


The Flinders Ranges Council



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VISION


A thriving community with a healthy lifestyle and living environment and a secure and sustainable future.

MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the well being of the community by maintaining and improving the quality of life with The Flinders Ranges Council area.

The Council will –

- ✓ Lead and represent the community
- ✓ Manage community resources efficiently and effectively
- ✓ Value the participation and contribution of individuals and groups in the community
- ✓ Support and encourage individual enterprise
- ✓ Provide infrastructure, services and facilities to meet the reasonable needs and aspirations of the community and contribute to a safe, healthy environment for residents and visitors
- ✓ Conserve and enhance the natural and built environment.


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The Flinders Ranges Council Financial Report 2009 / 2010
Central Local Government Region of South Australia Annual Report

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COUNCIL PROFILE

Area	4,127 square kilometres
Population	1,818 (ABS estimated)
Sealed Roads	18 kilometres
Unsealed Roads	1,244 kilometres
Number of Rateable Properties	1,581
Total Revenue (including Rates)	\$3,740,438
Rate Revenue	\$1,296,050
Total Operating Expenditure	\$3,556,259
Total Capital Expenditure	\$1,393,158

Local Industries –

Pastoral, mixed farming, tourism, general light industry, film industry.

Major Tourist Attractions –

The beautiful Flinders Ranges
Pichi Richi Railway
Hawker Panorama
Pichi Richi Camel Farm.
Warren Gorge


Council –

The Council consists of a Mayor and eight Councillors with each Member representing the whole community. Council elections are controlled by the State Electoral Office and conducted by postal ballot. The next periodic election is scheduled to be held in November 2010.

Council currently meets on the second Tuesday of the month and meetings, open to the public, commence at 6.45 p.m. The time and place of meetings is determined by each new Council at the first meeting of that Council.

Meetings are held at Quorn in January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November.

Meetings are held at Hawker in March, June, September and December.

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Elected Members (2006 – 2010) –

Mayor	Max McHugh
Deputy Mayor	John Shute
Councillors	Ronald Daniel (2008 - 2010) Gary Lucas Modris Ozolins Wayne Schuttloffel Peter Slattery Garry Thompson Kathleen Walsh (2008 - 2010)

Elector Representation –


Number of Electors 1,177*

(this is reduced from previous years due to a change in the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 removing the automatic right to a vote for business owners and non-resident ratepayers. All ratepayers who are not on the State Electoral Roll in the Council area are now required to apply to be on Council's Electoral Roll)*

Council	Electors	Total Members Including Mayor	Representation
District Council of Cleve	1,327	8	165
District Council of Elliston	804	8	100
The Flinders Ranges Council	1,177	9	130
District Council of Franklin Harbour	928	6	154
District Council of Kimba	825	7	117
Wudinna District Council	956	7	136
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	686	9	76
District Council of Robe	1,040	7	148

Council will conduct a review of its representation quota in 2012 / 2013 pursuant to Section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 details the procedures that are available for electors to make submissions on representation under this Act.

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Elected Members' Allowances –

Allowances were determined in accordance with the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Variation Regulations 2006.

Allowances paid for 2009-10 were –

➤ Mayor	\$ 8,000.00
➤ Deputy Mayor	\$ 2,500.00
➤ Elected Member	\$ 2,000.00.

In accordance with the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 1999 members are reimbursed for prescribed out-of-pocket expenses incurred while representing Council on official duties.

The South Australian Remuneration Tribunal will assume responsibility for the setting of Elected Members' Allowances from November 2010.

Senior Executive –


Two (2) Senior Executives are employed on a negotiated contract basis. The contracts do not provide bonuses, but pay for the rental of a private home telephone, reimbursement of work related call costs made from that telephone, and the use of a Council provided motor vehicle for business and private use.

Use of Confidentiality Provisions

Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides Council with the authority to consider certain matters on a confidential basis. Otherwise Council meetings are open to the public.

During 2009 – 2010 Council used the confidentiality provisions on eleven (11) occasions to deal with Council Property, Borrow Pit, Local Government Association of South Australia State Election Strategy, Council Waste Collection, Quorn School Community Library, Native Title, Hawker Community and Recreation Complex, Carbon Report, Development Application, and Property.


All minutes excluding Native Title, Development Application and Property matters have subsequently been released.

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Regional Subsidiaries

Council is a member of the Central Local Government Region of South Australia Incorporated, a Regional Subsidiary created under the provisions of Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The annual financial report of the Regional Subsidiary is incorporated in the Annual Report as required by Clause 28 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Act 1999. The full report is available at the Council office or at the Central Local Government Region's office, Crystal Brook.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

This is my last report as Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council and again, I am reminded of the great qualities of the people of our communities and the way in which so many have supported me since the loss of my wife Pearl. Thank you so much to you all.

Our volunteers within the Council district continue to assist in so many ways and I thank you for your service and wish you well in the future.

The Pichi Richi Railway continues to draw many visitors to our district and is integral to the tourism industry. The proposed relocation of the Quorn Visitor Information Centre to the Quorn Railway Station will enhance visitors' experiences within the region.


The Pichi Richi Marathon was a great success and I am sure that the thirtieth anniversary planned for next year will be equally successful. My hope is that this event will remain an important part of the event calendar which includes Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Hawker and Quorn Race Days, Quorn Show, Hawker Craft Mart, Seniors Christmas Party and the Quorn Christmas Pageant.

New facility openings throughout the period included the Hawker Area School Kitchen Garden by well renowned cook, Ms Maggie Beer, the Hawker Walking Trail and Gymnasium, and Quorn Ambulance Centre.

Construction of the new Hawker Swimming Pool facility commenced and Council negotiated the lease of the Hawker Airport to Bush Pilots Australia Pty Ltd where scenic flights are now available.

Council has supported many community groups throughout the year with both cash and in-kind contributions. Council recognises the importance of the various volunteer organisations in the area. Some of the community groups to receive assistance were Powell Gardens, Quorn Flora Reserve, Bush Festival, Pichi Richi Railway, Quorn and Hawker Community Libraries, Hawker Gym, Hawker Walking Trail, Hawker Sports and Community Centre and Quorn Show.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia visited Quorn and Hawker on 11 May 2010 and met with staff of Unimin Barytes Plant, Powell Gardens volunteers, Quorn Probus Club members, staff and students at Quorn Area School, lunched with Council's Elected Members, and travelled to Hawker to meet staff and students at Hawker Area School, followed by a visit to Geoff Morgan's Gallery.

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The South Australian Premier's Cabinet met in Port Augusta on 20 July 2009 and Council took advantage of the opportunity to raise issues with relevant Ministers, including the quality of Hawker's water supply. This issue has now culminated with the announcement in the 2010 State Budget of an allocation of \$8.1 million for a desalination plant at Hawker.

In June 2009, accompanied by Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Colin Davies, I attended the Australian Local Government Assembly in Canberra and in November 2009 I was a guest at the opening of Peterborough's Steamtown by the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Mike Rann.

Council has continued its commitment to better communication with the Council Newsletter being issued monthly directly after the Council Meeting and supplemented by the new Green Sheet which is issued bi-monthly. Council has carried forward the 2009/2010 Budget allocation for upgrading Council's website, and the new website will provide more information about Council and the district in general. Council will release in November 2010 it's new "marketing" brochure aimed at attracting new residents, investment and businesses to the Council region. Mayor McHugh and the Chief Executive Officer continue to visit Hawker regularly each month as part of the improved communication regime.

Council extends best wishes to Mr David Smith, our retired Works Manager, and welcomes Mr Mark Hill as Council's new Works Manager.

To my fellow Councillors and all staff of The Flinders Ranges Council, thank you for your support over the years. The Council has achieved much but there is still plenty still to be achieved, and I wish you all well in the future as you proceed with governance of the Council district.

To the community of The Flinders Ranges Council – I feel very proud and very humble to have been your Mayor for 17 years. Thank you for your support and I wish you all the best for the future as we all live, work and play in this wonderful part of the world.

Max McHugh
Mayor




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ELECTED MEMBERS' MEETING ATTENDANCES

Elected Members	Ordinary Council Meetings	Special Council Meetings	Council Reference Committees
Mayor Max McHugh	11	2	6
Councillor Ronald Daniel	12	1	1
Councillor Gary Lucas	8	1	2
Councillor Modris Ozolins	8	2	2
Councillor Wayne Schuttloffel	7	2	2
Councillor John Shute	10	0	5
Councillor Peter Slattery	12	1	2
Councillor Garry Thompson	11	2	8
Councillor Kathleen Walsh	11	2	10

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer


The 2009/2010 Annual Report year has been a busy and challenging time for the Elected Members and staff of The Flinders Ranges Council. The sustainable provision of a wide range of services and maintenance of infrastructure remains a key challenge for our Council, which continues to pursue alternative service delivery models including shared services. Council continues to actively seek additional funding opportunities to enhance Council's sustainable provision of infrastructure and services.

The annual impost of new legislative reform by the State Government required staff to ensure that further compliance and reporting requirements were met. The new compliance and reporting requirements necessitated an increase in administration time and therefore cost. As in previous years, there was no additional funding from the State Government to assist Council in ensuring compliance with the legislative changes. This unfortunately resulted in the ratepayers having to pay higher rates than otherwise would have been imposed.

In contrast, the announcement of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) by the Australian Government was welcome news for The Flinders Ranges Council, which received \$130,000 for local infrastructure projects. This funding partially funded the major upgrade of the Quorn Swimming Pool, Quorn Town Hall toilets, Quorn Community Hall kitchen, new Hawker Swimming Pool and Hawker CWMS. The balance of funding for these projects came from the proceeds from the sale of the Quorn Caravan Park and other Council reserves.

Public consultation undertaken during the year included the Heritage Development Plan Amendment, which will consider items of local heritage value; Urban Design Plans for both Hawker and Quorn, to provide a vision for the future of both towns; lease of part of the Hawker Aerodrome Terminal Building; the Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan. Council has been negotiating with Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society for the co-location of the Quorn VIC at the Quorn Railway Station and has commissioned a Business Plan and concept plan for the redevelopment of the Quorn Railway Station building into a vibrant tourism asset, which is currently out for public consultation.

