age Friendly SA Grant via SA Health, Council is in the final stages of development of an online community hub.

Council was successful in gaining funding in 2020 as a result of an idea coming from meetings held with community groups in Burra during 2019. Through the funding, council engaged a project officer, Deb Selway, to conduct meetings and deliver the outcome - a community website.

It's a project aimed at creating a network and a tool to grow awareness of opportunities and the sustainability of volunteering in community groups that provide opportunities for people over 50 within the Goyder region.

It will improve options about how to participate, be active and contribute to their community in a way that suits them. The hub gives older residents a one-stop-shop to find where they can help or be involved in their community - it's a website for community information exchange.

It's a way for people to get connected and feel involved in the towns they live in by assisting people, groups, businesses and clubs within its communities to connect.

This hub will foster a spirit of sharing and allow people to easily find a group they're keen to get involved with - it might be a local chess group, a sporting body or just a book club.

It's getting the community to care for itself and each other and create spaces in towns where everyone feels welcome. Firstly named Burra Aged Friendly Towns, said the name had morphed to the GIFT; Goyder Inclusive Friendly Towns, to highlight the inclusivity of the project.

The Goyder Online Hub will soon be available for all to access with the launch of the website planned for September 2021.

With connection comes engagement and communities within the Regional Council of Goyder will be able to use this hub to make their towns better places.



*Goyder Online Hub Launch  
L-R Project Officer Deb Selway, Arts & Culture  
Cultural Facilitator Ali Eckermann*





## ARTS GRANT FUNDING FORUM

Upon the invitation from our Arts & Cultural Facilitator Country Arts SA presented an Arts Grants funding forum in the Bible Chapel at the Paxton Precinct. Over a dozen individuals and groups attended during the day to present ideas and learn FAQ submission guide lines. Two of the attendees were successful with their funding applications and the money invested back into projects within the Goyder region.



## VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The first Volunteer Luncheon was held at the Eudunda Centenary Gardens. Arts & Cultural Facilitator Ali Eckermann proposed the idea and cooked her Aunty Helgas secret chicken soup recipe to cater with rolls from the local bakery. Cr Hibbert joined the twelve volunteers to introduce Ali discuss and discuss any local issues. Team leader Pam Dutschke led a tour of the gardens highlighting the rewards after years of effort. Rhonda and Jim Dunstan added to the story. The weather was kind and it certainly is a beautiful garden.









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# Economic Resilience

*We'll climb anything  
by the Burra Early  
Learning Centre*





*A strong economy that supports job growth,  
opportunities for young people and business  
development for a diverse community*

2,012

BURRA & GOYDER VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE  
FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

263.7%

INCREASE IN BURRA &  
GOYDER VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE  
FACEBOOK PAGE REACH

## BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

27

RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPMENTS

20

COMMERCIAL  
DEVELOPMENTS

6

INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENTS

5

PUBLIC & INSTITUTIONAL  
DEVELOPMENTS



BURRA & GOYDER VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE  
LARGEST POST REACH &  
ENGAGEMENT

20 March 2021

"Have you considered Goyder as your  
camping destination?!"

19,870 reached, 992 clicked



BURRA & GOYDER VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE  
PASSPORT SALES

\$209,963

12,337



NIGHTS IN COUNCIL OWNED  
ACCOMMODATION

720



INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS



# Metrics

- Number, value and nature of development and building approvals
- Number of visitor nights in Council owned tourism accommodation
- Number and value of passport sales
- Number of new businesses and services
- School enrolments

## Objective 14

Facilitate the provision of essential infrastructure to support economic development in partnership with the private sector and other spheres of government where applicable

## Objective 15

Advocate for improved broadband access and mobile phone coverage to assist small businesses, farming enterprises and residents to access economic opportunities

## Objective 16

Committed to growing visitation to the Goyder region and increasing overnight stays by developing quality visitor experiences

## Objective 17

Operate the Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre as the principal tourism destination to promote tourism experiences in Goyder

## Objective 18

Continue to maintain existing Council owned tourism accommodation, conference facilities and regularly review management arrangements to maximise community benefit

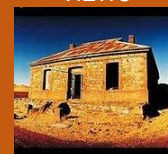
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MINOR EVENT PERMITS  
ISSUED & 5 MAJOR EVENT  
PERMITS

13,916

VIEWS



WWW.VISITBURRA.COM  
MOST POPULAR PAGE WAS  
ACCOMMODATION



## Objective 14

Facilitate the provision of essential infrastructure to support economic development in partnership with the private sector and other spheres of government where applicable



*Frost morning at Robertstown by  
Noah Innes*





## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN ADVERSE EVENTS

On Sunday 11th of October 2020, Mayor Peter Matthey (OAM), Cr Jane Kellock and Cr Bill Gebhardt met with the Coordinator- General the Hon. Shane Stone AC QC, Nico Padovan (Deputy CEO & COO at the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency), Kate Woodbridge (Executive Director, Drought) and Matt Humphrey (regional Recovery officer) and Ann Letcher (Regional Recovery Officer) at the Burra Council office.

At this meeting they spoke about the positive community outcomes from projects funded by Council through the Drought Communities Programme Extension from the Federal Government and the Elected Members provided an update on the impact of drought on our local farmers, businesses and communities and Australia Day Awards for Day in the Dust by Deputy Mayor John Neal.





## EASTERN DROUGHT COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Since its inception in 2019, Elected members Cr John Neal and Cr Jane Kellock along with Council's Community Development Manager have met regularly as part of an action group which includes local farmers, community members, agricultural business owners, State government representatives from PIRSA and Landscape SA, Drought Resilience Officer (Red Cross) and the National Drought recovery officer.

The members meet on a needs basis at the Robertstown Peace Hall and provide situation reports, provide organisation updates and discuss topics that are impacting local farming businesses and communities.

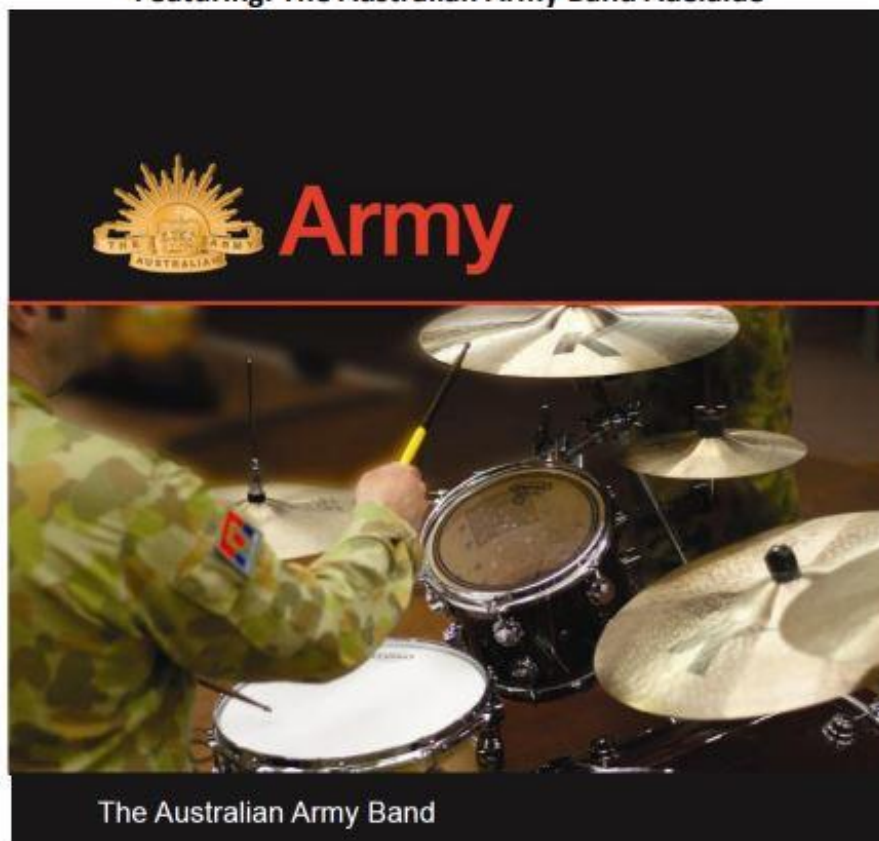
The Action group were the organising committee behind the very successful Day in the Dust event held at Robertstown in 2019 as a way to bring the community together during a difficult dry year. This event was the South Australian Community Event of the Year at the 2020 Australia Day State Awards. This year the group followed up the event with the return of the Australian Army Band - Adelaide for the "Thanks Mate" concert which was held on the 28th of March 2021. This was event was a way to bring the community back together and to say thank you to each other for supporting each other during these difficult times, which had been exasperated by the COVID-19 pandemic also. Whilst the band played, the audience were able to enjoy food cooked by local sporting social groups as well as speak with representatives from Red Cross and the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency. The Australian Army Band - Adelaide were also presented with copies of the Australia Day Awards for Day in the Dust by Deputy Mayor John Neal

# Thanks Mate!

A free community concert to thank all who have endured, helped and looked out for one another during the drought.

All welcome!

**Featuring: The Australian Army Band Adelaide**



Robertstown Oval

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 2.00 pm

Free entry and BBQ tea

BYO Chairs









## PARTNERING WITH AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS


In 2019, Australian Red Cross sought a partnership with the Regional Council of Goyder to deliver a pilot Community-Led Emergency Resilience Project. Unfortunately after the initial community meeting, which gained significant community interest, the project was unable to continue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result the funding made available to the Red Cross for the project in Burra also expired.

Australian Red Cross has since been successful in securing funding through National Australia Bank to further deliver 3-4 projects across South Australia. As a result they would like to re-establish the partnership with the Regional Council of Goyder to include the township of Burra as a participant community in the second round of the Community-Led Projects.

The project will fund the employment of a part time project officer to deliver the project outcomes including the development and implementation of a Community Led Emergency Resilience Action Plan, Tool-kit and the development of a network of communities.

The Red Cross seeks only in kind support through the partnership in relation to support to connect and build relationships with the community, support to promote the project and active participation by Council in the project and the development of the Action Plan.

This project will be funded until October 2022.



*Evening sky by June Edwards*





# Objective 16

Committed to growing visitation in the Goyder Region and increasing overnight stays by developing quality visitor experiences

## QUALITY VISITOR EXPERIENCES

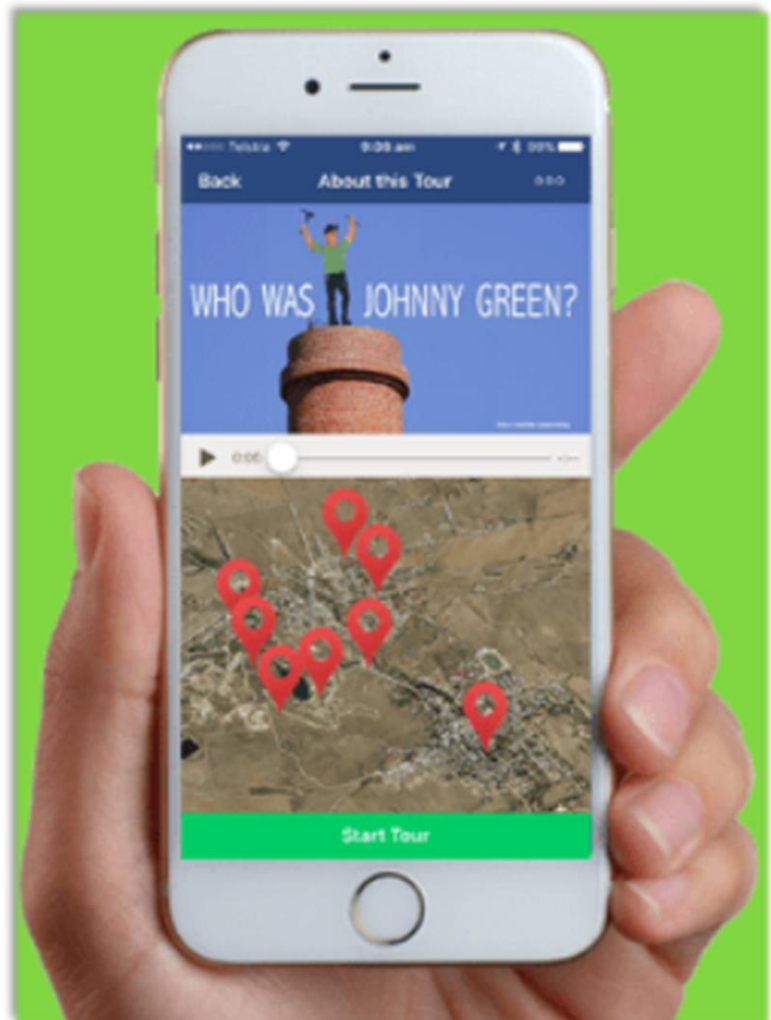
### Goyder Goodness Packs

The Goyder Goodness Packs continue to be an important promotional tool for the Region. The visitor centre has had many repeat visitors who have requested updated packs for the suggested itineraries. The packs are now available at the Hallett & Eudunda Visitor Information Outlets, Redcliffe Station, and the Eudunda Heritage Gallery.

### Who was Johnny Green App

Part science, part history, part open-air museum, "Who was Johnny Green?" is a new location-based mobile adventure to discover the national heritage of Burra, where Cornish mining technology, skills and culture were once demonstrated to a high degree. But there is also a mystery to solve as you play. Before you begin, download the 'Discover Goyder' app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play and either print the decoder map collect one from the Burra & Goyder Visitors Centre. Then walk, cycle or drive to take on challenges at the locations you visit to learn more about Burra's mining history and ultimately, to decode the clues you collect and solve the mystery of 'Who was Johnny Green?'

Special thanks to the Burra History Group and the Burra Community School for their special contributions in making this mobile adventure. Designed and developed by Mobile Adventures Australia.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

COVID-19 has had an impact on almost all aspects of life. Naturally, one of the worst affected by the pandemic was the events industry. 2020 saw the cancellation of many prominent festivals, sporting events, exhibitions and concerts in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. Council continues to provide valuable assistance and support to organisations who run community events. Compliance with COVID-19 requirements added an extra layer of considerations. A great range of events were held throughout the region including; Beersheba Remembrance Day Service, AGL Rally – Rally of the Heartland, Copyworld Walky 100 and the local markets in Burra and Eudunda continue to be popular. Unfortunately the following major events were cancelled due to COVID-19; Burra Show, Burra Picnic Races, Burra & the Burra, Eudunda & Terowie Christmas Pageants. Council will continue to work with the local committees with a view to re-activating these events in the future.







AGL Rally SA Rally of the Heartlands



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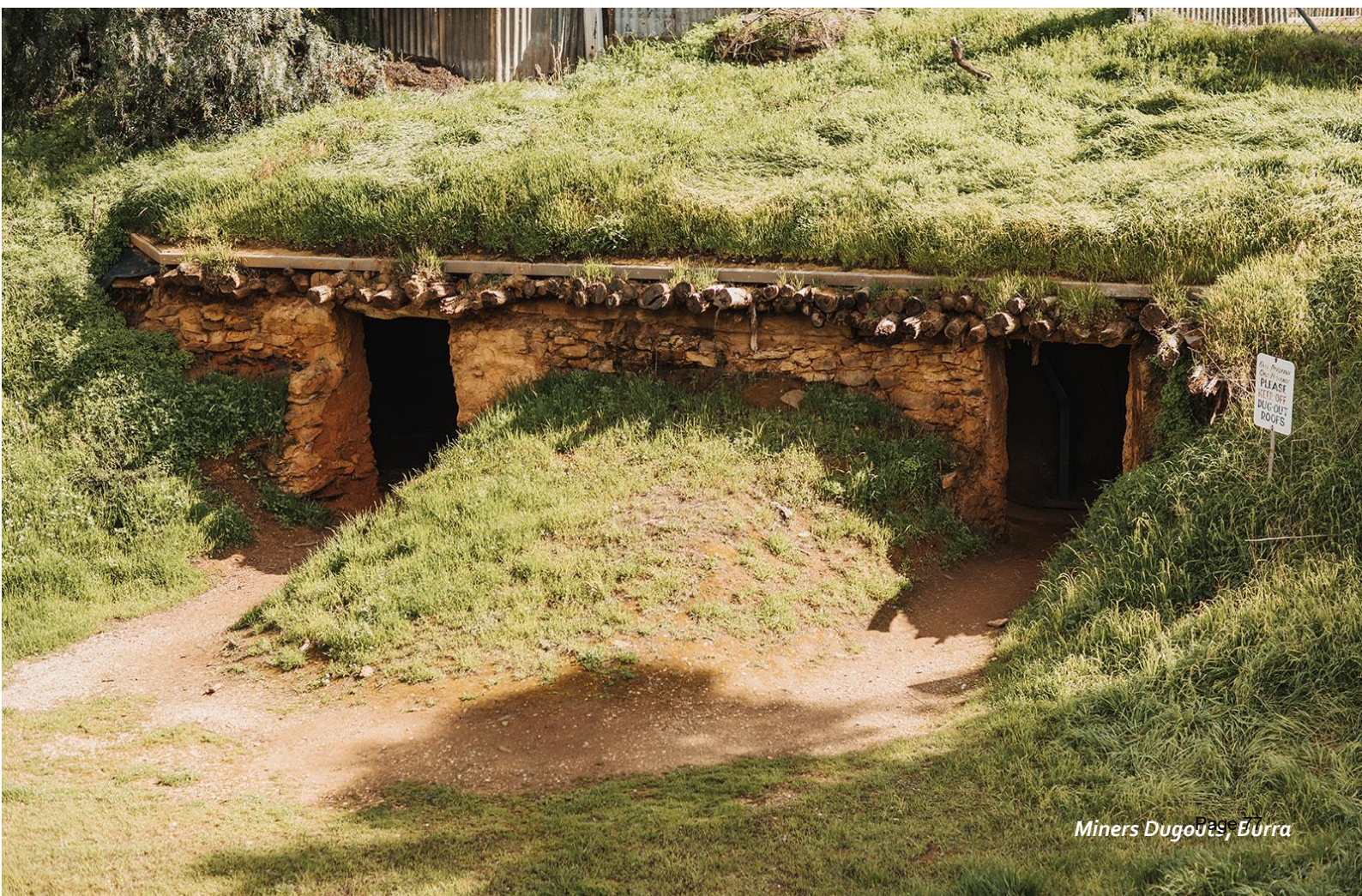






## Objective 17

Operate the Burra & Goyder Visitor Information centre as the principal tourism destination to promote tourism experiences in Goyder.







## BURRA & GOYDER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre received an internal upgrade with new display shelving and rearranging of the local produce and souvenirs. New souvenir offerings include; beanies, tote bags, tea towels, pens, bookmarks, and enamel cups. These have been well received and are popular with visitors. 'Meet a Goyder Hero' display has been introduced, which details history and information of important persons across the region including; George W Goyder, Colin Thiele, Sir Hubert Wilkins and General Douglas MacArthur.

In consultation with Ali Eckermann and the Burra Regional Art Gallery, it has been arranged to display a range of local artwork in the centre. This will be changed every three months.

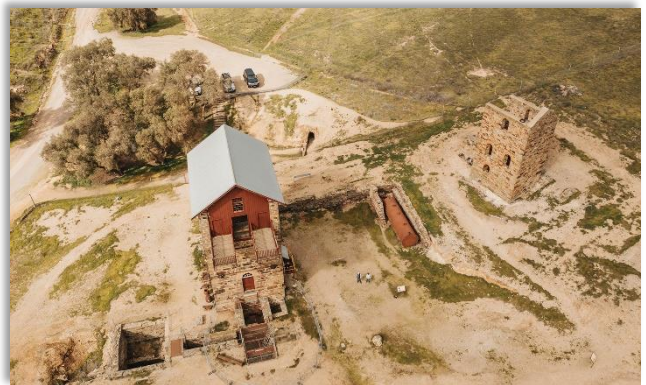


*Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre*



## BURRA HERITAGE PASSPORT

To assist with promotion of the Burra Heritage Trail, updated imagery was taken, new signage erected and a short film was developed – this can be viewed at [www.visitburra.com](http://www.visitburra.com)





# *The Burra Heritage Passport*

*Morphett's Engine House*



*Redruth Gaol*



*Unicorn Brewery Cellars*



*Burra Mine Site*



**Unlock the secrets of Burra's Heritage with the unique passport key.**

The Passport provides first-class access to the townships most intriguing sites. Purchase the key at the Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre, 2 Market Square, Burra.



## **SA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

The Clare Valley Tourism Region hosted the 2021 SA Visitor Information Centre Conference in May. With 68 delegates spending one day in Clare visiting Bungaree Station, Bukirk Glamping and Pikes Wines. During their day in Burra the main conference was held in the Burra Town Hall. Delegates were provided a tour of the following sites (and also had some free time to hit the shops!)

- Redruth Gaol
- Burra Railway Station
- Morphett's Engine House & Burra Mite Site
- Unicorn Brewery Cellars
- Paxton Square Cottages
- Gally's Meeting House

It was great to be able to promote the wonderful sites and activities through the region, and we encouraged all delegates to return to the region.





## CLARE VALLEY TOURISM ALLIANCE

Council staff continue to participate in the Clare Valley Tourism Alliance Meeting's This has been a great way to promote tourism and events with our neighbouring Councils, as well keeping up to date with current RDA initiatives, and networking with like-minded key tourism champions around the region.

The main focus of the alliance has been the reviewing the Clare Valley Destination Marketing + Management 2019 – 2024 which was adopted as the strategic direction for the tourism industry within our region. This included the formation of an implementation committee to drive the plan and achieve key outcomes.

The Clare Valley Destination Marketing + Management Plan 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Clare Valley Alliance as the strategic direction for the tourism industry within our region.

The Alliance is also undertaking a Clare Valley Tourism Governance review. At the time of consultation and development it was identified that the destination management and marketing framework for the Clare Valley Tourism Region is quite fragmented.

Through all implementation activities to attempt to grow the visitor economy for the Region, there was no collaborative strategy that the regional and local level organisations were working towards.

This finding presents significant challenges as it relates to effective and efficient use of stakeholder funds, unclear reporting mechanisms, siloed and random long term strategic planning efforts, lack of engagement and unification from industry, and lack of understanding of the value of tourism from the communities within the Region.

With this in mind, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North have begun a consultation process with both stakeholders and operators. These discussions cover but are not limited to:

- what needs to change
- if change needs to occur
- how tourism is currently being resourced within the region and where there are potential overlaps.
- what operators would like to see happen







## Objective 18

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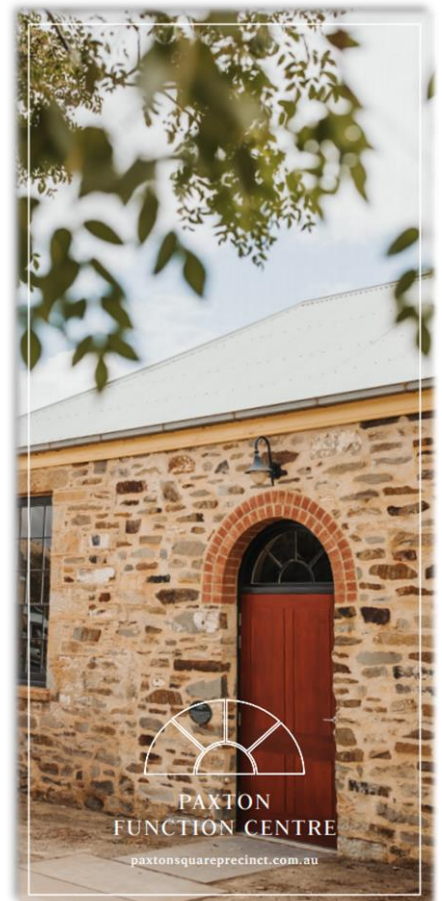
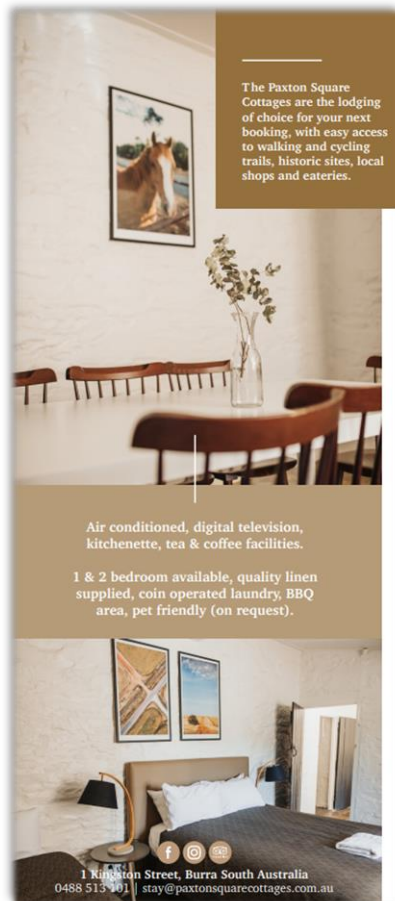
HOME PAXTON SQUARE COTTAGES PAXTON FUNCTION CENTRE BURRA CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK HISTORY WHAT'S ON?

