PORT PIRIE REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT
2023-2024

Jessica TURNER,

Adnyamathanha, Nukunu, Kokatha people, South Australia

Thalpiri Yarta, 2017

Acrylic on Canvas

Thalpiri Yarta is the Nukunu name for Port Pirie. The Port Pirie region was once used as a central location for all Aboriginal groups and tribes from around the area to meet and come together to trade materials and other products. In my painting I have incorporated Port Pirie and the Pirie River and interpretated how the area was used as a meeting place. We also believe the hills and region was created by the Great Dreamtime Serpent "Akurra', which I have also included to represent the Hills. I also wanted to include the "Yirityi", Crab, which is also well known in Port Pirie Coastal area.

Jessica Turner, 2017

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Port Pirie Regional Council acknowledges the Nukunu people as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands of the Port Pirie township and almost the entirety of the council area, with Narungga country being southwest of Redhill.

We honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to country and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We respect the cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Indigenous peoples and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the region.

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MESSAGE FROM CEO & MAYOR

We are proud to present Port Pirie Regional Council's 2023/24 Annual Report, highlighting the achievements made by Council during the year.

It is an exciting time for the Port Pirie Region, from the visual transformation of our infrastructure and open spaces to our economic future. We are on the cusp of major economic and sustainability opportunities, as outlined by Premier Peter Malinauskas and his team when they visited Port Pirie for the Major Economic Summit in February 2024.

The Premier spoke about the State Prosperity Project, part of which positions the Spencer Gulf region as key to establishing a Green Iron and Steel Hub in South Australia. This followed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Port Pirie Regional Council and Magnetite Mines Ltd to embark on a historic partnership to develop Port Pirie as a green iron production hub.

We are excited about the remarkable opportunities our region has to lead the world in renewable energy, hydrogen and green steel and we thank the South Australian Government for helping to create some amazing opportunities for our future.

The community was invited to share in the journey with the inaugural Port Pirie Work Hardening Project. This eight-week program gave participants a Certificate II in Resources & Infrastructure Work Preparation, along with other tickets to support their future career progression. Participants applied these skills in a real-life work environment by contributing to the delivery of the Port Pirie Riverbank Precinct Stage 1 works.

As Port Pirie Regional Council reaches for the stars with great vision for our future, we also continue to work on the ground to improve the appearance and presentation of our towns and develop community facilities we can all enjoy and be proud of.

Work continues on Stage 1 of the Port Pirie Riverbank Precinct Upgrade. It is important to capitalise on our spectacular beachfront location and this area has been enhanced with new BBQs and shelters, toilet facilities and most importantly for our youth, a pump track with the support of Lighthouse Youth Project Inc and Trailscapes Pty Ltd. This area is already looking fantastic and we look forward to seeing the final product when further works are completed in 2024/25.

As part of the Riverbank transformation, Council identified two Council owned waterfront properties that are development ready. An Expression of Interest process was conducted to seek significant commercial investment in the Port Pirie waterfront from developers with an interest in tourism, accommodation or hospitality. Negotiations are continuing and we are looking forward to game-changing developments in Port Pirie in the future.

Another significant achievement in recreation facilities was the upgrade of Woodward Park. Climbing Tree constructed a new nature play area in a unique project collaboration between Council, Uniting Country SA and the Port Pirie Community Kindergarten. The area was further enhanced by a basketball court, pump track, new BBQ, shelter and toilet block. Watching children and families enjoying this space every weekend is evidence of how loved this community space is.

Even our four-legged friends can enjoy our open spaces safely, with a dog park created in Crystal Brook and the existing dog park in Port Pirie upgraded to start a staged redevelopment process.

Port Pirie Regional Council continues to prioritise our infrastructure, ensuring it is safe and fit for purpose, while endeavouring to keep the community better informed. For the first time, we released a program of works, interactive map and newsletter for our Unsealed Roads Construction & Maintenance Program, highlighting our greater commitment to unsealed roads in the Council region.

A significant infrastructure project was the refurbishment of the Port Davis Boat Ramp. This included the construction of a new two-lane concrete boat ramp with pontoon system, spray seal of the car park area and installation of solar lights.

Port Pirie Regional Council is committed to building a community that is inclusive and embraces diversity by improving access to community infrastructure and facilities. Council improved community infrastructure including town halls, public toilets and bus shelters through the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

The Disability Access to Community Infrastructure and Facilities Project has been co-funded by the Government of South Australia's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program and enabled approx. $1.5 million in works to be completed. Many of the facilities selected for improvement were in our rural areas due to the ageing infrastructure not meeting current accessibility standards.

An achievement we are immensely proud of is the creation of an Access and Inclusion Reference Group. Passionate community members have nominated to join this group, which will advise Council on the development of our next Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and support the needs of all in our community.

Finally, Port Pirie Regional Council has continued to work with contributing partners to implement the Port Pirie Greening Program. This program is funded by the Government of South Australia as part of a four-year, $5.7 million partnership that aims to minimise lead exposure pathways, beautify the community and increase biodiversity.

A Native Plant Giveaway was held in April 2024, providing packs of native seedlings to residents. As well as advancing the aims of the Port Pirie Greening Program, this initiative was also a great opportunity to introduce native flora into local gardens. Council also continued the Solomontown Footpaths project in conjunction with the Targeted Lead Abatement Program (TLAP). The construction of new concrete footpaths and tree planting in the Church Circle area of Solomontown will reduce lead dust in the environment while improving the local streetscape.

As you can see, there have been many achievements in 2023/24 and we look forward to working with our community to continue these improvements in the coming year.

COUNCIL PROFILE

Port Pirie Regional Council is the gateway to the Southern Flinders Ranges, a region that will become a world-class nature tourism destination following a $10 million investment from the State and Federal Governments.

Port Pirie is the largest city in the State's Mid North Region and it plays an important role as a regional service centre. Port Pirie is located 220km north of Adelaide on the Upper Spencer Gulf and provides a wealth of education, health care, retail and employment services.

Our largest industry is Nyrstar Port Pirie, an integrated multi-metals recovery plant with the flexibility to process lead rich concentrates and smelting industry by-products including lead, silver and sulphuric acid.

The strong agricultural sector is predominantly cereal crops, other broadacre crops, sheep and cattle.

The Corporate Town of Port Pirie was proclaimed on 28 September 1876. The District Council of Crystal Brook was proclaimed on 11 November 1882 and included the area which was to become the District Council of Pirie. That severance took place as of 16 June 1892.

The District Council of Redhill was proclaimed on 5 January 1888. It amalgamated with the District Council of Crystal Brook on 1 July 1988 to become the District Council of Crystal Brook-Redhill.

The Corporate Town of Port Pirie became the City of Port Pirie on 26 February 1953 – the first provincial city in South Australia.

AT A GLANCE

- Total Revenue = $27,603,000
- Household waste management bins = 8721
- Sealed roads = 332km
- Sports assets = 9
- Jetties, boat ramps and pontoons = 11
- Bridges = 6
- Total population = 17,204 *(information collected from ABS website 21/11/2024)*
- Visitors to the Visitor Information Centre = 16,919
- Playgrounds = 22
- Visitors to both Port Pirie and Crystal Brook Libraries = 55,012
- Waste Transfer Station Tours = 7
- Parks and reserves = 67
- Households take the pledge (to reduce waste)
  New = 5
  Total = 237
- Reduction in waste sent to landfill (tonnes) in 2023-24 = 10,318

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding contributions to the local community by individuals and an event that has made a significant contribution, both economically and socially, to the region.

Port Pirie Regional Council presented the awards to the recipients during the Port Pirie Australia Day Celebrations which were held on Friday 26 January at the Solomontown Beach.

Citizen of the Year

Andrew Thorsteinsen

Andrew is one of the everyday heroes of our emergency services, as a member of the State Emergency Service (SES) for the past 18 years. Starting as a cadet, Andrew has risen through the ranks of the SES to become Unit Manager of the Northern Operations Support Unit and Deputy Manager of the Port Pirie SES (operational) unit.

A devoted family man, Andrew works for SA Health where he continues his service to others. He is also a well-known and passionate local sportsman, playing cricket in summer and hockey in winter. Andrew is both president and a player for the Risdon Hockey Club.

Young Citizen of the Year

Sarah Smith

Sarah has overcome many barriers and demonstrated amazing resolve to become an outstanding young citizen. She recently graduated from the Heavy Industry Multi Skills program delivered in Port Pirie by Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North, where she had fantastic attendance and committed herself to the program.

Through the program, Sarah gained a Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure, White Card, Working at Heights and Confined Spaces tickets and welding training. As a result, she has now been offered full time employment with McMahon Services. Sarah's bright and cheerful nature and her willingness to succeed is a joy to watch.

Sarah is also an active firefighter with the Napperby Country Fire Service, where she was recently involved in fighting a fire where two houses were saved.

Community Event of the Year

Port Pirie Christmas Pageant

After the return of the traditional Port Pirie Christmas Pageant in 2022 following a break during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2023 Pageant was set to be spectacular. However, with a 2023 committee of only four people, it wasn't looking promising.

The committee was determined to ensure the pageant went ahead and although all four committee members work full-time jobs and most have children, they devoted many hours and considerable effort into event preparations. As a result, the Pageant went ahead bigger and better than the year before.

Port Pirie loves Christmas and the Port Pirie Christmas Pageant Committee loves bringing the magic to the people of Port Pirie!

CRYSTAL BROOK

The 2024 Australia Day Award winners for Crystal Brook were presented to the recipients at the Australia Day Breakfast to be held in Adelaide Square, Crystal Brook. The award recipients were:

Citizen of the Year

Jacinta Huxtable

Jacinta has been Secretary of the Crystal Brook Football Club for five years and is pivotal to the success of both the club and the Northern Area Football Association. During 2020 and 2021, the changing landscape of COVID-19 threatened country football. Thanks to Jacinta's many hours communicating and executing COVID-19 plans, organising volunteers and rosters and continuously cleaning the club, the Crystal Brook Football Club was able to not only continue playing but also host the Northern Areas grand final.

A founding member of the Mid North Women's Football League, Jacinta's passion for women's sport is evident in the countless hours spent on recruiting, organising, educating and registering women of all ages. She also devotes time to the Catholic Church and is a busy volunteer for the Crystal Brook Junior Basketball Association. Jacinta is a proud mother of five wonderful, busy children, making her contribution and commitment to the community even more astounding.

Young Citizen of the Year

Lucas Gulin

Lucas has shown an extraordinary talent and dedication for sport. He is best known for his passion and achievements in netball, named the inaugural Crystal Brook Netball Club Junior Club Person in 2023.

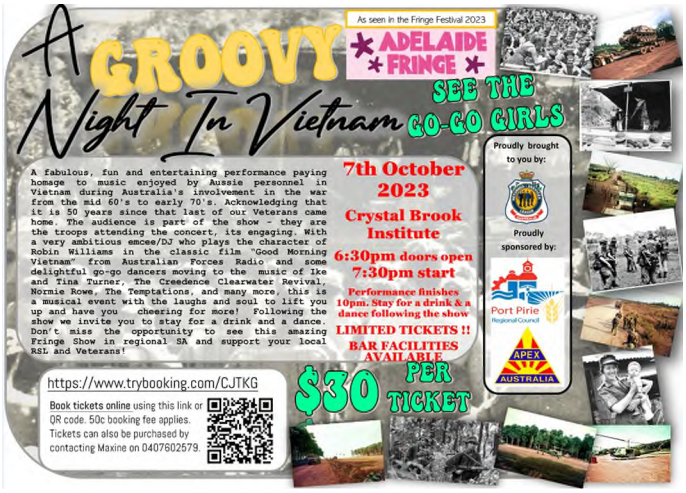
Lucas has achieved many significant feats on the state and national netball stage, including a silver medal at the National Men's Netball Championships and selection in the All Star Seven team for that event. He travels to Adelaide once or twice each week to compete and was the U17 MVP for the SAMMNA Southern Dragons state team. Despite all of this, Lucas is still committed to the Crystal Brook Netball Club, where he coaches, umpires and mentors young netballers.