Council participated in Channel Nine's "Out of the Ordinary" television series to promote the council region and has engaged with The Transcontinental newspaper to provide positive media coverage for the council district. Council's "marketing" brochure to attract new residents, investors and businesses and the upgrade of Council's website will be carried forward to next year and will be instrumental in providing more information to residents and visitors alike and enhancing Council's image.

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Council started its climate change campaign with the introduction of Zen Home Energy's C-PREP program for local residents and business during the year. This initiative is ongoing and has seen 18 residential solar power systems ranging from 1KWh to 5.25KWh installed this year. Council has budgeted in its Long Term Financial Plan to install solar power on all Council buildings over the next 10 years. Council undertook a "carbon" audit during the year and will be working toward achieving a zero carbon footprint as soon as practicable. The introduction of Council's bi-monthly "Green Sheet" newsletter will help to inform residents of action they can take to reduce their own carbon footprint and help mitigate the effects of climate change. Council also sponsored composting workshops and supplied compost bins to residents at a reduced cost.


Management of waste is one avenue that Council is pursuing to reduce its carbon footprint which started in this Annual Report year with the introduction of a kerbside collection of waste and recyclables. Recycling has seen a diversion of 45% of household waste from landfill which will be further enhanced when Council opens the new transfer station at Quorn in 2011. Unfortunately the State Government continues to impose further costs in this regard through additional EPA requirements. Council is moving toward a "user pays" methodology for waste management.

This year has seen the return of good rains, which whilst welcomed for the farmers and graziers, has resulted in nearly \$500,000 of flood damage to Council's vast road network. Unfortunately, the State Government declined any financial support to assist Council to repair the damage, which has had a substantial effect on Council finances. Council continues to lobby the State Government for a more equitable and accountable Disaster Fund methodology.

Other highlights for the 2009/10 Annual Return year include the establishment of a Regional Development Assessment Panel with District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Ororoo Carrieton and Peterborough; obtaining \$500,000 for the upgrade of Kanyaka Surgery (work commencing in October 2010); completion of the Warren Gorge upgrade (new toilets and signage); repair of the Hawker CWA building; construction of new entrance signs to each town; and finally but probably most importantly the successful lobbying for potable water for Hawker as evidenced by the recent State Budget announcement of \$8.1million for a desalination plant for Hawker.

I wish to thank all Council staff for their tireless dedication to serving the community. I also thank the Mayor and Elected Members for their continued support. The upcoming Council elections in November 2010 will see Mayor Max McHugh and Councillors Wayne Schuttloffel and Modris Ozolins retire. I wish to thank them on behalf of The Flinders Ranges Council community for their contribution of a collective 57 years of service to the community!

Colin Davies
Chief Executive Officer

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Works Manager

The Flinders Ranges Council maintains 1,261 kilometres of roadway, mainly open surface, with only 17 kilometres of roadway sealed in Hawker and Quorn. The Council covers an area of 4,198 square kilometres, including 3 towns namely the historic railway towns of Hawker and Quorn, and Cradock the smallest, but no less historic. The Council maintains and operates 2 swimming pools, 2 airstrips (the main strip located at Hawker), 2 cemeteries, 2 Community Wastewater Management Systems and 2 Waste Depots.

The Works Department's staff consists of a Supervisor, 2 Team Leaders, and 5 construction employees, and 4 towns employees, all of whom have been responsible for a pleasing result in a difficult year.

During the period Council allocated \$290,000 to specific road resheeting projects:

Richman Valley Road	sheeted 1,900 metres
Warcowie Road	sheeted 1,700 metres
Yarrah Vale Road	sheeted 2,900 metres
Devils Peak Road	sheeted 1,200 metres
Boolcunda Road	sheeted 1,000 metres
Freebairn Road	sheeted 500 metres
Proby's Grave Road	sheeted 1,500 metres.


The town reseal program included:

Cradock Road, Hawker (costs were half shared with Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure)
 Heysen Avenue, Hawker
 Chase View Avenue, Hawker
 Park Terrace, Quorn
 Fourth Street, Quorn
 First Street, Quorn.

The *Roads to Recovery* program was allocated \$295,000 which included the following streets in Quorn:

Arden Vale Road - from North Terrace to Stewart Road
 North Terrace - from Arden Vale Road to Oval Road
 Francis Street - from North Terrace to Herbert Street
 William Street - from North Terrace to Herbert Street.

The year realised 5 rain events in the Council district, with the majority of damage to creek crossings which must be repaired and opened to traffic at a cost of \$253,000. The Flinders Ranges Council has 1,800 creek crossings on its roads.

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In line with best practice Council purchased the following machinery, vehicles and equipment:

Tandem tipper truck
Dual cab utility
Mitsubishi Pajero
Combination roller
Dog trailer.

February saw the introduction of domestic “wheelie” refuse and recycle bins in the Council towns. House hold waste is now transported by truck to Willowie landfill with recycling sent to Brinkworth recycle station.

Once again, a remarkable workload has been achieved with all Works employees.

Mark Hill
Works Manager

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Works General Inspector

The period has reflected an improvement in responsible dog ownership throughout the Council area. Council had a total of 533 dogs registered which was up fractionally on the previous year. One of the most promising improvements from Council's point of view is seeing more dog owners complying with signage associated with off lead and on lead recreational areas in the communities. Keeping their dogs on leads and wearing their discs while out walking in the community leads to positive reinforcement for the minority of owners who are less compliant.


The most common occurrence is wandering dogs and most have been easily reunited with their owners as they have registration discs attached to their collars. Stormy weather accounted for the bulk of dogs out wandering this year and it is pleasing to note that more owners are willing to approach Council as a first contact when their pets goes missing. Being able to locate owners easily saves distress to both pets and their owners as well as limiting the cost to Council.

Feral Cats were a big problem this year with Council receiving many requests for the use of traps. Conditions were optimal for cat numbers to increase, hence the increased demand in trap requests.

The statistics below indicate what type of incidents occurred and the man hours required in dealing with them:

Statistics: Year	2009 - 2010	Total
Dog Wandering		74
Impounded		13
Noise Complaint		54
Dog Attack / Harassment		6
Unregistered		11
Cat Cage Hire Days		367
Citronella Collar Hire Days		7
Cat Complaints – Domestic		3
- Feral		8
Expiations Unregistered Dogs		2
Expiations Wandering Dogs		4
Expiations Breach Of By-Law 3		0
Admin and Training		74.25
Other (including follow-up)		82.5
Field hours		45.75
Destroyed Dogs		5
Destroyed Cats		3
Other Animal Complaints (not dog or cat)		9
Given back from pound		8
Returned to Owners		35
TOTAL INCIDENTS		158
WORK HOURS		202.5

Lynette Fatchen

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Works Project Officer

Federal Government Assistance Grant Works:

Quorn Swimming Pool Upgrade

Installation of extra shade structure, barbecue, loud speaker system, pool night light towers and upgrade of entry and reception areas.

Quorn Town Hall Upgrade

Upgrade of male and female ablution facilities.

Quorn Community Hall Upgrade

Demolition of existing kitchen, with redesign and completion renovation to kitchen area.

Other works:

Annual Asbestos Inspections

Rework and upgrade works to enable removal of existing buildings from the annual inspection list.

Quorn and Hawker Waste Depots

To comply with Environment Protection Authority requirements works included:

- design of the new Quorn Transfer Station
- establishment of street bin and domestic waste and recycling program
- design and manufacture of Warren Gorge waste trailers
- design and installation of street bin stands.

Hawker Swimming Pool

Addressing of defects at the Hawker Swimming Pool to allow a further swimming season for 2009/2010.


Design works associated with the new Hawker Swimming Pool and construction of the new pool near the Hawker Community Sporting Centre commenced during the period.

Standardisation of Council's Key System

Where possible, rationalisation of keys to suit Council's existing facilities master key system.

Courthouse, Quorn

Ensuring compliance with Heritage Department for installation of air conditioning system.

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Kanyaka Surgery Refurbishment

Assisting Development Officer with design and preparation for tender process for refurbishment of the Kanyaka Surgery utilising Federal Government grant monies.

Hawker Aerodrome

Preparation and planning for the upgrade of facility perimeter fence.

Hawker Tourist Information Bay


Complete redesign and replacement of the redundant displayed tourist information.

Quorn War Memorial

Dismounting and removal of Turkish Gun for reconditioning.

Other projects have included the painting of the Quorn Swimming Pool ablution floors; provision of pool covers for Hawker and Quorn Swimming Pools; assessment of leaks in the roof of the Quorn Town Hall and upgrade of Hawker and Quorn recreation area barbecues.

Bob Wakefield.

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Development Officer

Development applications totalled seventy - six during the reporting period.


Building Fire Safety inspections have been undertaken for hotels, motels, and caravan parks with most owners attempting to meet compliance levels.

There have been many significant changes occurring in a short space of time since the introduction of the Building Code of Australia and the Development Act. Currently items being addressed are bushfire standards, engineering and associated truss issues, six star energy efficiency, Building Code of Australia 2011 and access changes, swimming pool safety fencing, Country Fire Service and farm building issues, and Occupational Health and Safety issues.

The past year has seen a vast increase in enquiries for land use particularly within Council's Rural Landscape Protection Zone. Council is currently involved in legal proceedings against an illegal building structure with this Zone.

It is pleasing to see the commencement of construction of the new Hawker Swimming Pool.

Ron Ashenden.

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Environmental Health Officer

Businesses which have been inspected for the period have included -

- Food outlets
- Hotels and Motels
- Bed and Breakfast
- Hairdressers
- Hospitals
- School canteens
- Caravan Parks
- Sporting facilities
- Backpackers and Hostels
- Council facilities


No orders have been issued in this period with most premises continuing to upgrade and maintain good overall standards.