The new website [www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au](http://www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au) is now live. The precinct is a collaboration of three sites: Paxton Square Cottages, Paxton Function Centre and the Burra Caravan & Camping Park. This included new logos for each site, providing them individual, but recognisable branding for each business. New social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram are also active.

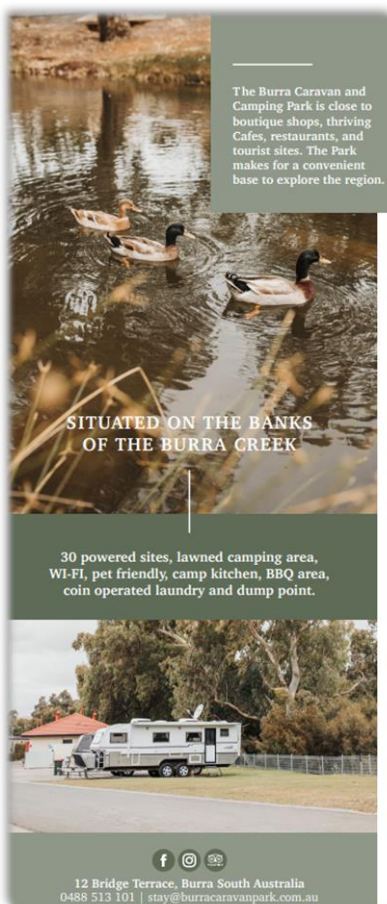


PAXTON SQUARE  
PRECINCT






New marketing material including brochures, business cards and banners have been developed and printed for the three businesses.








  
**PAXTON  
FUNCTION CENTRE**


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1 Kingston Street, Burra SA 5417  
  
 p. 0488 513 101  
 e. [enquire@paxtonfunctioncentre.com.au](mailto:enquire@paxtonfunctioncentre.com.au)  
[PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU](http://PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU)

  
**PAXTON SQUARE  
COTTAGES**

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1 Kingston Street, Burra SA 5417  
  
 p. 0488 513 101  
 e. [stay@paxtonsquarecottages.com.au](mailto:stay@paxtonsquarecottages.com.au)  
[PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU](http://PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU)

  
**Burra Caravan and  
Camping Park**

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12 Bridge Terrace, Burra SA 5417  
  
 p. 0488 513 101  
 e. [stay@burracaravanpark.com.au](mailto:stay@burracaravanpark.com.au)  
[PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU](http://PAXTONSQUAREPRECINCT.COM.AU)

## COMPENDIUMS

Compendiums were developed and placed in each cottage. This provides valuable visitor information including a map of the precinct, attractions including the Burra Heritage Passport, accommodation options across the region, camping and caravanning across the region, and places to eat



Inspiration Point, Robertstown

## Welcome to Paxton Square Cottages

### HERITAGE APARTMENTS IN THE HEARTLAND OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A very warm welcome to your own little piece of our Living Cultural Landscapes in the Goyder Region. The Paxton Square Cottages have been beautifully restored as contemporary Heritage Apartments. They were built starting in approximately 1848 by the mining company for rental by mining families, some of whom lived in the dugouts in Burra Creek. To learn more please feel free to peruse the Paxton Square Cottage Booklet in this Compendium. You are welcome to purchase this booklet from reception or the Visitor Information Centre in Market Square for a modest \$15.00 to take home as a memento of your stay here in the Nationally Significant Heritage Place of Burra.

#### INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

**RECEPTION HOURS: 7:30AM—8.30PM DAILY**

**P: 0488 513 101** (24 hour assistance service)

**Please note: A 10Km /per hour speed limit for Cottage Grounds for the safety of all guests. BBQ & Self Service Laundry Facilities are available**

**Laundry**

Washing Machine is **\$5.00** (takes \$1.00 coins)

Dryer is **\$1.00** for 10minutes (takes \$1.00 coins)

Change is Available at Reception

Televisions are **FREE TO AIR**

**Air-conditioning Instructions** are on page 3 of this Compendium for your convenience.

**WIFI** is available please see reception for password.

#### PHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY: 000**

**POLICE: 131 444**

**BURRA HOSPITAL: 8892 2300**

**LOCAL DOCTORS:**

Burra Medical Centre: 8892 2104

Clare Medical Centre: 8892 2822

(Burra Clinic)

Don't forget to drop into our Visitor Information Centre and pickup your complimentary

**The Goyder Goodness Pack** it's a wonderful way to learn about things to see and do while you are here !!

**www.visit burra.com**



**i can help you**  
**Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre**  
 2 Market Square, Burra, SA, 5147  
**8892 2154**

## FINANCIAL YEAR END OCCUPANCY

2018/19  
50%

2019/20  
39%

2020/21  
61%

### PAXTON SQUARE COTTAGES

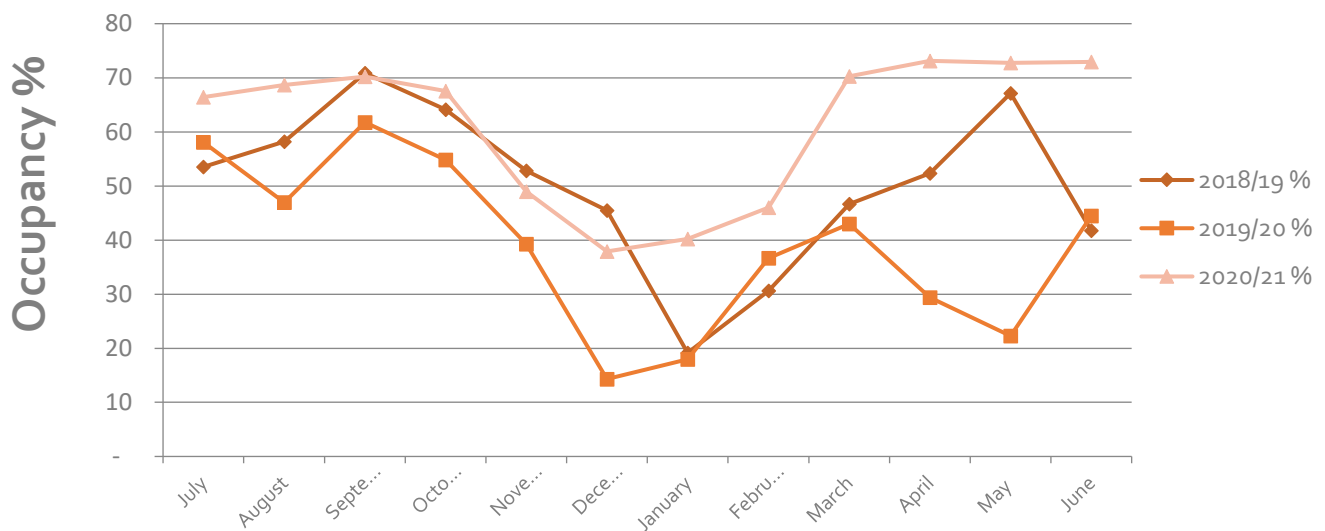
Paxton Square Cottages performed consistently over the 2 year period 2017-2019 since the refurbishment in 2016/17 with occupancies ranging from 48% to 50% but the 2019/20 financial year brought significant challenges with the impact of COVID-19 resulting in the year end occupancy dropping to 39%.

The cottages occupancy for the July to November 2020 period was consistent with the previous two financial years but a snap lockdown in November 2020 brought about numerous cancellations. The 2020/21 financial year has been the best performing year on record at the cottages with occupancy at 61% and income of \$765,100 (39% above the 2018/19 income of \$549,795). There has been strong visitor numbers to the Council area in 2020/21 with the Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre experiencing a 35% increase in passport sales compared to 2018/19. Strong interest from engineering contractors in the Goyder area has seen holiday vacancies created by lockdowns with other states and territories absorbed by the influx of contractors. This is expected to remain the norm for a number of years due to the variety of both current and proposed engineering projects in the Goyder Council area.

Total income for the 2020/2021 financial year was \$765,100: \$381,975 (99%) above the budget of \$383,125. Total expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year was \$609,754: \$224,270 (58%) above the budget of \$385,484.

The operating surplus for the financial year was \$155,346: \$157,705 above the budgeted deficit of \$2,359.

The funding for the upgrades to the cottages was provided through the drawdown of \$808,927 in a LGFA cash advance debentures in 2016/17. As at 30th June 2021 the remaining principal was \$508,360 and the estimated payback period has been revised from 10 years down to 6 years. The reserve balance as at 30th June 2021 is \$79,443.





## FINANCIAL YEAR END OCCUPANCY

2018/19  
50%

2019/20  
35%

2020/21  
51%

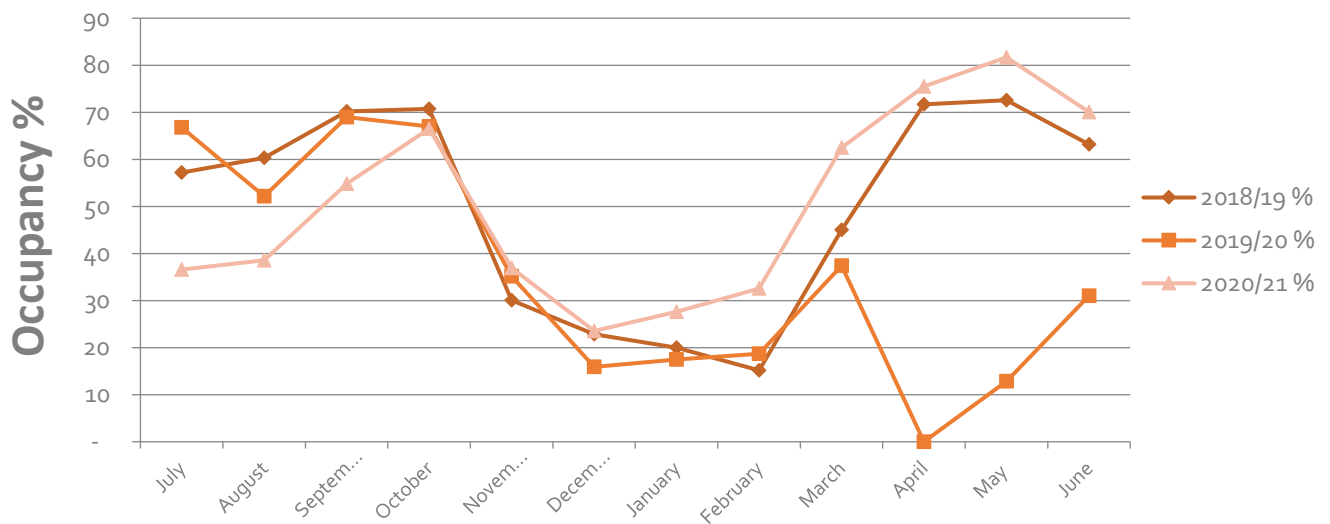
### BURRA CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK

The caravan park's occupancy for the July to October 2020 period was below previous year's levels as interstate travelers become hesitant to resume holiday travel plans after the opening up of borders in June 2020. Holiday makers perceptions changed and the remainder of months for the financial year were above the prior 5 year levels. The yearend occupancy of 51% was in line with pre COVID-19 levels.

Total income for the 2020/21 financial year was \$196,000: \$56,825 (41%) above the budget of \$139,175. Total expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year was \$138,225: \$12,866 (10%) above the budget of \$125,359.

The operating surplus for the financial year was \$57,775: \$43,959 above the budgeted surplus of \$13,816.

The reserve balance as at 30th June 2021 is \$170,548.



*Dog Sunrise by Madison Taylor*









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## Our Environment & Heritage is Protected & Valued





# *Responsible and well informed management of our natural & built environment & heritage*

\$1,027,709

TOTAL ROADS TO  
RECOVERY  
FUNDING  
RECEIVED

1,571  
tonnes

of CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS  
PRODUCED, AN 8%  
DECREASE

50%

INCREASE IN BUSHFIRE  
HAZARD REDUCTION  
NOTICES ISSUED (216)

17



BURNING PERMITS  
ISSUED

188



TONNES OF RECYCLING  
PROCESSED

1,607



REGISTERED DOGS

88,263kWh



ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM SOLAR  
ON COMMUNITY ASSETS  
FED INTO THE GRID

1,900



TREES FOR LIFE SEEDLINGS ORDERED  
BY COMMUNITY GROUPS



*On 18 February 2020, Council passed a motion to engage Barry Gamble to prepare World Heritage draft statement of Outstanding Universal Values (OUV's). The draft statement of Outstanding Universal Values was provided to Council in late 2020. Further work is expected upon the reintroduction of international travel where a compelling argument for National Tentative Listing and ultimately World Heritage Listing will be provided. Council is confident that the Australian Government will achieve value for relevant money by investing in this project.*



# Metrics

- Council Co<sub>2</sub> emissions based on Australian Standards against established baseline
- Level of reuse of Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) treated water
- Level of community involvement in Natural Resource Management and Landcare related groups
- Amount of electricity generated from solar infrastructure located in/on community assets

## Objective 19

Strengthen partnerships with Department of Environment Water & Natural Resources to improve management of biodiversity and natural resources

## Objective 20

Council will lead and encourage community participation in actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions

## Objective 21

Identify and manage climate change impacts through mitigation and adaption measures and work with local communities to develop and implement a Climate Management Strategy

## Objective 22

Support the implementation of the Integrated Water Management Plan

## Objective 23

Maintain existing waste management practices and investigate the cost effective disposal of green and e-waste

## Objective 24

Increase awareness of the importance of our Cornish Mining Heritage and aim for World Heritage Status





## Objective 19

Strengthen partnerships with Government agencies and community groups to improve management of biodiversity and natural resources.

### LEVI CREEK

In April 2021, Council sought approval to revoke the community land classification of the land otherwise known as "Levi Creek". Council received ministerial correspondence from the Hon Vickie Chapman MP dated the 3 June 2021 confirming that Council's request for the revocation of community land classification of Levi Creek, Frankton, being: sections 452 and 453 in Hundred of Dutton comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5758 Folio 785; and sections 454 and 455 in Hundred of Dutton comprised in Certificate of title Volume 5458 Folio 786, has been approved. During the period of community consultation, Council collaborated with Crown Lands, Community Groups, the Department of Environment and Water and Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to manage the land that is now successfully back under the control of Crown Lands.

On June 2021, it was confirmed by enthusiastic volunteers committed to this project, that 250 plants had been received for planting in degraded areas, \$20,000 of fencing was in the process of being installed/repaired and that weed control was being managed as part of a 10 year plan.







## Objective 20

Council will lead and encourage community participation in actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and identify and management climate change impacts through implementation of a Climate Management Strategy.

### *Burra Historic Mine Office Project*

*L-R Technical Officer Sam Rosser, Tourism & Events Coordinator Brooke Maddill, Rowan Ramsey MP, CEO David J. Stevenson, Director of Infrastructure & Technical Services Lee Wallis*





## PLASTIC FREE JULY

Council committed to the Plastic Free July Council Challenge for the second year running. The challenge provides councils with a successful strategy and existing platform to enact individual behaviour change and enable communities, councils, staff and businesses to adopt behaviours and systems that avoid single-use plastics and reduce plastic waste.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, Council's success was limited but we ensured a large 'Plastic Free' presence on our social media platform and website with initiatives designed to reduce the behaviour of using single-use plastics.

## COUNCIL JOINS THE CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Council continues to partner with the Cities Power Partnership Program. The Cities Power Partnership Program and as part of the program, Council has identified the following 5 items in the Cities Power Partnership Pledge that Council will strive to achieve.

- 1. Renewable Energy 3** – Install renewable energy (solar PV and battery storage) on Council buildings.  
*At the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 ordinary Council meeting Council resolved to submit an application to the Regional Growth Fund to co-fund the development on a number of Council owned buildings for the benefit of Community and Council. Council were unsuccessful however; plan to resubmit this financial year.*
- 2. Renewable Energy 4** – Support community facilities to access renewable energy through incentives, support or grants.
- 3. Renewable Energy 5** – Power Council Operations by renewable energy and set targets to increase the level of renewable power for Council operations over time.  
*Council has a target of 20% green energy and will increase the level of renewable power for Council operations to 25% in the 2020 – 2021 financial year and respectively over future years at a rate considered appropriate.*
- 4. Renewable Energy 13** – Identify opportunities to turn organic waste into electricity.  
*Council has identified opportunities to turn organic waste into electricity and met with relevant stakeholders and attended meetings/conferences to discuss future prospects.*
- 5. Work Together and Influence 3** – Set up meeting and attend events to work with other cities on tackling climate change.



# CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP



## INVESTING IN COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Council met with LGASA Procurement to discuss the preparation of a request for quote to engage an energy sector specialist to review the community owned land at Lot 3 Barrier Highway for the purposes of installing renewable energy for the benefit of community.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2021 - 2025

The State Government Action Plan was developed with input from the Premier's Climate Change Council, and other experts including renowned climate economist Professor Ross Garnaut.

Implementation of the Action Plan will deliver the Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia that was released in December 2019, and drive further progress towards state-wide goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

By implementing the Plan, the government is expecting to grow climate smart and low emissions industries, create new jobs and attract additional investment, particularly to regional areas.

The South Australian government will work with industries, businesses, communities, local government and the Australian Government to implement the Action Plan and encourage action beyond the role of government, remaining open to new opportunities and actions arising from stakeholder engagement, innovation, advances in technology, and changing market demands.

*Goyder Online Hub Launch  
CEO David J. Stevenson,  
Sharon Tremaine*







## Objective 21

That Council advocate to protect and manage the diverse landscapes, flora and fauna within our region for the enjoyment of community.

### RENEWABLE PROJECTS IN GOYDER

The Regional Council of Goyder, the Elected Body & staff, the Burra Community Management Committee, the Eudunda Community Business & Tourism Committee (ECBAT) & the Robertstown & District Community & Management Committee are ensuring that the maximum possible impact & interaction is gained from these projects in the local communities from Burra to Eudunda by connecting the contractors of each project to the local labour force, accommodation & food providers & other businesses. This is being done as a community service project with Mel Zerner, a former local Eudunda resident, voluntarily assisting Council & the other community groups in this initiative. Mel is in regular contact with the key owners or employees of all of the above projects to obtain status reports and then respond to their local requirements as needed. We thank Mel for all his enthusiasm and commitment to this project.

Community can contact Mel in regards to any questions on the status of the any renewable projects, local requirements or to ensure that your accommodation, labour or local business services are included on the registers.

Council continues to keep the Goyder community updated all on the Renewable Projects in Goyder through the new Renewables page on the Council's website which includes Mel's monthly updates.



### LET'S PLANT - TREES FOR LIFE

Trees for Life is a South Australian not-for-profit environmental organisation that deliver conservation, revegetation, community engagement and training programs and services. The aim of Trees for Life is for all South Australians to value native plants and animals and be actively involved in protecting the land for current and future generations.

Council became a lifetime member in 2013 and through the 'Tree Scheme' purchases native seedlings for planting by volunteers and community groups within the region.

In 2020 – 2021 Council purchased 1,900 native seedlings trees for life seedlings for Booborowie, Burra, Eudunda, Hallet & Robertstown Community Groups.







# Objective 22

Maintain existing waste and recycling management practises and continue to investigate efficient and cleaner methods of waste disposal.

## SUSTAINABLE WATER USE

In 2012 Council engaged Australian Water Environments (AWE) to develop and Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) for Burra and Eudunda. The Council was committed to becoming more sustainable with its water use and to ensure that existing flooding and wastewater management issues are administered appropriately to enable future growth. The main water management issues faced by Council and the community of Burra relate to ongoing management of groundwater resources and maximising the beneficial reuse of treated wastewater. In January 2021, Council endorsed the Burra Stormwater Management Plan and it was submitted to the Storm Water Management Authority for approval.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council operates the kerbside collection services with approximately 1800 users of the system. The service extends to all major townships and some rural areas. Council collected 855 tonnes of household waste and 188 tonnes of recycling waste in the 2020 – 2021 financial year. Council also operates three waste transfer facilities at Burra, Eudunda and Hallett accepting waste types such as household, building, steel, green waste, e-waste and chemical drums under the DRUMmuster program. Over the coming two financial years, four additional waste transfer stations will be constructed in Terowie, Robertstown, Booborowie and Farrell Flat. All four facilities will be a collection point for accepting waste the same as the other three facilities with the expectation that this will increase the correct disposal of recycling and waste products, reduce illegal dumping activities and provide a further service to the community. Council offered two Township hard rubbish collection services during the year for those communities which are not serviced by a transfer station facility. Council will also be investigating the opportunity to provide a green waste kerbside collection service in the 2021 – 2022 financial year.

## DOG & CAT MANAGEMENT

The following dog related incidents were recorded by Council;

- Barking dogs x 3
- Dog attack against animal x 8
- Dog attack against human x 3
- Wandering dog x 52
- Lost dog x 9
- Impounded dogs x 2
- Dogs returned from impound x 2
- Dog harassment to animal x 0
- Expiation Notices issued x 95

## LOCAL NUISANCE & LITTER CONTROL

*Under section 8 of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2017 requires Councils to include information in its annual report on the functions conferred on Councils under this Act. Council's annual report should include details of—*

- the number of complaints of local nuisance or littering received by the council; and*
- the number and nature of—*
  - offences under the Act that were expiated; and*
  - offences under the Act that were prosecuted; and*
  - nuisance abatement notices or litter abatement notices issued; and*
  - civil penalties negotiated under section 34 of the Act; and*
  - applications by the council to the Court for orders for civil penalties under section 34 of the Act and the number of orders made by the Court on those applications; and*
- any other functions performed by the Council under the Act.*

Council received twenty seven (30) Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2017 complaints as follows;

Nuisance:

- Smoke x 3
- Animal x 4

Litter Control:

- Stock on road x 3
- Illegal dumping (litter) x 12
- Abandoned Vehicles x 3
- Noise x 8

One (1) expiation was issued for illegal dumping \$1000

Two hundred and sixteen (216) bushfire hazard reduction compliance notices were issued (an increase of 50% from the previous financial year), seventeen (17) burning permits and zero (0) non-compliance notices.

The Fire Prevention Officer continues to interpret, review and enforce fire safety measures, regulations and plans, perform fire inspections, investigate complaints, issue orders where needed to ensure the safety of the people, land, environment and infrastructure of Council.



## Objective 23

Increase awareness of the importance of our Cornish Mining Heritage and our aim for World Heritage Status.



### AUSTRALIAN CORNISH MINING SITES: BURRA CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council received notification that the Australian Heritage Council endorsed the Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra Conservation Management Plan (CMP) at their 24 November 2020 meeting.

A number of issues and opportunities which currently or potentially may impact on the National Heritage Values have been identified including; the statutory context, land ownership, management, cultural landscape, safety, physical conservation, Nharangga heritage, interpretation, tourism, planning issues and further research. Specific policies have been developed to address the implications of these issues.

A detailed review of the policies and guidelines has been carried out and recommendations developed to address any inconsistencies in the existing Regional Council of Goyder Development Plan. These address the implications and responsibilities as a result of the National Heritage Listing. Consequently, a list of recommended priorities and actions have been developed.

A motion was passed in December 2020 by Council committing to a number of site wide priorities outlined in the CMP.