In addition, Lucas also volunteers monthly at the Crystal Brook RSL and plays C grade tennis for Crystal Brook.

Community Event of the Year

'A Groovy Night in Vietnam'

– Crystal Brook RSL Sub-Branch



This event was commemorated 50 years since the last Vietnam Veteran returned home, with fabulous music of the 60's and 70's, performed by the Groove Brothers and Soul Sisters.

The Crystal Brook Institute was packed with over 200 people enjoying the music, having fun and singing along to the memorable songs of the Vietnam War time era.

The Institute rocked as the crowd sung, tapped their toes and danced. A memorable night enjoyed by all attending.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

The Certificates of Merit awards members of the community who have contributed significantly to Port Pirie and the region, demonstrated a history of community involvement or performed a single action of significance.

In December 2023, Council congratulated the worthy recipients of the 2023 Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Community Service:

Johan Ahola

Johan's contributions to the Port Pirie community have been many and span over half a century. She is a 50 year founding member of the Embroiderers' Guild of SA mentoring and tutoring a large number of local people including children in embroidery over the years. Johan held the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Branch Librarian and Exhibition Coordinator in the branch. She has also volunteered in community roles with various organisations including the Port Pirie Music Club & The Florence Singers Choir, Uniting Church Card Group, Lealholme Aged Care, Port Pirie Golf Club, Christmas Tree Festival and Flower Show. Johan has many achievements and is a very committed community member always helping out wherever possible.

John Baldwin

John (Chesty) Baldwin has been actively involved in the annual Paul Gianoni Toy Run, acting as Santa's helper each year to hand out lollies to children along the way. John also collects donations, delivers toy boxes to charities as well as donating toys himself. John volunteers his time to dress up and participate in the Port Pirie Christmas Pageant and has done a lot of volunteer work for the local community to help those less fortunate.

Claire Conaghty

Claire is well known and recognised through her positive and active presence in the Port Pirie region, both personally and in her professional roles as Pastoral Associate for the Catholic Parish of St Marks and Clergy Care Person for the Diocese of Port Pirie. Claire has selflessly and inclusively dedicated herself to the betterment of the lives of others. Claire always makes time for other people and puts in extra effort to help others overcome challenges. She visits and supports house-bound, frail and elderly people and residents of nursing homes and provides comfort and support to bereaved families when planning funerals. Claire also supports the church and families in happier times such as weddings, baptisms, celebrations and church events. One of Claire's many achievements was to help establish the Community Christmas Night Tea in Memorial Park, which has become a popular annual event supported by the local churches and community volunteers.

Bev Argent

Bev has mentored many people over the years through her work at Uniting Care Wesley (now Uniting Country SA) with the low income program, helping people overcome barriers with struggling debts and creating budget plans. Bev also does a lot of volunteer work with her local church and is a selfless and helpful person.

"Congratulations to our four Certificate of Merit recipients for 2023! Each of these winners represent selflessness, generosity of time and a willingness to give back to the community in many different ways. We are thankful to these special individuals for the many contributions they have made to our local community and I am pleased that they can be recognised in this way." said Mayor Leon Stephens.

In 2023, Mayor Stephens announced a new Award, the Outstanding Achievement Award. This new Award recognises excellence in our youth. Three aspiring young stars were awarded recognising their dedication, hard work, talent and achievements in their chosen passions.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Leo Johnson & Sally McKay (joint winners)

Leo (15yo) and Sally (17yo) have a long dance history with Hip Hop Bounce, with Leo dancing for 7 years and Sally receiving her 10-year jacket in 2023. Both share their love of dance with others, Leo as a student teacher with the Port Pirie campus and Sally as a teacher at the Jamestown campus. Their dance doubles relationship began in 2022 as they were both worthy recipients of a duo-dance scholarship, leading the pair to continue the partnership in 2023 with a great friendship, a shared passion for dance and on-stage chemistry. Both Leo and Sally train many hours each week at their respective campuses, are positive role models to younger students and are well-respected by their peers. They both volunteer their time to join in with working bees at the HHB HQ in Port Pirie and do odd jobs around the studio at other times. Sally is also completing a Certificate III in Dance as part of her SACE studies. Leo and Sally enjoy participating in community events as part of HHB, such as the Smelters Picnic, local shows and Christmas Carols. The talented pair have achieved many great things, including taking out first place in prestigious dance and cheer competitions such as All Things Cheer, Count Me In, the AASCF Virtual Dance Battles and most recently the ASSCF Nationals.

Rikki Henry

Rikki is a 14yo talented local motorbike rider with a promising future ahead of him. So far, Rikki has achieved the title of Australian MiniGP Champion and has competed in the Oceania Junior Cup, the Malaysian MiniGP 2x round with top 5 finishes, the Asia Talent Cup selection event (chosen for the 2024 team) and the MiniGP World Series Championship held in Spain where he finished 17th in the World. Earlier this month at the 2023 Motorcycling SA Night of Champions and Rising Star Awards Rikki was nominated for the Rising Star Award.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Community Development Associations $22,500
- Waste subsidies for charity groups $21,929
- Sporting Associations $9,000
- Community Assistance Fund $66,524
- Other Sporting and Community organisations $169,582

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Crystal Brook Recreation Centre	Fire Safety Tank	4000.00
Northern Country Music Association	Country Music Festival 2023	4000.00
Port Pirie Community Garden	New Garden Tools	631.00
PP Croquet Club	100 year club celebration	2000.00
PP Long Track Speedway Association	CLUBMAP Planning workshop	3299.00
Port Pirie Garden Club	Purchase laptop	1070.00
PP Basketball Association	Crusher dust and bins for carnival	1114.00
Bollywood Community Event	Facility hire- PP function centre	545.00
KidTober event - use of Memorial Oval	Facility hire	255.00
NDIS event	Facility hire - library conference room	78.00
Redhill Football and Netball Club	Delivery fee for hire of bins and bollards	1020.00
Port Pirie CWA	Painting eaves of SACWA building	3927.00
Port Pirie Pistol Club	Contribution towards Defibrillator for major event	1000.00
Port Pirie Motor Cycle Club Inc	Contribution to 100th Anniversary 2024 Motocross Spectacular Event	4000.00
Crystal Brook Netball Club	Fencing of playground at Crystal Brook Netball Club	4000.00
Greek Community of Port Pirie SA Inc.	Glamour Entertainment for the Centenary Ball	4000.00
Pirie & Districts Automotive Restorers Club inc.	PADARC 'Show and Shine' event- in-kind and cash	2788.00
Port Pirie Kennel Club	Pedigree Dog Show event held from the 27th of March to the 1st of April 2024	750.00
Port Pirie Regional Health Service/ Aboriginal Health Team Northern	Tarpari Wellbeing Day	4000.00
Mid North ITF Taekwondo Incorporated	Master instructor, workshop and safety equipment for club	3000.00
Port Pirie Multicultural Community	Multicultural event	4000.00
Wandearah Memorial Institute Inc	150 year event	3131.00
Bowman Park Management Committee (sub-committee of Crystal Brook Community Association)	Use of Bowman Park Function Centre for Brush with art exhibition	3740.00

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Port Pirie Regional Council is committed to providing regular, timely and engaging information to the community through a range of platforms.

Community Engagement

Port Pirie Regional Council recognises the significance of community engagement to ensure all residents can have their say and contribute to the priorities and projects for our communities.

A Community Survey was conducted in October 2023 as the first stage of Council's Community (Strategic) Plan review process. This was a valuable opportunity to examine community sentiment on topics including how often Council services and facilities are used and their importance, as well as Council's overall performance and future priorities.

Community members were invited to provide feedback during public consultation on the following topics:

- Draft Business Plan 2023/24 – 2025/26
- Greening Port Pirie Program: Landscaping Concept Design
- Extension of Shared Pathway, Three Chain Road
- Port Pirie Riverbank Precinct Renewal Expressions of Interest (development options)
- Cemetery Strategy 2023/2033
- Public Lighting Guidelines
- By-Laws 2024
- Dog & Cat Management Plan 2024-2029

Port Pirie Regional Council understands the importance of having a community presence and being accessible to meet with the community. Council hosted stalls and provided staff at the following events and locations:

- Crystal Brook Show
- Smelters Picnic
- Global Maintenance Conference
- Careers Roadshow
- Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival (information booth)
- Pop-up displays at local shopping centres for the Draft Business Plan and Community Survey
- Pop-up displays at the Port Pirie & Crystal Brook Libraries and Port Pirie Markets to promote the implementation of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) kerb-side collection service.

Social Media

Social media is an important communication method for Port Pirie Regional Council due to its reach, and ability to provide live, real-time information and opportunities for two-way engagement.

Facebook and Instagram are Council's primary channels, however Council also has LinkedIn, X and YouTube accounts. A total of 1488 posts were published across these channels which is an increase of 343 from the previous year. This is in addition to Council's associated social media pages (Discover Port Pirie, Port Pirie Regional Library and Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery).

Some key figures:

- Facebook followers ⬆ by 917.
- Facebook reach ⬇ 45%
- Instagram followers ⬆ by 49.
- LinkedIn followers ⬆ by 211.
- A Facebook post on the new cabins at Crystal Brook Caravan Park generated the highest reach (80,841 in November 2023) and a post about the RAA EV Charging Station at the Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre generated the highest engagement level (5842 in January 2024) for 2023/24.

Media

Council produced 65 media releases to generate media coverage of Council's projects, news and activities.

Videos

Council produced 16 videos which were uploaded to Council's Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channels and website. This included information relating to major projects, events and facilities.

Newsletters

Port Pirie Regional Council produced monthly community newsletters to provide more frequent, relevant information in different formats while reducing costs. Our e-newsletter subscriber database has grown to 329 since being launched in July 2021 with a corresponding print version produced and distributed at key points in the region.

Other Communication Activities

Project Communications – Elected Members

Several Elected Members through their portfolios became spokespeople for major Council projects through video content shared through Council's newsletter and social media channels. Projects included the FOGO kerbside collection service, Unsealed Roads Construction & Maintenance and the Port Pirie Work Hardening Program.

Port Pirie Communications Working Group

Port Pirie Regional Council has collaborated on important public health and greening messages through the Port Pirie Communications Working Group. This group features

stakeholders from the South Australian Government (Department for Energy & Mining), Housing SA, SA Health, SA Water, the Education Department, the Targeted Lead Abatement Program (TLAP) and the Environmental Health Centre.

The Port Pirie Communications Working Group focuses on communications of lead abatement and greening initiatives in Port Pirie. The collaborative approach ensures key messages are consistent and shared across multiple platforms and networks.

Unsealed Roads Communications

Port Pirie Regional Council produced an interactive map and online program of unsealed roads construction and maintenance to keep the community informed. This included e-news updates provided to subscribers.

PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS 2023-24

1. Our Community

- Australia Day & Certificate of Merit award presentations
- Bus stop & bus shelter upgrades
- Cemetery maintenance and improvement works
- Completing the transition of street lighting to LED
- Developing an Access and Inclusion Reference Group
- Developing a Youth Access Reference Group
- Facilitating regional Licensing Accord meetings
- Implementing Public Art Plan 2021 – 2025
- Implementing the updated Volunteer Framework
- Improved access to Institute buildings in Crystal Brook, Koolunga & Mundoora
- NAIDOC week activities
- Public toilet upgrades
- Winter Festival 2023 & planning Winter Festival 2024
- Work Hardening (employment opportunity) program

2. Our Economy

- Bowman Park Master Plan
- Council and Magnetite Mines Limited (ASX:MGT) signing a Memorandum of Understanding to elevate the development potential of Port Pirie as a future green iron production hub
- Next stage of Flinders Industrial Estate development
- Port Pirie RV Park development
- Visitor Information Centre activities attracting tourists to the Port Pirie region

3. Our Lifestyle

- Children and adult art activities at the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery
- Community, children, youth and adult activities at the Libraries
- Dog Parks available
- Discovery Walking Trail and Norman Street public art
- Foreshore Master Plan upgrade
- Implementing the updated Volunteer Framework
- Inclusion and Access Reference Group
- Public Parks and Gardens maintenance and improvements
- Southwest Drainage Scheme construction
- Visitor Information Centre activities attracting tourists to the Port Pirie region
- Winter Festival 2023 & planning Winter Festival 2024

4. Our Leadership

- Mid-North Council Alliance
- Mentoring Youth – Youth Reference Group
- Partnership with Business Port Pirie
- Partnership with Nyrstar Targeted Lead Abatement Program

ELECTED MEMBERS

MAYOR LEON STEPHENS

- Asset Management Committee (ex-officio)
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ex-officio)
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee (Chair)
- Audit & Risk Management Committee (ex-officio)
- Business Port Pirie
- Port Pirie Health Advisory Council
- Uni Hub Local Government Advisory Committee
- Disability Access Inclusion Group
- Northern & Yorke Local Government Association
- Northern & Yorke Local Government Association CWMS Advisory Committee
- Northern & Yorke Local Government Association Group Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- LG Transport Advisory Panel Mayor (Chair) (LGA Board rep)
- LGA Board of Directors (rep for SGC / SAROC)
- LGA CWMS Management Committee (Chair) (LGA Board rep)
- LGA Audit & Risk Committee (Proxy) (LGA Board rep)
- SA Boating Facility Advisory Committee (LGA/Council rep)
- South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils Committee (rep for SGC)
- SA Black Spot Consultative Panel (LGA Board rep)
- Spencer Gulf Cities (Chair)
- TLAP Board

DEPUTY MAYOR CR KENDALL JACKSON

- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Crystal Brook Community Childcare Committee
- Port Pirie Health Advisory Council (Chair)
- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (Chair)
- Spencer Gulf Cities (Proxy for Mayor)
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee

CR MICHAEL HOPGOOD

- Asset Management Committee (Chair)
- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Sporting Association of Port Pirie
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee

CR ALAN ZUBRINICH

- CEO Performance Review Committee (Chair)
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee
- Disability Access Inclusion Group
- Pirie Districts Development Association
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Suicide Prevention Network
- Australia Day Committee

CR ALI GULIN

- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Crystal Brook Community Association
- Crystal Brook Community Childcare Committee

CR JADE JOYCE

- Asset Management Committee
- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Disability Access Inclusion Group

CR LEEANNE PETERS

- Audit & Risk Management Committee
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Disability Access Inclusion Group

CR JOBY CONNOR

- Asset Management Committee
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee
- Local Drug Action Team

CR JACK KEAIN

- Asset Management Committee
- Domestic Violence Action Group
- Flinders Mobile Library Committee
- Koolunga Development Association
- Redhill Development Association

CR GRANT PETAGNA

- Audit & Risk Management Committee
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee
- Disability Access Inclusion Group
- Flinders Mobile Library Committee

ADMINISTRATION

Administration's role is to implement the decisions of Council using employees and contractors. Port Pirie Regional Council has 103 employees (80 full-time, 21 part-time and 2 casuals) and an operating budget of approximately $30 million that is used to meet the needs of its residents, including maintaining total assets to the value of $276 million.

Council appoints a Chief Executive Officer to manage the day-to-day business of the Council. To support the Chief Executive Officer in delivering and managing Council business, the structure has the following three Directorates which have been assigned accountability for a range of functions:

Peter Ackland
Chief Executive Officer

John McCarthy
July 2023

Stephen Rufus
Oct 2023 onwards

Director Corporate & Community

Primary Functions:
Administration
Community Assistance
Community Development
Financial Services
Governance
Human Resources
Information Technology
Library
Media
Property Rates
Property Services
Records Management
Risk Management & WHS
Special Events
Tourism and Arts

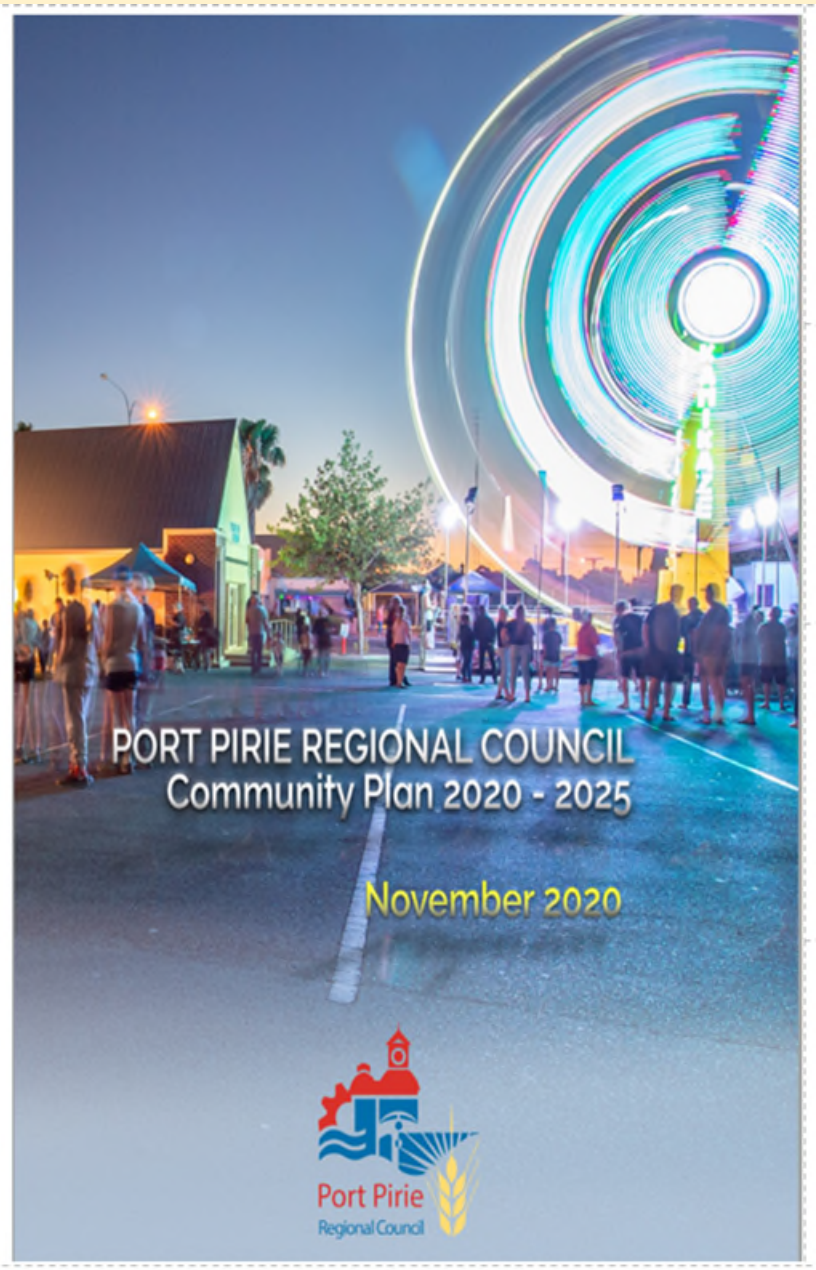
Kathryn Johnson
Director Infrastructure

Primary Functions:
Aerodrome
Asset Management
Cemeteries
Crystal Brook Caravan Park
Drainage and Tidal Levee
Emergency Management
Marine Facilities
Natural Environment
Parks and Gardens
Public Conveniences
Public Safety
Roads
Streetscaping
Water Recycling

Chris Davey
Director Development & Regulation

Primary Functions:
Animal Management
Community Health Service
Development Applications
Dog and Cat Control
Effluent Drainage Systems
Fire Prevention
Planning
Regulatory Control
Swimming Pools
Waste Management

COMMUNITY PLAN
OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024



1. Our Community

2. Our Economy

3. Our Lifestyle

4. Our Leadership

There are a number of key projects and actions that are planned to make a positive contribution towards the achievement of the Community.

Within the Community Plan, there are 4 Goals, 61 key actions and 1,202 actions.

These are shown for each of the strategies. Progress towards the completion of these projects and the achievement of these actions are noted in the following pages.

Community Plan

In 2016, the Port Pirie Regional Council developed and commenced implementation of its Community Plan 2016-2025. This Plan sets out Council's priorities, objectivities and strategies for the next 10 years.

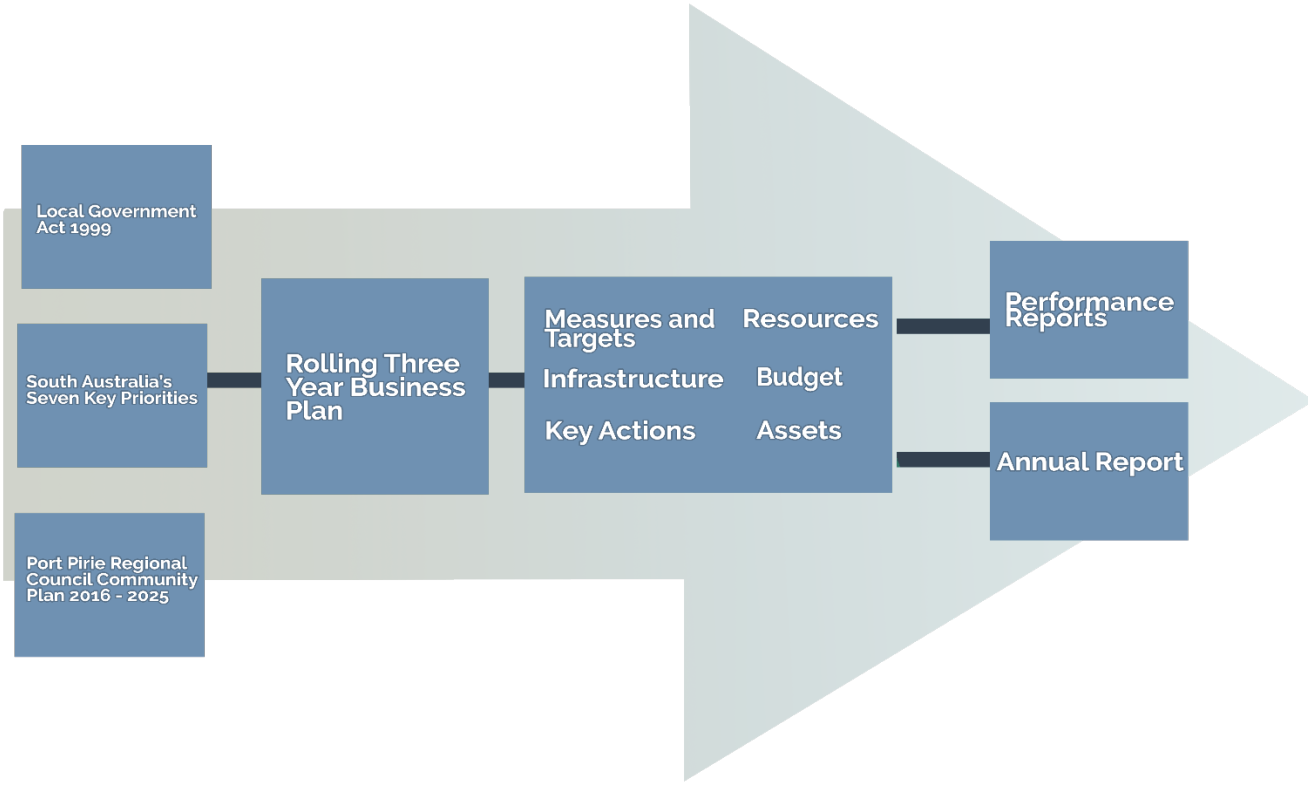
The Port Pirie Regional Council conducted a review of its Community Plan in 2020 to confirm Council's direction for the following five years: 2020-2025 years.