More recently work has been undertaken to ensure facilities with water systems have been working with facilities to ensure compliance with the Public and Environmental Health (Legionella) Regulations 2008.

Health education, promotion and community engagement has included:

- Availability of compost bins for purchase by the community through a bulk order;
- Provision of Food Information Kits to food businesses and community groups
- Provision of templates for the recording of temperatures, cleaning rosters, delivery of food in food premises;
- Availability of digital thermometers for sale to businesses and community groups as access to shops is limited in a rural area;
- Provision of Council facility on a lease basis for Hawker Gym with no lease fee;
- Technical support of Quorn Produce Market (where fresh food is available) by the Environmental Health and Compliance Officer;
- Support of local events including Quorn Show, Quorn Craft Fair, Quorn Pageant;
- Financial and in kind support of walking trails in Council district;
- Installation of a new barbecue for public use at Hawker and Quorn.

A need for delivery of information sessions was identified during the period on Food Safe Practice and Health and Hygiene Awareness across the Flinders Shared Services Group (District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Ororoo, Carrieton, Peterborough and The Flinders Ranges Council).


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Students at the Hawker Area School learnt about health and hygiene, which involved discussions of personal hygiene and interactive hand washing activities during a day session and the following day saw 5 industry persons attend a one day Food Safe Practice session at the Hawker Area School Home Economics Room. Attendees were provided with information on best practice in safe food management and personal hygiene.

The information sessions were well received by both students and food handlers.

The Food Information Sessions will continue to be offered in the future on an annual basis.

Mark Smith.

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Grants Officer

Successful grant applications during the 2009 - 2010 financial year amounted to \$867,076.

A breakdown of these applications is as follows:

- \$9,067 from the Remote Aerodrome Safety Program to purchase and install pilot activated lighting at the Hawker Aerodrome (Commonwealth).
- \$270,792 from the Local Government Disaster Fund to rectify flood damage from the March 2009 rain event. Carried over from 2008/09 (State).
- \$4,000 from the Saluting Their Service Commemorations for the restoration of the Quorn Turkish Field Gun at the Memorial Garden (Commonwealth).
- \$501,500 from the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program for the Upgrade of the Kanyaka Surgery (Commonwealth).
- \$57,500 National Water Security Plan for Cities & Towns - LGA Umbrella Application (Commonwealth).
- \$10,000 from Places for People for the Hawker urban Design Framework (State).
- \$5,967 for the Native Vegetation Roadside Vegetation Survey Fund (State).
- \$8,250 from Zero Waste SA for Kerbside Performance Incentives (State).

Melissa Downing.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Public Participation -

Council Meetings are open to the public and residents are invited to attend meetings to obtain a better understanding of the workings of Council.

Deputations and presentations to Council can occur subject to a written request being made to Council and addressed to the Mayor.

Petitions can also be presented to Council on any issue that is within Council jurisdiction.

Access to Council Documents -

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council office:

- Agenda and Minutes
- Strategic Plan
- Policy Manual
- Annual Business Plan
- Budget and Long Term Financial Plan
- Annual Report
- Financial Report
- Development Plan
- Development Application Register
- Assessment Book
- Register of Members Allowances and Benefits
- Register of Employees Salaries, Wages and Benefits.


Copies of the above are available for a small charge.

Other Information Requests –

Requests for other information will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

An application and search fee will be required to be lodged with any application for information under Freedom of Information Act 1991.

Any request for information should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council, P.O. Box 43, Quorn S.A. 5433. Any application made on the correct form will be dealt with within the statutory period required under the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

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Council Certificates –

For the 2009 / 2010 financial year there were no certificates pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act, 1999 issued by Council that restricted access to any document. Council believes that in only very special circumstances where there is a legal requirement, should access to documents be restricted.

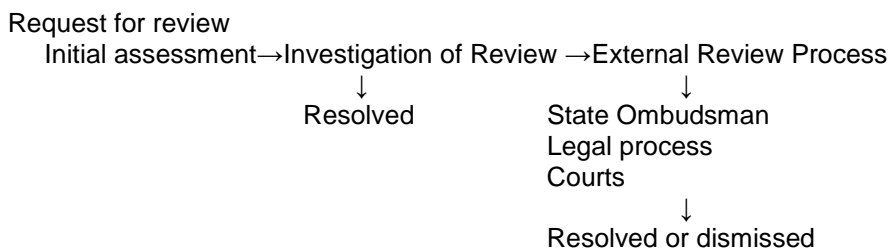
Public Consultation –

The Flinders Ranges Council has adopted a Public Consultation Policy in accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 1999. The steps to be taken in implementing the Consultation and Decision Making processes are outlined below –

- Research and develop strategies
- Undertake consultation process
- Feedback about topic via submissions
- Council decision making
- Communicate decisions to stakeholders


Internal Review of Council Decisions –

Council is committed to open, accountable and responsive decision making, facilitated by effective communication and consultation between Council and the community. The following demonstrates the review processes available to the applicant for a review of Council decisions –



Amendment of Council Records –

A member of the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Local Government Act 1999. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out-of-date. To gain access to these Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information request application as indicated above outlining the records that they wish to inspect.

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Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government -

Pursuant to the Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996 Council has no report to make as no activities were conducted in Category 1 or 2 activities during the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

Council does not operate any business activity subject to the application of Policy principles.

Public Access to Council Documents -

During 2009 / 2010 Council applied the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 on five occasions.

The Confidentiality provision was applied for the purpose of discussing eleven matters including Council Property, Borrow Pit, Local Government Association of South Australia State Election Strategy, Council Waste Collection, Quorn School Community Library, Native Title, Hawker Community and Recreation Complex, Carbon Report, Development Application, and Property. As at 30 June 2010 all matters have been reviewed and released excluding minutes associated with Native Title, Development Application and Property.


Council did not need to use the provisions of Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 during the year.

Competitive Tender and Local Purchasing –

Council 's Policy Number MF001 – Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchase, Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets has been applied in the purchase of capital goods and works. Wherever possible the use of local suppliers for the purchase of materials is given due attention as the consideration of post sales support and service is an important consideration in the acquisition of assets.

Training and Development Opportunities for Elected Members –

Training appropriate to the legislative and governance roles and functions of Elected Members is provided by the Local Government Association of South Australia and associated training providers and is available for Members able and willing to participate.

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Strategic Management Plan –

Council has aligned its Strategic Management Plan with the South Australian Strategic Plan 2007, and during 2009 / 2010 Council achieved fifteen out of the twenty key areas outlined in the Council Strategic Management Plan.

The Strategic Management Plan is to be reviewed (including Public Consultation) in 2010 / 2011.

Annual Business Plan –

Council has successfully minimised the financial impact of external factors beyond its control in its Annual Business Plan during 2009 / 2010 and has continued to maintain and enhance delivery of all services imposed by the Local Government Act 1999, the Development Act 1993 and other applicable legislation enacted by Federal and State Governments.

Community Land Management Plan –

Council has adopted a Community Land Management Plan in accordance with Section 196 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Management Plan guides Council in the utilisation of community land and buildings.

Auditor's Remuneration –


Cobiac and Chapman were paid the sum of four thousand, eight hundred and forty dollars (\$4,840.00) for the 2009 / 2010 annual audit of Council's financial statement. No other remuneration was paid to the auditors, and no other service provided.

Internal Review of Council Actions –

No applications were made pursuant to Section 270(8) of the Local Government Act 1999 for a review of Council actions.

Decision Making Structure -

All decisions are the property of the Council. The Committees appointed by Council have advisory functions only, and Council officers are empowered to act in accordance with delegations made by Council pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and associated legislation.

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STAFF

Administration –

Chief Executive Officer	:	Colin Davies
Chief Financial Officer	:	Colin Davies
Executive Assistant	:	Julie Campbell
Rates and Administration Officer	:	Chris Bowden
Grants and OHS&W Officer	:	Melissa Downing
Administration Officers (Job Share)	:	Michelle Baker and Julie Wilson
VIC Manager	:	Jillian Wilson

Operations –


Works Manager	:	David Smith / Mark Hill
Works Supervisor	:	Lee Braddy
Works Clerk / General Inspector	:	Lynne Ward / Lynette Fatchen
Works Project Officer	:	Bob Wakefield
Team Leader	:	Robin Ward
Plant Operators/General Hands	:	Ryan Whitehead / Trent Downing
	:	Corrie Beens
	:	Victor Clark
	:	Mark Finlay
	:	John Deer
	:	David Jackson
	:	Ian Press
	:	Peter Slee / Danny Martin
	:	Tony Agnew
	:	Chris Morrell

Contract Staff –

Development Officer	:	Ron Ashenden
Environmental Health Officer	:	Mark Smith
Planning Consultant	:	Access Planning
Legal Advisors	:	Norman Waterhouse Lawyers

Seasonal Staff –

Pool Supervisors	:	Yvonne Bailey / Marteen Paynter / Sasha Anderson / Denni Rose
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Senior Officers -

The Chief Executive Officer is paid to compensate for time worked outside normal office hours and twenty – five percent extra for the dual finance role. In addition, Council has also resolved to meet the cost of rental for the telephone and cost of memberships.

The Works Manager has fifty percent of his telephone rental and the cost of any work related calls reimbursed.

A vehicle for full private use is provided to both officers.

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OTHER

Registers –

- Members Register of Interest
- Staff Register of Interest
- Members Allowances and Benefits
- Staff Salaries, Allowances and Benefits
- Campaign Donations (elected members)
- Assessment Book
- Asset Register
- Signs
- Grids
- Development Approvals
- Loans
- Licences / Leases / Permits
- Various OHS&W
- Contractors
- Insurance.

Governance and Community Development -

Council has continued its membership of the Central Local Government Region and participated in the regional activities of that organisation. Mayor McHugh is a member of the Executive Committee.

During the year Council was a member of the Regional Development Australia Far North (formerly Northern Regional Development Board).

Council was also a member of the Flinders Shared Services Group, with other members being the District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Orroroo Carrieton and Peterborough.