### UniSA VERNADOC

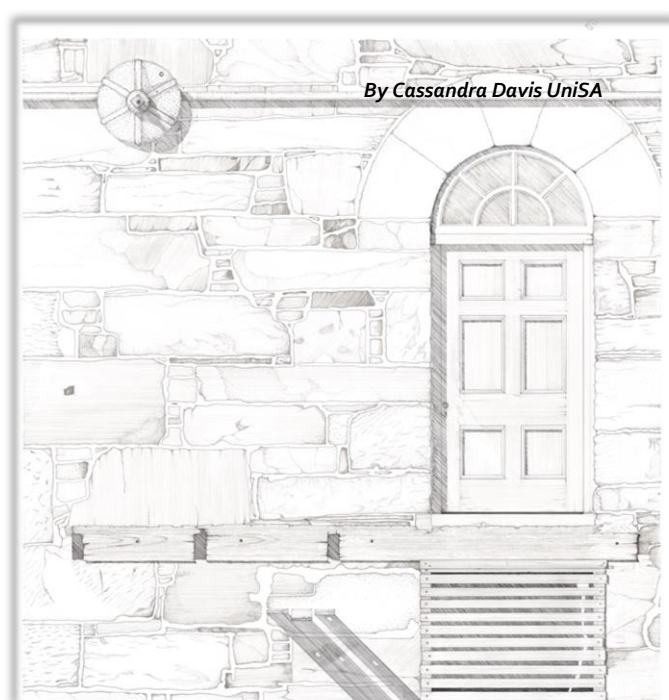
In 2019 UniSA (University of South Australia) asked Council to be the lead organisation for VERNADOC (Vernacular Documentation) and ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) project. UniSA's Vernacular Knowledge Research Group actively promotes the conservation, recording, adaptive reuse of heritage at risk in Indonesia, Thailand and Australia through their documentation, public panel discussions, conference activities and research projects.

VERNADOC refers to a methodology for vernacular architecture study that emphasises the collecting of data and information on site by basic techniques to produce high quality measured drawings.

**Australia was going to host ICOMOS in 2020 in Sydney and as an International Forum Burra was to be the only featured township from Australia. Due to COVID-19 restrictions however; the event was cancelled.**

Council continues its relationship with UniSA and ICOMOS to promote its world and national heritage values and to broaden the experience and opportunities in Burra and Goyder from many perspectives including a worldwide tourism and social media presence.

In May 2021, UniSA presented Council with the original documentation produced by VERNADOC, some 60 plus works were presented to Council. The Expert Lead Associate Professor and graduates producing academic research papers referencing Burra will be used across the world.





## Monster Mine preserved for posterity



Rowan Ramsey MP, Regional Council of Goyder CEO David J. Stevenson, with Council staff at Monster Mine site.

two months to collect their pay.

The project will also include the development of an augmented reality experience that will see the building bought back to life as an experiential heritage opportunity for visitors. A first for the region!

Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia, has had a grant funding success with the promise of \$295,000 from the Federal Government's \$33.5 million program for heritage upgrades nationwide.

The fund is for conservation work and infrastructure upgrades across 23 national and world heritage sites, preserving and enhancing them while creating jobs and lasting benefits for the tourism industry.

The Town of Burra, an historic Australian Cornish mining site, is rich with mining heritage and most of its 1840 legacy is still intact.

The Burra Monster Mine Site, was included in the sites listed on the National Heritage List in 2017 and a conservation management plan developed to assist Council to identify, protect, conserve and present the heritage listed buildings/areas in the township for generations to come.

The new funding will allow Council to preserve the integrity and fabric of the remaining structure of the Mine office and residences constructed in 1849 which comprised of the Director's boardroom, Captain's changing and consulting rooms, Accountant's office and drafting office.

Captain Henry Roach resided at one end and was Chief Captain of the mine from 1848 to 1867. Up to 1000 miners would gather at this building once every







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# 5

## Community Assets & Infrastructure



*A planned & funded Infrastructure & Asset Management Program that is linked to the goals of this plan and supports the long-term financial sustainability of Council*

\$1,613,259



ALLOCATED TO PLANT & EQUIPMENT

\$1.4m



AWARDED TO COUNCIL FROM STATE GOVT. TO CONSTRUCT TWO PARKING AREAS

\$3,685,980



ALLOCATED TO TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

\$5,827,647



RATES, CHARGES & CWMS INCOME

\$76,296



ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY FURNITURE & FITTINGS

846



MINOR WORKS REQUESTS RECEIVED

\$882,541



ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY SPORT & RECREATION AMENITIES

\$129,326



ALLOCATED TO BUILDINGS



# Metrics

- Asset condition rating
- Number of kilometres of roads upgraded
- Incidence of flooding in sensitive areas
- Level of external funding obtained for infrastructure projects
- Level of rationalisation or sharing of retained community resources

## Objective 24

Implement Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and keep the community informed

## Objective 25

Continue to develop and implement the Stormwater Management Plans

## Objective 26

In collaboration with the community Identify core community assets to be retained, maintained, managed and improved for community use

## Objective 27

Encourage shared use of facilities for increased community use such as sporting, recreation and community buildings and grounds

## Objective 28

Continue to seek additional funding for the development and/ or renewal of essential infrastructure

## Objective 29

Investigate resource sharing with other Councils.



## Objective 24

Implement Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and keep the community informed.





## TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

• Storm water construction – Paxton Tce/Welsh Place Burra Rd .....	\$543,118
• Floodway – Mt Bryan East Rd .....	\$71,747
• Floodway – Range Rd .....	\$67,725
• Footbridge replacement – Chapel St Burra .....	\$81,039
• Footbridge replacement – Church St Burra .....	\$43,765
• Bridge replacement – Booborowie Rd .....	\$622,252
• Footpath – repave Chapel St to Thames St Burra .....	\$106,127
• Footpath – repave Kangaroo St to Queen St Burra .....	\$59,237
• Parking improvements – Bruce St Eudunda .....	\$31,077
• Kerbing & water table – Bridge Tce Burra .....	\$5,655
• Signs – replace route 16 markers Burra .....	\$4,010
• Seal – Cameron Tce Farrell Flat .....	\$44,770
• Re Seals – Rural Roads .....	\$290,310
• Re Seals – Township Roads .....	\$309,339
• Re Sheet – Rural and Township Roads - 73km .....	\$1,405,809
<b>Total: \$3,685,980</b>	

## RESHEETING PROGRAM

Council completed approximately 72km of resheeting works  
Some of the larger resheeting projects included,

- Altmann Road 4.6Km, from Eudunda Road to Frankton Road.
- Collins Road 4.2Km, from Mitchell's Road to Booborowie Road
- Kimbo Road 7Km, from Booborowie Road to Camel's Hump Road
- Scenic Road 5.8Km, from Mosey Road to Julia Road.
- Stock Route Road 5.3Km, from Schild Road to Kaiser Street, and Black Springs Road to 2600m south Black Springs Road.

## RESEALING PROGRAM

Council completed numerous new seal and resealing works during the 2020/21 financial year totalling approx. 115,000m<sup>2</sup> including,

- Reseal of 3.1Km of Black Springs Road
- Reseal of 3.7Km Booborowie Road
- Reseal of various township streets in Booborowie, Burra, Eudunda, Mt Bryan and Terowie
- Burra Oval

As part of the Drought Community Funding Council upgraded the following sites to a sealed standard

- Cameron Terrace, Farrell Flat
- Midnight Oil House Carpark
- Terowie Roadhouse carpark

## HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS

From the data provided to Council by HDS from the assessment of the existing 26m Commodity Routes in 2018/19, Council has continued the improvements to the unsealed road network to accommodate heavy vehicle access

Typical improvements can be categorised as follows

- Minimum pavement width of 7m
- Improvement of intersection radii
- Removal of vegetation improving clearances and/or sight distances
- Installation of intersection signage

The improvement works are scheduled to coincide with programmed resheeting works.

- Roads addressed under the 2020/21 program include
- Camel's Hump Road
- Canowie Belt Road
- Collins Road
- Kimbo Road
- Scenic Rd

Council had scheduled to assess the remaining road network in the 2020/21 year to identify any other roads that may be suitable to include in the 26m Commodity Route network, however this work will now be undertaken early in the 2021/22 financial year

## MINOR WORKS REQUESTS

As with every year, the Technical Services Department investigated and actioned approximately 500 Minor Works Requests from the community and council partners. Works requests ranged from public toilet maintenance & stock requests, road, footpath & crossover repairs, road grading requests, kerbside bin deliveries and repairs, weed spraying, tree trimming, parks & reserves maintenance and various other minor works.

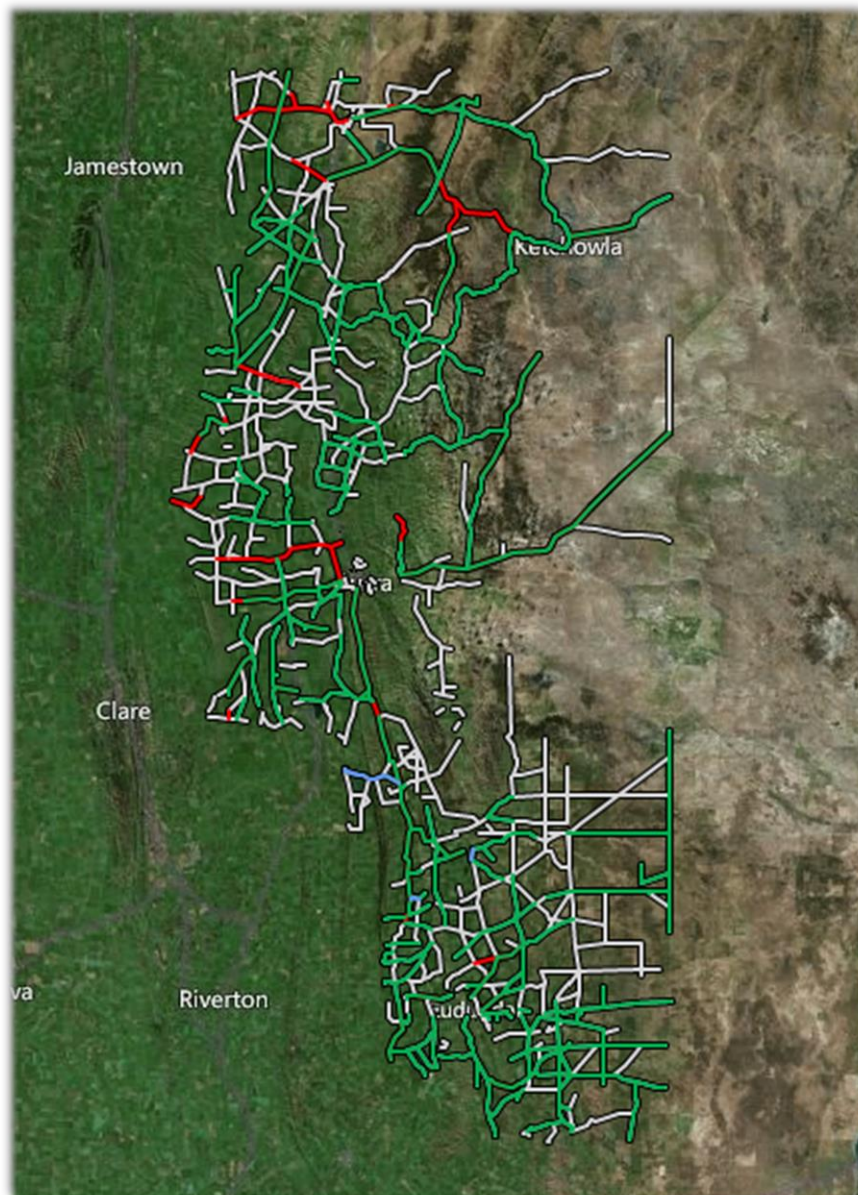
## OTHER TECH SERVICES FUNCTIONS

As always, the Technical Services Department oversees the delivery of a range regular services including,

- Annual weed spraying & roadside slashing program
- Annual septic desludging program
- Burra passport sites maintenance
- Heavy vehicle access
- Parks, Gardens & playground maintenance
- Trees for life

## PATROL GRADING PROGRAM

Wet conditions through the early winter months this year made for good conditions to perform routine road maintenance activities. Routine fire track maintenance grading was carried out late September through to early November. Council implemented a new mapping tool to enable supervisors to prioritize grading works and operators to log precisely the sections of road network graded over the maintenance period. Additionally operators will be able to provide ongoing condition data updates to Council's asset database to ensure data is current and works are targeted to where it is required.



## ROADS TO RECOVERY

### Andrews Road - Bridge Replacement

The existing load rating of 42.5 tons on the bridge structure was restricting heavy vehicle access into the Andrew's silo facility.

The new bridge has been designed to accommodate A Double Road Train heavy vehicle movements.

Bridge replacement works commenced May 2020 which involve;

- demolition of the existing bridge structure;
- construction of concrete structures for culverts, road deck and headwalls;
- placement of new pre cast concrete box culverts;
- reconstruction of road approaches to structure;
- installation of guard rail; and
- asphaltting of approx. 120m of road surface over the new structure.

## CWMS

Council finished the condition rating inspections of the CMWS pipe networks of both the Burra and Eudunda systems.

Approximately 10km of the Burra system, and 10km of the Eudunda system have now been inspected and assessed, providing valuable data to assist in the ongoing maintenance and renewal of the two systems.

## RECYCLED WATER IRRIGATION

The recycled water irrigation system for the Colin Thiele Gardens was upgraded for reliability purposes. This included the installation of an onsite storage tank and new solenoids to improve the control of the system.

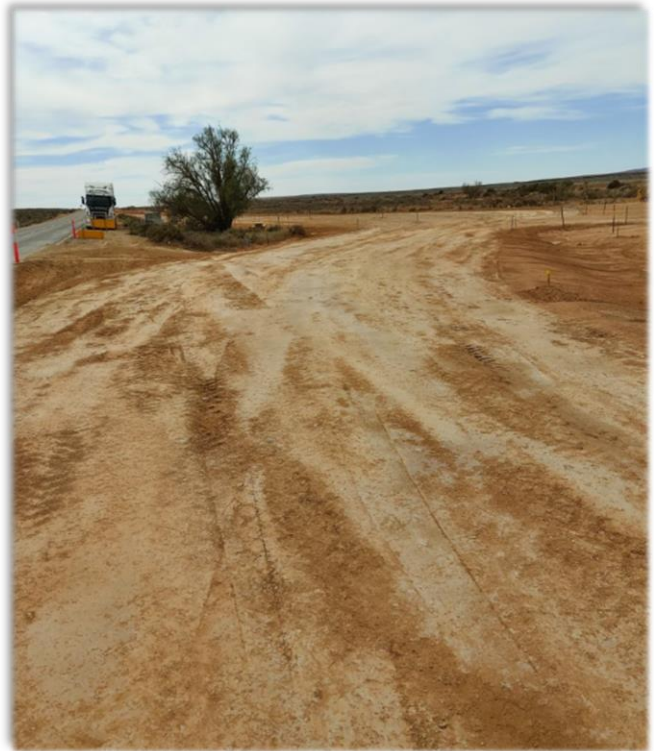






## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Council continued delivery contract works for the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, completing two rest area upgrade near Manna Hill and Olary on the Barrier Highway. Works commenced in August 2020 and were completed by mid-December 2020. These rest areas are designed specifically to accommodate road trains, providing a safe area to pull off the highway.





## KERBS & FOOTPATHS

Staff completed various kerb and footpath works across the region including;

- Commercial Street Paving and Stone Kerbing, Kangaroo St to Queen St, and Chapel St to Upper Thames St;
- Paxton Terrace blue stone; and kerbing, Bridge Terrace to Smelts Road .



## FOOT BRIDGES

The old foot bridge structures at Holder Gardens in Chapel and Church Streets were in an extremely poor condition and replacement required. Additional stone work was also completed.

## PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Council's annual plant replacement program included the purchase of;

- John Deere 670G Motor Grader;
- John Deere 1050K Bulldozer; and
- John Deere 320G Skid Steer.

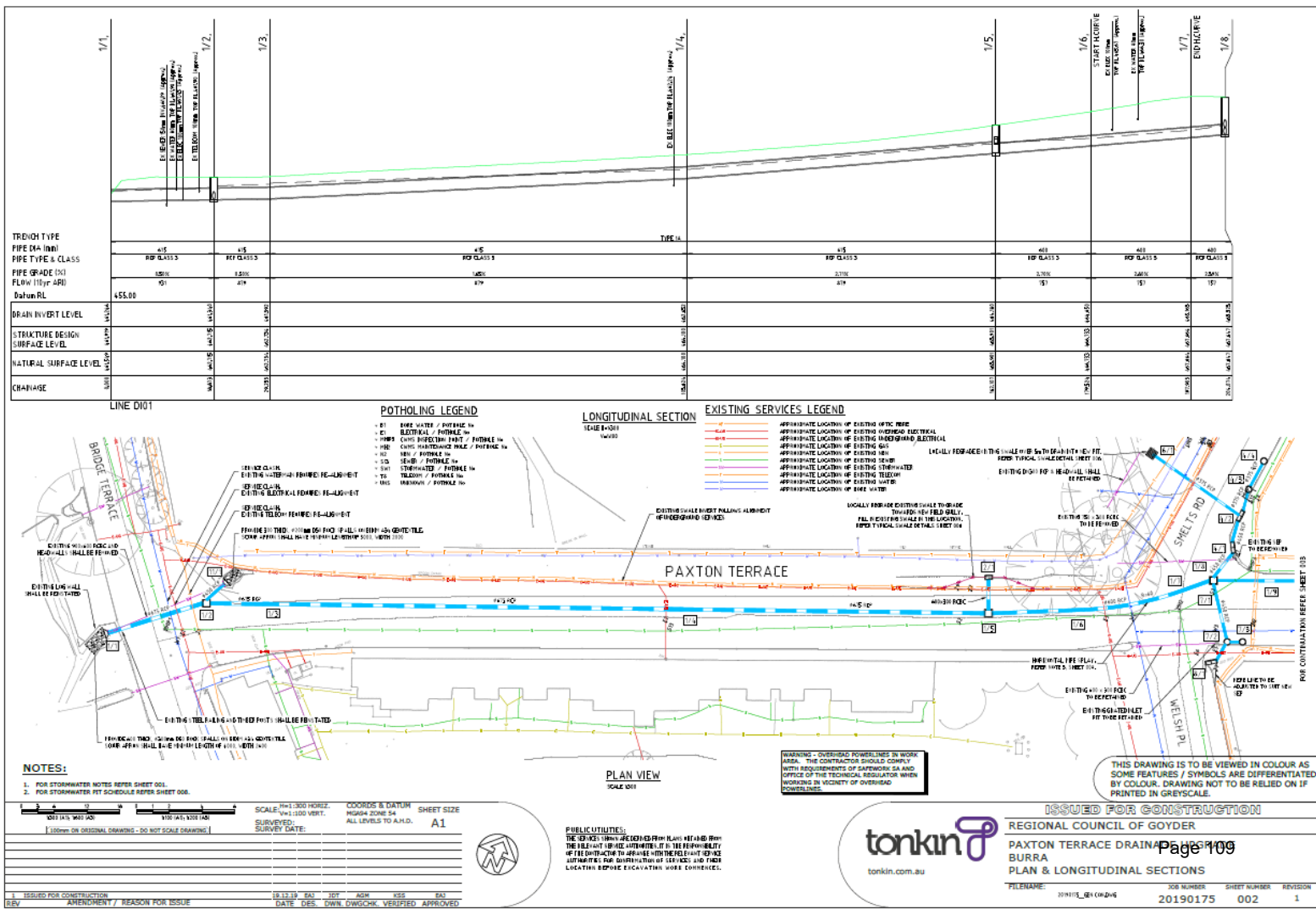


# Objective 25

## Continue to develop and implement the Stormwater Management Plans

### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Council's Stormwater Management Plan for the township of Burra was approved by the Storm Water Management Authority in February 2021. Council will look at budgeting schedule works identified in the plan over the coming years. The installation of the stormwater system in Paxton Terrace, Burra from Essex Street to Bridge Terrace, was completed in November 2020. This included the installation 675mm culvert the entire length of the work area and a series of side entry pits to collect surface runoff. Paxton Terrace has had a long history of localised flooding events from the large catchment area on the eastern side of the township.







## Objective 26

In collaboration with the community identify core community assets to be retained, maintained, managed and improved for community use.

### Local youth drive skate park, BMX track upgrades in SA's mid-north

ABC North and West SA / By Gillian Aeria

Posted Wed 2 Jun 2021 at 10:52am, updated Wed 2 Jun 2021 at 1:41pm





## UPGRADING COMMUNITY ASSETS

Council undertook the following upgrades/repairs on the following community assets;

### Buildings

Worlds End Campground - Public Toilets.....	\$63,810
Booborowie Hall - kitchen upgrade .....	\$30,000
Eudunda Caravan Park Extension.....	\$8,250
Eudunda Show Hall Kitchen – electrical upgrade .....	\$3,909
Robertstown Council Depot – install shed doors .....	\$8,456
Paxton Convention Centre cottage – re roof.....	\$14,901
	<b>\$129,326</b>

### Furniture & fittings

Burra Town Hall – cinema projector and sound.....	\$32,000
Burra Creek Toilets – install solar system.....	\$4,288
Asset Management System – upgrade & tablets (13).....	\$40,008
	<b>\$76,296</b>

### Sport & Recreation & Community Amenities

Burra Mine Site – fencing .....	\$9,666
Street tables & benches .....	\$36,090
Eudunda Oval – irrigation upgrade .....	\$7,025
Burra Creek – bore pump motor replacement & switchboard upgrade .....	\$20,967
Hallett – bore pump replacement.....	\$3,403
Robertstown Oval – bore pump replacement .....	\$10,720
Burra Oval – emergency lighting .....	\$100,000
Hallett Tennis Courts – lighting .....	\$51,008
Eudunda Gardens – irrigation upgrade .....	\$41,678
Burra Creek West area and Skate Park – extension & development.....	\$607,984
	<b>\$888,541</b>





## BURRA SKATE PARK

Council received grant funding for the completion of the Burra Skate Park. Stage 1 of the skate park was constructed in 2014 via funds raised by YAC and Council.

AGL contributed toward the cost of the installation of the nature play space.

Stage 2 of works has completed the area and has proven very popular with the youth in the town

Works included;

- Construction of stage 2 of the ramp structure;
- Small BMX track;
- Stone gabion retaining wall;
- Shelter and BBQ; and
- Nature play space.





## COVID-19 SAFE AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS



## AUSTRALIA DAY BRANDLING PROGRAM DISPLAYS

New BBQ trailer for increased food distribution areas to ensure COVID-19 safe events in Burra.

## LEASES & LICENSES

Council engaged legal firm Minter Ellison to prepare a range of templates to assist Council in preparing updated leases and licences for Council owned, community leased assets and infrastructure.

Council continues to work through this process with approximately sixty (60) agreements with a multitude of community groups and Government agencies that will need to be prepared, some that haven't been updated for well over fifteen (15) years.

It is an extremely lengthy process preparing leases and licences and other occupancy agreements, as Council needs to be mindful of legal and compliance obligations ensuring that consideration is given to factors prior to commencing negotiations.

### Community hub is a virtual GIFT



Goyder's virtual hub project officer, Deb Selway make plans for the new community hub with Council staff.

the towns they live in.

"It's about communities embracing inclusion and helping to make the invisible, visible."

The hub aims to foster a spirit of sharing while allowing people to easily find a group they would be keen to get involved with – it might be a local chess group, a sporting body or just a book club.

"It's getting the community to care for itself and each other and create spaces in towns where everyone feels welcome."

Originally named Burra Aged Friendly Towns, the name morphed to the Goyder Inclusive Friendly Towns to highlight the inclusivity of the project.

Whilst it's not finished just yet, the hub will soon be available for all to access.

Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia, is creating connections and bringing people together through its online community hub, funded by an Age Friendly SA Grant via SA Health.

The idea of an online information resource aimed at people over 50 within the Goyder area, was first voiced at a community meeting in 2019 and funding gained in 2020 enabled project officer, Deb Selway to be employed to develop the concept and deliver the outcome – a community website.