The revised draft of the Community Plan was created following workshops with Elected Members, input from Council's Executive Management Team and a community survey conducted in April/May 2020. It also considered relevant State and Regional Plans and was presented for community consultation.

The Plan's strategic direction focuses on four (4) key themes:

- ✓ Our Community
- ✓ Our Economy
- ✓ Our Lifestyle
- ✓ Our Leadership

The Port Pirie Regional Council's Community Plan 2016-2025 has been supported by a 10-year Long Term Financial Plan and an Assets Management Plan. The three-year Business Plan and annual Budget are developed to align with these plans. These Plans are regularly reviewed by Council's Executive Management Team and the Elected Members.



OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

1. Our Community

Inclusivity and Diversity.
An active community that is connected and has opportunities to participate in community life.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
1.1 INCLUSIVITY & DIVERSITY	**75 % of current actions listed under 1.1 complete** *19 % of current actions in progress*	
	Support for Community Development actions. Mid North Passenger Transport Network. Disability Action Plan. Public Art Plan, Discovery Trails Plan. Develop Aboriginal Engagement Policy. Review Volunteer Framework.	
1.1.1 Leadership in Community	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Leadership in the Community is valued, encouraged and supported.	2022 Council Elections. Elected Members appointed to attend meetings of Community Development Association - portfolios assigned.	C
	Support Community development and key volunteer organisations to provide structured input into projects.	⬆
1.1.2 Volunteering	**80 % of current actions complete**	
Volunteering is fostered for its contribution to the community and personal wellbeing.	Review of Volunteer Policy, and Volunteer position descriptions . Volunteer induction requirement. Develop Expressions of interest advert for volunteering. Implement Volunteer Program.	C
	Review Volunteer Framework	⬇
1.1.3 Community facilities	**100 % of current actions complete**	
Community facilities and services are welcoming and accessible.	Review the DDA Bus Stop Plan by December 2021. Install Stateliner Bus Stop—Crystal Brook. Disability Access Inclusion Plan reviewed July 2023 Implement Public Art Plan 2021-25. Network: PPRC and active member of the Network Participate in the Mid North Passenger Transport.	C

Strategy	Action	Status
1.1 INCLUSIVITY & DIVERSITY	*continued*	
1.1.4 Strong culture identity	**64% of current actions complete** *27 % of current actions in progress*	
The strong identity of culturally rich community is celebrated.	Review of the support for Community based events. Revision and update of Community Assistance Policy. Plan & install Aerodrome Mural. Port Pirie Cemetery War Graves. Port Pirie Cemetery WWI entrance gates. Winter Festival 2023. Access and Inclusion Reference Group.	C
	Complete the Discovery Trails Project - Stage 2. Winter Festival 2024 finalising planning. Support Community development and key volunteer organisations to provide structured input into projects.	⇧
	Develop an Aboriginal Engagement Policy	⇩
1.1.5 Cultural activities support	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Cultural and creative based organisations and activities are Supported.	Arts Now Here Association - create a home at Warnertown Oval. Art Gallery Exhibition Program 2022 & 2003	C
	Public Art Plan 2021—2024 *review has commenced with updated Plan to be completed in 2024-25.*	⇧

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

1. Our Community (cont'd)

Resilience

A community that is able to unite and deal with adversity.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
1.2 RESILIENCE	**51 % of current actions listed under 1.2 complete** *21 % of current actions in progress*	
	Event support Library services Flood mitigation planning Street Lighting Strategy Fire Prevention services Unsightly premises	
1.2.1 Strong culture identity	**75 % of current actions complete** *13 % of current actions in progress*	
Our community is supported through events that enhance community connectedness and build community pride.	Review of Community Assistance Policy. Successful Australia Day, NAIDOC Week & Anzac Day events supported in 2023-24. Plan and implement New Years Eve event 2023. 2023 Winter Festival planned and delivered. 2024 Winter Festival planned. Engage Sport Marketing Australia to bring events to Port Pirie.	C
	Continue engagement of Sports Marketing Australia	↑
	Review & develop Events Strategy	↓
1.2.2 Emergency preparation	**50 % of current actions complete**	
Our community is prepared for and able to respond to emergency situations.	Flood Mitigation Strategy for Napperby	C
	Planning for Community Resilience Project.	↓
1.2.3 Lifelong learning	*50 % of current actions in progress*	
Community activities held at/ by libraries. Digitising of records and made accessible to community.	Implement Port Pirie Libraries Plan *(implementation ongoing)*	↑
	Implement Digitisation Plan *(implementation started – is on hold)*	↓
1.2.4 Community safety	**80 % of current actions complete** *20 % of current actions in progress*	
Our community feels safe.	Participate in Licensing Accord Review of the Public Lighting Strategy. Strategy to deal with unsightly premises. The transition of street lighting to LED.	C
	Review the Dry Zone areas.	↑

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

1. Our Community (cont'd)

Wellbeing
A community that is physically and mentally healthy.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
1.3 WELLBEING	**62 % of current actions listed under 1.3 complete** *9 % of current actions in progress*	
	Wellbeing Master Plan Sport & Recreation Club Development Program Sport & Recreation, Open Space planning Riverbank Precinct planning Walking & Cycling Paths Network TLAP collaboration	
1.3.1 Sport and recreation	**86 % of current actions complete** *14 % of current actions in progress*	
Wide range of sport & recreation opportunities available.	Animal Management Plan - Off Leash Dog Parks Development of Riverbank Precinct including Pump Track Network of Walking and Cycling Paths Stage 2 Port Pirie Aquatic Centre pipework upgrade Repairs to Crystal Brook Swimming Pool Upgrade facility—Senate Road Sporting Complex	C
	Sport and Recreation Club Development Plan	↑
1.3.2 Community facilities	**60 % of current actions complete** *40 % of current actions in progress*	
Community facilities are vibrant and increasingly multi-use.	Off Leash Dog Parks installed Participate in new Statewide Planning System Sports Marketing Australia - needs analysis of sport &recreation facilities	C
	Refresh Port Pirie medians and garden beds Working with Bowman Park Management Committee—planning Installation of mountain bike track	↑
1.3.3 Community wellbeing	**75 % of current actions complete**	
Community wellbeing is enhanced through positive health outcomes.	Wellbeing Master Plan - youth focus. Animal Management Plan – implementation. Continuing support of Sport & Recreation Club Development.	C
	Game on program: with goals of increased opportunity for volunteering & participation of people with disability	↓

Strategy	Action	Status
1.3.4 Reduce lead exposure	**50 % of current actions complete**	
Co-ordinated initiatives and activities in community.	Active collaboration with TLAP on greening projects commenced by September 2021.	C
	Work with the Defence Force to support on-ground projects as part of local Indigenous development *(Defence Force has ceased involvement)*	⬇
1.3.5 Open Spaces	**0 % of current actions complete**	
Open spaces are enhanced through well maintained and attractive landscaping providing opportunity for increased community activity.	Work with Defence Force to support on-ground projects as part of local indigenous development. *(Defence Force has ceased involvement)*	⬇
1.3.6 Strong sense of place	**100 % of current actions complete**	
Our townships and areas of significance are recognised by a strong sense of place and engenders community pride.	Port Pirie town entrances - improvement actions. Progressive refreshing of medians and garden beds	C

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

2. Our Economy

Education & Jobs

A regional workforce with capacity to adapt, transition and thrive on changing circumstances and respond to structural challenges and opportunities.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
2.1 EDUCATION & JOBS	**46 % of current actions listed under 2.1 complete** *38 % of current actions in progress*	
	Partner with Yorke & Mid-North Regional Development Australia to deliver the Aspire Growth Plan State election platform proposal Facilitate participation of social enterprise in community projects Training and education specific needs for the region, to support unemployed and under employed people to fill vacant positions Open for Business strategy Support proposal for Crystal Brook Childcare	
2.1.1 Employment partnerships	**100 % of current actions complete**	
State and Federal Governments partner to support local employment opportunities.	State election platform proposal developed . Forum convened. Work Hardening Project. Partnership strategies with Yorke & Mid-North Regional Development Australia workforce opportunities.	C
2.1.2 Work ready community	**33 % of current actions complete** *0 % of current actions in progress*	
Members of our community are increasingly work ready to fill the jobs created by local business and industry.	Working with Regional Development Australia to source and coordinate work hardening/ upskilling opportunities for local unemployed.	C
	Development of business case to Australian Government for pilot program. Planning for participation levels of social enterprise in community projects.	
2.1.3 Stable population growth	**0 % of current actions complete** *100 % of current actions in progress*	
The region's population is stabilised and grows over time.	Continuing 'Open for Business' campaign. Developing Port Pirie specific education and training program as part of Upper Spencer Gulf meetings. Investigating options to implement Community Ambassador/ Connector to assist, connect and retrain professionals in our region.	

Strategy	Action	Status
2.1.4 Facilities are available	**50 % of current actions complete** *50 % of current actions in progress*	
Facilities are available to support increased population participating in workforce.	Crystal Brook Shopfront Improvement Project. Contribution to Business Port Pirie approved by Council.	C
	Support proposal for Crystal Brook Childcare. Options report prepared. Aspire Growth Plan.	⬆

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

2. Our Economy (cont'd)

Business & Industry

Vibrant businesses and diversified industry sectors that grow the regional economy.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
2.2 BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	**72 % of current actions listed under 2.2 complete** *28 % of current actions in progress*	
	Partner with Yorke & Mid-North Regional Development Australia to deliver Aspire Growth Plan Crystal Brook shopfront improvement project Port Pirie Industry Vision Collaboration with Nyrstar and Yorke & Mid North Regional Development Aust. Flinders Industrial Estate Future Land Use Masterplan	
2.2.1 Local businesses	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Local businesses are supported to grow and expand.	Crystal Brook Shopfront Improvement Project. Contribution to Business Port Pirie approved by Council.	C
	Aspire Growth Plan.	↑
2.2.2 Industry & agriculture	*100 % of current actions in progress*	
The Region's traditional industrial and agricultural base is maintained and expanded.	Aspire Growth Plan goals developed and implemented. Port Pirie Industry Vision in development (supported by Regional Development Australia, Yorke & Mid North)	↑
2.2.3 Diversify economic base	**100 % of current actions complete**	
Opportunities to diversify our economic base into other sectors such as tourism, renewables and value added agriculture are pursued.	Council representative on National Trust Silver to Sea Way Project Steering Group. Implement Aspire Growth Plan goals. Planning collaboration with Nyrstar and Yorke & Mid North Regional Development Australia.	C
2.2.4 New businesses	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
New businesses encouraged to invest and locate within the Council area.	Next stage of Flinders Industrial Estate development—Concept Plan.	C
	Accommodation options developed to support Flinders Ranges National Park project. Meeting conducted with prospective businesses considering operating in Port Pirie.	↑

Strategy	Action	Status
2.2.5 Land zoning	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Investment, additional infrastructure and employment opportunities are attracted to the region.	Next stage of Flinders Industrial Estate development planned. Planning and Development code review.	C
	Port Pirie Masterplan to identify future needs supported by Regional Development Australia, Yorke & Mid North.	⇧
2.2.6 Opportunity investment	**33 % of current actions complete** *67 % of current actions in progress*	
Investment, additional infrastructure and employment opportunities are attracted to the region.	Crystal Brook Shopfront Improvement Project	C
	Aspire Growth Plan. Alternative housing models for Port Pirie - researched by Regional Development Australia, Yorke & Mid-North.	⇧

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

2. Our Economy (cont'd)

Tourism

The natural beauty, unique history and attractions of our region and towns provide memorable experiences for increasing numbers of guests.