Distribution of Information –

Council continues to communicate with its residents by regular distribution of reports and newsletters and placement of information notices in local newspapers. Council's website is beginning to further enhance the distribution of information.

Council has introduced circulation of a 'Green Sheet' to residents on a quarterly basis, which focuses on the environment and climate change.

2010 Australia Day Awards –

Council awarded an Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award 2010 to Mrs Andrea Bury.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES


Council Committees –

Audit Committee
 Development Assessment Committee / Regional Development Assessment Panel
 Enterprise Bargaining Committee
 Flinders Ranges Council Building Fire Safety Committee
 Flinders Ranges Council District Bushfire Prevention Committee
 Hawker Community and Recreation Complex Management Committee
 Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool Management Committee
 Kanyaka Surgery Refurbishment Committee
 Policy Review Committee
 Proposed Local Heritage Listing Committee
 Proposed Relocation of Visitor Information Centre to Railway Station
 Quorn and Districts War Memorial Swimming Pool Management Committee.

Council Delegates –

Council Members, staff and residents represent Council on the following committees:

Central Local Government Region of South Australia
 District Council of Mount Remarkable Building, Health and Inspectorial Services
 Advisory Committee
 Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourist Association
 Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Integrated Strategic Tourism Plan Committee
 Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators Association
 Grasshopper Community Reference Group
 Hawker Airport Emergency Committee
 Hawker Area School Governing Council
 Hawker Community Development Board
 Hawker Country Fire Service
 Hawker School / Community Library Board
 Hawker Community Sporting Centre
 Hawker Health Advisory Council
 Local Government Association of South Australia
 Local Government Finance Association of South Australia
 Local Government System Incorporated (Voting Delegate)
 Natural Disaster and Flood Mitigation Working Group
 Northern Passenger Transport Network
 Northern Regional Development Board
 Quorn Agricultural Show Society
 Quorn Country Fire Service
 Quorn Health Advisory Council
 Quorn Hospital Primary Health Care Committee
 Quorn State Emergency Services
 Quorn School / Community Library Board

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Quorn Youth Centre
Quorn Local History Group
Town Entrance Committee
Wirreanda Cottages.

Policies and Codes of Conduct -


The Local Government Act requires Councils to have in place certain policies and codes of conduct. Listed below are the various policies or codes of conduct either required by the Local Government Act or agreed to by Council -

Governance

G001	Camping
G002	Code of Conduct – Elected Members and Staff
G003	Consultation
G004	Bargaining Fees – non union employees
G005	Elected Members Allowance and Support
G006	Election Signs in Public Places
G007	Filming
G008	Flying the Flag
G009	Internal Review of Council Decisions Procedure
G010	Tourism
G011	Statutory Code of Practice, Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council Documents
G012	Making of Orders
G013	Closure of Surveyed Roads
G014	Election – resignation of Members
G015	Risk Management
G016	Risk Management Register
G017	Members Training and Development
G018	Safe Environment
G019	Section 41 Committees – Terms of Reference
G020	Council Audit Committee – Terms of Reference

Infrastructure – Roads

I001	Cross Over
I002	Fences, Construction of – rural land
I003	Footpath Trees – widening of footpaths, planting of footpath trees, street tree removal, planting under powerlines
I004	Grids
I005	Roadside Native Vegetation Management Plan
I006	Rural Roadside Planting of Trees, Guidelines
I007	Rubble Pits – weed control, compensation, search for

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Management

Assets - Plant and Equipment

MA001 Country Fire Service – utilisation of Council plant

Finance

MF001 Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchase, Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets

MF002 Asset Accounting and Depreciation

Human Resources - Personnel

MH001 Country Fire Service – Council Employees

MH002 Employee Grievances

MH003 Equal Employment Opportunities


MH004 Recruitment

MH005 Sexual Harassment

Property

MP001 Hawker Dam – pumping, pumping to private property, standpipe.

Any of the policies or codes of conduct can be viewed at the Quorn Council Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. or on the website www.frc.sa.gov.au

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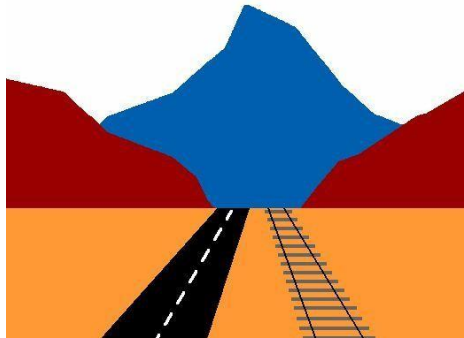
Delegations –

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

Council cannot delegate to staff various functions as outlined in Section 44(3)(a) and (k) of the Local Government Act, 1999.

Delegations are –

<i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	:	Colin Davies
<i>Development Act 1993</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	Ron Ashenden
<i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	David Smith / Mark Hill
	:	Lynnette Fatchen
<i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	David Smith / Mark Hill
<i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	Mark Finlay
<i>Public and Environmental Health Act 1987</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	Ron Ashenden
<i>Impounding Act 1920</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	David Smith / Mark Hill
<i>Food Act 1985</i>	:	Colin Davies
	:	Ron Ashenden
<i>Expiation of Offences Act 1996</i>	:	Colin Davies
<i>Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994</i>	:	Colin Davies



THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT

2009/10

Adopted 09 November 2010



THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2010

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	1,296,050	1,186,633
Statutory charges	2	38,315	34,411
User charges	2	72,519	41,276
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	1,681,160	1,664,761
Investment income	2	132,668	168,849
Reimbursements	2	66,646	205,696
Other income	2	134,621	183,022
Net gain - joint ventures & associates	19	-	-
Total Income		3,421,979	3,484,648
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	1,070,027	985,155
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	1,756,342	1,863,432
Finance costs	3	92,799	98,889
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	621,585	551,271
Net loss - joint ventures & associates	19	-	-
Total Expenses		3,540,753	3,498,747
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(118,774)	(14,099)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(15,506)	(39,201)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	318,459	447,573
Physical resources received free of charge	2	-	-
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		184,179	394,273
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	2,409,119	15,179,201
Total Other Comprehensive Income		2,409,119	15,179,201
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		2,593,298	15,573,474
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)			
Council		184,179	394,273
Minority Interest		-	-
		184,179	394,273
Share of Other Comprehensive Income			
Council		2,409,119	15,179,201
Minority Interest		-	-
		2,409,119	15,179,201
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		2,593,298	15,573,474

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



THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,448,264	3,241,800
Trade & other receivables	5	356,426	116,818
Other financial assets	5	-	-
Inventories	5	479,481	198,428
		<u>3,284,171</u>	<u>3,557,046</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>3,284,171</u>	<u>3,557,046</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	22,057	32,812
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	-	-
Investment Property	7	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	37,655,867	34,628,879
Other Non-current Assets	6	-	-
		<u>37,677,924</u>	<u>34,661,691</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>37,677,924</u>	<u>34,661,691</u>
Total Assets		<u>40,962,095</u>	<u>38,218,737</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	843,523	697,280
Borrowings	8	76,553	79,888
Provisions	8	190,012	178,070
Other Current Liabilities	8	-	-
		<u>1,110,088</u>	<u>955,238</u>
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,110,088</u>	<u>955,238</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	-	-
Borrowings	8	1,227,161	1,303,714
Provisions	8	32,866	15,362
Liability - Equity accounted Council businesses	6	-	-
Other Non-current Liabilities	8	-	-
		<u>1,260,027</u>	<u>1,319,076</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>1,260,027</u>	<u>1,319,076</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>2,370,115</u>	<u>2,274,314</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>38,591,980</u>	<u>35,944,423</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		10,554,160	9,930,911
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	26,294,154	23,885,035
Available for sale Financial Assets	9	-	-
Other Reserves	9	1,743,666	2,128,477
		<u>38,591,980</u>	<u>35,944,423</u>
Total Council Equity		<u>38,591,980</u>	<u>35,944,423</u>
Minority Interest		-	-
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>38,591,980</u>	<u>35,944,423</u>

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

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Available for sale Financial Assets \$	Other Reserves \$	Total Council Equity \$	Minority Interest Equity \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
2010								
Balance at end of previous reporting period		9,930,911	23,885,035	-	2,128,477	35,944,423	-	35,944,423
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated opening balance		9,930,911	23,885,035	-	2,128,477	35,944,423	-	35,944,423
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		184,179				184,179	-	184,179
Other Comprehensive Income								
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			2,409,119			2,409,119	-	2,409,119
Transfers between reserves		439,070			(384,811)	54,259		54,259
Balance at end of period		10,554,160	26,294,154	-	1,743,666	38,591,980	-	38,591,980
2009								
Balance at end of previous reporting period		10,005,246	8,705,834	-	1,185,189	19,896,269	-	19,896,269
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards		47,031	-	-	-	47,031	-	47,031
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated opening balance		10,052,277	8,705,834	-	1,185,189	19,943,300	-	19,943,300
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		394,273				394,273	-	394,273
Other Comprehensive Income								
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			15,179,201			15,179,201	-	15,179,201
Transfers between reserves		(515,639)			943,288	427,649		427,649
Balance at end of period		9,930,911	23,885,035	-	2,128,477	35,944,423	-	35,944,423

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THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		3,534,069	3,859,669
Investment receipts		147,428	154,089
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(3,362,020)	(3,093,250)
Finance payments		(107,379)	(388,952)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		212,098	531,556
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		318,459	447,573
Sale of replaced assets		138,198	226,364
Sale of surplus assets		-	-
Sale of real estate developments		-	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		10,755	-
Distributions received from associated entities		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,393,158)	(902,073)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loans made to community groups		-	(29,655)
Capital contributed to associated entities		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(925,746)	(257,791)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	-
Proceeds from Aged Care Facility deposits		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(79,888)	(82,200)
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		-	-
Repayment of Aged Care Facility deposits		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(79,888)	(82,200)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(793,536)	191,565
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	3,241,800	3,050,235
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	2,448,264	3,241,800

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The Flinders Ranges Council

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 11 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* dated 12th October 2010

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except where 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 AAS 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 Flinders Ranges Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn SA 5433. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

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

3 Income recognition

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

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



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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

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.