Still under construction, the Goyder Inclusive Friendly Towns, affectionately known as GIFT, will create a network and a tool to grow awareness of the benefits and opportunities available for volunteering with community groups.

The hub gives older residents a one-stop-shop to discover where they can help or be involved in their community. It will provide options about how to participate, be active and contribute to their community in a way that suits them.

Regional Council of Goyder sport and recreational development officer, Samantha Freeman said the community hub model was based on other hubs throughout Australia – with the successful Waverton Hub being a strong point of reference. It provided a way for people to get connected and feel involved in





## Objective 27

# Encourage shared use of facilities for increased community use such as sporting, recreation and community buildings and grounds.

Within the region there is a number of shared use sporting and community facilities. Shared facilities provide clubs with an opportunity to increase services and membership and to strengthen and ensure each of the facilities are sustainable for future generations. The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing along with Federal Drought Relief Funding (\$2 million) and Council Ward funding (in both 2019-2020) has provided each of the sporting hubs with funding to improve their facilities. This growth has been a good outcome for towns in their approach to sharing facilities, clubrooms, kitchens, bars, toilets and change rooms, courts etc. With each sport contributing to any future aims of funding or facility upgrades, the aim will be for clubs to further outline and share plans and to work in partnership with council.

### **EUDUNDA SPORTING HUB**

The completion of the Eudunda Sporting Hub saw the facilities upgraded to benefit local sporting groups, schools, community groups and events held in the space. A disabled toilet, better storage facilities, bigger change rooms and better use of space all round were included in the renovations. Bar and canteen services were redesigned to face outside reducing clutter and building plans have also been sent to the South Australian National Football League with hopes of State games being played at the Oval.

### **BURRA SPORTING HUB**

In 2020-2021 Burra Sport Hub steering committee sought council support to look at new facilities in Burra. A concept plan and feasibility study is currently being prepared for community consultation and is scheduled for release in December 2021.

### **HALLETT COMMUNITY HUB**

The Hallett Community Hub, a multi-purpose facility is as a base for Hallett's sporting and recreation Groups, playgroups and community with the venue being made available for private events and/or functions. The upgrade included the extension and upgrade to the existing bowling club with the addition of tennis courts and the creation of outdoor child friendly spaces.

### **ROBERTSTOWN & EUDUNDA NETBALL CLUB**

The outreach facility of the Robertstown and Eudunda Netball Courts (located in Eudunda) has seen the installation of two new courts and a basketball court with a large viewing area between both. Four new light towers, a new shed and two warm up netball rings and goal circles have also been installed. Both the Eudunda and Robertstown Netball Club, Robertstown Tennis Club and the Brad Creek Tennis Club are all beneficiaries of this upgrade.



# Objective 28

Continue to seek additional funding for the development and/or renewal of essential infrastructure.

## EXTERNAL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following are a list of ward funded community asset upgrades completed in the Region;

GRANT PROGRAM	PROJECT	OBJECTIVE	STATUS
NATIONAL VILLAGE HUB PROGRAM	Goyder Village Hub	To establish a village hub within the Goyder region which will support services and activities in each of the four wards. This will be done through the employment of a full time Village Hub connector (project officer) who will work from local town community spaces. The funding is for a period of three years.	Application submitted 31/5/21
BUILDING BETTER REGIONS	Burra Cultural Centre	To support the construction of the Burra Cultural Centre precinct development	Application denied
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM	Burra Cultural Centre	To support the construction of the Burra Cultural Centre precinct development	Successful application
COVID-19 SAFE AUSTRALIA DAY \$20,000 GRANT	Australia Day Celebrations in Goyder	To provide extra support to local community management committees to ensure the safety and health of those that attend the 2021 Australia Day events in Goyder	Successful application
AUSTRALIA DAY BRANDING GRANT PROGRAM	Display and decorations for Australia Day 2021	To support local businesses in the manufacturing and printing of promotional items displaying the Australia Day Designs. Maximum of \$1000 available	Successful application
FEDERAL HERITAGE GRANTS	National Heritage preservation and conservation- Burra Mine Site Office	To preserve the integrity and fabric of the remaining structure of the Mine office and residence and development of an augmented reality experience that will see the building bought back to life	Successful application
DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION (ROUND 2)	"Sustaining Goyder's Communities 2020" application- One application has been submitted for the second round of the Drought Communities Program extension totaling \$1,030,220 worth of projects	The 20 projects, approved at the January 21 2020 Council meeting, have been submitted within three project areas- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active and Health Communities- 8 projects</li> <li>National Heritage and Community Infrastructure- 8 projects</li> <li>Water security and Emergency Services- 4 projects</li> </ul>	Successful application
AGE FRIENDLY GRANT- SA HEALTH	Employment of a part time project officer to develop a "Goyder Virtual Community Hub" for 12 months	The Goyder Virtual Hub will provide an interactive resource and direct links to aged services, volunteering and activity opportunities through a website page connected to the Council website.	Successful application
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT PROGRAMS- OPEN SPACE PROGRAM	Burra Creek West (Burra Skate Park) Development	To complete the Burra Skate park area and further develop the western creek area into the Burra Regional Play Space.	Successful application
CREATIVE COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP- COUNTRY ARTS SA	Employment of a cultural arts facilitator over a 3 year period to work across the Goyder region	Arts and Cultural Facilitators assist the development of activities, projects and programs in consultation with regional artists and arts and cultural groups in the community to build capacity	Successful application





# Objective 29

## Investigate resource sharing with other Councils

### REGIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL

In July 2019 and with the implementation of the new Planning and Design Code Council was approached by Clare & Gilbert Valleys, Northern Areas Council and Wakefield Regional Council with a proposal to form a Regional Assessment Panel (RAP).

The proposal would be an effective mechanism to pool resources and meet requirements under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and the Chief Executive Officer was tasked with undertaking a review with a recommendation to Council regarding the proposed RAP.

In November 2019, Council endorsed the Mid North Regional Assessment Panel Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the MoU was forwarded to the Minister for Planning, Stephan Knoll for approval.

### SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT DOG & CAT MANAGEMENT

In 2018 Council endorsed a shared services agreement with Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council for dog and cat management. Under the agreement two full-time compliance officers from Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council investigate dog related incidents on Councils behalf under delegated authority. Council during this time employed an information officer who provided the administration support.

During 2020 – 2021 Council continued its relationship with Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council under the shared services agreement.

### STARCLUB OFFICER

In 2018 Council in collaboration with Wakefield Regional Council and Clare & Gilbert Valley's Council endorsed the application for a tri-party agreement to run a STARCLUB program and employ a STARCLUB Field Officer across all three Council regions for three years.

It was recognised that sporting groups in regional areas contribute immensely in creating community identity, sense of place, opportunities for social connections and promotion of health and active lifestyles.

The Starclub position was extended for another year excluding Wakefield Regional Council on a 40% Goyder & 60% Clare & Gilbert Valleys arrangement







*Wings by Nicola Noakes*



# 6

## Leading the Way

*Girls get a trim up by Candice Lewis*



# *S*trong leadership through a cohesive, *effective team.*

53



TOTAL EMPLOYEES

98,820



TOTAL HOURS  
WORKED

11



NEW EMPLOYEES  
ENGAGED

23



FEMALE EMPLOYEES

30



MALE EMPLOYEES

\$28,931



EMPLOYEE  
TRAINING

7



WORKERS  
COMPENSATION CLAIMS

\$2,350



COUNCILLOR  
TRAINING

330



DAYS OF LOST WORK TIME  
DUE TO WORKPLACE INJURIES



# Metrics

- Community perception of customer service (Council survey or participation in LGA Customer Satisfaction Survey)
- Annual staff turnover of between 2.5% and 5%
- Number of staff trained in essential skills and undertaking professional development
- Number of Elected Members in essential skills and undertaking professional development
- Performance review and development processes for Staff
- Performance review and development processes conducted for Councillors
- Data provided in Annual Report that demonstrates level of progress towards outcomes in this Plan

## Objective 30

Maintain a rating strategy that reinforces the goals of this plan

## Objective 31

Manage human resources effectively so that staff and Elected Members have the skills, attitudes and knowledge they need to provide consistent, high quality services and to fulfil their roles

## Objective 32

Continue to review and strengthen customer service protocols

## Objective 36

Provide a leadership role in advancing volunteering through service delivery, promotion, advocacy and support for individuals in the community

## Objective 33

Utilise the Legatus Group to advocate on behalf of Council and the region for legislative change on matters of common interest.

## Objective 34

Regularly report on our progress towards meeting the objectives addressed through this plan

## Objective 35

Consider developing the Goyder Thought Leadership group



# Objective 30

Maintain a rating strategy that reinforces the goals of this plan.

## COUNCIL'S AUDITOR

Council appointed Ian McDonald of Creative Auditing as its external auditor for a five year period commencing 1st July 2017 until 30th June 2022. During the 2020/21 period Council paid Creative Auditing \$6,000 to complete the audit for the 2019/20 financial year and \$6,000 to complete the preliminary audit for the 2020/21 financial year. No additional activities were undertaken by Creative Auditing during the 2020/21 financial year.

## RATES

In June Council adopted the 2020 – 2021 Annual Business Plan and Budget with a general rate increase of 0% (0% in 2019 – 2020), Burra & Eudunda CWMS charge increase of 2% (0% in 2019 – 2020) and a waste collection charge increase of 2% (7.3% in 2019 – 2020).

## FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COUNCIL

The net cost of implementing COVID-19 protocols on Council operations and COVID leave payments to staff in 2020/21 amounted to \$40,684.

## SALE OF PROPERTIES FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - SECTION 184 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

The sale by auction of six properties to recover outstanding rates under section 184 of the Local Government Act (1999) took place on the 26th August 2020 at the Hallett Hall in Hallett, SA. All six properties were sold on the day and settlement occurred on the 30th September 2020.

Four properties achieved a sale price in excess of all outstanding rates, charges and legal fees with the surplus dispatched to registered owners and mortgagees listed on the titles. The unclaimed monies reside with the conveyancer and are distributed to interested parties on application and proof of identity verification.

The process for unclaimed monies involves -

- The unclaimed monies are held by the conveyancer for a period of two years.
- A register detailing the owner, amount of monies and description of unclaimed money needs to be kept by the conveyancer for a period of two years.
- The register is to be published in the SA Government Gazette annually, during the month of January.
- All unclaimed moneys which have not been paid to the owner(s) within two years from the date of the first publication of notice in the Gazette shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State of South Australia.

Two properties achieved sale prices less than the outstanding rates, charges and legal fees. Council wrote off a total of \$21,687 as a bad debt in the 2020/21 Annual Financial Statements.

*Terowie Main Street flooding by Alison Dunlin*



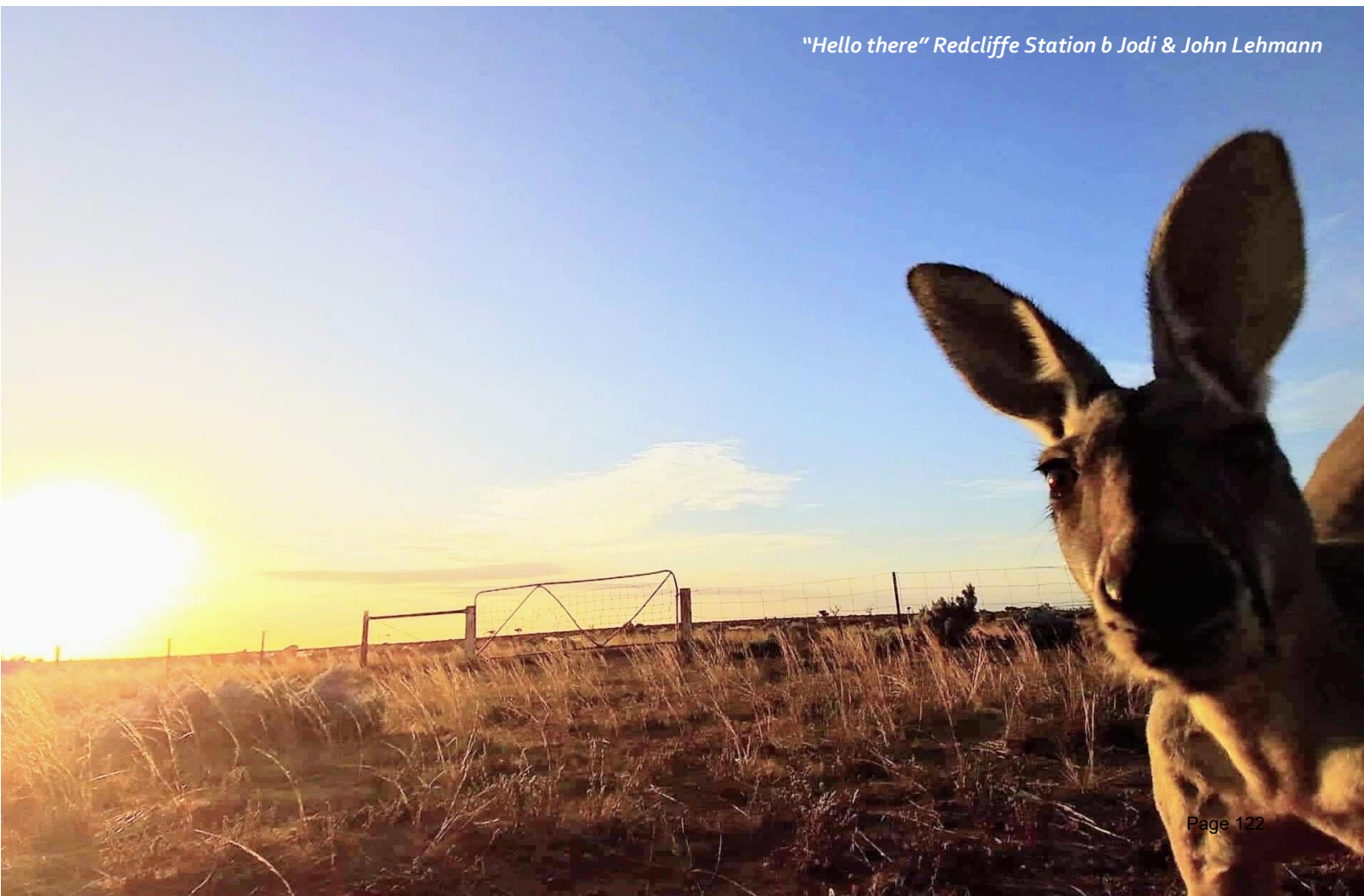




## Objective 31

Manage human resources effectively so that staff and Elected Members have the skills, attitudes and knowledge they need to provide consistent, high quality services and to fulfil their roles

*"Hello there" Redcliffe Station b Jodi & John Lehmann*



## SENIOR OFFICERS

As at the 30th June 2020, Council had three Senior Officers under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

**Chief Executive Officer – David J. Stevenson**

Total remuneration package includes salary, superannuation, plus a fully maintained vehicle. (5 year contract)

**Director of Finance – Griff Campbell**

Total remuneration package includes salary and superannuation paid in accordance with Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement plus a vehicle allowance.

**Director of Infrastructure & Technical Services – Lee Wallis**

Total remuneration package includes salary, superannuation paid in accordance with Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement plus a fully maintained vehicle.

The Senior Officers combine to create the Senior Management Team.

The Chief Executive Officer is engaged under a contract. The other two Senior Officers are engaged on a full time permanent basis.

## EMPLOYEES

Administration employees are employed under a Municipal Officers Enterprise Agreement. The Agreement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 1 July 2021.

The Technical Services employees are covered by a Local Government Enterprise Agreement which was negotiated in consultation with the Australian Workers Union. The Agreement is from 10 July 2018 to 10 July 2021.

Employees not engaged under the above Enterprise Agreements are employed under various Local Government Awards, Cleaners Award or contractual arrangements.

All staff salaries and allowances are recorded in the Register of Salaries, which is available for inspection at Council's Principal Office at 1 Market Square, Burra.

## “CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHIEF”

The Chief Executive Officer conducted staff workshops titled “Conversations With The Chief – Your Workplace, Its Culture and You” To ensure the information was disseminated across the whole organisation, staff were invited to participate in one of five small group workshops.

To challenge thinking about workplace culture, a series of questions were posed around workplace culture and work/life balance.

A whole-staff inservice day is planned for the 21/22 financial year to continue these conversations.

## NUMBER OF STAFF TRAINED IN ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Our people are our most important asset and their contributions and commitment is directly related to the Council's success. Therefore, by supporting, developing and investing in its people by maintaining a positive work environment, the Regional Council of Goyder improves the delivery of quality, responsive services in accordance with its strategic direction and its obligations under Clause 107 of the Local Government Act 1999.

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council staff members participate in a variety of training and development activities, both general and role specific. Many of these programs are provided by, or in conjunction with, the Local Government Association. Training and development is a vital key to maintaining effective Council processes and maintaining a safe environment for staff and the community.

Staff members using machinery or equipment in their role at Council receive extensive training to ensure safe and responsible operations. Council is proud of its skilled and experienced workforce, and makes further training and development opportunities available where needed.

The Regional Council of Goyder provides training and development opportunities for its employees to ensure that they are able to fulfil the requirements of their roles and meet the needs of the community.

Employees are encouraged to take advantage of Council's comprehensive training programs that are supported by annual budget allocations.

Professional development is also encouraged utilising a range of accredited training and education providers. Much is learnt on the job and through encouragement ensures that skills are developed, and retained, within the organisation.

In addition, staff were again supported in the commencement or continuation of their studies. Council also supports employee's requests to attend professional conferences within their respective disciplines, which ensures that they maintain their professional accreditation, develop their knowledge and network with their peers.

The Regional Council of Goyder provides training and development opportunities for all of its employees to ensure that they are able to fulfil the requirements of their roles and meet the needs and expectations of the community. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of council's various training programs that are supported by annual budget allocations.

Within their respective disciplines Council also supports employee's requests to attend professional conferences and forums as this ensures that they maintain their professional accreditation, develop their knowledge and have opportunities network with their peers.

Council staff enjoyed a very wide variety of training as undertaken in 2020/21 in the areas of:

### Training

- Performance Management Processes
- Workzone Traffic Management
- Return to Work Training - Supervisors and Managers
- Dealing with Difficult Customers
- Authorised Officer Training
- Playground Inspection - Visual (Level 1)
- Personal Protection / Heat Stress / UV Knowledge
- Gas Pipeline Awareness Session
- i-Responda Essentials
- I-Responda Bushfire Module
- Mental Health First Aid
- Skytrust Basics
- Hero Banners Training
- Council Delegations
- Social Media Training
- Digital Marketing
- Provide First Aid
- Employee Drug & Alcohol Education & Awareness Training
- Manager & Supervisor Reasonable Suspicion Assessment Training Session
- Ethics in Planning & Development
- Use of Fire Extinguisher
- Emergency & Fire Warden Training
- 2021 SACFS Fire Prevention Officers Reaccreditation Course
- REVIT Architecture Fundamentals
- Diploma of Human Resources

### Professional Network Forums

- Local Government Professionals – People & Culture
- Human Resources - Masterclass
- AIBS Member Forum



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Council and the Senior Management Team are committed to the principles of Equal Opportunity (EO).

During the past year Council has continued to commit to providing a workplace for staff which is free of all forms of inappropriate behaviour.

Our aim is to ensure fairness and equity in our organisation where the rights of individuals are upheld and everyone is treated with respect, fairness, equity and dignity.

Selection of individuals for employment, promotion or advancement, training and staff development will be on the basis of professional merit, in fair and open competition according to the selection criteria, relevant/appropriate qualifications and knowledge relevant to the position.

Inappropriate behaviour includes harassment, workplace bullying, discrimination, occupational violence and victimisation, which are all unacceptable and illegal and any complaint will be treated with the utmost seriousness.

Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreements provide a range of family friendly benefits and flexible working arrangements acknowledging our commitment to being a family friendly workplace and family friendly workplace.



## NOTABLE YEARS OF SERVICE

Luke Anning (10 years)

Damian Quinn (25 years)

Adrian Redemski (30 years)

*(from top to bottom with Director of Infrastructure & Technical Services Lee Wallis)*





## ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS

During the financial year of 2020/21 Council received 24 Accident & Incidents Reports (14 less than 2019-20) through the WHS system. Full compliance with the incident reporting and investigation standards set by the leadership team. .

Compared to the previous year 2019/20, the total numbers of reports have decreased by 36% Property damage decreased by 33% compared to the same time last year.

WHS reporting provides Council with an important indicator for analysis of safety data with hazards, property damage and near misses in council operations. The analysis of this data highlights where an injury in the workplace could have occurred, but didn't (Hazards - lead indicator), or where a near miss or injury did occur (lag indicator) that requires further investigation and system development to reduce the risk of injury.

## WORKERS COMPENSATION / RETURN TO WORK

In 2020/21, Council had seven Workers Compensation claims lodged, with 5 being accepted and 2 historical claims rejected. This amounted to a total of 330 days of lost work time due to workplace injuries. There were four workers compensation claims and 86 days lost time in the previous reporting year.

The cost of claims totalled \$153,345. Goyder's Rebate entitlement increased from 40.15% in 2019/20 to 40.7% in 2020/21.

Our net rate has increased from 12% above the above the Local Government average in 2019/20 to 13% above in 2020/21.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WORK COVER SCHEME

The Regional Council of Goyder has been scheduled for a Risk Evaluation in late November early December 2021 and is on track to complete the evaluation and create a new action plan for the next two years for the continuous improvement of the WHS and Risk systems in the Council. These plans are developed in consultation with the Regional Risk Coordinator and are monitored regularly over this period to close out the required actions and ensure the continuous improvement of the system. Overall payments have remained consistent with previous years.

The Council is in the process of transferring a number of WHS and Risk monitoring tools into Skytrust system, utilising the easy to use module design of the system to transfer information from the old system to the new. This will allow easy to use electronic Inspection templates, Hazard reporting capabilities, Monitoring capabilities, document control and even a COVID-19 Safe Visitor sign in method for the front service counter just to mention a few advantages.