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
2.3 TOURISM	**68 % of current actions listed under 2.3 complete** *32 % of current actions in progress*	
	Support planning for Southern Flinders National Park and Silver 2 Sea Way strategies to identify value add for this region. Port Pirie RV Park. Release of land for Tourism purposes. Bowman Park Master Plan.	
2.3.1 Increasing Visitation	**70 % of current actions complete** *30 % of current actions in progress*	
Increased visitation leads to new and expanded tourism attractions and experiences.	Nominate council representative to National Trust of Nominate Port Pirie in Best Grey Nomad Friendly Town. Port Pirie RV Park development. Port Pirie nominated in Top Tourism Towns 2023. SA Silver to Sea Way Project Steering Group *membership*. Vision for Stage 2 Flinders National Park being developed by Yorke Mid-North Regional Development Australia. Ambassador/ Connector Program—participate in working group.	C
	Bowman Park Masterplan. Crystal Brook caravan park lease renewal. Release of land for tourism purposes. Work with Sports Marketing Australia to bring events to the Port Pirie region.	↑
2.3.2 Increased recognition	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Our Region is increasingly recognised for its events and cultural experiences.	Nominate council representative to National Trust of SA Silver to Sea Way Project Steering Group membership. Engage Sports Marketing Australia to bring events to Port Pirie region.	C
	Bowman Park Master Plan development	↑

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

3. Our Lifestyle

Built Environment

Our rich cultural and built heritage is valued, celebrated and enhanced by new developments

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
3.1 BUILT ENVIRONMENT	**47 % of current actions listed under 3.1 complete** *53 % of current actions in progress*	
	South West Drainage Scheme, Council surplus land, Riverfront Precinct Masterplan, and Memorial Park Masterplan, Development of Senate Road Sporting Complex, Implementation of new Planning system Crystal Brook shopfront improvements Port Pirie Cemetery War Graves Plan	
3.1.1 Development Opportunity	**0 % of current actions complete** *100 % of current actions in progress*	
Provide opportunity for a wide range of social, residential, retail, commercial & industrial activity & development.	South West Drainage Scheme design Sale of Council surplus land	↑
3.1.2 Sites identified, promoted	**75 % of current actions complete** *25 % of current actions in progress*	
Our unique character areas and iconic sites are identified, protected and promoted.	Implementation of new Planning system. Crystal Brook shopfront improvements. Port Pirie Cemetery War Graves Plan.	C
	Development of Port Pirie Riverfront Precinct Masterplan.	↑
3.1.3 Public spaces	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Our public spaces are inspiring, stimulating and welcoming and encourage social interaction, gatherings and activities.	Development of Senate Road Sporting Complex	C
	Port Pirie Riverfront Precinct Masterplan Memorial Park Masterplan	↑

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

3. Our Lifestyle (cont'd)

Infrastructure

Infrastructure is renewed and provided that meets current and potential future needs

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
3.2 INFRASTRUCTURE	**84 % of current actions listed under 3.2 complete** *16 % of current actions in progress*	
	Walking and cycling path network Port Pirie town bus stops Transport capital program Electric vehicle charging points CWMS plan Building Services review	
3.2.1 Township road networks	**66 % of current actions complete** *34 % of current actions in progress*	
Township road networks support pedestrian, cycle & vehicle use.	Review of Port Pirie town bus stops Walking and cycling planning	C
	Greening and refreshing planting around Port Pirie	⬆
3.2.2 Transport networks	**100 % of current actions complete**	
Regional transport networks are prioritised to support primary and other industry use.	Transport capital program planning for 2023-24 Transport capital works for 2023-24 Electric vehicle charging points planning Aerodrome Master Plan	C
3.2.3 Asset maintenance	**71 % of current actions complete** *29 % of current actions in progress*	
Council provided assets are fit for purpose, proactively maintained and renewal recognises future demand.	Fisherman's Jetty replacement options Review of CWMS *(overall)* Plan Review of CWMS Pump Out Plan Review and update Asset Management Plan Review and update Asset Management Strategy	C
	Review Building services Review of Nelshaby Reservoir Management Plan	⬆
3.2.4 Facility diversification	**100 % of current actions complete**	
Port Pirie's Port facilities are increasingly used and support economic diversification.	Removal of derelict boat at mooring	C

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

3. Our Lifestyle (cont'd)

Sustainability

Sustainability considerations form part of our planning and decision making

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
3.3 SUSTAINABILITY	**40 % of current actions listed under 3.3 complete** *54 % of current actions in progress*	
	Sport venue surface conditioning and irrigation Flood Mitigation Study for Napperby Flood mitigation implementation strategies Community Resilience workshop Incident Operations Plan	
3.3.1 Water supply and use	**50 % of current actions complete** *50 % of current actions in progress*	
Reduce water consumption and secure increased water supply.	Installation of irrigation monitoring and turf conditioning	C
	Sale of Council surplus land	⬆
3.3.2 Climate change impacts	**25 % of current actions complete** *50 % of current actions in progress*	
Adapt to and reduce impacts of climate change risk.	Flood Mitigation Study for Napperby.	C
	Incident Operations Plan. Report on implementation of Flood mitigation implementation strategies.	⬆
	Planning for Community Resilience workshop.	⬇
3.3.3 Maximise waste diversion	**50 % of current actions complete** *50 % of current actions in progress*	
New initiatives that maximise waste diversion and resource recovery are identified and supported leading to an increased recognition of Port Pirie as a Green Industrial City	Investigation of Food Organics & Garden Organics Landfill Remediation – capping layer	C
	Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy Landfill Remediation – vegetation layer	⬆
3.3.4 Energy generation	**33 % of current actions complete** *67 % of current actions in progress*	
Energy generation and local use is increasingly environmentally sensitive	Transition to LED street lighting.	C
	Collation of water and power costs for analysis. Planning of solar power installation at Council Administration Office.	⬆

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

3. Our Lifestyle (cont'd)

Natural Environment

Our natural environment is retained, healthy and adds to the experience of the region

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
3.4 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	**60 % of current actions listed under 3.4 complete** *20 % of current actions in progress*	
	Bowman Park Management Plan White Cliffs Reserve Management Plan Collaborate with Department of Environment & Water (DEW) to revive Crystal Brook and Broughton River Roadside Vegetation Management Plan	
3.4.1 Secure natural landscape	**60 % of current actions complete** *20 % of current actions in progress*	
Our natural landscapes are secure and form a significant part of the appeal of our region.	Review of White Cliffs Reserve Management Plan. Phoenix Park Wetlands Stage 1. Collaborate with Department of Environment & Water (DEW) to revive Crystal Brook and Broughton River.	C
	Preparation of Bowman Park Management Plan.	⬆
	Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.	⬇
3.4.2 Coastal Assets supported	**0 % of current actions complete**	
Our valuable coastal assets are supported and enjoyed sensitively.	Roadside Vegetation Management Plan	⬇

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

4. Our Leadership

Community Engagement

Council decision making is informed, transparent, accountable and reflective of the Community Plan with avenues for the community

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
4.1 ENGAGED COMMUNITY	**63 % of current actions listed under 4.1 complete** *38 % of current actions in progress*	
	Community Planning and reporting Business Planning Communications Strategy LG election participation Elected Member support	
4.1.1 Council decision making	**75 % of current actions complete** *25 % of current actions in progress*	
Increase participation in Council decision making processes.	Elector representation review. Communications strategy implemented. 2022 General Election with guided advertising, Enrol, Nominate, Vote.	C
	Review of Community Engagement Policy.	↑
4.1.2 Aligned Plans/ strategies	**50 % of current actions complete** *50 % of current actions in progress*	
Ensure Council plans, projects and activities are aligned with the strategies of Community Plan	Development of Annual Business Plan & Budget 2023/24.	C
	Development of Annual Business Plan & Budget 2024/25. Implemented regular report to Council to achievement of goals of community plan via integrated planning and reporting software.	↑

OUR KEY ACTIONS 2023–2024

4. Our Leadership (cont'd)

Organisational Excellence

We deliver what we promise and strive to continuously improve

Overdue	In progress	C Completed

Strategy	Action	Status
4.2 ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE	**48% of current actions listed under 4.2 complete** *39 % of current actions in progress*	
	Business Continuity Plan Risk Management Framework Health, and Safety Internal Audit Financial stability planning and performance reporting By-Laws, Codes of Practice, Policy, Procedure Review Delegations Freedom of Information Customer Request System Business Improvement Employee Engagement	
4.2.1 Decision making	**80 % of current actions complete** *20 % of current actions in progress*	
One Council focused on consistent quality services underpinned by transparent & accountable decision making.	Delegation review March 2023. Annual Report 2021-22 & 2022-23. Implement Customer Service Request system—August 2022. Process Freedom of Information applications within timelines/ approved extended timelines	C
	Policy Review schedule	↑
4.2.2 Deliver services	**0 % of current actions complete** *100 % of current actions in progress*	
Deliver services which meet community need and priorities at the right price base based on innovation and continuous improvement.	Cultural Precinct services review - commenced application implementation. Business Improvement Program.	↑
4.2.3 Risk management	**50 % of current actions complete**	
Risk is understood & managed	By-Law 7 year review implement and complete. Cyber security actions and staff training. Health & Safety Plan - WHS Action Plan 2023-24.	C
	Risk Action Plan: new plan *(3 core topics +2 electives)* Internal Audit Plan 2023 – 24. Business Continuity Plan revision/ desktop exercise 2023-24.	↓

Strategy	Action	Status
4.2 ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE	*continued*	
4.2.4 Financial sustainability	**63 % of current actions complete** *37 % of current actions in progress*	
Council will be financially responsible and sustainable across generations.	External audit 2022 – 2023 Interim External audit 2023 – 2024 Annual review of approach to Rating 2022 - 2023 Annual Business Plan & Budget 2022 – 2023 Long Term Financial Plan 2024 – 2033	C
	Annual review of approach to Rating 2023 - 2024 Annual Business Plan & Budget 2023 - 2024 Long Term Financial Plan 2025 – 2034	

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT

Council has a responsibility to care for and preserve all the land within its control. The Local Government Act places obligations and responsibilities on Council's Community Land for the current and future benefit of the community. Section 196 of the Act stipulates the requirement for Council to prepare and adopt a Community Land Management Plan and Register. The Plan and register were adopted by Council on the 23 January 2019.

Community Land Management Plan

The Community Land Management Plan describes the location and purpose of all Community Land and how Council intends to manage the land. Where Council is the Custodian of Community Land owned by the Crown, it is held in trust and Council must ensure the Plan stipulates ownership details, including any provisions that may apply, i.e. dedicated recreational purpose. As far as practicable, the Plan must be consistent with other Council plans and policies with regard to conservation, development and use of the land.

The Act does not require separate management plans for each piece of community land. Council has therefore grouped the land under categories so that it can be managed efficiently and effectively. The parcels of land grouped together under these categories have very similar purposes, objectives, management policies, performance targets and measures.