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



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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 as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$2,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$2,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$2,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$2,000
Drains & Culverts	\$2,000
Reticulation extensions	\$2,000
Sidelines & household connections	\$2,000
Artworks	\$2,000

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 8.

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 in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	3 years
Office Furniture	10 to 25 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 20 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 50 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	25 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	25 to 100 years
Park Structures – masonry	25 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	25 to 100 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

Infrastructure

Sealed Roads – Surface	15 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	100 years
Unsealed Roads	Not Depreciated (Interpretation 1055)
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	20 to 60 years
Drains	50 to 80 years
Culverts	60 years
Flood Control Structures	50 to 80 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	50 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years

6.5 Impairment

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

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

6.6 Borrowing Costs

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

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



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

10 Construction Contracts

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

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council does not currently participate in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.

12 Leases

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

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

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

13 GST Implications

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

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



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

14 New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*
- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*
- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*
- AASB 110 *Events after the Reporting Period*
- AASB 117 *Leases*
- AASB 118 *Revenue*
- AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*
- AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*
- AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets*
- AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*
- AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- AASB 1031 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- AASB 2009-11 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12]*
- AASB 2009-12 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]*
- AASB 2009-13 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19 [AASB 1]*
- AASB 2010-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters [AASB 1 & AASB 7]*
- *Interpretation 4* *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*
- *Interpretation 14* *AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*

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

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



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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		967,126	911,816
Less: Mandatory rebates		-	-
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(27,290)	(28,786)
		<u>939,836</u>	<u>883,030</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		28,787	23,598
Waste collection		109,503	72,556
Community wastewater management systems		208,550	197,420
		<u>346,840</u>	<u>293,574</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		9,374	10,029
Legal & other costs recovered		-	-
		<u>9,374</u>	<u>10,029</u>
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		-	-
		<u>1,296,050</u>	<u>1,186,633</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		16,881	11,190
Town planning fees		6,962	8,815
Animal registration fees & fines		11,635	11,141
Other registration fees		2,837	3,265
Other fines, penalties & expiations		-	-
Sundry		-	-
		<u>38,315</u>	<u>34,411</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		14,927	8,709
Swimming Pools		28,774	18,515
Community Bus Hire		8,017	9,190
Hall & equipment hire		9,722	-
Waste Management		5,065	4,326
Sundry		6,014	536
		<u>72,519</u>	<u>41,276</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		46,179	159,614
Banks & other		84,451	9,235
Loans to community groups		2,038	-
		<u>132,668</u>	<u>168,849</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		-	34,632
- for private works		18,412	40,566
- by joint undertakings		-	-
- other		48,234	130,498
		<u>66,646</u>	<u>205,696</u>



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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			1,859
Rebates received		21,482	12,442
Sundry		113,139	168,721
		134,621	183,022
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		318,459	447,573
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		1,681,160	1,664,761
		1,999,619	2,112,334
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,627,405	1,722,348
State government		372,214	389,986
Other		-	-
		1,999,619	2,112,334
PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Land & Improvements		-	-
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths		-	-
Stormwater Drainage		-	-
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED		-	-



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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		841,251	849,562
Employee leave expense		203,996	120,311
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	41,660	40,941
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	45,484	40,939
Other		-	-
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(62,364)	(66,598)
Total Operating Employee Costs		1,070,027	985,155
Total Number of Employees		20	18
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		4,300	4,200
- Other Services		-	-
- Other Auditors		-	-
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	-
Elected members' expenses		47,551	31,127
Election expenses		2,916	9,640
Operating Lease Rentals - cancellable leases		-	6,644
Operating Lease Rentals - non-cancellable leases	18	-	-
- minimum lease payments		-	-
- contingent rentals		-	-
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		54,767	51,611
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		906,080	829,363
Energy		159,346	168,988
Individually Significant Items		385,036	409,744
Maintenance		91,243	83,943
Legal Expenses		24,090	26,288
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		28,945	23,591
- Other Levies		12,494	11,388
Parts, accessories & consumables		20,734	35,479
Professional services		29,459	6,364
Sundry		44,148	216,673
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		1,701,575	1,811,821
		1,756,342	1,863,432
INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS			
<i>Flood Damage Repairs (Own funds - No State Government Support)</i>		385,036	409,744



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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on overdraft and short-term drawdown		-	-
Interest on Loans		92,799	98,889
Charges on Finance Leases		-	-
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		-	-
		92,799	98,889
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Land & Buildings		250,419	221,277
Plant & Equipment		123,025	120,051
Furniture & Fittings		28,640	20,276
Minor Plant		7,829	8,873
Infrastructure		145,024	114,998
CWMS		66,648	52,222
Other Assets		-	13,574
		621,585	551,271
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		-	-
Less: transfer to non-current assets held for sale	20	-	-
Less: Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	-	-
		621,585	551,271



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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		138,198	226,364
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		153,704	265,565
Less: amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income		-	-
Gain (Loss) on disposal		(15,506)	(39,201)
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		-	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		-	-
Less: amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income		-	-
Gain (Loss) on disposal		-	-
FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS			
Investment property - fair value increase		-	-
Revaluation decrements previously expensed, now recouped		-	-
Revaluation decrements expensed		-	-
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		(15,506)	(39,201)



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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	32,357	29,288
Deposits at Call	756,829	461,176
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	1,659,078	2,751,336
	<u>2,448,264</u>	<u>3,241,800</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	94,408	75,231
Accrued Revenues	-	14,760
Debtors - general	262,018	22,967
Other levels of Government	-	-
Prepayments	-	3,860
Loans to community organisations	-	-
Sundry	-	-
Total	<u>356,426</u>	<u>116,818</u>
 Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>356,426</u>	<u>116,818</u>
 OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	479,481	198,428
Other	<u>479,481</u>	<u>198,428</u>

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



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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Rates & General		-	-
Prepayments		-	-
Loans to community organisations		22,057	32,812
Other		-	-
		<u>22,057</u>	<u>32,812</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		-	-
		<u>22,057</u>	<u>32,812</u>
Other Financial Assets		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>22,057</u>	<u>32,812</u>
EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
	19	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories			
Stores & Materials		-	-
Trading Stock		-	-
Other		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Works-in-Progress		-	-
Other		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2009 \$				2010 \$			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land & Buildings	12,153,400	-	(8,344,669)	3,808,731	13,923,643	-	(8,339,445)	5,584,198
Plant & Equipment	1,004,997	1,012,853	(334,610)	1,683,240	784,347	1,372,942	(338,598)	1,818,691
Furniture & Fittings	182,200	-	(90,950)	91,250	198,032	-	(119,590)	78,442
Minor Plant	73,031	-	(41,883)	31,148	73,031	-	(49,712)	23,319
Infrastructure	30,092,754	-	(3,889,934)	26,202,820	30,742,135	-	(3,372,196)	27,369,939
CWMS	3,649,435	-	(837,745)	2,811,690	3,685,671	-	(904,393)	2,781,278
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	47,155,817	1,012,853	(13,539,791)	34,628,879	49,406,859	1,372,942	(13,123,934)	37,655,867
2009 Totals					47,155,817	1,012,853	(13,539,791)	34,628,879

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2009	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2010
	\$	\$							\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Land & Buildings	3,808,731	255,845	342,468	-	(250,419)	-	-	1,427,573	5,584,198
Plant & Equipment	1,683,240	-	412,180	(153,704)	(123,025)	-	-	-	1,818,691
Furniture & Fittings	91,250	15,832	-	-	(28,640)	-	-	-	78,442
Minor Plant	31,148	-	-	-	(7,829)	-	-	-	23,319
Infrastructure	26,202,820	330,597	-	-	(145,024)	-	-	981,546	27,369,939
CWMS	2,811,690	36,236	-	-	(66,648)	-	-	-	2,781,278
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	34,628,879	638,510	754,648	(153,704)	(621,585)	-	-	2,409,119	37,655,867
2009 Totals	19,364,441	548,274	558,622	(470,388)	(551,271)	(11,595,260)	-	26,774,461	34,628,879

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

Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

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

Council's assets were adjusted as a result of a revaluation undertaken by *Asset Valuation Consulting Pty Ltd* as at 30 June 2009.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis.

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.

Pursuant to Council's election, freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2009 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 116.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2009 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Council as at 30 June 2009 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by Council at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2009 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Major depreciation periods are detailed in Note 1.

All other assets

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.



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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2010 \$		2009 \$	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		(2,029)	-	6,916	-
Payments received in advance		640,745	-	502,214	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		32,729	-	-	-
Accrued expenses - other		147,377	-	161,957	-
Other		24,701	-	26,193	-
		843,523	-	697,280	-
BORROWINGS					
Bank Overdraft		-	-	-	-
Short term draw down facility		-	-	-	-
Loans		76,553	1,227,161	79,888	1,303,714
Finance Leases	15	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
		76,553	1,227,161	79,888	1,303,714
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		190,012	32,866	178,070	15,362
Insurance Losses		-	-	-	-
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
		190,012	32,866	178,070	15,362
LIABILITY - EQUITY ACCOUNTED COUNCIL BUSINESSES	19	-	-	-	-



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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		1-7-2009	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30-6-2010
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land & Buildings	99,434	1,427,573	-	-	1,527,007
Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture & Fittings	38,487	-	-	-	38,487
Minor Plant	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	14,539,475	981,546	-	-	15,521,021
CWMS	538,625	-	-	-	538,625
Other Assets	(36,820)	-	-	-	(36,820)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	8,705,834	-	-	-	8,705,834
TOTAL	23,885,035	2,409,119	-	-	26,294,154
2009 Totals	8,705,834	15,179,201	-	-	23,885,035

OTHER RESERVES	1-7-2009	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30-6-2010
NRM Levy	310	12	(170)	152
Land & Buildings	51,500	2,084	-	53,584
Plant Replacement	147,658	5,975	(103,633)	50,000
Employee Entitlements	193,432	29,445	-	222,877
Other	1,044,096	318,824	(821,587)	541,333
Garbage Service Charge	7,651	310	(76,390)	(68,429)
Hawker Dam	10,274	416	-	10,690
Hawker Swimming Pool	11,262	456	(11,718)	-
Legal Costs	22,554	913	(9,710)	13,757
Community Trust Funds	46,344	319,179	-	365,523
Quorn Swimming Pool	7,228	293	(7,521)	-
Hawker CWMS Service Charge	44,206	1,788	(11,701)	34,293
Quorn CWMS Service Charge	291,423	11,792	(12,006)	291,209
Airstrips	10,873	440	(11,313)	-
Roads	202,361	8,189	(20,687)	189,863
Community Buses	37,305	1,509	-	38,814
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,128,477	701,625	(1,086,436)	1,743,666
2009 Totals	1,185,189	1,067,578	(124,290)	2,128,477

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).