## COUNCILLOR TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Member	Development and Training
Mayor Peter Matthey	Nil
Deputy Mayor John Neal	Tourism & Council Forum
Jane Kellock	Tourism & Council Forum
Heidi Thompson	Basic Understanding of a DA in the new Planning System Tourism & Council Forum Development Compliance & Complaint Management Public Participation, Reviews & Appeals in the new Planning System Councils & the Community Engagement Charter The role of Councils and Elected Members in the new Planning System
Peter Schiller	Nil
William Gebhardt	Enhanced Public Speaking Council Meeting Procedures
Debbie Hibbert	Enhanced Public Speaking Presenting for Elected Members Council Meeting Procedures

## COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES & BOARDS

Member	Committees & Boards
Mayor Peter Matthey	Audit Committee Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Panel Executive Committee Local Government Association Board of Directors Local Government Finance Authority Robertstown Deeds of Trust Committee South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils Legatus Group Mid North Regional Assessment Panel Nominations Committee
Deputy Mayor John Neal	Chief Executive officer Performance Management Panel Executive Committee Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee Goyder Education Foundation Inc. Native Vegetation Council Committee Lavender Trail Committee Eastern Areas Drought Committee
Jane Kellock	Audit Committee Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Panel Goyder Education Foundation Inc. Burra & Districts Country Fire Service Group
Heidi Thompson	Lower North Health Advisory Council Mid North Community Passenger Network
Peter Schiller	Nil
William Gebhardt	Audit Committee Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Panel Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee Burra & Community Sports Hub
Debbie Hibbert	Goyder Youth Advisory Committee

# COUNCILLOR DEPUTATIONS

Meeting Date	Deputation
21 July 2020	Council Tourism & Events Coordinator Brooke Madill <i>Background and upcoming Tourism &amp; events Implementation</i>
15 September 2020	Plumbing & Pipeline Solutions Partner Richard Powell <i>Eudunda Community Waste Water Management Inspections</i>
15 September 2020	Council Community Development Manager Barb Button <i>Disability Access &amp; Inclusion Plan &amp; Regional Health Plan</i>
17 November 2020	Legatus Group Chief Executive Officer Simon Millcock <i>2020 – 2021 Annual Business Plan</i>
15 December 2020	Water Technology Principal Hydrologist Geoff Fisher <i>Burra Storm Water Management Plans</i>
19 January 2021	Eudunda Bowls Club Committee Members <i>Eudunda Bowls Club Grant Submission &amp; Request for Council Loan</i>
16 March 2021	Grants Commission <i>Overview</i>
20 April 2021	Northern & Yorke Landscape Board Chief Executive Officer Tony Fox <i>Activities and how Council funding is allocated</i>
20 April 2021	Council Arts & Cultural Facilitator Ali Eckermann <i>Arts &amp; Culture Activities Update</i>
18 May 2021	UniSA Senior Lecturer of Architecture Julie Nichols & Lecturer of Architecture Darren Fong <i>Vernadoc Overview &amp; Presentation</i>
18 May 2021	Council Sports Development Officer Samantha Freeman <i>Starclub Program Update and Overview of 'Game On'</i>
15 June 2021	Eudunda Business & Tourism Association Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson <i>Eudunda Caravan Park Site Strategic Management Plan &amp; Future of the Site</i>







# Objective 32

## Continue to review customer service protocols.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

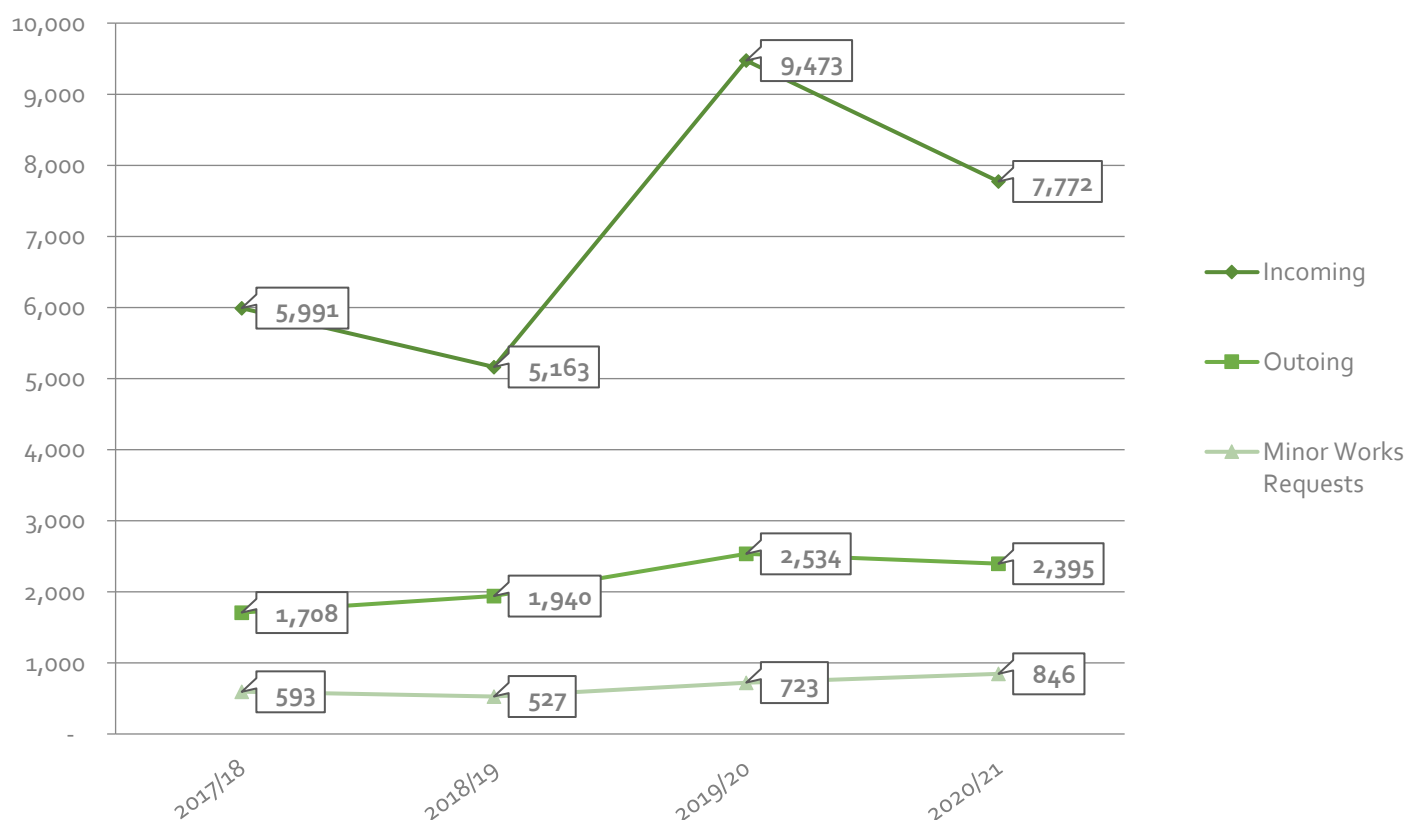
The Regional Council of Goyder aims to provide and promote a healthy and safe working environment by providing our Healthy Lifestyle Program. The program is mostly run by CHG consultants and is made available to all staff which includes an optional online interactive health program, general health assessments, fitness tests, weight loss programs, nutrition seminars, eye and hearing testing, quit smoking assistance, skin cancer checks, influenza and hepatitis vaccinations..

### RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Records Management encompasses the care and control of records from their receipt or creation to either ultimate destruction or retention as an archive. Records are a vital aspect of Council business.

The ability to effectively manage and maintain them has become an important function of Council in order to ensure all records can meet any legal, evidential, fiscal, accountabilities and legislative requirements.

An ongoing records management project is in place which will ensure that substantial improvements continue to be made in Council's record keeping practices and will assist Council to reach compliance with the State Records Act 1997 and various standards and guidelines issued by State Records.



# Governance

## Registers

*Under schedule 4 cl. (b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must provide a list of registers that are maintained by Council.*

- Members Register of Interests - section 68
- Members Register of Allowances and Benefits – section 79
- Officers Register of Salaries – section 105
- Officers Register of Interests – section 116
- Register of Fees & Charges – section 188
- Register of Community Land – section 207
- Register of Public Roads – section 231
- Register of Internal Reviews – section 270

These documents are available on Council's website [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au) or can be made available for viewing at the public office of Council.

## Codes of Conduct

*Under schedule 4 cl. (c) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must maintain and provide a list of Codes of Conduct*

- Code of Conduct for Elected Members – section 63
- Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents – section 92
- Employee Code of Conduct – section 110
- Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures – regulation 6

These documents are available on Council's website [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au) or can be made available for viewing at the public office of Council.

## Internal Reviews

*Under section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must, on an annual basis, initiate and consider a report that relates to –*

- (a) The number of applications for review under this section; and*
- (b) The kinds of matters to which the applications relate; and*
- (c) The outcome of applications under this section; and*
- (d) Such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations*

Council didn't receive any section 270 internal review of a Council decision requests.

The section 270 register is available on Councils website [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au).



# Freedom of Information

*Under schedule 4 cl. 1(gb) of the Local Government Act 1999, Councils are required to report on Freedom of Information (FOI) Applications received under section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991.*

Council didn't receive any freedom of information applications.

# Confidentiality

*Under regulation 35(1) of the Local Government Act (General) Regulations 2013 for the purposes of schedule 4, cl. 1(ga) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must report on the Council's and Council committee's use of sections 90(2), 90(3) and 91(7).*

8 orders were made under section 90(2), section 90(3) and section 91(7) of the Act.

1. 21.07.2020 – National Heritage COVID19 Opportunities (j)(i)(ii) *released*
2. 20.10.2020 – Legal Advice (a)(h) *released*
3. 20.10.2020 – World Heritage DRAFT Statement of OUV's *released*
4. 20.10.2020 – Human Resource Matters (a)(e)(h) *released*
5. 21.01.2021 – Human Resource Matters *released*
6. 16.02.2021 – CEO Performance Review (e) – *released*
7. 15.06.2021 – Worlds End Gorge NEOEN Request for Proposal – *retained in confidence*
8. 15.06.2021 – Eudunda Silo License Agreement Viterra (k) *retained in confidence*

The following orders were made prior to 1 July 2020;

1. Ombudsman SA Use of Council Assets  
17.10.2017 (a)(e)(f);  
21.11.2017 (g)(k);  
19.12.2017 (e)(g)(k); and  
15.05.2018 (j)(i)(ii).  
*To stay permanently in confidence in pursuant to section 29A of the Ombudsman Act 1972*
2. Commercial Project  
20.03.2018 (d)(i)(ii); and  
15.10.2019 (d)(i)(ii).  
*Placed back into confidence*
3. Lot 3 Barrier Highway  
17.09.19 (d)(i)(ii);  
15.10.19 (d)(i)(ii); and  
19.05.20 (d)(i)(ii).  
*Placed back into confidence*

The confidential register is available on Councils website [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au)

# Tendering & Procurement

*Under schedule 4 cl. 2(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to report on the extent to which activities of the council have been subjected to competitive tender or other measures to ensure services are delivered cost-effectively, and the extent (if any) to which the Council has pursued policies for purchasing local goods and services.*

We are committed to ensuring that our competitive tendering activities provide best value to our community and are undertaken in an open, honest and accountable manner. All tendering is managed in accordance with Councils Procurement Policy.

Council has regard to the following principles in its acquisition of good and services;

- Encouragement of open and effective competition
- Obtaining value for money
- Probity, ethical behavior and fair dealing
- Accountability, transparency and reporting
- Enduring compliance with all relevant legislation
- Encouragement and development of competitive local business and industry
- 

Where the evaluation criteria are comparable, Council may consider the following:

- The creation of local employment opportunities
- Increased availability of local service support
- Increased convenience with communications with the supplier for contract management
- Economic growth within the local area
- Benefit to Council of associated local commercial transaction
- The short and long term impact of the procurement on local business
- A recommended 10% price differential – up to a maximum of \$5,000 (ex GST) be considered when assessing the procurement of goods and service sourced from a local supplier with its principal place of business based in the Council region
- Environmental protection
- Provide leadership business, industry and the community in promoting the use of environmental sensitive goods and serviced and Work Health & Safety
- Insurance and indemnities

Council's procurement policy is reviewed annually and Council encourages the application of local businesses to its list of preferred contractors.

The policy and preferred contractor process are available on Council's website [www.goyder.sa.gov.au](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au)

## Competitive Neutrality

Council has obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 and the Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996 to ensure any businesses operated by Council meets the legislative requirements of these Acts.

A Competitive Neutrality Report was completed in 2019 specifically on the Paxton Square Cottages. This review takes into consideration the different offerings, services and pricing provided by similar accommodation providers. Council reviews the cost structure of the Paxton Square Cottages yearly, to ensure that fair and reasonable rates are charged within the current market conditions.

Council reviews its rates annually to ensure it continues to meet the legislative requirements of this Act.



# Representation Quota

Schedule 4, cl. 1(h) requires a statement to be included in the annual report about;

- Council's representation quota
- Average representation quota for councils of a similar size and type (taking into account various factors prescribed by regulations if any)
- timing of next representation review as prescribed in section 12(4)
- procedures available under Chapter 3 for electors to make submissions on representation

Council conducted their last representation review in 2020 and is currently awaiting the outcome. It was recommended that there be a minor boundary amendment between the Burra & Hallett Wards to increase the number of electors in the Hallett Ward and a minor amendment to the boundary between Eudunda & Robertstown to increase the number of electors in the Hallett Ward & the Robertstown Ward so that they comply with the specified 10% quota tolerance limit. The review proposed no other changes.

The next review is scheduled to be completed in 2028 – 2029 however; this might change due to current Local Government Reforms taking place.

Council	Electors	Total Members Including the Mayor	Quota
Goyder	2,981	7	426
Yankalilla	4,244	9	472
Northern Areas	3,392	9	377
Kangaroo Island	3,449	10	345
Coorong	3,741	9	416

Year	Electors	Total Members Including the Mayor	Quota
February 2020	3,209	7	458
February 2019	3,024	7	432
February 2018	3,061	7	437
February 2017	3,072	7	438

# Council Meeting Attendance

Councillor	Council Meetings Attended
Mattey	12
Kellock	10
Neal	12
Gebhardt	12
Thompson	9
Schiller	12
Hibbert	12

# Committees

## Statutory & Prescribed

### Audit Committee

*Cr. Matthey*  
*Cr. Gebhardt*  
*Cr. Kellock*  
*Mr. D. Llewelyn*  
*Mr I. Swan*

The members are appointed for the term of the current Council – expiring November 2022.

Council's audit committee met 4 times during the 2020/21 financial year, being: September and October 2020, and February and April 2021 (minimum requirement is 4 times per year).

In September 2020 the Committee reviewed and endorsed the 2019/20 Annual Financial Statements.

In February 2021 the Committee reviewed the financial impact of COVID-19 on the Regional Council of Goyder 2019/20 and 2020/21 and the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

In April 2021 the Committee reviewed and endorsed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-22 and Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan 2021-31 as being suitable for public consultation.

The committee worked its way through a program of review of Council's Accounting, Financial and Assets Policies and risk frameworks and recommended changes to the following policies

- Agency Policy
- Assets Policy
- Asset Management Plan – Buildings
- Business Continuity Plan
- Council Corporate Credit Card Policy and Procedure
- CWMS Pricing Policy Statement
- Fees and Charges Policy
- Grants Register
- Internal Control Policy
- Internal Control Framework

- Motor Vehicle Policy - FBT

The presiding member receives \$500 for each sitting and Committee Members receive \$200 for each sitting.

### Mid North Regional Assessment Panel

*Mr S Smith*  
*Mr J Brak*  
*Ms J Lewis*  
*Mr A Broom*  
*Mr A Christiansen*

Regional Assessment Panels are established by the Minister for applications across different legislation and are a decision-making body established by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Assessment panels generally make decisions on more complex developments. All assessment panel members must comply with the Code of Conduct that is established to guide their decision-making.

The presiding member receives \$600 for each sitting and Independent Members receive \$500 for each sitting.

### Goyder Building Fire Safety Committee

*Mr P. Harmer*  
*Mr C. Paton*  
*Mr J. Aggiss*  
*Mr Q. Kessner*

The Goyder Building Fire Safety Committee is charged with the responsibility for all matters arising which are of a building fire safety nature as required of the *Planning, Development & Infrastructure Act 2016* (and during the transition to the Act, the *Development Act 1993*).



# Committees

## Section 4.1

### CEO Performance Review

#### Panel

*Cr. Matthey  
Cr. Kellock  
Cr. Gebhardt  
Cr. Neal*

Council is responsible for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer, determining the Chief Executive Officers Performance Plan, remuneration and assessing the Chief Executive Officers performance against the plan. Council will carry out its functions relating to the appointment, remuneration and performance appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with a number of the leading practice principles.

The Robertstown Deeds of Trust Committee was formed for the purpose of managing and controlling the Robertstown Peace Hall and War Memorial Centre on behalf of and making recommendations to Council concerning the deeds of Trust.

### Executive Committee

*Cr. Matthey  
Cr. Neal  
Chief Executive Officer*

The Executive Committee's role is to consider items of an urgent nature and report to Council with matters that need to be considered for recommendations or with reasons why action was taken.

### Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee

*Cr. Gebhardt  
Cr. Neal  
Fire Prevention Officer  
CFS Group Officers*

The Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee is formed to assist the Council Fire Prevention Officer to prepare, update and review the bushfire prevention plans, formulate guidelines for issuing permits within the Council region, provided recommendations to Council and to carry out any other relevant functions assigned to the Committee by Council.

### Robertstown Deeds of Trust Committee

*Cr. Matthey  
Cr. Neal (as the elected Council member for Robertstown)  
Chief Executive Officer*

### Goyder Youth Advisory Committee

*Cr. Hibbert  
Cr. Thompson November 2018 – March 2021  
Community Engagement Officer*

The Goyder Youth Advisory Committee provides young people of the Council region a means of communicating with Council, providing an opportunity for genuine youth participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Council's youth programs and services.

# Finance

## Grants Commission Funding

In May 2020 the Federal Government brought forward \$1,802,365 (approximately 50%) of the 2020/21 Financial Assistance Grants funding. In the 2020/21 adopted budget Council estimated the total Financial Assistance Grants Funding to be \$3,604,730. In August 2020 the balance of the Financial Assistance Grant funding of \$1,326,947 was announced resulting in a shortfall of funding of \$474,418 for the 2020/21 financial year. This negative adjustment to the Financial Assistance Grants funding was due to a re assessment of council's road length:

- sealed road length – revised from 170km to 167km,
- formed road length revised from 2,852km to 2,305km, and
- unformed road length revised from 226km to 995km.

In October 2020 Council reviewed the adopted 2020/21 budget and deleted or deferred projects to compensate for the budgeted shortfall in funding.

In June 2021 the Federal Government brought forward \$1,519,280 (approximately 50%) of the 2021/22 Financial Assistance Grants to Council into the 2020/21 financial year. This practice is consistent with the previous financial year. This impacts significantly on Councils financial indicators for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years as the income is recognised in 2020/21 and the expenditure will occur in the 2021/22 financial year. The Annual Financial Statements for 2020/21 display both indicators in order to gain a more thorough understanding of Council's financial indicators.

## State Government Funded Projects

Council were awarded a contract by the State Government in 2020/21 to construct two parking areas on the Barrier Highway at Olary and Mannahill. The total cost of the projects was \$1.4M

which was fully funded by the State Government.

## Drought Communities Projects

In 2019/20 Council was awarded \$1M as part of the Federal Government Funded Drought Communities Program No 2. Council received 50% of the funding in 2019/20 with the projects to be completed in the July to December 2020 period. Council received an extension to the time frame required to complete the projects and by the 30th June 2021, 86% of the projects were complete.

## Local Roads Community Infrastructure Projects Phase 1

In 2020/21 Council was awarded \$767,234 as part of the Federal Government Local Roads Community Infrastructure Phase 1. As at the 30th June 2021, 82% of the projects were complete. In September 2021 the federal government announced an extension of time for the completion of phase 1 to the 30th June 2022.

## Roads to Recovery

Roads to Recovery announced in 2019/20 an additional payment to drought affected councils over two financial years being 2019/20 and 2020/21. Council received a total of \$1,027,709 in 2020/21 and allocated this funding to the following projects:

- Drainage construction – Paxton Tce/Welsh Place Burra - \$390,000
- Replacement of Andrews Rd Bridge with culverts - \$420,709
- Sealing – Cameron Tce Farrell Flat - \$44,000
- Re sheeting, drainage and earthworks – Stock Route Rd Robertstown - \$69,500
- Re sheeting, drainage and earthworks – Stock Route Rd Point Pass - \$59,500
- Re sheeting, drainage and earthworks – The Camels Hump Rd - \$44,000

The Annual Financial Statements for 2020/21 were audited during the April to September 2021 period without qualification by Council's Auditor – Ian



McDonald of Creative Auditing. The five year audit services contract with Creative Auditing commenced on the 1st July 2017 and concludes with the audit of the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements.

The 2020/21 financial year is the sixth year that Council's auditors are required to form an opinion on the effectiveness of Council's internal financial controls. Council finance procedures are continuously revised and documented, accounting functions streamlined and reallocated and additional controls implemented to ensure a favourable opinion is formed. Internal audits are conducted on a monthly and quarterly basis and a bi annual review is undertaken of the internal control framework which is submitted to the Audit Committee for review.

No revaluations occurred in the 2020/21 financial year.

The ten year Long Term Financial Plan incorporating the Asset and Infrastructure Management Plans were revised and adopted by Council in June 2020 in conjunction with the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget. The Long Term Financial Plan is updated on an annual basis in conjunction with the Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget to reflect current council policies and changes in economic indicators.

The 2021/31 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan has been amended to reflect the reduction in Grants Commission Funding due to the revision of Council's road network lengths.



**National Volunteers Week**  
**L-R Development Assessment**  
**Manager Fiona Barr, Arts & Cultural**  
**Facilitator Ali Eckermann,**  
**Community Development Manager**  
**Barb Button, Tourism & Events**  
**Coordinator Marie O'Dea.**

**Review of 2020/21 Budget v's Actual Performance**  
**Annual Budget: 01 July 2020 – 30 June 2021**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Budget 2020/21	Actual 2020/21	Variance
<b><u>OPERATING : Revenue</u></b>			
Rates	5,843,139	5,827,647	(15,492)
Statutory Charges	110,851	129,089	18,238
User Charges	198,895	177,264	(21,631)
Grants	3,354,369	4,434,643	1,080,274
Investment Income	80,320	53,764	(26,556)
Reimbursement	1,677,393	1,589,512	(87,881)
Commercial Activity	606,862	1,091,897	485,035
Other Revenue	229,334	224,624	(4,710)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,101,164</b>	<b>13,528,441</b>	<b>1,427,277</b>
<b><u>Less : OPERATING : Expenditure</u></b>			
Employee Costs	3,383,105	3,857,225	474,120
Contract, Materials & Other Expenses	5,876,524	5,872,350	(4,174)
Finance Charges	114,250	36,643	(77,607)
Depreciation	3,911,734	4,470,551	558,817
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,285,613</b>	<b>14,236,769</b>	<b>951,156</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(1,184,449)</b>	<b>(708,328)</b>	<b>476,121</b>
<b><u>REVENUE : Capital</u></b>			
Grants	1,309,544	1,222,511	(87,033)
Asset Disposal	-	(239,987)	(239,987)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,309,544</b>	<b>982,524</b>	<b>(327,020)</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) Operations</b>	<b>125,095</b>	<b>274,196</b>	<b>149,101</b>

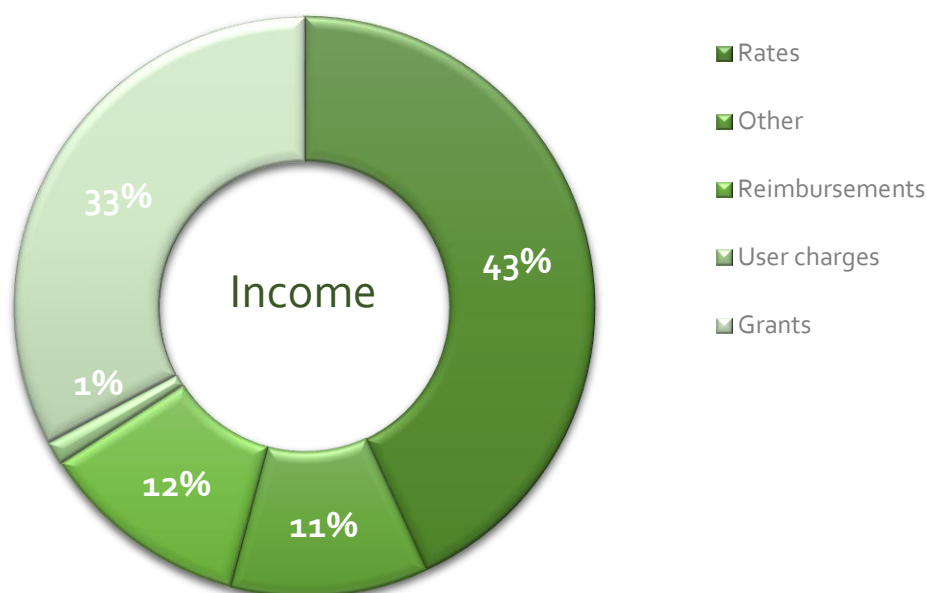


## 1. Statement of Comprehensive Income

Operating Surplus: The 2020/21 budget forecast an operating deficit of \$1.184M and a net surplus of \$0.125M. The actual operating deficit for 2020/21 was \$0.708M and the net surplus was \$0.274M.