The Community Land Management Plan has the following categories:

Category 1: Community Parks are retained to provide landscape amenity for built up areas, accessible open space for recreation, and to provide local area urban functions including urban cooling.

Category 2: Sports Grounds are retained for the purpose of facilitating participation in organised sports, and for the provision of recreation facilities that meet the social and recreation needs of the broader community.

Category 3: Road Reserves, including screening and buffer reserves are retained to minimise impact between neighbouring land uses. This can include the provision of space between roads, primary production, drainage, commercial and residential land use, and easements or laneways between properties.

Category 4: Drainage Reserves are retained for the primary purpose of stormwater management. These reserves are maintained to mitigate the potential impacts of flooding on communities and vulnerable infrastructure.

Category 5: Cemeteries & Memorials are retained as cultural, heritage or civic memorials which are accessible by the public. Such sites can be subject to contract agreements.

Category 6: Community & Commercial Tenancy sites incorporate buildings and leasable open spaces and are retained for the purposes of facilitating accessible community and commercial services of benefit to the community.

Category 7: Natural Reserves, Coastal Reserves, & Roadside Vegetation are retained for the protection of remnant vegetation, the benefit of biodiversity, nature based recreation, cultural landscapes, and enhancement of ecosystem

quality. These sites can be subject to specific management plans and policies.

Category 8: Council Operational Facilities are retained for the purpose of administering and delivering the functions of the Council and are primarily comprised of facilities owned and operated by the Council including the Council Civic Centre, Council Depot, and decentralised outreach services such as libraries, and community centres.

Category 9: Miscellaneous land is retained under Council ownership, or under Council's care and control.

Category 10: Is site specific, with specific objectives, performance targets and measures in place. For example: to provide an option for Council or a third party to develop above ground accommodation infrastructure supported by the existing infrastructure (below and above ground) to provide opportunities to capture flow on economic and social benefit for Port Pirie and local businesses.

Categories one to three (1-3), and six to nine (6-9) within the Community Land Management Plan can be subject to lease and licence agreements and/ or permit hire.

Community Land Register

Under Section 207 of the Act a Council must keep a register of all community land in its area and must contain the information required by the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

The Register which lists 218 individual sections of community land contains:

a) The legal description of the land;
b) The street address of the land, including the locality or suburb in which the land is situated;
c) The name by which the land is commonly known;
d) The area of the land;
e) The name of the owner of the land; and
f) The following details concerning any lease or licence granted over the land:
   (i) The name of the lessee or licensee; »
   (ii) The term of the lease or licence (including information on the term of any extension or renewal stated in the lease or licence);
   (iii) The actual land to which the lease or licence relates (which may be identified by a plan kept in conjunction with the register); and
   (iv) The purpose for which the lease or licence has been granted.

Council's Community Land Register, is available to the public on the Council website.

Community Land Related Activities 2023 – 2024

1. The following community land related activities were considered (in confidence) by Council:
   a) Lease of Council Land – 43 Alexander Street, Port Pirie
   b) Unsolicited Proposal to Purchase Council Land - Lot 54 Scenic Drive, Napperby

c) Expression of Interest Land Developments – Initial Research Response and Proposal to Retain Commercial Support
d) Strategic Opportunity – Land Acquisition;
e) South West Drainage Scheme
f) Lot 59 Bartsch Drive, Flinders Industrial Estate – Offer to Purchase
g) EOI Land Development – Tourist Accommodation and Destination Evaluation
h) Riverbank Precinct Master Plan Stage 1 Works – Beach Shelter and Deck

2. The following community land related projects were being implemented by Council:
CB = Crystal Brook; **PP** = Port Pirie; **PPAB** = Port Pirie Administration Building

Category 1 - Community Parks:

a) Lawrie Park, Napperby: upgrade toilets: 100% complete;
b) Memorial Park PP: construction of new toilets & BBQ shelter: 60% complete;
c) Memorial Park PP: stone repair for WWI entrance gates: 100% complete;
d) Mortimer Park, Redhill: upgrade toilets: 100% complete;
e) Woodward Park, PP: replace toilets; nature Play-space, Kitchen/ shelter, bike track/ CCTV: 100% complete
f) City Park PP: replacement of Christmas Tree: 100% complete;
g) Bowman Park, CB. Restaurant septic upgrade; garden wall stonework; & new retaining wall near BBQ shelter: 70% complete;
h) Phoenix Park, PP. Wetland project: 40% complete;
i) Solomontown PP Greening Project: 50% complete;
j) Park furniture renewal program 2023-24: 100% complete;
k) Park Structures Renewal Program: Memorial Oval, PP; Warnertown Park; Bunyip septic tank: 40% complete;
l) PP & CB Dog Park upgrades; 100% complete;

Category 2 - Sports Grounds (Sports Precinct):

Sports Precinct minor works were carried over from 2022-23:

a) PP West Oval Soccer Goals Walkways: complete scoping of work and carry out construction: 100% complete; and
b) PP West Oval irrigation pump: install equipment tracking: 100% complete.

Category 3 - Road Reserves :

a) CB CWMS manhole lid replacement & structural repairs program *(includes road reserves)*: 10% complete;
b) Napperby CWMS manhole lid replacement & structural repairs program *(includes road reserves)*: 100% complete;
c) PP. Water Sensitive Urban Design infrastructure - storage, treatment and use of runoff to water-efficient landscaping along roads/ footpaths etc: 35% complete;
d) Solomontown, PP: sealing footpaths program: 50% complete;
e) PP Three Chain Road, Southern Extension: construction of on-road cycle/ walking pathway: 71% complete;
f) PP: new kerbing as identified in the Asset Management Plan: 39% complete;
g) PP: kerb replacement program associated with annual reseal program: 75% complete;
h) PP. Boundary Road: construct and seal: 100% complete;
i) PP. Osbourne Street & Greer Street reseal: 100% complete;

j) CB, Mais Terrace/ Mercowie Road intersection: improve safety of intersection. Scoping and design completed. Construction work required: 15% complete;
k) CB, Goulter & Huddleston Roads: improve safety of intersection. Scoping completed. Design and construction work required: 10% complete;
l) Unsealed roads Capital Program 2023-24: 42% complete.

Category 4 - Drainage Reserves:

a) Broughton River Floodplain Mitigation: design finalisation & construction of floodway culverts: 15% complete;
b) Flood & drainage engineering studies of Redhill Outfall; Haslam Road Catchment, Solomontown; Harris Road Catchment, Port Pirie South; and Koolunga Drainage Easement: 80% complete;
c) Harris Road Catchment, Port Pirie South: Magor Rd to Kensington Rd catchment improvement upgrade: 20% complete;
d) Lyons Street, CB stormwater catchment design: 20% complete;
e) Southwest Drainage Scheme, PP: design process: 50% complete;
f) Lower Broughton pipes and pits replacement design: 84% complete;
g) Warnertown roundabout, PP: underground pipework replacement design: 10% complete;
h) Wanderah Road, PP rising main replacement: 100% complete;

Category 5 - Cemeteries & Memorials:

a) CB Cemetery: install new shelter: 50% complete;
b) CB & PP Cemeteries: GIS Map project – burial plots & expansion: 95% complete;
c) CB & PP Cemeteries: seal carpark & roads: 100% complete;
d) PP Cemetery: install new lawn beams: 100% complete;
e) PP Cemetery: install sub-surface irrigation: 100% complete;
f) PP Cemetery: War graves – carry over new stone wall to rear of war graves area: 100% complete;

Category 6 - Community & Commercial Tenancy:

a) CB Institute: Building fire safety improvements: 100% complete;
b) Koolunga Institute: front door & toilet access improved: 100% complete;
c) Mundoora Soldiers Memorial Institute improved access: 100% complete;
d) Redhill Community Centre improved access: 100% complete;
e) Redhill Institute carpark improved access: 100% complete;
f) Senior Citizens Centre front door access improved: 100% complete; and
g) SAHI Hall partial roof replacement (eastern side): 100% complete.
h) CB Pool: improvements to change room facilities, and installation of NBN, Wifi & CCTV 100% complete;
i) CB Pool: resurface children's pool: 80% complete;
j) PP Pool: ground sealing, additional fence works, and installation of CCTV 100% complete;
k) PP Pool: install access ramp into the pool and reline the pool: 40% complete.
l) PP Pool: replacement Pump House: design work: 100%;

Category 7 - Natural Reserves, Coastal Reserves, & Roadside Vegetation:

a) Fisherman's Wharf & Boat Mooring Facility PP upgrade: 56% complete;
b) Port Davis boat ramp upgrade: 100% complete;
c) PP wharf sheet piling wall replacement investigation: 10% complete;

d) Solomontown PP boat ramp access upgrade: 100% complete;
e) Solomontown Beach, PP. Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 – design: 100% complete;
f) Solomontown Beach, PP. Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 (FSMP Stg 1)
– basketball halfcourt construction; 85% complete;
– beach deck and shelter construction; establishment of Micro Forest; and nature play play-space: 20% complete;
– picnic shelters and park furniture: 75% complete
– promenade path and levee: 80% complete
g) Solomontown Beach, PP. Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 (FSMP Stg 1)
– new pump track (cycling) constructed & existing toilets refurbished: 100% complete;

Category 8 - Council Operational Facilities: *Administration Capital Program 2023-24*

a) Design solar PV system: 100% complete;
b) Crystal Brook library door improve access: 100% complete;
c) PPAB gutter replacement and reception area soundproofing carpet tiles: 100% complete
d) PPAB replace 2 main exterior doors: ongoing, 80% complete;
e) PPAB re-carpet Administration and Chamber areas: 95% complete;
f) Tourism Building northern roof replacement and skylights: 40% complete;
g) PP Waste Transfer Station: strengthen storage bay walls: 30% complete;
h) PP Works Depot: implementation of CCTV – increase security: 100% complete.

Category 9 - Miscellaneous land:

a) Senate Road, PP: development of land for residential sale: 30% complete.

Category 10 - Site specific – Nil identified

CULTURAL PRECINCT

The Community Development Office, the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery, the Port Pirie Library and the Visitor Information Centre are all housed within Tourism and Arts Centre building.

30th Anniversary of Tourism & Arts Centre

May 2024 marked the 30th anniversary of the Port Pirie Tourism and Arts Centre. To celebrate this milestone, free guided tours were offered, showcasing the Centre's rich history and its impact on the local community.

Community Development

Youth Reference Group

In early 2024, a report was presented to the Council outlining the Youth Action Plan consultation findings. It is anticipated that this will play a critical role in shaping the Council's future strategic objectives related to youth inclusion, activities, access to services, and representation within the Council. Following the presentation of the Report, the Council agreed to explore the implementation of a Youth Reference Group, a concept previously proposed and supported by Uniting Country SA.

Port Pirie Regional Council employees and Uniting Country SA subsequently collaborated to develop the Youth Reference Group. After extensive consultations and meetings with key stakeholders, it was decided that the group would comprise 10 members, aged 15 to 24, serving a three-year term.

To promote the initiative and encourage participation, Council, in partnership with Uniting Country SA, visited all three high schools in Port Pirie. During these visits, we sought to generate interest and invited teachers to identify and recommend students who would not only benefit from participating but also contribute positively to the future of Port Pirie and the surrounding areas. These three selected individuals became the Foundation Members of the Reference Group, playing a key role in promoting the group and assisting with recruitment efforts. As a result of these efforts, Council received eleven (11) applications and nominations, from which informal interviews we conducted. Ultimately seven (7) members will be selected to form the Port Pirie Regional Council's Youth Reference Group, providing a strong and unified voice to the Council.