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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government			
CWMS Annual Service Charge		325,503	335,629
Garbage Annual Service Charge		(68,429)	7,651
NRM Levy		152	310
Unexpended Grant funds		315,260	198,156
Employee Entitlements		222,877	193,432
		<u>795,363</u>	<u>735,178</u>
RECEIVABLES			
		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
INVENTORIES & OTHER ASSETS			
		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		<u>795,363</u>	<u>735,178</u>



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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	2,448,264	3,241,800
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>2,448,264</u>	<u>3,241,800</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		2,593,298	15,573,474
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		621,585	551,271
Fair value adjustments		-	-
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease		-	-
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		56,372	(26,764)
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound		5,803	14,024
Change in allowances for under-recovery		-	-
Non-cash asset acquisitions		-	-
Asset Revaluation movements		(2,409,119)	(15,179,201)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(318,459)	(447,573)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		15,506	39,201
		<u>564,986</u>	<u>524,432</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(239,608)	(20,792)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(281,053)	(20,998)
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		-	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		167,773	48,914
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		-	-
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>212,098</u>	<u>531,556</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

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

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	200,000	200,000
Corporate Credit Cards	10,000	10,000

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



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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						
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administration	1,932,177	1,846,771	253,906	198,622	1,678,271	1,648,149	947,865	921,854	-	-
Public Order & Health	510	805	17,791	23,427	(17,281)	(22,622)	-	-	-	-
Social Security & Welfare	19,844	26,258	59,934	45,067	(40,090)	(18,809)	7,275	4,500	-	-
Community Amenities	349,161	376,524	690,584	654,787	(341,423)	(278,263)	10,216	8,577	-	-
Recreation & Culture	74,603	80,078	757,083	757,684	(682,480)	(677,606)	15,979	1,175	-	-
Agricultural Services	33,234	23,995	41,389	24,181	(8,155)	(186)	(3,625)	-	-	-
Regulatory Services	40,283	31,171	103,289	92,766	(63,006)	(61,595)	1,424	-	-	-
Transport & Communication	652,319	743,038	1,332,442	1,335,884	(680,123)	(592,846)	633,509	698,405	-	-
Economic Developemnet	107,127	44,128	257,536	150,417	(150,409)	(106,289)	68,517	30,250	-	-
Not Elsewhere Classified	212,721	311,880	131,362	241,795	81,359	70,085	-	-	-	-
Works Overheads	-	-	(104,563)	(25,883)	104,563	25,883	-	-	-	-
					-	-			40,962,095	38,218,737
					-	-				
TOTALS	3,421,979	3,484,648	3,540,753	3,498,747	(118,774)	(14,099)	1,681,160	1,664,761	40,962,095	38,218,737

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



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Note 12 - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Council Administration

Governance, Administration NEC., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

Public Order & Health

Immunisation, Fire Protection, Vandalism, ESL, SES/CFS support

Social Security & Welfare

Northern Passenger Transport Scheme, Youth Advisory Council, Youth programs, Community Buses, Aged Homes support, Hospitals support, Community support programs

Community Amenities

Waste collection and disposal, Cemeteries/Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Street Cleaning, Heritage Advisor, CWMS

Recreation & Culture

Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation. Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, and Other Cultural Services, Civic & community Halls

Agricultural Services

NRM Levy, Corella Control, Animal & Pest Plant expenditure

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

Transport & Communication

Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), Drainage, Signs, guide posts, line marking.

Economic Development

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development. VIC, Caravan Park, Art & craft Shop

Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)

Airstrips, shared services, advertising signs, private works, interest, Natural Disaster Mitigation

Works - Indirect

Depots, Machinery maintenance & operating costs, minor plant, OHS&W, signage, training,



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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 3.2% and 5.3% (2009: 2.95% and 4.2%). Short term deposits average interest rates of 4.0% (2009: 3%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest at the prescribed rate. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by 6 monthly instalments of principal and interest, with interest charged at fixed rates</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>



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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2010	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	663,417	-	-	663,417	663,417
Current Borrowings	76,553	-	-	76,553	76,553
Non-Current Borrowings	-	247,990	979,171	1,227,161	1,227,161
Total	739,970	247,990	979,171	1,967,131	1,967,131

2009	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	535,323	-	-	535,323	535,323
Current Borrowings	79,888	-	-	79,888	79,888
Non-Current Borrowings	-	262,143	1,041,571	1,303,714	1,303,714
Total	615,211	262,143	1,041,571	1,918,925	1,918,925

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

	30 June 2010		30 June 2009	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Overdraft	0	-	0	-
Other Variable Rates	0	-	0	-
Fixed Interest Rates	6.6	1,303,714	6.6	1,383,602
		1,303,714		1,383,602

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

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

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



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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2010	2009
<u>Notes</u>	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Land	40,000	-
Buildings	500,000	-
Plant & Equipment	-	-
	<u>540,000</u>	<u>-</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	540,000	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>540,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	-	-
Waste Management Services	-	65,340
Employee Remuneration Contracts	951,000	704,875
Investment Property maintenance contracts	-	-
Other	-	-
	<u>951,000</u>	<u>770,215</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	257,200	307,200
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	693,800	463,015
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>951,000</u>	<u>770,215</u>



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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2010	2009	2008
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus	(118,774)	(14,099)	302,591
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Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Adjusted Operating Surplus	(118,774)	(14,099)	302,591
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In June 2009 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment approximately equal to one quarter of the 2009/10 Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 3). This income has materially distorted the amount of the Operating Result for both the 2008/09 and 2010/11 reporting periods. The **Adjusted Operating Surplus** and **Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio** adjust for this distortion.

Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(9%)	(1%)	28%
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	(9%)	(1%)	28%
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This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities

	(456,632)	(1,117,116)	(354,398)
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(13%)	(32%)	(9%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			

Interest Cover Ratio

<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	(1%)	(2%)	(3%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			

Asset Sustainability Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	202%	123%	120%
Depreciation Expense			

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Asset Consumption Ratio

<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	64%	62%	90%
Gross value of depreciable assets			

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



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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a 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

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Income	3,421,979	3,484,648
less Expenses	<u>(3,540,753)</u> (118,774)	<u>(3,498,747)</u> (14,099)
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	1,393,158	902,073
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	621,585	551,271
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>138,198</u>	<u>226,364</u>
	633,375	124,438
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	-	-
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	318,459	447,573
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	(318,459)	(447,573)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(433,690)</u>	<u>309,036</u>



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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

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

Investment Property

Rentals received, and outgoings reimbursed, in relation to Investment Property are also disclosed in Note 2. These lease agreements, all of which are classified as operating leases, are made on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable.

Lessees commitments under all non-cancellable lease agreements, including those relating to Investment Property, are as follows:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	10,400	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	41,600	-
Later than 5 years	72,000	-
	<u>124,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has not entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

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

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

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

Salarylink (Defined Benefit) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2008/09) of "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

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



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Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

Council has no Joint Venture or Associated Entities

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Council's respective interests are:		
- interest in outputs of the joint operation	0%	0%
- ownership interest in the joint operation	0%	0%
- the proportion of voting power in the joint operation	0%	0%
<u>Movements in Investment in Joint Operation</u>	\$	\$
Opening Balance	-	-
New Capital Contributions	-	-
Share in Operating Result	-	-
Share in other comprehensive income	-	-
Distributions Received	-	-
Adjustment to Equity Share	-	-
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	-	-

Expenditure Commitments

Expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

<u>Capital Expenditures</u> payable		
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	-	-
<u>Operating Expenditures</u> payable		
Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	-	-

Contingent Liabilities

Each member of the operation is jointly and severally liable for the debts of the operation

- arising from Council's share of the joint operation
- arising from joint and several liability of all members



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Note 20 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE & DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Council has no Non-Current Assets held for sale or Discontinued Operations

Financial Performance & Cash Flow Information

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Revenue	-	-
Expenses (excluding depreciation)	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-
Operating result of discontinued operation	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	-	-
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	-	-
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	-	-

Carrying Amount of Assets and Liabilities

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	-	-
Receivables	-	-
Inventories - stores and materials	-	-
Total Assets	-	-
Payables	-	-
Loans	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	-	-

This disposal group was previously classified as part of community services in Note 12.

As the consideration expected to be received exceeds the carrying amount, these assets have been recognised at the carrying amount.



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Note 21 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

1. 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 1,261.5 km of road reserves of average width 10 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. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has not guaranteed any loans or other banking facilities on behalf of community organisations and sporting bodies as at reporting date.

4. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of 0 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.



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Note 22 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

There are no known events that have occurred after the reporting date that would have a material effect on the Financial Reports for 2009/10 as stated herein.



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Note 23 - RECONCILIATION OF GRANTS RECEIVED

This schedule records all grants received, including from other levels of Government, whether described as grants, subsidies or otherwise. (Amounts shown as negative are awaiting reimbursement to Council.)