1. Operating Income – Actual \$13.528M - Adopted Budget \$12.101M - net variance of \$1.427M. The major sources of the actual variance compared to budget are:

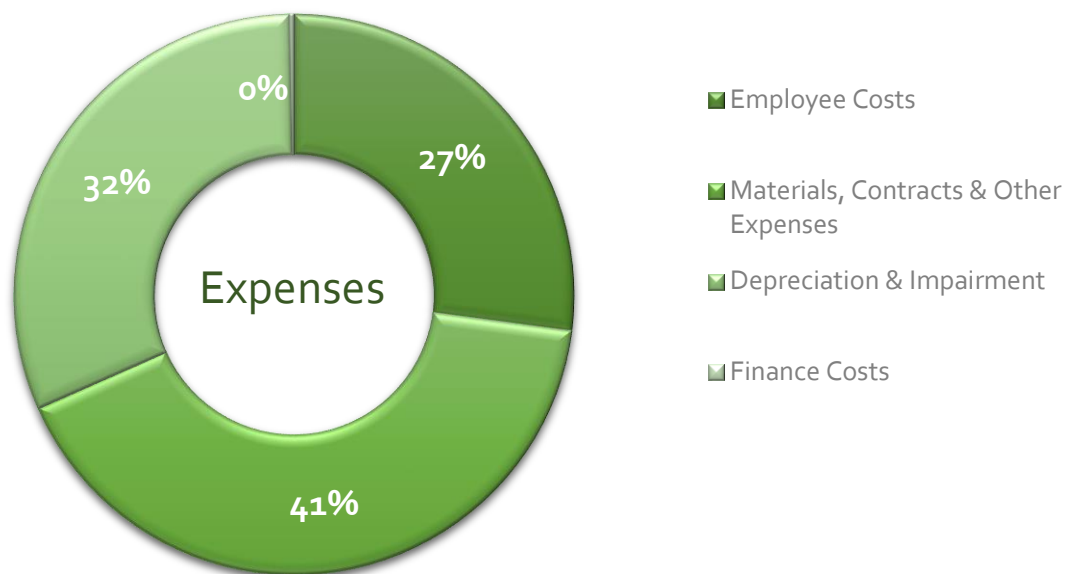
- **Rates:** Actual - \$5,827,647 - variance of \$15,492 greater than adopted budget.
  - Fines and Interest \$22,051 less than budget due to a decrease of interest rates.
- **Statutory Charges:** Actual - \$129,089 - variance of \$18,238 greater than adopted budget.
  - Building and Planning assessment fees \$10,325 greater than budget – increased portal charges.
  - Dog registration fees and fines – \$10,814 greater than budget - greater take up in registrations compared to 2019/20.
- **User Charges:** Actual - \$177,264 - variance of \$21,631 less than adopted budget.
  - Cemetery fees - \$11,869 less than budget due to decreased activity.
  - Bible Chapel income - \$14,000 less than budget due to COVID-19 restrictions and marketing delays.
- **Grants:** Actual - \$4,434,643 - variance of \$1,080,274 greater than adopted budget.
  - Grants Commission - \$1,043,862 greater than budget due to the 2021/22 Grants Commission allocation of \$1,519,280 paid in 2020/21 and a shortfall of income of \$475,418 relating to 2020/21 adjustments.
- **Investment Income:** Actual \$53,764 - variance of \$26,556 less than adopted budget.
  - Bank account and LGFA interest less than budget due to a reduction of interest rates in 2020/21 compared to budget.
- **Reimbursement:** Actual \$1,589,512 - variance of \$87,881 less than adopted budget.
  - State Government – Olary and Mannahill Parking Bays – income reduction of \$61,342 due to project revisions.
- **Commercial Activity:** Actual \$1,091,897 - variance of \$485,035 greater than adopted budget.
  - Passport Product - \$48,353 greater than budget due to increased patronage.
  - Burra Caravan Park - \$56,825 greater than budget due to increased occupancy.
  - Paxton Square Cottages - \$381,975 greater than budget due to increased occupancy.
- **Other revenue:** Actual \$224,624 - variance of \$4,710 less than adopted budget.
  - Diesel Fuel Rebate - \$12,389 less than budget – reduced diesel fuel usage.



2. Operating Expenditure– Actual \$14.237M- Adopted Budget \$13.286M - net variance of \$0.951M. The major sources of the actual variance compared to budget are:

- **Employee Costs:** Actual \$3,857,225 - variance of \$474,120 greater than adopted budget.
  - Drought community project labour – unbudgeted expenditure of \$28,551.
  - COVID-19 labour and leave – unbudgeted expenditure of \$32,552.

- Paxton Square Cottages cleaning – additional labour and superannuation of \$98,907 due to increased occupancy.
- Waste Collection service - additional expenditure of \$34,175 due to replacement works employee and leave provision increase.
- Administration – additional expenditure of \$112,758 due to additional 0.8FTE employee and increase in leave provisions.
- Planning - additional expenditure of \$14,122 due to increase in level and leave provisions.
- Technical Services – additional expenditure of \$59,166 due to increase in leave provisions.
- Unsealed road maintenance – additional expenditure of \$76,696 due to greater activity than budget.
- Termination payouts – pay in lieu of notice and incidentals – unbudgeted expenditure of \$67,100.
- **Contract, Materials & Other Expenses:** Actual \$5,872,350- variance of \$4,174 less than adopted budget
- **Finance charges:** Actual \$36,643 - variance of \$77,607 less than adopted budget.
  - Reduction in LGFA interest rates during 2020/21
- **Depreciation:** Actual \$4,470,551 - variance of \$558,817 greater than adopted budget.
  - Sealed Roads - \$254,623 greater than budget due to additional re seals undertaken in 2020/21.
  - Plant and equipment - \$214,322 greater than budget due to a larger allocation of depreciation to operating items compared to capital items in 2020/21.



3. Capital Income – Actual \$0.983M - Adopted Budget \$1.309M - net variance of \$0.327M. The major sources of the actual variance compared to budget are:

- Burra creek west area and skate park – unbudgeted grant of \$20,000 for nature play area
- Drought communities program - \$30,220 less than budget – carried forward to 2021/22
- Local Roads Community Infrastructure Phase 1-2 \$76,813 less than budget – carried forward to 2021/22

## 2. Capital Expenditure

The total adopted budget Capital expenditure for 2020/21 was \$8.066M – actual is \$6.445M - a variance of \$1.621M. The adopted budget trade in's was estimated at \$324,250 with the actual for 2020/21 being \$442,818. The major sources of the actual variance compared to budget are:

The following capital expenditure items totaling \$923,293 were deferred from 2020/21 to 2021/22:

- RFID tags compactor – \$4,000
- DCP 2 – Brewery Cellars adaptation project - \$94,282
- DCP 2 – Eudunda Caravan Park extension and camp kitchen - \$15,830
- Floodway – reconstruct Baldina Creek - \$58,020
- Floodway – Mosey Rd - \$71,678
- Floodway – repair Geranium Plains Rd - \$8,880



- Floodway – reconstruct Reilly Rd - \$56,198
- Holder Garden Lawned Area – Burra - \$15,000
- Acropetal Park Lawned area irrigation - \$18,730
- Hampden Rail Corridor Infill - \$432,982
- Eudunda Dog Park Construction - \$25,000
- Public Conveniences Upgrade – Robertstown Oval –\$47,693
- Forklift All Terrain – \$25,000
- Radio Communications Network Upgrade – \$50,000

## Projects & Plant and Equipment

Major projects completed during the year include:

### Buildings

▪ Worlds End Campground - Public Toilets.....	\$63,810
▪ Booborowie Hall - kitchen upgrade .....	\$30,000
▪ Eudunda Caravan Park Extension .....	\$8,250
▪ Eudunda Show Hall Kitchen – electrical upgrade .....	\$3,909
▪ Robertstown Council Depot – install shed doors .....	\$8,456
▪ Paxton Convention Centre cottage – re roof.....	\$14,901

### Furniture & fittings

▪ Burra Town Hall – cinema projector and sound.....	\$32,000
▪ Burra Creek Toilets – install solar system.....	\$4,288
▪ Asset Management System – upgrade & tablets (13) .....	\$40,008

### Sport & Recreation & Community Amenities

▪ Burra Mine Site – fencing .....	\$9,666
▪ Street tables & benches .....	\$36,090
▪ Eudunda Oval – irrigation upgrade .....	\$7,025
▪ Burra Creek – bore pump motor replacement & switchboard upgrade .....	\$20,967
▪ Hallett – bore pump replacement .....	\$3,403
▪ Robertstown Oval – bore pump replacement .....	\$10,720
▪ Burra Oval – emergency lighting .....	\$100,000
▪ Hallett Tennis Courts – lighting .....	\$51,008
▪ Eudunda Gardens – irrigation upgrade .....	\$41,678
▪ Burra Creek West area and Skate Park – extension & development .....	\$607,984

### Community Wastewater Management Schemes

▪ Burra upgrades - pump .....	\$3,240
▪ Eudunda upgrades – replace 7 manholes .....	\$19,500

### Transport Infrastructure

▪ Storm water construction – Paxton Tce/Welsh Place Burra Rd.....	\$543,118
▪ Floodway – Mt Bryan East Rd.....	\$71,747
▪ Floodway – Range Rd.....	\$67,725
▪ Footbridge replacement – Chapel St Burra .....	\$81,039
▪ Footbridge replacement – Church St Burra.....	\$43,765
▪ Bridge replacement – Booborowie Rd .....	\$622,252
▪ Footpath – repave Chapel St to Thames St Burra .....	\$106,127
▪ Footpath – repave Kangaroo St to Queen St Burra .....	\$59,237
▪ Parking improvements – Bruce St Eudunda.....	\$31,077
▪ Kerbing & water table – Bridge Tce Burra .....	\$5,655
▪ Signs – replace route 16 markers Burra .....	\$4,010
▪ Seal – Cameron Tce Farrell Flat .....	\$44,770
▪ Re Seals – Rural Roads .....	\$290,310
▪ Re Seals – Township Roads .....	\$309,339
▪ Re Sheet – Rural and Township Roads - 73km.....	\$1,405,809

### Plant & Equipment

▪ LV - Dual cab – Ford Ranger XLT .....	\$58,356
▪ Grader – John Deere 670G.....	\$403,800
▪ Loader – Skid Steer – John Deere 320G .....	\$68,000

▪ Dozer – John Deere 1050K .....	\$870,800
▪ Trailer – Premier .....	\$18,816
▪ Trailer – Fire Fighting .....	\$4,364
▪ Crusher – Hopper extension .....	\$20,953
▪ MV – Holden Captiva .....	\$22,741
▪ LV – Dual Cab – Mitsubishi Triton GLX .....	\$40,036
▪ Truck – Rigid Mitsubishi .....	\$79,835
▪ Pump Replacement – Low Loader.....	\$5,855
▪ Load Scales – Trailer .....	\$4,120
▪ Cement Mixer .....	\$1,818
▪ Workshop tools.....	\$4,126
▪ Traffic counters.....	\$9,639

### 3. Financial Indicators

#### 1. Operating Surplus Ratio,

The adjusted operating surplus ratio for 2020/21 was (3.1%), (3.9% in 2019/20) – Benchmark limit 0%. This adjusted ratio is unfavourable as it is distorted by expenditure carried forward from previous financial years. If the carried forward expenditure is eliminated from the ratio it becomes favourable and indicates that Council is generating enough operating rate revenue to cover proposed capital expenditure and is financially sustainable. This ratio is positively skewed by the roads to recovery funding of \$1.027M received in 2020/21 being classed as operating revenue yet the expenditure is classed as capital expenditure. The adjusted operating surplus ratio takes into account the receipt of \$0.676M local roads supplementary funding for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years paid in June 2019. Actual asset renewal expenditure in 2020/21 co-relates closer to the revised depreciation of the transport assets.

#### 2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

The adjusted net financial liabilities ratio for 2020/21 was (23%), (29% in 2019/20) - maximum benchmark level for Council is 20%. This ratio for 2020/21 is very favourable for Council due to the significant low level of debt of \$1.02M and the cash balance of \$6.55M as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Council's cash balance as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 fully funds its liabilities, employee provisions and reserves. The receipt of \$1.5M grants commission 2021/22 funding and \$0.52M local roads community infrastructure phase 2 and the Burra Mine Office grant funding paid in 2020/21 (relating to expenditure in 2021/22) favorably distorts this figure in 2020/21.

#### 3. Asset Sustainability Ratio

77% in 2020/21 (80% in 2019/20) - Council Benchmark 100%. Council had budgeted to spend \$6.6M on replacing/renewing assets – the actual capital expenditure was \$5.09M – less sale proceeds of \$442k. This indicates that Council is adequately replacing/renewing its existing assets in 2020/21 and is a reflection of the capital expenditure of \$0.92M forecast in 2020/21 being deferred to 2021/22 (this ratio excludes capital expenditure on new items). The adjusted ratio taking into account the capital expenditure carried forward to 2021/22 is 91%.

### 4. Loans

No additional loans were drawn down in the 2020/21 financial year.

Council's total borrowings as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 are \$1,024,657. The loans for the Community Wastewater Management Scheme at Eudunda and the Waste Compactor are all funded by user contributions. The loans for the refurbishment of Paxton Square Cottages are funded by the surplus generated from the operation of the cottages.

#### Debenture Schedule as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

<u>Debenture No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
		<u>Principal</u>	
G 21	Eudunda CWMS	\$ 374,599	6.75%
G 27	Paxton Square Cottages Upgrade Stg 1	\$ 259,668	1.30%
G 28	Paxton Square Cottages Upgrade Stg 2	\$ 248,692	1.30%
G 29	Waste Management	\$ 141,698	1.41%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,024,657</b>	



## 5. Carbon Accounting

Council emitted 1,571 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e (carbon equivalent emissions) for the 2020/21 financial year. This represents an 8% decrease compared to the 2019/20 financial year (1,702 tonnes) and a 10% decrease compared to the base year of 2010/11 (1,736 tonnes).

Major contributors to the increase in emissions are:

Direct Emissions – Scope 1 – 990 tonnes – decrease of 59 tonnes compared to 1,049 tonnes in 2019/20

- Diesel fuel – decrease in total consumption of 27,000 litres (7%) compared to 2019/20 – due to 73km of roads re sheeted compared to 77km in 2019/20

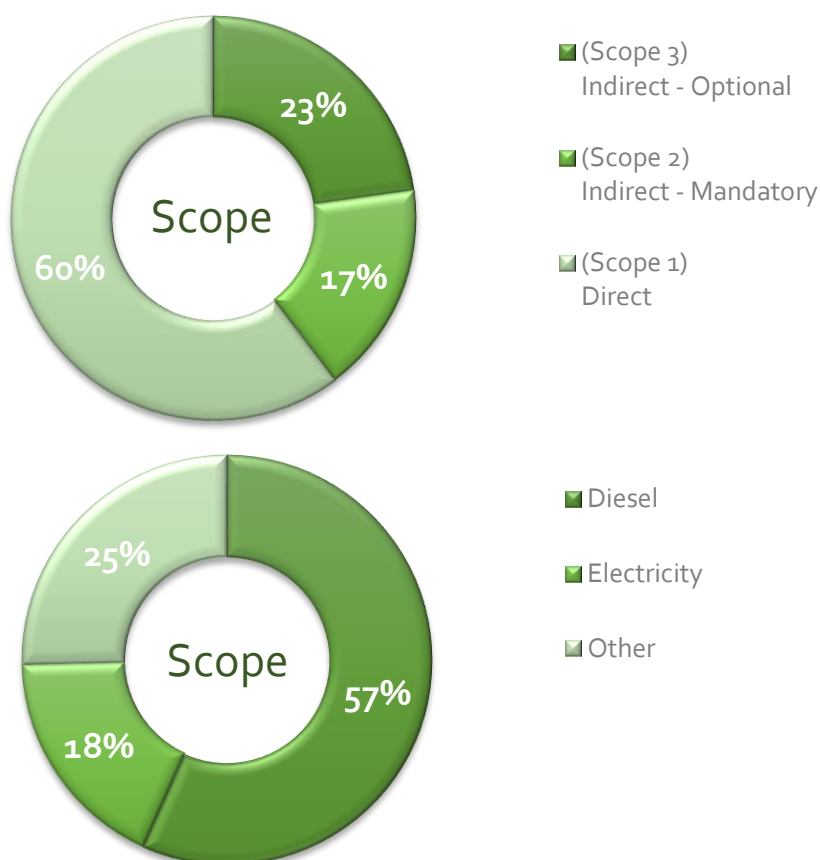
Indirect Emissions – Scope 2 – 223 tonnes – decrease of 37 tonnes compared to 260 tonnes in 2019/20

- Electricity – decrease in consumption of 77,085 kWh (15%) – greater use of solar panel installations during the financial year at the following locations:
- Eudunda Council Office
- Burra Council Depot
- Robertstown Council Depot
- Eudunda Swimming Pool
- Eudunda CWMS
- Burra Caravan Park, and
- Burra and Eudunda Public Toilets

Optional Emissions – Scope 3 – 358 tonnes – decrease of 45 tonnes compared to 393 tonnes in 2019/20

The following items contributed to the decrease in 2020/21:

- increase in domestic waste tonnes collected of 12%
- decrease in paper consumption of 5%, and
- decrease in water consumption of 31%.



## 6. External Funding

During the 2020/21 financial year Council received external funding totaling \$7,116,404 from the following sources for associated activities, projects and to provide general purpose funding:

Grants Commission - Financial Assistance Grants.....	\$2,846,227
Federal Government - Roads To Recovery Grants .....	\$1,027,709
State Government - Star Club Officer Contribution .....	\$50,000
State Government – Arts and Cultural Facilitator Contribution .....	\$50,000
Federal Government - Drought Communities Projects .....	\$900,000
Federal Government – Local Roads Community Infrastructure .....	\$690,511
Federal Government – National Australia Day .....	\$21,000
State Government – Libraries CIS .....	\$1,707
State Government - Burra Creek West area & Skate Park Development – Nature Play.....	\$20,000
State Government – Burra Storm water management plan .....	\$75,000
State Government – Olary and Mannahill Parking Bays .....	\$1,409,250
State Government – Office for the Ageing .....	\$25,000







## **2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**The Legatus Group Charter requires that the AGM receive the Legatus Group's Annual Report which may incorporate reports from committees and any representatives reports from other organisations. T**

**he Legatus Group AGM held on Friday 3 September 2021 adopted the following report.**

The Legatus Group Charter clause 6.3 Annual Report

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

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

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

The Legatus Group is a regional subsidiary of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Council	Delegate
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Wayne Thomas
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Phillip Heaslip
District Council of Orreroo Carrieton	Mayor Kathie Bowman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O'Brien



Northern Areas Council	Mayor Denis Clark - Mayor Ben Browne replaced Mayor Clark from 27 November 2021 Legatus Group meeting.
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey OAM
The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Peter Slattery - Mayor Greg Flint replaced Mayor Slattery from 5 March 2021 Legatus Group Meeting.
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund

#### **Office Bearers for 2020/21**

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

The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2020/21 year:

- 3 July 2020 Special Meeting online
- 14 August 2020 Special Meeting online
- 4 September 2020 Annual General Meeting Quorn
- 4 September 2020 Ordinary General Meeting Quorn
- 27 November 2020 Ordinary General Meeting online
- 5 March 2021 Ordinary General Meeting Ardrossan
- 11 June 2021 Ordinary General Meeting Mallala

There were five advisory committees in 2020/2021 and all agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and Committees are published on the Legatus Group Website. All advisory committee minutes were provided in the agendas to the Legatus Group Ordinary General meetings. The Constituent Councils are provided with the Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Reports, Business Plan and Budgets and Quarterly Financial Reports.

Committee	Members	Meeting Dates
Audit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Kathie Bowman (Chair)</li> <li>Mayor Denis Clark replaced by Mayor Rodney Reid at 3 June 2021 meeting</li> <li>Mr Peter Ackland</li> <li>Mr Colin Byles</li> <li>Mr Ian McDonald</li> </ul>	21 August 2020 13 November 2020 19 February 2021 3 June 2021
Management Group (Council CEOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas) (Chair)</li> <li>Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains)</li> <li>Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa)</li> <li>Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West)</li> <li>Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys)</li> <li>Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast)</li> <li>Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges)</li> <li>Mr David Stevenson (Goyder)</li> <li>Mr Brian Carr (Light)</li> <li>Mr Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable)</li> <li>Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo/Carrieton)</li> <li>Mr Peter McGuinness (Peterborough) replaced by Mr Stephen Rufus</li> <li>Mr Peter Ackland (Pirie Regional)</li> <li>Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield)</li> <li>Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula)</li> </ul>	14 August 2020 17 December 2020 12 February 2021 14 May 2021
Road & Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Helen Macdonald Chair (CEO Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council)</li> <li>Lee Wallis (Goyder)</li> <li>Steve Kaesler (Barossa)</li> <li>Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains)</li> <li>Mike Wilde (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)</li> <li>Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN)</li> <li>Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo Carrieton)</li> <li>Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula)</li> <li>Stuart Roberts (Wakefield)</li> <li>Mike Burger (Flinders Ranges)</li> </ul>	7 August 2020 18 November 2020 12 February 2021 14 May 2021
Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew MacDonald Chair (CEO Wakefield)</li> <li>Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys)</li> <li>Adam Broadbent (Light)</li> <li>Matthew McRae (Copper Coast)</li> <li>Riaz Uddin (Goyder)</li> <li>Hayden Battle (Wakefield)</li> </ul>	12 August 2020 10 November 2020 11 February 2021 17 May 2021
Visitor Information Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephen Rufus Chair (CEO Peterborough) from 19 Feb 2021</li> <li>Paula Jones (Clare Valley Wine Food and Tourism Centre) till 19 Feb 2021</li> <li>Glen Christie (Port Pirie)</li> <li>Anne Hammond (Yorke Peninsula)</li> <li>Lynn Spurling (Copper Coast)</li> <li>Jo Seabrook (The Barossa)</li> <li>Liz Healy (Light Regional)</li> <li>Shirley Dearlove (Peterborough Council)</li> <li>Jeremy Carn (RDA Far North)</li> </ul>	14 August 2020 6 November 2020 19 February 2021 4 June 2021



## **Chairman's Report**

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman in 2020/21 and I take this opportunity to report on some highlights of the past year.

We saw the continued disruption and impacts of COVID-19 including the extended need for some meetings to be held on-line. Member councils should be recognised for the support to their communities and I note that the Wakefield Regional Council was awarded the 'Excellence in Local Economic Development' Award for its COVID support program.

The Legatus Group provides a pivotal role to member councils in advocating on both regional and state-wide issues. This has included the continued advocacy on rating equity associated with major energy producers, community wastewater management schemes, regional roads funding and coastal management. I find it extremely frustrating that we have been unable to achieve a satisfactory outcome at this point in time in relation to rating equity.

We provided a leadership role for the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) via the Waste Management Infrastructure for South Australian Regional Local Government report and the SA Regional Waste Pathways Forum.

Support has been provided to member councils via advocacy through the LGA on the new Planning and Design Code and the Local Government Reform Bill.

The Legatus Group provided support at a state level with the Department of Innovation and Skills re the Creative Industries and to both Mainstreet SA and Parks and Leisure Australia SA/NT to hold their conferences in our region.

At a more regional level the report on reconciliation and work on cultural awareness has been of great support to member councils. The commitment by the Legatus Group on issues such as wellbeing and volunteering have seen several projects and reports progress as we continue to advocate for increased inclusiveness, mental health and aligned services. Our advocacy included support for the extension of the two Family and Business Support Mentors through Dept Primary Industries and Regions within our northern councils.

The Legatus Group acknowledged the Australian Governments rollout of the Drought Communities Funding. This included assisting with securing a South Australia Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub which was led by the University of Adelaide. The Legatus Group is a Local Government project partner and it is pleasing to see that its head office will be established in the region along with one of the nodes.

Works have commenced on several National and State Highways with long overdue work in our region after years of lobbying. The Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee have been active this year via updates to our Regional Roads Plan and renewed Deficiency Action Plan. There was a robust assessment of this year's Special Local Roads Program funding applications. The 2021 Legatus Group Road and Transport Forum provided the opportunity for member councils to come together and discuss and be more informed on issues around areas such as heavy vehicle access.

The Legatus Group are seeking to increase the level of productivity, safety and community connectivity through increased funding for local significant roads. This requires fairer funding models to address the regions local roads infrastructure deficiencies and the release this year of our video seeking increased support was part of the broader Local Govt Association approaches to the

Australian Government. The initial work undertaken on the socio-economic impacts Road Deficiency Report will be expanded in the coming year to assist with developing the required data for continued advocacy.