A $5,000 grant has been obtained from the Commissioner for Children and Young People. It is planned that this grant will be used in the next financial year to provide a 1.5-day workshop to engage in team-building activities and games while also offering an invaluable opportunity for our mentors to connect with the seven (7) members of the Youth Reference Group (their mentees). Additionally, the workshop will feature presentations on community leadership and youth mental health.

Disability Access and Inclusion

In alignment with the Disability, Access, and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024, the Port Pirie Regional Council, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 24th April 2024, approved the establishment of an Access and Inclusion Reference Group. To reach this stage, the Council hosted an Inclusivity Workshop open to all community members and organisational

representatives. The workshop provided a platform for sharing valuable ideas and feedback with the Council. During the event, participants were invited to apply for membership in the Reference Group, which was subsequently formed.

The group will convene once since its formed initially for a three (3) year period, with plans to meet on a bi-monthly to quarterly basis moving forward. This Reference Group will play a crucial role in advising the Council on projects, events, infrastructure initiatives, and strategic planning to ensure that the community remains inclusive and accessible for all.

NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony *(July 2023)*

Port Pirie Regional Council warmly invited the community to come together for a morning of unity and ceremony in celebration at the NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony at City Park, Port Pirie. This ceremony honours the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival *(August 2023)*

The Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival returned to Memorial Park for its second year on Friday 4th August and Saturday 5th August showcasing interactive arts and culture activities, spectacular nighttime illuminations, circus acts, nature play, amusements, market stalls and food and entertainment.

An all South Australian-based music line-up provided the soundtrack to the festival, and was headlined by exciting indie/pop band GERMEIN and featuring Tilly Thomas and Caitlin Drew and Band. The ever-popular piano man will also be back to offer some great background atmosphere.

Sponsors for the event were the Australian Gas Network, Nyrstar and People's Choice Credit Union long with event partners – SALA, SCA, Business Port Pirie, illuminart and Pirie Hire.

New Years Eve 2023

The 2023 New Year's Eve event marked the fifth celebration hosted at the foreshore and Solomontown Beach, set against the stunning backdrop of the Flinders Ranges. The 2023 event took on a new direction with a strong focus on creating a family-friendly atmosphere, ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all attendees. In line with this vision, the event was alcohol-free and scheduled from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, featuring a single firework display at 9:30 pm.

Council estimated that the event drew a crowd of approximately 3,000 to 4,000 people, with the peak attendance occurring between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The evening was filled with a variety of musical performances including GenX, the beloved children's entertainer Peter Combe and his band, as well as Tom Barratt. The event was hosted by our MC, Jordan Curtis, who was joined on stage by Mayor Leon Stephens and Councillor Zubrinich to present the Certificate of Merit awards.

The 2023 New Year's Eve celebration successfully blended entertainment with a strong community focus, reinforcing our commitment to offering events that are enjoyable, safe, and welcoming for all.

Gallery

The gallery proved to be an anchor during the last financial year. Tourists, local community, and schools were determined and enthusiastic to enjoy a place of solace and calm with some incredible exhibitions in the 2023/2024 Gallery Exhibition Calendar. The increased visitation in the gallery stats is largely due to an increase of schools accessing the gallery at various times to avail of the strong educational programs outreach that accompany the exhibitions the gallery showcases, as well as increased visitation from inter and intra state visitors as we track back to pre-Covid visitation rates.

Visitor Statistics

The 2023/2024 financial year has witnessed a steady increase in visitors to the Port Pirie regional Gallery), continuing to surpass pre-2020 levels. Despite a two-week closure in June 2024 for roof maintenance, visitor numbers remained consistently higher than the previous year. Part of this this increase is attributed to more schools being supported in visits through strategic partnerships with Tarnanthi Festival and the Art Gallery of South Australia

	2022/23	**2023/24**
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Local Artist and Creative Industry Support

In the 2023-2024 financial year, the Gallery in partnership with Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre expanded its bespoke artisanal retail offerings, incorporating a wider range of local artistic products, crafts, and original artworks. This initiative not only enhanced the cultural experience but also supported local businesses by establishing partnerships with six new suppliers, resulting in a 10.21% increase in locally produced stock.

Public Art Attractions

The Port Pirie Public Art Trail continues to grow and develop as a popular cultural tourist attraction, which includes, additional content commissioned for the City Park Projection as part of Winter festival 2023 with funds awarded from Festivals Australia and a new mural on the Aerodrome which celebrated the centenary of the RAF history in Port Pirie, funded by Saluting their Services Grant from The Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Creative Arts and Craft Program

The Creative Arts and Craft Program for Seniors funded by the Office for Ageing Well, successfully engaged older residents in artistic workshops, enhancing social connectedness and mental well-being. Facilitated by skilled artists, the project delivered 35 workshops across multiple venues, fostering creativity and inclusivity. Participants reported improved mental health, sustained social connections, and a renewed sense of purpose.

School Holidays

As part of our efforts to boost tourism during school holidays, we offered additional art classes to the normally run after school art classes, these have grown in popularity and saw the additional art classes and added to the complimentary entry to the Shakka exhibition (located within the Visitor Information Centre) during the July 2023 and April 2024 school holidays.

Diverse Exhibitions

Over the past 12 months, the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery has successfully delivered a diverse range of exhibitions and public programming, reinforcing the Council's commitment to cultural engagement and artistic expression. This period saw a variety of exhibitions that attracted significant visitor engagement and fostered connections between artists, audiences, and the wider community.

Exhibition Overview

The Gentle Arts (May 26 - July 23, 2023)

The exhibition marked the 50th anniversary of the Port Pirie Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia, celebrating the historical significance, technical mastery, and cultural narratives within embroidery. The gallery collaborated closely with the Guild to curate a high-quality display and engaging public programs. The exhibition attracted 3,324 visitors over 58 days, featuring workshops led by the Guild members, including sessions for both children and adults. The event received extensive media coverage and interest from visitors across the state, including high-profile guests like Annette Meldrum.

Tracy Crisp: Pearls - Unstitched Threads of Love (August 1 - 31, 2023)

This deeply personal exhibition by Tracy Crisp explored themes of maternal bonds and the transformative power of art. Crisp repurposed her wedding dress as a canvas for the script of her acclaimed show "Pearls," weaving together her mother's legacy and her own artistic expression. The exhibition, launched with the support of Mayor Leon Stephens, attracted over 1,830 visitors during its 40-day run. It included several school groups who participated in guided tours and educational workshops. The launch event featured an artist talk by Tracy Crisp, which drew attendees from Adelaide.

Tarnanthi Festival: Saltbush Country (September 23 - November 5, 2023)

In collaboration with the Tarnanthi Festival and Country Arts SA, the gallery hosted *Saltbush Country*, an exhibition showcasing contemporary regional Aboriginal artists. Curated by Marika Davies, the exhibition offered a platform for artists to display works reflecting their personal and cultural identities. The exhibition attracted 2,587 visitors over its 43-day run. The launch event featured prominent guests, including Mayor Leon Stephens, Nukunu Elder Uncle Lindsay Thomas, and representatives from the Art Gallery of South Australia and Country Arts SA. The exhibition also facilitated educational outreach through a subsidy scheme that provided free bus transport for remote school groups.

Annual End of Year Youth Art Exhibition (November 23 - December 3, 2023)

This annual showcase provided a platform for young artists from local schools and community organizations to display their creativity. The exhibition featured a diverse range of skills and celebrated the unique talents of each participant. It attracted 377 visitors over a 10-day period, with additional programming that included weekly art classes and holiday workshops to engage young people in creative activities.

Gail Hocking: Between Us (December 9, 2023 - January 28, 2024)

This major solo exhibition by Gail Hocking explored the relationship between humans and the environment through sculpture, ceramics, installation, and sound. Despite the holiday season, the exhibition attracted 2,263 visitors over 50 days. The launch event served as a year-end celebration for gallery supporters. Hocking also conducted a workshop on copper electroplating, drawing participants from both the local community and Adelaide.

Louise Flaherty: Plant Carers (February 3 - April 7, 2024)

This installation by Louise Flaherty, accompanied by music **from** Belinda Gehlert, focused on the relationship between plant carers and native flora in South Australia. The exhibition highlighted the work of plant conservationists and celebrated the community built around plant care. Public programming included an artist talk and workshops scheduled for April 2024.

Island Welcome (February 3 - April 7, 2024)

Island Welcome featured contemporary jewellery as a gesture of welcome, with 12 artists presenting pieces inspired by traditional island garlands. The exhibition, curated by Belinda Newick, aimed to bring attention to issues surrounding asylum seekers in Australia. Public programming included an artist talk by Kath Inglis and a jewellery-making workshop led by Lauren Simeoni.

Wavelength (May 26 - July 23)

AGSA Screen: *Wavelength* showcased a selection of time-based media from the Art Gallery of South Australia's collection, centered on the theme of water. Featuring works by artists like Joan Ross and Kumantjayi Wheeler, the exhibition attracted 4,850 visitors, introducing many to digital art forms and emphasizing diverse global narratives through moving images.

Gallery Public Programming

In addition to exhibition-specific events, the gallery continued to offer regular after-school art classes and holiday workshops, engaging the community and fostering a creative environment for young artists.

Library

The library is a place for all community members to seek, discover, connect and be inspired to grow. It is a place where people can engage in a range of activities to increase social connection within the community.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to:

- ✓ Read in a variety of formats for knowledge or pleasure;
- ✓ Be supported in lifelong learning - including support for early years literacy, and digital literacy;
- ✓ Meet and connect with people, to enjoy activities, hear engaging speakers or learn a new skill; and
- ✓ Access, explore and learn to be confident and safe users of new technologies.

The Port Pirie Regional Library provides services and programmes that contribute to a quality lifestyle and enhances the wellbeing of people living in the Port Pirie Regional Council area.

The service consists of two branches: the Port Pirie Regional Library and the Crystal Brook Public Library and Council Office. The Region is also supported by the Flinders Mobile Library, which regularly visits 16 communities in the Council area, and services 9 schools, 7 kindies and 2 hospitals with up to date resources.

The Port Pirie Branch is open 43 hours per week over six days and the Crystal Brook branch 30 hours per week over five days.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Library Visitors	44245	47658	55012

The Library collection includes eBooks, eMagazines, books, magazines, music CD's, DVD's, jigsaws, audio books, language kits, graphic novels, online resources and sports equipment for people of all ages. Library users have access to many online resources and databases using the Public Library network and mobile applications.

In October 2023 representatives from the Public Libraires Board attended a presentation at the Port Pirie Regional Library which focused on the joys, challenges and opportunities the Port Pirie Library Service has experienced over the last few years.

Representatives from the State Library of South Australia visited the library in 2024 to hold sessions for the community about the different databases and services available on the State Library website. This included searching for Family and local history documents, researching the history of houses and access to newspapers and immigration records. Training sessions were also provided to library employees and interested community members about Digital mentoring, which included how to help customers with new technologies and devices and understanding our legal responsibilities when providing these services.

Community Activities

The library is endeavouring to meet the needs of our First Nations people by having a dedicated display of Indigenous resources.

The library continues to support the Port Pirie Domestic Violence Action Group and the Port Pirie & Districts Family History Group. Uniting Country SA provided foster carer information

sessions at the library and representatives from Care Finder and NDIS were available to give support to citizens.

Book Sales held as part of the Garage Sale Trail were well supported by the community and proved to be very successful.

Community Outreach is one of the key aims of libraries throughout South Australia.

In the Port Pirie region, the library engaged in outreach by holding a stall at the Smelters Picnic where we sold lucky dip book packs, DVDs and were able to connect with 150 families as part of the Yellow Brick Road activity. The library was also able to promote their services and activities to a broad cross section of our community.