GRANTS

GENERAL PURPOSE

Grants Commission Grant - General Purpose
Grants Commission Grant - Local Roads
Grants Commission Grant - Supplemental Local Roads

Subtotal

SPECIFIC PURPOSE

Roads to Recovery
Grants Commission - Asset Management
Youth Advisory Council
Planning SA - Local Heritage Register
Planning SA - RDAP
FRC - Little Corellas Trailer
FRC - Heritage DPA
Kanyaka Surgery
DTEI - Travelsmart
Tourism - Walking Trails
Places for People - Quorn Urban Design
Office for Volunteers - VRC
Film Maker in Residence
Community Flavours
Bush Festival

Subtotal

TOTAL OTHER GRANTS

2009 Totals

Notes	Opening Balance 1 July 2009	Movements		Closing Balance 30 June 2010
		Received/ Receivable	Expended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	-	946,229	946,229	-
	-	248,981	248,981	-
	-	113,736	113,736	-
Subtotal	-	1,308,946	1,308,946	-
	-	218,459	218,459	-
	1,636	-	1,636	-
	2,325	4,500	6,825	-
	6,091	-	6,091	-
	11,424	-	1,424	10,000
	8,072	-	855	7,217
	3,000	-	3,000	-
	-	250,750	-	250,750
	8,415	-	8,415	-
	8,336	-	861	7,475
	30,000	-	30,000	-
	7,141	-	7,141	-
	-	6,000	4,150	1,850
	-	3,640	1,950	1,690
	-	6,277	-	6,277
Subtotal	86,440	489,626	290,807	285,259
	86,440	1,798,572	1,599,753	285,259
2009 Totals	610,890	312,727	837,177	86,440

GRANTS SPECIFICALLY FOR NEW/UPGRADED ASSETS

SPECIFIC PURPOSE

SATC - Warren's Gorge
RCLIP - CIP Grant
RCLIP - CIP Grant Round 2

TOTAL GRANTS SPECIFICALLY FOR NEW/UPGRADED ASSETS

2009 Totals

11,716	-	11,716	-
100,000	-	100,000	-
	30,000	-	30,000
111,716	30,000	111,716	30,000
-	140,000	28,284	111,716

Recognised as revenue in advance of expenditure

Current receivable - Other levels of Government

198,156	315,259
5	-
198,156	315,259



The Flinders Ranges Council

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STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Colin John Davies

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 21st day of ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 2010

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before The Flinders Ranges Council and adopted on the 9th day of November, 2010.

Maxwell Sydney McHugh

MAYOR



The Flinders Ranges Council

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL RATEPAYERS

Scope

I have audited the financial report of *The Flinders Ranges Council* for the financial period ended 30th June 2010. *The Flinders Ranges Council* is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to *The Flinders Ranges Council* ratepayers.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards so as to present a view of *The Flinders Ranges Council* which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit

In my opinion, the financial statements of *The Flinders Ranges Council* are properly drawn up:

- (a) So as to give a fair view of:
 - (1) The Council's state of affairs as at 30th June 2010 and its operating result for the year ended on that date, and
 - (2) The other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, and
- (c) In accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and Australian Accounting Standards, and
- (d) The internal administration and procedures adopted by Council, given the size of the administration, were of acceptable standards.


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Gerald P Cobiac, AUA, CPA
AUDITOR, Cobiac & Chapman

Dated this 30th day of September 2010



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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 Flinders Ranges Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, the Council's Auditor, Gerald P Cobiac, has maintained his independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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

Colin John Davies
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Maxwell Sydney McHugh
**PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Dated this 14 day of November 2010



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STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

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

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

Gerald P Cobiac, AUA, CPA

Cobiac & Chapman

Dated this 30th day of September 2010



Central

Local Government Region of South Australia

Incorporated under provisions of the Local Government Act

Annual Report for 2009 – 2010

A regional subsidiary of:

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

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The Central Local Government Region of South Australia

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 and as a regional subsidiary of its member Councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 by virtue of the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

The Central Region 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 Central Region is a body corporate and is governed by a Board of Management which has the responsibility to manage all activities of the Central Region and ensure that the Central Region acts in accordance with its Charter. The Board has 15 members, comprising one representative elected from each constituent Council:

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

The Region's area spans the Barossa through the Clare Valley, Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide Plains, Mid and Upper North districts through to the Flinders Ranges, covering 27 per cent of the incorporated area of the State and comprises some 27 per cent of the State's population outside Adelaide.

Office Bearers for 2009/10

Chairman:	Mayor James Maitland (Wakefield)
Deputy Chairs:	Mayor Max Mc Hugh (Flinders Ranges) Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula)
Delegate to the LGA State Executive:	Mayor James Maitland (Wakefield) Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula)
Proxy Delegate to the LGA State Executive:	Mayor Allan Aughey (Clare & Gilbert Valleys)
Delegates to SAROC:	Mayor James Maitland (Wakefield) Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula) Mrs Anita Crisp Proxy: Mayor Allan Aughey (Clare & Gilbert Valleys)
Executive Officer:	Anita Crisp
Auditor:	Gerald Cobiac and Co.



Central Local Government Region Board of Management

The Central Local Government Region Board of Management comprises an elected delegate appointed from each of the 15 member councils. A proxy delegate is also appointed, with policy provisions allowing for representation by other elected or endorsed members.

In February 2007 the Central Local Government Region confirmed, subject to the provisions within the Charter, the appointment of the following Council delegates to the CLGR Board of Management for a term to expire concurrent with the 2010 Local Government elections:

Council	Delegate	Proxy Delegate
The Barossa Council	Mayor Brian Hurn	Cr Barrie Stewart
District Council of Barunga West	Mayor Dean Dolling	Deputy Mayor Ian Burgess
District Council of the Copper Coast	Mayor Paul Thomas	Deputy Mayor Dean Rodda
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Allan Aughey	Cr Wayne Thomas
Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Max McHugh	Deputy Mayor John Shute
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey	Deputy Mayor Warren Mosey
Light Regional Council	Mayor Robert Hornsey	Deputy Mayor Bill Carrick
District Council of Mallala	Chair Cr Tony Flaherty, replaced mid term by Chair Cr Marcus Strudwicke	
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Trevor Roocke	Cr Michael Pearce
Northern Areas Council	Chair Cr Allan Woolford	Cr Denis Clark
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Chair Cr Kathie Bowman	Deputy Chair Cr Colin Parkyn
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle	Cr Judith Kempen
Port Pirie Regional Council	Deputy Mayor Neville Wilson	Cr John Legg
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor James Maitland	Deputy Mayor Barry Nottle
District Council of Yorke Peninsula	Mayor Ray Agnew	Cr Jeff Cook and Cr Joyce Yeomans

Meetings of the Central Local Government Region Board of Management

Four meetings of the Central Local Government Region Board of Management were held during the 2009/2010, each hosted by one of the member Councils. The meeting host and location is rotated throughout the region on alphabetical order. Meetings were held:

- Friday 14th August 2009 – AGM, hosted by District Council of the Copper Coast
- Friday 13th November 2009, hosted by The Flinders Ranges Council
- Friday 12th February 2010, hosted by Regional Council of Goyder
- Friday 14th May 2010, hosted by Light Regional Council

Committee Meetings

In accordance with its Charter, the Central Local Government Region maintains several sub committees to assist in effective project implementation and governance. The committee's generally meet on an as needs basis and comprise representatives from the various member councils along with, in many cases additional delegates from other relevant regional bodies or state government agencies:

Committee	Members	Meeting Dates
Executive Committee:	Mayor James Maitland, Mayor Max McHugh, Mayor Ray Agnew, Mayor Trevor Roocke, Cr Kathie Bowman	10 th July 2009 9 th October 2009 24 th March 2010
Member Councils CEO's Forums:	David Morcom (Barossa), Nigel Hand (Barunga West), Roy Blight (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Peter Dinning (Copper Coast), Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), John Brak (Goyder), Brian Carr (Light), Charles Mansueto (Mallala), Sean Cheriton (Mt Remarkable), Keith Hope (Northern Areas), Iain Wilson (Orroroo/Carrieton), Terry Barnes (Peterborough), Andrew Johnson (Pirie Regional), Phil Barry (Wakefield), Ricki Bruhn (Yorke Peninsula). Chaired by a member of the CLGR Executive	10 th July 2009 9 th October 2009 18 December 2009 9 th April 2010
Transport Infrastructure Planning Committee:	Roy Blight – Chair (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Michael Lange (Barossa), David Hassett (Wakefield), John Tillack (Mallala), Tony Eckermann (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Roy O'Connor (Goyder), Fred Linke (Barunga West), Paul McInerney (Regional Development), Peter Tan (DTEI)	23 rd September 2009 23 rd November 2009 10 th February 2010 25-26 th March 2010
Regional Waste Management Steering Committee:	Ian Baldwin (Barossa), Debbie Devlin (Port Pirie), Stephen Goldsworthy (Yorke Peninsula), Andrew Philpott (Light), Cr Trevor Roocke (Mt Remarkable), Cr Tony Schkabaryn (Barunga West), Cr Frederick Sparks (Northern Areas). <u>Northern</u> Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), Sean Cheriton/Brenton Pearce (Mt Remarkable), Iain Wilson/John Schmidt (Orroroo Carrieton), Terry Barnes/Chris Thomson (Peterborough), Peter Broomhead (Northern Areas), Roy O'Connor/Trevor Wood (Goyder), Len Wilton (Pirie). Marina Wagner/Damon Curnow (EPA), Justin Lang (ZWSA), Ryan Viney (LGA). Mr Trevor Hockley (Project Officer) – Ex officio <u>Lower North & Yorke</u> Ian Baldwin (Barossa), Andrew Philpott (Light), Steve Bateman (Mallala), Dave Hassett/Glen Growden (Wakefield), Richard Pym (Copper Coast), Stephen Goldsworthy (Yorke Peninsula), Fred Linke (Barunga West), Tony Eckermann (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Roy O'Connor/Trevor Wood (Goyder), Len Wilton (Pirie). Mr Marina Wagner/Damon Curnow (EPA), Justin Lang (ZWSA), Ryan Viney (LGA). Mr Trevor Hockley (Project Officer) – Ex officio	<i>*note the regional waste committee has not met, with transition to two sub-regional working groups from July 09</i> 5 th August 2009 15 th October 2009 5 th March 2009
Natural Disaster and Risk Mitigation Project Steering Committee:	Mr Phil Barry (Wakefield), Mr Ian Baldwin (Barossa), Cr Allan Woolford (Northern Areas), Mr John Schmidt (Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Matt Maywald (State Emergency Services), Mr Neville Hyatt (Project Officer) – Ex Officio	Nil – this project is now complete
Water Project Steering Committee:	Mr Ricki Bruhn (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Peter Dinning (Copper Coast), Mr Henri Mueller (Mallala), Mr Peter Stockings (Yorke Regional Development Board), Mr Kerry	9 th September 2009 5 th November 2009 10 th February 2010