We continue to encourage and foster closer working relationships with the three Regional Development Australia (RDA) organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board. This year's Yorke Mid North Forum Water for our Future was a success.

The region has been proactive in supporting the challenges of our changing environment through the management of the Sector Agreement for the Climate Change Adaptation Plan. This included the development of the new Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement which now includes the Barossa, Light and Adelaide Plains Councils. The concept plans for a Sustainability Hub were completed through our regional partnership approach.

The Legatus Group managed the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan stage 1 implementation on behalf of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board which resulted in several projects being undertaken across the Yorke Peninsula. The continued support for the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan included the coordination of workshops and a grant application through the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board. The Legatus Group have been an active supporter of the SA Coastal Council Alliance.

The Legatus Group have supported and are an active partner in the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

We acknowledge the RDA's who have committed their staff to be members of several Legatus Group Advisory Committee and or Project Reference Groups.

The Legatus Group CEO and staff committed large amounts of time to the development of many Conferences and Forums. I also note with positivity of the CEO and the staff's efforts to support other regional councils through their roles and specifically to the CEO who Chaired the Regional LGA Executive Officers Forum. These collaborations included several forums and workshops which have assisted not only the Legatus Group members but also SAROC, and their input is commended.

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

This has allowed 11 cost effective research projects in areas such as tourism (mixed reality and accessibility), asset management (pump monitoring), waste (cost model, use of organic waste, supply chain for circular economy), wastewater (design criteria) and reconciliation. These are providing appropriate identification for advocacy and decision making in areas that are of significance to local government, stakeholders and community.

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

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

The Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee assisted in gaining a further extension of the Joint CWMS program until June 2022, staging of a successful SA conference and assisting with a reform paper now being developed by the LGA CWMS Committee. Their continued work on issues around training associated with compliance is gaining traction.



The Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee have provided a great support especially around the reopening of tourism in our region. Their workshop on story telling was well attended and they have provided direct input to two projects being progressed through the Yorke Peninsula Councils with regards accessible tourism and the Remarkable South Flinders Ranges Councils Tourism Alliance.

It was noticeable that there was a reduced attendance by the six State Government Members of Parliament, and our Federal Member although the Hon Geoff Brock is an exception and is a regular attendee. I note that we have continued to provide the opportunity for dialogue to all MPs.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has taken a proactive role in progressing the strategic initiatives of the region. I thank Mayors Bill O'Brien (and in his role on SAROC) and Rodney Reid for your roles as Deputy Chairs.

Feedback tells me that the reports prepared by the Legatus Group CEO and progressed to SAROC and other stakeholders and partners in all tiers of government are well received. The organisations positive approach to strong partnerships and a collaborative approach, with our other regional local government associations, stakeholders and tiers of government continues. These activities are coordinated and managed by our CEO Mr Simon Millcock. I wish to thank him for his committed, dedicated and consistent approach in the development and delivery of the of the goals and directions of the board.

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

Mayor Peter Matthey OAM

Chairman Legatus Group

### **CEO Report**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the support provided to me by the Chair and Deputy Chairs, Board, CEOs, Committees, Regional Partners and the Legatus Group staff in making the past year extremely productive and enjoyable.

This year provided consolidation for the positioning of the Legatus Group and the opportunity to expand and support state-wide, regional and subregional programs and research. This was made possible by reducing the reserves of which \$493,077 from the LGA Regional Capacity Building Allocations was required to be acquitted by 30 June 2021.

We were successful with grant applications and contracts to provide services which have been acquitted or reported on accordingly. There was \$333,151 generated from this income stream plus reimbursements and other income of \$105,679. As such 70% of the Legatus Group's income came from outside its membership fees.

This has helped to place the Legatus Group in a solid financial position which is reflected in the 2021 – 2022 business plan and budget whilst consideration is needed to not raise expectations of increased capacity and or project delivery into the future due to the reliance on grants.

Of special mention during the past year is the partnerships developed with several universities through formal MoU's, collaborative agreements and the use of the APR.Intern program. This not only made the research reports extremely cost effective but provided greater links between universities and local government.

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

Due to the employment of 3 extra Project Officers, there was increased HR requirements whilst their employment allowed an increase in strategic development which included my time with the review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan.

Other administration responsibilities included for part of the year as Chair of the Regional LGA Executive Officers, Secretariat to the Murray Darling Association Region 8 and a member of LGA Functional Support Groups associated with COVID-19 reference groups.

Plus, I am a member of the Yorke Mid North Alliance and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee. My time was also provided to the Local Government Information Technology SA Awards, Volunteering Strategy for SA and the SA Creative Industries Think Tank.

There was an increased level of conference, forums, workshops and webinars which included (1) Sustainable Regions through Parks, Recreation, Sport and the Environment (2) Legatus Group CWMS Risk Assessment Workshops (3) Heavy Vehicle Access (4) Coastal Management Strategic Planning (5) SA/NT Parks and Leisure Regional Conference (6) SA CWMS Conference (7) YMN Alliance Forum (8) Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Forum (9) SA Regional Creative Industries Conference (10) Regional Women's Networking Event (11) Legatus Group Roads Forum (12) Cultural Awareness Training and (13) SAROC Regional Waste Pathways Forum. These provided valuable opportunities for increased knowledge for both Elected Members and Operational Staff for member councils.

There was the commencement of projects associated with water and waste via:

1. Sub-regional projects for Smart Irrigation and Storm Water Harvesting which focus on urban areas. This has shown strong interest in the role Local Government can have with regional partners and the inaugural SA Drought Innovation and Adoption Hub of which the Legatus Group is a member.
2. The Legatus Group were commissioned by the SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and secured funding from Green Industries SA to progress regional waste management for Local Government.

The Community Wastewater Management Schemes work continued to provide valuable support across regional SA. This including a series of workshops and a discussion paper which assisted the LGA CWMS Committee in looking to develop a reform paper. The LGA have again advised of the value of this work by supporting an extension of funding until June 2022.

A focus on Community Development via the Brighter Futures and Volunteering had mixed results with the Brighter Futures program which was intended for roll-out in the Flinders Ranges Council and District Council of Orroroo Carrieton unable to proceed due to COVID-19 and Council staffing constraints resulting from the rollout of Drought Communities Fund projects. Discussions have been



held to revamp this project. The Youth Volunteering project resulted in a series of videos produced that feature reasons why youth are volunteering and some training was provided to young people around wellbeing.

The Wellbeing Gap Analysis report associated with the 7 Northern Councils was just about completed and will provide a valuable document for the future lobbying efforts. Support was provided for the extension of the 2 Family and Business Support Mentors mentioned in the report.

The formation this year of the Remarkable South Flinders Ranges Councils Tourism Alliance and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism Accessibility Working Group and the management of the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan are three examples of where the Legatus Group can provide a management role.

The following is a list of 2020/2021 Legatus Group reports which are being used to further progress actions and they can now be found on the Legatus Group Website:

1. Creative Industries in the Legatus Group Region. The research project was completed and a series of projects are now being progressed.
2. Tourism and the use of Mixed Reality. This report was a collaboration between the Legatus Group and Flinders University and looks at the options for Augmented and Virtual Reality Storytelling for the region.
3. Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences Yorke Peninsula. This report provides a critical analysis of the literature and identifies Opportunities and Gaps in the Yorke Peninsula as a destination of choice for people with a disability.
4. Reconciliation Action Planning Northern and Yorke Region. Following input from the reference group and a cultural review the report by the Adelaide University was completed in October 2020.
5. Waste Management Infrastructure for South Australian Regional Local Government & Regional SA Waste and Resource Recovery Background Report by Rawtec. These 2 reports will assist with future actions regarding Waste Management for Regional Local Governments in SA and for the development of the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan.
6. Making and Using Organic Compost report. This builds on a previous study of biosolids and septage waste within Legatus Group councils which found that there was insufficient volume of this material to establish a composting plant.
7. Evaluation of expansion options for existing CWMS in SA. This report was instigated due to many CWMS having reached or are approaching their treatment capacity due to population growth, climate change impact and growing demand for recycled water.
8. Socio-Economic Impacts of Road Deficiency Report. This report assesses (qualitatively and quantitatively, where possible) the economic, social and environmental impacts/ costs from not being able to upgrade major roads to a fit for purpose standard due to insufficient funding. This can be used to support advocacy efforts of the Legatus Group and its member Councils for securing required funding.
9. PROJECT 155 Mid North Sustainability Hub Concept Plan. This involved the development of a concept plan and was the next stage of progress towards a Regional Sustainability Hub.

10. Future Drought Fund report. This looked at the opportunities for the Northern and Yorke Region.

There was also a series of webinars undertaken which have been recorded and produced and they can be found on the Legatus Group website.

Greater use of social media was undertaken with the use of a Legatus Group Facebook and LinkedIn pages. These included the release of videos re Youth Volunteering, Roads Equity and Youth into Music and a SA Regional Creative Industries Showreel.

Observation: This year has seen an increase in sub-regional support via an increasing number of collaborations occurring between councils that have been supported by the Legatus Group. Support to councils has been a focus and it was pleasing to see the value of having some extra resources (people and cash) being utilised during this year. The continued collaborations with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and RDA Yorke Mid North add value to all 3 organisations and this year has seen increased involvement with RDA Barossa Light Gawler Adelaide Plains.

During the year there was a review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan and an external review of my performance. There were several synergies between both including the need to have a greater strategic focus with clearer and more relevant goals and objectives. Support was identified for bringing forward potential projects and responsiveness to member Council proposals with the promotion of subregional and focus groups as good examples of joint shared initiatives.

I would like to sincerely thank the support I received from Paul Chapman, Bridget Johns, Moira Coffey, Sarah Cheesmur and Sean Cheriton. Working as a team in isolation across a myriad of topics had its challenges but the resulting work from all was of a professional standard that reflected well for the Legatus Group.

Simon Millcock

CEO Legatus Group

**The Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee** summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2020-2021. The committee met on 4 occasions with the following attendance.

Date	No of Members Attending
21 August 2020	5
13 November 2020	5
19 February 2021	4
3 June 2021	4

Committee Member	No of Meetings Attended
Chairman Mayor Kathie Bowman	4



Mayor Denis Clark till 19 February 2021	3
Mayor Rodney Reid from 3 June 2021	1
Peter Ackland	3
Colin Byles	3
Ian McDonald	4

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2020-2021 year.

Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Board
Financial Report	No issues, unqualified audit, adopted for the 19/20 financial year.
Review of budget against actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure identified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets.
Review of work plan, internal controls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work planned maintained and adoption of recommendations by Auditor for increased internal controls – recommended for the Legatus Group consider adopting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Budget Framework Policy</li> <li>b. Code of Conduct for Employees</li> </ol> Draft policies developed. </li> <li>2. Recommended an external review of CEOs performance which was undertaken.</li> <li>3. Recommended that Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee be provided access via the read only format to the financial transaction reports of the Legatus Group. Approved by the board.</li> <li>4. Assisted with and provided recommendations re the provision of Financial Management Services.</li> </ol>
Charter	Recommended the Legatus Group adopt the variation to item 5.1 of the Legatus Group Charter as set out in item 3.2 of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 22 May 2020 and they authorise the Legatus Group CEO to comply with the Local Government Act requirements to secure the variation to the charter. Completed.

Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the development of the 2020-2021 business plan and budget.</li> <li>2. Recommended the review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan and provided input to the review.</li> </ol>
Membership	Recommendations to Board re membership of Audit Committee
Equity / reserves	Recommendations to Board on levels to be held

Mayor Kathy Bowman

Chairman Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee



# Regional Council of Goyder



## Annual Financial Statements

For the financial year

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

# Regional Council of Goyder

## General Purpose Financial Reports

### for the year ended 30 June 2021

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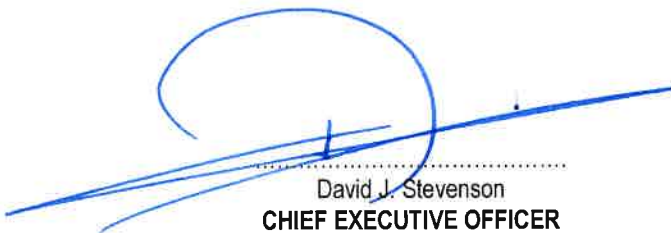


**Regional Council of Goyder  
Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

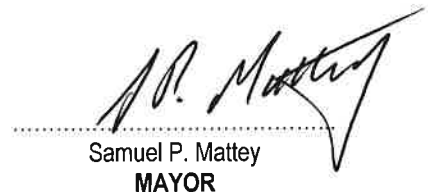
**CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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 2021 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.



David J. Stevenson  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Samuel P. Matthey  
MAYOR

Date:

21 September 2021

**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	5,827,647	5,805,698
Statutory charges	2	129,089	104,409
User charges	2	1,269,161	816,013
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,434,643	4,550,178
Investment income	2	53,764	130,392
Reimbursements	2	1,589,513	727,607
Other income	2	224,624	248,128
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>13,528,441</b>	<b>12,382,425</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	3,857,225	3,145,720
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	5,872,350	5,124,377
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	4,470,551	4,121,167
Finance costs	3	36,643	52,328
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>14,236,769</b>	<b>12,443,592</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(708,328)</b>	<b>(61,167)</b>
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(239,987)	(449,839)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,222,511	1,376,144
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)</b>		<b>274,196</b>	<b>865,138</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>274,196</b>	<b>865,138</b>

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



**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 30 June 2021**

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	6,339,504	7,678,834
Trade & other receivables	5	2,385,841	2,573,167
Inventories	5	986,670	764,505
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>9,712,015</b>	<b>11,016,506</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Financial assets	6	26,502	44,416
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	97,150,593	96,266,912
Other non-current assets	6	2,477,155	2,456,542
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>99,654,250</b>	<b>98,767,870</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>109,366,265</b>	<b>109,784,376</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	2,291,654	2,837,229
Borrowings	8	210,528	265,871
Provisions	8	571,337	563,079
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,073,519</b>	<b>3,666,179</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	8	814,129	963,255
Provisions	8	215,176	165,697
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,029,305</b>	<b>1,128,952</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>4,102,824</b>	<b>4,795,131</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>105,263,441</b>	<b>104,989,245</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		21,602,702	21,542,958
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	82,518,347	82,518,347
Other Reserves	9	1,142,392	927,940
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>105,263,441</b>	<b>104,989,245</b>

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**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2021	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		21,542,958	82,518,347	927,940	104,989,245
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		274,196	-	-	274,196
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Transfers between reserves		(214,452)	-	214,452	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	<b>21,602,702</b>	<b>82,518,347</b>	<b>1,142,392</b>	<b>105,263,441</b>

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2020	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		19,702,979	82,518,347	1,902,781	104,124,107
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		865,138	-	-	865,138
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Transfers between reserves		974,841	-	(974,841)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9	<b>21,542,958</b>	<b>82,518,347</b>	<b>927,940</b>	<b>104,989,245</b>

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



**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i><b>Receipts:</b></i>			
Rates - general & other		5,867,275	5,906,820
Fees & other charges		141,998	104,409
User charges		1,333,684	897,479
Investment receipts		66,539	138,548
Grants utilised for operating purposes		4,207,493	3,700,438
Reimbursements		1,753,472	1,145,525
Other revenues		1,042,643	2,476,411
<i><b>Payments:</b></i>			
Employee costs		(3,780,530)	(3,073,328)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(7,376,485)	(6,406,280)
Finance payments		(5,629)	(65,784)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>		<u>3,250,460</u>	<u>4,824,238</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i><b>Receipts:</b></i>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,222,511	1,376,144
Sale of replaced assets		442,818	46,636
Repayments of loans by community groups		7,000	17,754
<i><b>Payments:</b></i>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(5,091,753)	(4,630,305)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(965,897)	(1,124,342)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<u>(4,385,321)</u>	<u>(4,314,113)</u>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<i><b>Receipts:</b></i>			
<i><b>Payments:</b></i>			
Repayments of borrowings		(204,469)	(192,210)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>(204,469)</u>	<u>(192,210)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<u>(1,339,330)</u>	<u>317,915</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>7,678,834</u>	<u>7,360,919</u>
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	11	<u><b>6,339,504</b></u>	<u><b>7,678,834</b></u>

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

**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1 Basis of Preparation**

**1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards**

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

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

**1.2 Historical Cost Convention**

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

**1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates**

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

**1.4 Rounding**

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

The Regional Council of Goyder is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 1 Market Square, Burra SA. These consolidated financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Other entities in which Council has an interest but does not control are reported in Note 18.

**3 Income recognition**

**3.1 Revenue**

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

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

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

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:



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**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

	<b>Cash Payment Received</b>	<b>Annual Allocation</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
2016-17	\$5,010,578	\$3,308,321	+	\$1,702,257
2017-18	\$3,668,654	\$3,619,211	+	\$49,443
2018-19	\$4,152,533	\$3,603,628	+	\$548,905
2019-20	\$3,393,895	\$3,642,570	-	\$248,675
2020-21	\$2,846,227	\$3,462,041	-	\$615,814

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 15 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

### **3.2 Construction Contracts**

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

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

## **4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments**

### **4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets**

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

### **4.2 Other Financial Instruments**

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

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

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

## **5 Inventories**

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

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

### **6.1 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

**Regional Council of Goyder**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

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

**6.2 Materiality**

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

**6.3 Subsequent Recognition**

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

**6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

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

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

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

**6.5 Impairment**

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

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

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

**6.6 Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

**7 Payables**

**7.1 Goods & Services**

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

**7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**



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**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**8 Borrowings**

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates and is recorded as part of "Payables".

**9 Provisions**

**9.1 Employee Benefits**

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

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

Weighted average discount rate	1.94% (2020, 0.88%)
Weighted average settlement period	7 years (2020, 7 years)

An accrual is made for sick leave as the Enterprise Agreement No 8-2018 (AWU) and the Municipal Officers Enterprise Agreement No 3-2021 (ASU) provides for payouts of employee accrued sick leave of between 2.5% and 12.5% on termination of employment. The payout % is based on the length of service as at the date of termination.

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 17.

**10 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:

- Nil

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**

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**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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.

**11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities**

Council Does not participate in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.

**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 and amended standards and interpretations**

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. 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 101 and AASB 108 Definition of Material:

The amendments provide a new definition of material that states, "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements. A misstatement of information is material if it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions made by the primary users. These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of, nor is there expected to be any future impact to the Council.

Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions:

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASs - 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 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.



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**Note 2 - INCOME**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>		
<u>General Rates</u>	4,735,066	4,735,578
Less: Mandatory rebates	(25,551)	(26,369)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(3,462)	(212)
	<u>4,706,053</u>	<u>4,708,997</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Natural Resource Management levy	282,038	271,107
Waste collection	432,890	410,998
Community wastewater management systems	363,122	355,598
	<u>1,078,050</u>	<u>1,037,703</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	43,544	58,998
	<u>43,544</u>	<u>58,998</u>
	<u>5,827,647</u>	<u>5,805,698</u>
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>		
Development Act fees	14,731	21,008
Town planning fees	40,080	18,272
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees	5,565	4,885
Animal registration fees & fines	55,820	50,389
Expiation fees	-	177
Seach fees	12,893	9,678
	<u>129,089</u>	<u>104,409</u>
<b>USER CHARGES</b>		
Cemetery fees	29,656	29,680
Council House Rent	17,430	14,820
Eudunda Community Centre Rent	3,792	3,900
Passport Product	123,353	74,522
Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre	7,444	7,055
Waste Disposal Fees	11,420	12,164
Road Rents	98,709	93,820
Burra Caravan Park Fees	196,000	146,394
Paxton Square Cottages Fees	765,100	415,083
Swimming Pool Fees	9,055	9,508
Sporting Reserves/Halls reimbursement	4,903	4,543
Sundry	2,299	4,524
	<u>1,269,161</u>	<u>816,013</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments:		
Local Government Finance Authority	14,721	29,205
Banks & other	39,043	86,393
Loans to community groups	-	522
SLUOS refund interest	-	14,272
	<u>53,764</u>	<u>130,392</u>

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

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
- for roadworks	1,409,250	573,693
- for private works	35,512	33,359
- for training	19,516	-
- for insurance claims	13,413	20,231
- for Star Club Officer	40,580	39,275
- for Arts & Cultural Facilitator	50,000	37,500
- other	21,242	23,549
	<u>1,589,513</u>	<u>727,607</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Diesel fuel rebate	89,611	109,190
Rebates received	72,685	77,098
SLUOS Refund	-	23,654
Sundry	62,328	38,186
	<u>224,624</u>	<u>248,128</u>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	1,222,511	1,376,144
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	2,846,227	3,393,895
Roads to Recovery	1,027,709	1,027,709
Star Club Officer	50,000	50,000
Conservation Management Plan	-	20,564
Drought Communities	388,000	39,323
Library & Communications	1,707	1,698
Stormwater Management Plan	75,000	-
National Australia Day Council	21,000	-
Office for Ageing	25,000	-
Sundry	-	16,989
	<u>4,434,643</u>	<u>4,550,178</u>
	<u>5,657,154</u>	<u>5,926,322</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth government	1,436,709	1,087,596
State government	2,997,934	3,462,582
Other	1,222,511	1,376,144
	<u>5,657,154</u>	<u>5,926,322</u>
<b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	44,147	788,253
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous</i>		
Flood Damage Remediation Funding	-	(301,931)
Roads to Recovery Funding	-	(442,175)
<i>Subtotal</i>	-	(744,106)
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended</i>		
Special Local Roads	(44,147)	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	(44,147)	-
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	-	44,147
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current</i>	<u>(44,147)</u>	<u>(744,106)</u>



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**Note 3 - EXPENSE**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		3,048,492	2,548,957
Employee leave expense		395,334	361,124
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	349,831	303,962
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	17	33,481	40,203
Workers' Compensation Insurance		161,627	142,049
Other		108,408	89,366
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(239,948)</u>	<u>(339,941)</u>
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b><u>3,857,225</u></b>	<b><u>3,145,720</u></b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		12,000	12,000
Bad and Doubtful Debts		21,687	-
Elected members' expenses		130,148	135,334
Election expenses		<u>1,145</u>	<u>2,268</u>
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<b><u>164,980</u></b>	<b><u>149,602</u></b>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Contractors - General		809,500	832,523
Contractors - Raising & Crushing Rubble		463,335	442,758
Contractors - Maintenance Transport Infrastructure		221,607	228,890
Contractors - Roadworks		918,581	437,099
Contractors - PSC, BCP, Heritage Sites		329,078	259,495
Contractors - Insurance Claim		-	23,760
Contractors - CWMS		227,452	265,646
Materials		814,490	717,104
Electricity		204,261	229,641
Rubble		49,008	24,098
Water		79,785	104,032
Insurances - General		346,587	327,672
Contributions (Capital Projects, Ward Funds)		82,059	46,987
Levies paid to government - Landscape levy		282,723	270,884
Machinery - Registration & Insurance		147,123	141,176
IT & Communications		159,543	147,073
Sundry		<u>572,238</u>	<u>475,937</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<b><u>5,707,370</u></b>	<b><u>4,974,775</u></b>
		<b><u>5,872,350</u></b>	<b><u>5,124,377</u></b>

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**Note 3 - EXPENSE con't**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Buildings	390,929	370,213
Infrastructure : Sport & Recreation	154,891	146,178
Infrastructure : Transport	3,168,173	3,047,960
Infrastructure : CWMS	133,255	145,406
Infrastructure : Housing & Community Amenity	72,766	61,307
Plant & Machinery	840,219	753,675
Furniture & Fittings	97,471	90,593
	<u>4,857,704</u>	<u>4,615,332</u>
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs	<u>(387,153)</u>	<u>(494,165)</u>
	<u>4,470,551</u>	<u>4,121,167</u>
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>		
Interest on Loans	<u>36,643</u>	<u>52,328</u>
	<u>36,643</u>	<u>52,328</u>



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

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	442,818	46,636
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>682,805</u>	<u>496,475</u>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</b>	<u>(239,987)</u>	<u>(449,839)</u>

**Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS**

<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	339,249	12,941
Deposits at Call	<u>6,000,255</u>	<u>7,665,893</u>
	<u>6,339,504</u>	<u>7,678,834</u>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Rates - General & Other	590,758	631,006
Rates postponed for State Seniors	1,865	1,245
Accrued Revenues	72,801	89,638
Debtors - general	98,310	50,613
Deed of Gift - Robertstown Solar	1,100,000	1,100,000
Other levels of Government	227,150	-
GST Recoupment	167,993	143,542
Prepayments	98,876	541,874
Loans to community organisations	20,587	9,673
Sundry	7,501	5,576
Total	<u>2,385,841</u>	<u>2,573,167</u>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Stores & Materials	<u>986,670</u>	<u>764,505</u>
	<u>986,670</u>	<u>764,505</u>

**Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>Receivables</b>		
Loans to community organisations	<u>26,502</u>	<u>44,416</u>
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<u>26,502</u>	<u>44,416</u>
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Capital Works-in-Progress	<u>2,477,155</u>	<u>2,456,542</u>
	<u>2,477,155</u>	<u>2,456,542</u>

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

		2020				2021			
		\$				\$			
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land - CT - MV	2	927,000	-	-	927,000	927,000	-	-	927,000
Land - CT - DRC	3	2,550,551	37,093	-	2,587,644	2,549,051	37,093	-	2,586,144
Buildings - DRC	3	13,220,336	1,266,010	(7,380,604)	7,105,742	12,984,336	1,341,979	(7,493,067)	6,833,248
Buildings - MV	2	7,486,000	506,049	(957,725)	7,034,324	7,486,000	559,406	(1,122,951)	6,922,455
Infrastructure : Sport & Recreation	3	7,395,500	687,042	(3,206,838)	4,875,704	7,395,500	1,487,713	(3,361,729)	5,521,484
Infrastructure : Bridges	3	3,366,753	208,279	(1,373,929)	2,201,103	2,749,836	955,335	(1,083,285)	2,621,886
Infrastructure : Footpaths	3	2,419,855	147,323	(1,028,675)	1,538,503	2,419,855	312,688	(1,087,720)	1,644,823
Infrastructure : Kerbing & Gutter	3	11,657,639	159,547	(5,677,948)	6,139,238	11,657,639	196,279	(5,843,464)	6,010,454
Infrastructure : Pavement	3	30,667,144	461,655	(9,547,744)	21,581,055	30,667,144	461,655	(9,891,324)	21,237,475
Infrastructure : Drainage	3	15,863,422	249,244	(5,614,903)	10,497,763	15,863,422	931,834	(5,873,081)	10,922,175
Infrastructure : Signs	3	1,415,912	132,047	(1,123,380)	424,579	1,415,912	136,057	(1,200,911)	351,058
Infrastructure : Sealed Roads	3	10,191,725	878,138	(5,846,584)	5,223,279	10,191,725	1,522,559	(6,378,189)	5,336,095
Infrastructure : Sheeted Roads	3	26,946,364	3,213,489	(16,772,098)	13,387,755	26,946,364	4,619,298	(18,459,477)	13,106,185
Infrastructure : CWMS	3	6,261,415	164,797	(3,745,999)	2,680,213	6,261,415	187,537	(3,879,255)	2,569,697
Infrastructure : Housing & Community Amenity		-	3,162,888	(444,378)	2,718,510	-	3,250,759	(517,145)	2,733,614
Plant & Equipment		-	11,802,827	(5,661,716)	6,141,111	-	12,105,644	(5,461,295)	6,644,349
Minor Plant		-	406,323	(211,074)	195,249	-	421,907	(231,964)	189,943
Furniture & Fittings		-	1,762,583	(754,443)	1,008,140	-	1,844,420	(851,912)	992,508
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>		140,369,616	25,245,334	(69,348,038)	96,266,912	139,515,199	30,372,163	(72,736,769)	97,150,593
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>141,988,320</b>	<b>19,572,124</b>	<b>(66,185,990)</b>	<b>95,374,454</b>	<b>140,369,616</b>	<b>25,245,334</b>	<b>(69,348,038)</b>	<b>96,266,912</b>

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

	2020 \$	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR				2021 \$
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Carrying Amount
		New / Upgrade	Renewals			
Land - CT - MV	927,000	-	-	-	-	927,000
Land - CT - DRC	2,587,644	2,500	-	(4,000)	-	2,586,144
Buildings - DRC	7,105,742	-	75,969	(122,760)	(225,703)	6,833,248
Buildings - MV	7,034,324	-	53,357	-	(165,226)	6,922,455
Infrastructure : Sport & Recreation	4,875,704	658,993	141,678	-	(154,891)	5,521,484
Infrastructure : Bridges	2,201,103	-	747,056	(280,935)	(45,338)	2,621,886
Infrastructure : Footpaths	1,538,503	-	165,365	-	(59,045)	1,644,823
Infrastructure : Kerbing & Gutter	6,139,238	-	36,732	-	(165,516)	6,010,454
Infrastructure : Pavement	21,581,055	-	-	-	(343,580)	21,237,475
Infrastructure : Drainage	10,497,763	139,472	543,118	-	(258,178)	10,922,175
Infrastructure : Signs	424,579	-	4,010	-	(77,531)	351,058
Infrastructure : Sealed Roads	5,223,279	44,770	599,651	-	(531,605)	5,336,095
Infrastructure : Sheeted Roads	13,387,755	-	1,405,809	-	(1,687,379)	13,106,185
Infrastructure : CWMS	2,680,213	-	22,740	-	(133,256)	2,569,697
Infrastructure : Housing & Community Amenity	2,718,510	-	87,871	-	(72,767)	2,733,614
Plant & Equipment	6,141,111	22,741	1,574,936	(275,109)	(819,330)	6,644,349
Minor Plant	195,249	15,584	-	-	(20,890)	189,943
Furniture & Fittings	1,008,140	81,837	-	-	(97,469)	992,508
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>	<b>96,266,912</b>	<b>965,897</b>	<b>5,458,292</b>	<b>(682,804)</b>	<b>(4,857,704)</b>	<b>97,150,593</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>95,374,454</b>	<b>1,191,525</b>	<b>4,812,740</b>	<b>(496,475)</b>	<b>(4,615,332)</b>	<b>96,266,912</b>

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

**Valuation of Assets**

**General Valuation Principles**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Capitalisation thresholds** used for Council's computers is \$1,000 and a threshold of \$2,000 is utilised for remaining assets. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.



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

**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 & Furniture	5 to 10 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equipment	5 to 20 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 10 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings	20 to 100 years
Park Structures	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	10 to 50 years
Infrastructure	
Bridges	42 to 83 years
Footpaths & Paving	43 years
Kerbing & Guttering	71 years
Pavement	77 to 100 years
Drainage	50 to 100 years
Floodways	20 to 45 years
Signs	20 years
Sealed Roads – Surface	19 to 25 years
Unsealed Roads - Surface	18 to 20 years
Reticulation Pipes	50 to 70 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 20 years
Dams	100 years
Bores	20 to 40 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.

The following asset categories were valued by Mid North Valuations as at 1st July 2018 at market value cost and current written down value. All subsequent additions have been recognised at cost.

As at 1st July 2018 Council have recognised assets such as buildings and structures that exist on Council land yet are leased to external bodies such as Sporting Organisations, CFS and SA Ambulance. All subsequent additions have been recognised at cost. The next revaluation is scheduled to occur as at 1st July 2023.

1. Land CT – MV
2. Land CT – DRC
3. Buildings – DRC
4. Buildings – MV
5. Infrastructure – Sport and Recreation

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**Infrastructure**

The following asset categories were revalued as at 1st July 2018 by Tonkin Consulting. All subsequent additions have been recognised at cost.

The next revaluation is scheduled to occur as at 1st July 2023.

1. Infrastructure – Footpaths
2. Infrastructure – Kerbing and Gutters
3. Infrastructure – Pavement
4. Infrastructure – Drainage
5. Infrastructure – Signs
6. Infrastructure – Sealed Roads
7. Infrastructure – Sheeted Roads
8. Infrastructure – Bridges

The asset category Infrastructure CWMS (Community Wastewater Management System) was revalued by Alano Water as at 1st July 2018 at depreciated current replacement cost. All subsequent additions have been recognised at cost.

The next revaluation is scheduled to occur as at 1st July 2023.

The asset category Infrastructure Housing & Community Amenity is recorded at cost.

All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

**Plant & Machinery, Minor Plant and Furniture & Fittings**

These asset categories are recorded at cost.



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**Note 8 - LIABILITIES**

	2021		2020	
	\$		\$	
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>
Goods & Services	480,122	-	1,058,862	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	157,632	-	136,749	-
Accrued expenses - other	99,226	-	68,212	-
Trusts	35,787	-	39,302	-
Deed of gift, Drought Community Funding	1,518,816	-	1,525,000	-
Other Payables	71	-	9,104	-
	<u>2,291,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,837,229</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BORROWINGS</b>				
Loans	210,528	814,129	265,871	963,255
	<u>210,528</u>	<u>814,129</u>	<u>265,871</u>	<u>963,255</u>

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

**PROVISIONS**

LSL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	303,799	70,527	312,947	53,867
AL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	267,538	144,649	250,132	111,830
	<u>571,337</u>	<u>215,176</u>	<u>563,079</u>	<u>165,697</u>

**Movements in Provisions - 2021 year only**  
(current & non-current)

	Leave Provisions
Opening Balance	728,776
Add Unwinding of present value discounts	-
Additional amounts recognised	479,931
(Less) Payments	410,396
Unused amounts reversed	-
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	(11,798)
Closing Balance	<u>786,513</u>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES**

<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>		1/7/2020	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2021
	<b>Notes</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land		3,261,005	-	-	3,261,005
Buildings		18,749,719	-	-	18,749,719
Infrastructure : Sport & Recreation		4,077,235	-	-	4,077,235
Infrastructure : Bridges		1,922,186	-	-	1,922,186
Infrastructure : Footpaths		1,625,150	-	-	1,625,150
Infrastructure : Kerbing & Gutter		7,544,704	-	-	7,544,704
Infrastructure : Pavement		20,948,184	-	-	20,948,184
Infrastructure : Drainage		6,765,531	-	-	6,765,531
Infrastructure : Signs		605,882	-	-	605,882
Infrastructure : Sealed Roads		3,924,111	-	-	3,924,111
Infrastructure : Sheeted Roads		11,553,800	-	-	11,553,800
Infrastructure : CWMS		1,540,840	-	-	1,540,840
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>82,518,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,518,347</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>82,518,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,518,347</b>

<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>	1/7/2020	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2021
Ward Recreation Funds	-	21,534	-	21,534
Ward Capital Project Funds	92,118	-	(7,467)	84,651
Burra CWMS	411,165	50,663	-	461,828
Waste Management	77,898	-	(42,518)	35,380
Burra Caravan Park	112,773	57,775	-	170,548
Paxton Square Cottages	4,632	74,811	-	79,443
Burra Passport Product	32,084	81,563	-	113,647
Development Fees	141,112	-	-	141,112
Burra Cemetery Headstone	2,287	-	-	2,287
Dog Control	16,330	15,632	-	31,962
Warranty - Copperhouse Road	37,541	-	(37,541)	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>927,940</b>	<b>301,978</b>	<b>(87,526)</b>	<b>1,142,392</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>1,902,781</b>	<b>51,812</b>	<b>(1,026,653)</b>	<b>927,940</b>



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**PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

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

**(Other Reserves)**

**Council has a number of financial reserves which are maintained for specific purposes. Details are as follows:**

<b>Ward Recreation Funds</b>	for financial assistance to community groups for Sports and Recreation projects
<b>Capital Projects Funds</b>	for financial assistance to community groups for capital projects and major maintenance of council owned buildings
<b>Community Wastewater Management (STEDS)</b>	to account for surplus from operations of the schemes to fund future expansion and upgrade of Councils CWM systems (STEDS) in the towns of Eudunda and Burra
<b>Waste Management</b>	to account for surplus funds from operation of the Waste Collection system, for future upgrades and capital costs
<b>Burra Caravan Park</b>	to account for surplus funds from operations of the Burra Caravan park for future upgrades, capital costs and maintenance
<b>Paxton Square Cottages</b>	to account for surplus funds from operations of the Paxton Square Cottages for future upgrades, capital costs and maintenance
<b>Burra Passport Product</b>	to fund the maintenance of council owned heritage sites within Burra
<b>Development Fees</b>	to account for any surplus of development application fees for development projects with a value over \$5 million, over and above the cost of processing the development proposal
<b>Burra Cemetery Headstone</b>	to account for income received for the restoration of headstones at the Burra Cemetery
<b>Dog Control</b>	to account for excess income over expenditure for the Dog control function - to be allocated to capital projects future years

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**Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS**

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

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>CASH &amp; FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government		
<b><u>Department of Infrastructure</u></b>		
Local Road Community Infrastructure Phase 3	310,816	-
<b><u>Department of Environment and Heritage</u></b>		
Burra Historic Mine Office Project	206,500	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>517,316</b>	<b>-</b>



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**Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>6,339,504</u>	<u>7,678,834</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>6,339,504</u>	<u>7,678,834</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	274,196	865,138
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	4,470,551	4,121,167
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	78,620	105,140
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(1,222,511)	(1,376,144)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<u>239,987</u>	<u>449,839</u>
	3,840,843	4,165,140
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	198,240	(598,285)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	(222,165)	(157,154)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<u>(566,458)</u>	<u>1,414,537</u>
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>	<u>3,250,460</u>	<u>4,824,238</u>

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

**(d) Financing Arrangements**

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

Corporate Credit Cards	12,000	12,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	3,751,186	3,751,186

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**Note 12 - FUNCTIONS**

**INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES**

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				
	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$				
Administration	4,835,234	4,853,915	2,218,363	2,264,362	2,616,871	2,589,553	-	-	6,339,504	7,678,834
Public Order & Safety	78,068	51,693	145,633	100,760	(67,565)	(49,067)	21,000	-	-	-
Health	1,649	8,379	30,176	31,203	(28,527)	(22,824)	-	-	-	-
Social Security & Welfare	38,244	29,963	54,301	43,829	(16,057)	(13,866)	25,000	15,000	-	-
Housing & Community Services	915,327	884,869	1,670,870	1,680,987	(755,543)	(796,118)		1,989	5,885,278	5,598,723
Sport Recreation & Culture	158,889	144,562	1,582,488	1,317,866	(1,423,599)	(1,173,304)	583,707	642,218	18,740,597	18,224,523
Agricultural Services	321,371	313,423	330,188	318,226	(8,817)	(4,803)	-	-	-	-
Mining & Manufacture	1,961	13,482	505,183	628,836	(503,222)	(615,354)	-	-	1,675,585	910,301
Transport & Communication	3,235,136	2,443,805	5,718,098	4,805,247	(2,482,962)	(2,361,442)	2,363,277	1,833,165	63,420,919	63,387,710
Economic Affairs	1,093,050	664,504	1,633,538	929,289	(540,488)	(264,785)	-	530,564	3,236,177	3,338,609
NEC - Other Purposes	2,849,512	2,973,830	347,931	322,987	2,501,581	2,650,843	2,664,170	2,903,386	10,068,205	10,645,676
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,528,441</b>	<b>12,382,425</b>	<b>14,236,769</b>	<b>12,443,592</b>	<b>(708,328)</b>	<b>(61,167)</b>	<b>5,657,154</b>	<b>5,926,322</b>	<b>109,366,265</b>	<b>109,784,376</b>



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**Note 12 (continued) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**1. Council Administration**

Governance, Administration, Elected Members, Organisational support services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records Management, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services

**2. Public Order & Safety**

Dog and Cat Management, Emergency Services, Fire Prevention/protection, Citizenship Ceremonies, Australia Day celebrations, Littering, abandoned vehicles

**3. Health**

Health services, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services, Community Health Programmes

**4. Social Security & Welfare**

Community Transport Network, Services for the Aged and Disabled, Children and youth services, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Community Centres, Other Community Support

**5. Housing & Community Services**

Planning Services, Cemetery Administration, Public Conveniences, Sanitation & Garbage collection, Waste transfer stations, Sewerage/CWMS, support for Goyder Community Management Committees, Housing – Council Houses, Street lighting, health

**6. Sport, Recreation & Culture**

Burra Community School Library, Eudunda and Robertstown Community Library, Halls, Parks & gardens, Reserves, Sporting Grounds, Swimming Pools, Heritage assets, Burra Art Gallery, Burra and Eudunda TV facilities, Heritage, Museums, Star Club Field Officer, Arts and Cultural Facilitator.

**7. Agricultural Services**

Agricultural Water, Landcare, Natural Resources Management Levy, Drum Muster Programme, Pest Control

**8. Mining & Manufacture**

Building Assessment, Rubble raising and quarrying

**9. Transport**

Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and other transport

**10. Economic Development & Business Undertakings**

Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, Burra Caravan Park, Paxton Square Cottages

**11. NEC – Other Purposes**

Donations, community engagement, community newsletters, LGGC – general purpose, plant hire & depots, drought communities projects, drought recovery co-ordinator, COVID-19 activities

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

<b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.75% and 0.85% (2020: 1.6% and 1.7%). Short term deposits are with the LGFA at an interest rate of 0.3% (2020: 0.45%).</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<b>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 3.3% (2020: 3.45%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable principal and interest; interest is charged at a fixed rate of 6.75% (2020: 6.75%)</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>



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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Analysis**

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash & Equivalents	6,339,504	-	-	6,339,504	6,339,504
Receivables	2,287,305	26,585	-	2,313,890	2,313,467
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,626,809</b>	<b>26,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,653,394</b>	<b>8,652,971</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	2,034,794	-	-	2,034,794	2,034,796
Current Borrowings	240,073	-	-	240,073	210,528
Lease Liabilities	16,456	-	-	16,456	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	750,754	130,147	880,901	814,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,291,323</b>	<b>750,754</b>	<b>130,147</b>	<b>3,172,224</b>	<b>3,059,453</b>

2020	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash & Equivalents	7,678,834	-	-	7,678,834	7,678,834
Receivables	2,031,716	44,416	-	2,076,132	2,075,709
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,710,550</b>	<b>44,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,754,966</b>	<b>9,754,543</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	2,633,000	-	-	2,633,000	2,632,268
Current Borrowings	311,533	-	-	311,533	265,871
Lease Liabilities	17,952	16,456	-	34,408	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	902,470	165,325	1,067,795	963,255
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,962,485</b>	<b>918,926</b>	<b>165,325</b>	<b>4,046,736</b>	<b>3,861,394</b>

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

	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Other Variable Rates	1.32	650,058	2.20	799,930
Fixed Interest Rates	6.75	374,599	6.75	429,196
		<u>1,024,657</u>		<u>1,229,126</u>

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Net Fair Value**

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

**Risk Exposures:**

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

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

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



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**Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Roads & Footpaths	-	25,000
Plant & Equipment	-	46,000
Bridges	432,982	81,085
Drainage & Floodways	194,776	650,000
	<u>627,758</u>	<u>802,085</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	<u>627,758</u>	<u>802,085</u>
	<u>627,758</u>	<u>802,085</u>
<b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments		
Audit Services	12,000	24,000
Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract	235,755	462,264
Photocopiers (5)	112,340	147,114

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**Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

	2021	2020	2019
<b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(5.2%)	(0.5%)	8.7%
Total Operating Income			

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

**Net Financial Liabilities Ratio**

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(34%)	(44%)	(46%)
Total Operating Income			

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

**Adjustments to Ratios**

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These **Adjusted Ratios** correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison between years.

<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b>	(3.1%)	3.9%	5.1%
<b>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>	(23%)	(29%)	(36%)

**Asset Renewal Funding Ratio**

<u>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	77%	80%	89%
Net Asset Renewals - IAMP			

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

**Ratio Analysis:**

The adjusted Operating Surplus of (3.1%) is marginally less than Council's minimum benchmark of 0% due to expenditure items carried forward from 2019/20 into the 2020/21 financial year.

The adjusted Net Financial Liabilities ratio is greater than the Council minimum benchmark of 20% due to Council's financial assets being far greater than Council's financial liabilities.

The Asset Renewal Funding Ratio is 23% less than the ratio established in the Long Term Financial Plan primarily due to capital expenditure work in progress as at the 30th June 2021 carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year. Capital work in progress of \$2.4M will be capitalised in future financial years.



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**Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES**

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income	13,528,441	12,382,425
Expenses	<u>(14,236,769)</u>	<u>(12,443,592)</u>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(708,328)</b>	<b>(61,167)</b>
 <b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(5,091,753)	(4,630,305)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,470,551	4,121,167
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>442,818</u>	<u>46,636</u>
	<b>(178,384)</b>	<b>(462,502)</b>
 <b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	(965,897)	(1,124,342)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	1,222,511	1,376,144
	<u>256,614</u>	<u>251,802</u>
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b><u>(630,098)</u></b>	<b><u>(271,867)</u></b>

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**Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Super (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme). There are two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector with Salarylink benefits prior to 24 November 2009 have the option to contribute to the Accumulation section and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to the Accumulation section.

**Accumulation only Members**

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2019-20; 9.50% in 2020-21). 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 2019-20) 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 Willie Towers Watson as at 30 June 2020. 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 18 – INTERESTS IN OTHER ENTITIES**

**REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES**

Council is one of 15 Councils that are members of the Legatus Group (Central Local Government Region of SA) incorporated under the Local Government Act 1999. The financials of the group have not been included into Council's Annual Financial Statements as they are not considered to be material.

**Note 19 – CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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

**1. LAND UNDER ROADS**

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 3,467 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 a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

**3. LEGAL EXPENSES**

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of no appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

**Note 20 – EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE**

There are no significant events to be disclosed after balance date.

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**Note 21 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 10 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	614,870	618,746
Post-employment benefits	55,515	54,484
Long term benefits	-	-
Termination benefits	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>670,385</b>	<b>673,230</b>

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	-
Planning and building applications fees	1,308	1,842
Rentals for Council property	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,842</b>

**PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged one planning and building application during the year. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, these persons took no part in the assessment or approval processes for these applications. Total fees for the applications paid in 2020/21 was \$1,308 which was paid in full as at 30th June 2021.

One elected member has three close family members on the board of the Burra Sports and Community Club. Council made payments of \$28,548 to the club during the 2020/21 financial year. There is no outstanding payments as at 30th June 2021.

Two elected members have a financial interest in properties from which Council raised rubble and extracted water for road making purposes paying compensation for disruption and royalties at the rate applicable to third parties. The properties from which the rubble was raised and water extracted were selected by Council Staff based on the distance to the work site and the quality of the rubble for the required purpose. The total amount calculated on normal commercial terms in 2020/21 amounted to \$4,405 and \$1,298 was outstanding as at the 30th June 2021

One close family member of an elected member is employed by Council under the Regional Council of Goyder Enterprise Agreement No 8-2018. The total amount paid to these employees including superannuation benefits in 2020/21 is \$65,910 which was paid in full as at 30th June 2021.



## Regional Council of Goyder Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a general purpose financial report, of the Regional Council of Goyder (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2021.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Council are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to Australian Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Council to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Ian G McDonald FCA  
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 22 September 2021

## Independent Assurance Report on the Internal Controls of the Regional Council of Goyder

We have audited the compliance of the Regional Council of Goyder (Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

### Inherent Limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of any compliance procedure, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above, as the engagement is not performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed in respect of compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above are undertaken on a test basis.

### The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

### Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable *Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements*, issued by the *Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board*, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and implementation of controls on a sample basis based on the assessed risks.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



**Ian G McDonald FCA**

Chartered Accountant

Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 22 September 2021




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**CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Regional Council of Goyder for the year ended 30 June 2021, the Council's Auditor, Ian G. McDonald 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*.



David J. Stevenson  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Dafydd Llewellyn  
PRESIDING MEMBER  
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 21/9/2021

## REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

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### Audit Certificate of Audit Independence

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Regional Council of Goyder for the year ended 30 June 2021, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



**Ian G McDonald FCA**

Date: 31 August 2021