Committee	Members	Meeting Dates
	Ward (Northern & Yorke NRM Board), Mr Paul Doherty (SA Water/Office of Water Security). Mr Geoffrey White (Project Officer) – Ex officio	
Broadband Project Steering Committee:	Mr Phil Barry (Wakefield) – Chair, Mr Ricki Bruhn (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Peter Dinning (Copper Coast), Ms Leonie Fretwell (Goyder), Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (Mid North Regional Development Board), Cr Elizabeth Calvert (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Ms Louise Sladdin (Regional Broadband Officer) – Ex officio	6 th August 2009 17 th September 2009
Coastal Councils Project Executive Committee:	Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Damien Moloney/Mr Charles Mansueto (Mallala), Ms Anita Crisp (Central Region Executive Officer), Ms Deborah Allen (Coastcare Facilitator) – ex officio	Nil
Executive Officer Performance Review Committee:	Mayor James Maitland, Mr Nigel Hand, Cr Kathie Bowman	Nil

Regional Forums and Workshops

In order to progress specific priorities and actions, the Central Local Government Region occasionally holds information forums or workshops to allow member councils and other relevant stakeholders to come together and discuss or learn about particular initiatives.

The forums and workshops provide an opportunity for greater awareness, understanding and engagement with various Central Local Government Region activities and increases the level of active involvement by stakeholders. The following issue-specific forums were held during the 2009/10 financial year.

- 12th November 2009 Climate Change Workshop & Training Forum, Hawker *
- 23rd November 2009 Regional Transport Workshop – Special Local Roads Briefing, Crystal Brook
- 17th March 2010 Coastal Councils Forum, Ardrossan
- 9th April 2010 Water, Natural Resources and Regional Development Update Forum, Clare

*- in conjunction with LGA training and development program



participants to the Water, Natural Resources and Regional Development Update Forum in Clare and the Climate Change Workshop Training Session in Hawker

Achievements for 2009/10

During the 2009/10 year, the Central Region continued to progress a number of priority activities, as identified under the target areas within the strategic and business plan:

Focus Areas and Targets	Achievements for 2009/10
1. Board Governance and Operation	
<p><i>The Central Local Government Region's actions and operation accountable and transparent in accordance with agreed governance practices.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of Central Region Audit Committee ▪ CLGR Board meeting agendas & minutes distributed in accordance with policy ▪ Committee operations executed within terms of reference ▪ Ongoing alignment of Central Local Government operations with agreed policies and procedures ▪ Commence review of Central Region Strategic Plan targets ▪ Review accounting and financial management services contractual arrangements
2. Communication, Networks and Relationships	
<p><i>The Central Local Government Region -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>is well regarded by its member councils and stakeholders as a valid and relevant organisation</i> • <i>has a solid and broad network of relevant stakeholders with whom appropriate communication, a positive and collaborative relationship exists.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly newsletter prepared and distributed ▪ Attendance by Local Government Association (LGA) and Department of Planning and Local Government (DPLG) at Central Region quarterly meetings ▪ Communications with LGA and DPLG staff as required ▪ Central Region representation at SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and LGA State Executive meetings ▪ Communication with SAROC Executive Officers on key issues ▪ Participation of relevant regional agencies and bodies on Central Region committees and at workshops and forums as appropriate ▪ Member of Parliament briefings as required ▪ Website updates ▪ Regular ABC local radio and newspaper media coverage of Central Region projects and events
3. Regional Identity and Cohesion	
<p><i>Stakeholders of the Central Local Government geographical area operate as a strong, coordinated region that is well recognised and regarded at State and Federal levels and that works with an effective, collaborative and pro-active approach to issues of priority.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in Regional Government Coordination Network ▪ Continued Central Region office co-location with Regional Department of Transport, Crystal Brook ▪ Correspondence with State Government regarding number of uncoordinated regional plans and committees ▪ Formal submissions and ongoing liaison with State Government, LGA and Councils regarding establishment of Regional Development Australia (RDA) ▪ Submission to draft Greater Adelaide 30 Year Plan ▪ Liaison with SAROC and DPLG regarding long timeframes and cost of rezoning
4. Local Government Leadership, Succession and Sustainability	
<p><i>Local Government viewed as a genuine, effective, capable and legitimate level of government, with elections well contested, an improved rate of recruitment and retention of Local Government professional staff and a greater public awareness and appreciation of the role and function of</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quarterly Council Chief Executive Officer's forum held ▪ Attendance at Australian Local Government Association assembly in Canberra ▪ Liaison with LGA and Government regarding increasing compliance and reporting responsibilities facing Councils ▪ Coordination of Central Zone appointments to LGA State Executive Committee ▪ Liaison with LGA on State Election Strategy

<i>Councils. Local Government operations are sustainable and adequately resourced</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaison with SAROC and Valuer Generals office regarding amalgamation of Council assessment details ▪ Central Region nominee to LGA Land Access Working Group and Valuation Working Group
5. Regional IT & Telecommunications	
<i>Improved telecommunications and technologies across the CLGR region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second year of Clever Networks funding for Regional Broadband Project Officer ▪ Funding submission to Digital Regions Initiative ▪ Ongoing liaison with Federal Minister and State Government and RDA regarding lack of competitive access to broadband in the region ▪ Correspondence and deputation with Federal and State Government regarding digital television switchover ▪ Federal funding for engagement of a regional Digital TV Switchover Liaison Officer ▪ Final report for Clever Networks Broadband project complete ▪ Update reports to SAROC and LGA regarding regional broadband ▪ Update broadband data for Central Region
6. Waste Management	
<i>Viable, sensible and long term solutions for waste management across the region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of Regional Waste Management Strategy recommendations underway with support from TJH Management Services ▪ Regular meetings of waste sub regions active (southern & northern) including active participation by Environment Protection Authority and Zero Waste SA ▪ Coordination of Regional Assessment Panel for Zero Waste SA 'Regional Implementation Program' ▪ Preparation of Regional Implementation Program regional submission ▪ Liaison with State Government regarding hazardous waste ▪ Liaison with Federal and State Government regarding e-waste particularly in relation to digital TV switchover
7. Roads and Transport	
<i>Sound and sustainable transport network and appropriate community access to transportation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport Infrastructure Planning Committee active ▪ Assessment, inspection and regional submission to Special Local Roads program ▪ Council Special Local Roads briefing held ▪ Update of Council road priorities sought ▪ Ongoing liaison with Councils and LGA regarding Rural Property Addressing rollout ▪ Liaison with LGA regarding Rail Crossing Interface agreements and funding proposal
8. Natural Resource Management	
<i>Local Government is appropriately resourced and considered as a genuine, integral and active partner to help achieve local NRM outcomes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Australian Government funded network of Local Government Environment & Sustainability Officers engaged ▪ Additional technical support for roadside vegetation management engaged ▪ Submission to LGA review of NRM levy report ▪ Review Central Local Government and NRM Engagement Plan ▪ Host NRM and Local Government engagement forum ▪ Local Government rep attendance at Regional NRM Board meetings ▪ Continued engagement of Regional Coastcare Officer through NRM Board funding ▪ Completion of Coastal Assessment Reports for Coastal Councils and support to seek on-ground works funding ▪ Coordination of annual 'Coastal Council' Forum and ongoing liaison with Coastal Councils ▪ Funding submissions for extension of Environment and Coastcare support to Councils

9. Regional Water Supply

Measurable improvement in sustainable water supply for the Region

- Continued support for final year of regional ICLEI Water Campaign delivery – nine Councils participating
- Water agencies workshop held in conjunction with Council CEO's forum
- Liaison with State water agencies to simplify planning and resourcing requirements for rural Councils
- Proposal to SAROC and LGA for funding support from Government for delivery of water activities by Councils
- Funding of Technical Officer (Water) for Central Region
- Coordinate Central Region projects to LGA bid to Water for Cities and Towns program

10. Energy Supplies

Secure, adequate and effective energy networks to meet community needs

- Rural Electricity Augmentation submission to State Government, Electricity Supply Planning Industry Commission and ESCOSA

11. Disaster Mitigation

Disaster risk is effectively managed and impact minimised

- Participation in Zone Emergency Management committees (ZEMC)
- Correspondence to State Minister regarding ZEMC funding
- Local Government representation on Regional Drought Taskforce
- Correspondence to State Minister regarding continuation of drought support programs
- Funding submissions for development of Regional Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment in conjunction with RDA, NRM and LGA
- Engagement of Business SA to offer Council Carbon and Sustainability Audits
- Convene Climate Change workshop and training session in conjunction with LGA
- Representative to LGA Climate Change Steering Committee and attendance at ALGA and National Emergency Management climate change workshops

12. Community Health and Wellbeing

Appropriate infrastructure, facilities and services in place to suitably meet demand and enhance community health and wellbeing

- Liaison with Councils and agencies in relation to draft SA Public Health Bill, Telstra bill payment transaction fees and increase in SA Ambulance callout fees
- Presentation to Region and liaison with SAPOL Yorke & Mid North Local Service Area
- Expression of Interest to Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle program (OPAL)



From Left: Central Region Transport Committee; SAROC Delegates Launch LGA State Election Strategy; ICLEI Water Campaign Recognition Event

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