Gift of Reading - Since 2013 the Port Pirie Regional Library Service has been assisting the Port Pirie Assistance Committee and Uniting Country with the **donation of books** to distribute with their Christmas hampers to families in our community. Thanks to the generosity of Library customers, many council staff, the proceeds from our Friends Quiz Night, the library was able to provide **a donation of over 177 books in December 2023**.

Council's **Volunteer program** was reinstated in early 2024. Volunteers play a vital role in assisting library staff to deliver programs to the community. The library currently has one committed volunteer who is assisting with programs such as Home Library selections, book covering and youth events.

Disability, Inclusion & Dementia Awareness

The library has also been mindful of **disability inclusion** and being **dementia friendly**. Resources have purchased and provided to the public to support those living with or caring for those with dementia, to increase knowledge and understanding.

The library has had regular visits from Bedford, Novita and the Port Pirie Education Centre. Bedford clients held an exhibition of their art work and the public could vote for their favourite piece. Prizes were presented by the Member for Stuart, Honourable Mr Geoff Brock at a special morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council.

A **Home Library** delivery service caters to residents in Port Pirie who are unable to visit the library due to age, illness or frailty. The library delivers to people in their homes and three nursing homes. Home Library services occurs fortnightly and numbers of deliveries fluctuate. Currently 31 people are receiving deliveries. The library is aiming to expand the service to the Crystal Brook community if there is enough interest.

Children Activities & Events

The 1001 books before school program continued during 2023-2024. The program encourages young people and adults to read to children. This has been found to build up children's early literacy skills and vocabulary, as well as being an enjoyable way to spend time with young children. This program currently has 63 registered participants in Port Pirie *(an increase of 22 registering this year)* and 21 participants at Crystal Brook *(an increase of 8 children registering this year).* **Four children reached the 1001 books milestone** in this last financial year.

Baby Bounce is also an ongoing weekly program at the library during term time which regularly attracts Mums/Carers and their babies/toddlers to a session of rhyme, song and story time. Baby Bounce sessions aim to engage children to assist early literacy development. The Baby Bounce sessions are taken to local kindies and playgroups and

regular sessions have been booked. This program has also been promoted to the early literacy programme Words Grow Minds where a a book pack is provided to each family who attends.

Book Week – Read Grow Inspire sessions were held at both of the libraries with local schools and kindergartens attending. Sessions included readings of shortlisted books and a craft activity. It was wonderful to have the involvement of 4 classes from Crystal Brook Primary School and Kindy visit the library and their art work decorated and brightened up the meeting room.

Coding Club - is aimed at 8-14 year olds and has been enthusiastically embraced by the participants who are enjoying learning the basics of coding. Mini bots were purchased using a Country Libraries grant and the students have enjoyed the challenge of coding programs for the robots.

Family Day – A collaboration between Learning Together and Pirie West Childrens Centre saw a Family Day held on the Library lawns in March 2024, with 170 parents and children enjoying activities, art activities with Georgia, face painting, storytime with Larryn, storytime with guinea pigs with Anya and a free sausage sizzle.

Holiday Fun @ your library activities are provided for children aged 4 to 10 years during school holidays at Port Pirie. A range of activities from different crafts, indoor games, VR, Wii and PS 5 gaming, and a craft table were available to inspire creativity at both libraries.

Lego Club for 5-12 year olds. The club runs weekly during term time and while the children are having fun, they are developing their spatial and fine motor skills, and developing their imagination. We were successful in gaining a STEMM grant with which we bought new Lego and held a Futures Cities Challenge which was well attended.

The **Reading with Guinea Pigs (and a rabbit)** activity was assisted by one of the library employees who runs an animal rescue. She has run several hugely popular, story-time sessions with her guinea pigs and a rabbit. During this activity, families were provided with information about looking after guinea pigs and rabbits and the furry friends nibbled away on their treats whilst having stories read to them.

Richard Parker Children's University Science workshops sessions were held during school holidays with Richard providing informative and fun craft activities with Balloon cars, Chess, Rocks and Card making attracting lots of interest.

A **Space to Dream exhibition** of 3D models was hosted by the Library. The exhibition included designs by SA students which were aimed at meeting the challenge of toy and gadget designs for someone moving to Mars. Many of these designs required a high level of coding skills.

VR Gaming – Using our Country Library IT grant we purchased four VR gaming headsets and games which have proved very popular during youth and holiday activities.

Celebrating Christmas helps families to have a wonderful Christmas experience in the library where a decorated space is set up to take photographs with children sitting in Santa's chair. Library members and non-members alike participated and was a wonderful way to encourage families into the library. Participants included Novita and Bedford clients, Council employees, interstate travelers, grandparents with grandchildren, and parents with their children. A **Letter to Santa** letterbox was also included. Twenty-five (25) children wrote a letter, and they received a response from Santa.

Youth Activities & Events

A **Summer Reading** program, and activity books for three age groups were developed to encourage reading and activity during the summer. Two hundred (200) activity books were collected to help keep boredom at bay and to encourage children to be off their electronic devices.

Youth Activity Program ran weekly during term time. The programme alternates between a craft activity, regular cooking sessions and challenges and fun activities like VR Gaming, Wii, PS5, games and puzzles. This programme is aimed at 11-17 year-olds with one hundred and sixty (160) young people attending events over the year.

Work Experience was offered to (3) three students from local high schools. The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn the day to day operations of a busy library and be involved in the preparations for promotions and events.

Adult Activities & Events

Pas Forgione presented his report 'Keys To The Digital World: The Critical Role Of Regional Libraries And Community Centres In Building Digital Inclusion' to media, Council and political representatives.
The report highlighted the vital role that libraries play in combatting the digital divide by providing resources to educate and upskill members of the community. This was highlighted by four community members from Terowie, who spoke about their experiences with lack of internet access and how vital their library was to them.

"**Being Digital**" developed by Libraries SA has been offered at the library where we are aiming to bridge the digital divide within the community. Group classes have been run to train adults in the use of devices, avoiding scams, Online Banking, Cyber safety, Mobile phone workshops, video calling, emails and printing from mobile devices. Fifty (50) people attended these sessions. There has also been an increase in patrons seeking specific training on apps and devices, so 80 individual training sessions were conducted to meet customer needs.

Author visits were carried out in August and September 2023. In August the library hosted Leonie Kelsell who gave entertaining insights into her new novel "The Willow tree Wharf". In September Meredith Appleyard launched her new book "Daisy and Kate" in front of an appreciative audience. Also, "Susan Lee" launched her new book titled "Booked Out" a "how to" guide for new business owners.

Craft and Chat, a local adult craft group meet regularly in the Port Pirie library for an evening of BYO craft, coffee and a chat, building friendships and community. The Crystal Brook library also hosts a daytime craft and chat group every fortnight which has been well attended.

Exhibitions – photography and embroidery have been held in the Port Pirie library. The Spencer Gulf Photography Club had an exhibition called "Postcards of Port Pirie' as part of SALA in August and customers could vote for their favorites to be made into postcards. Also, the Port Pirie Embroidery Guild had a display of their beautiful works and offered a "come and try" to our customers to coincide with World Embroidery Day.

Quiz Night has been very successful organized at the Port Pirie library with sixty (60) people attending. The competition was fierce and table groups enjoyed the friendly rivalry and had a great time. Money raised from this event was used to support the Gift of Reading book drive.

Taste of Urumbula was hosted by students and a teacher from John Pirie Secondary School, providing an interesting and informative talk about indigenous foods and bush tucker. The samples of warragal greens, lemon myrtle cream and teas provided for attendees to try were enjoyed by all. Plants were also offered for sale.

Tourism

Visitor Statistics

The 2023/2024 financial year has witnessed a steady increase in visitors to the Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre (VIC), continuing to surpass pre-COVID levels. Despite a two-week closure in June 2024 for roof maintenance, visitor numbers remained consistently higher than the previous year.

Visitor Information Centre – Counter Statistics	**2022/23**	**2023/24**
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Local Business Support

In the 2023-2024 financial year, the Port Pirie VIC expanded its retail offerings, incorporating a wider range of local produce, crafts, and souvenirs. This initiative not only enhanced the visitor experience but also supported local businesses by establishing partnerships with six new suppliers, resulting in a 10.21% increase in locally produced stock.

Tourism Attractions

The Port Pirie VIC continues to operate the popular tourist attractions Shakka the Shark Exhibition, and Virtual Reality Cage Dives.

In July 2023, the VIC celebrated Shakka the Shark's 25th anniversary with an open day offering complimentary entry to the Shakka exhibition, free giveaways for children, and a buy-one-get-one-free offer on the Virtual Reality experience. Additionally, we introduced a second VR experience, "Cocos Island," and offered free entry to Shakka during the July school holidays. This resulted in a 2% increase in VR participation within the first six months of its launch.

School Holidays

As part of the VIC's efforts to boost tourism during school holidays, we offered complimentary entry to the Shakka exhibition during the July 2023 and April 2024 school holidays. This initiative resulted in a substantial increase in visitor numbers compared to the previous financial year.

July 2022	July 2023	% Increase
556	1223	120%

April 2023	April 2024	% Increase
837	1112	33%

Tourism Awards

The Port Pirie VIC entered into two (2) tourism awards - the Grey Nomads award and the Top Tourism Town award.

Grey Nomad Awards

In November 2023, the VIC submitted Port Pirie for Best Grey Nomad Friendly Town in the Grey Nomad awards. After being announced as a finalist in January 2024, the winners were announced in March 2024, with Port Pirie being the recipient of not one, but two prestigious awards: Best Grey Nomad Experience in South Australia and the Bronze Winner of Best Grey Nomad Friendly Town in Australia for 2023.

Top Tourism Town

In May 2024, Port Pirie was announced as a finalist for the Hello SA Top Tourism Town Awards for the second consecutive year.

Volunteers

The Volunteer Program at the Visitor Information Centre was reinstated in 2024. This program has long been an essential aspect of community engagement, offering residents meaningful opportunities to contribute to local projects and initiatives.

Other Activities

Storytowns Easter Egg Hunt

During the month of March 2024, the VIC partnered with Storytowns to create an immersive podcast-style Easter egg hunt through businesses in Port Pirie. Families helped the Easter Bunny find six missing eggs by listening to Storytowns' audio clues and spotting hidden eggs in shop windows. This experience proved very popular with over 120 people participating. This activity engaged the community and boosted local businesses by increasing foot traffic.

Online Trails with ESRI

In 2023, the Centre launched an online Heritage Trail via the Esri platform, allowing visitors to explore Port Pirie's heritage through an interactive trail accessible by QR code. In 2024, this initiative was further expanded with the addition of a Mural Trail.

RAA EV Charging Station

In May 2024, the RAA installed its first mega-charging EV Hub, featuring eight charging bays, at the Port Pirie VIC. Since its launch, the hub has attracted an average of eight EVs per day, with half of the visitors stopping by the centre during their charging sessions.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The information contained within this Governance Statement is provided in order to comply with Section 131 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act, 1999, and Regulation 35 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Summary—key information

ELECTED MEMBERS & MEETINGS :

- Elections
- Elector Representation
- Meetings *(attendance)*
- Representation *(Portfolio)*
- Allowances
- Gifts
- Training *(attendance)*
- Council Committees *(including existing Section 41 Committees, Statutory Committees, Subsidiaries and Regional Groups)*
- Attendance of Meeting by the Public
- Confidentiality Provisions
- Council Decision Review
- Policies for Elected Members
- Council and Committee Member Allowances

STAFF :

- Staff Demographics
- Salary Packaging for Senior Officers
- Staff Gifts

DOCUMENTS :

- Access to Council Documents (including Codes, Plans and Registers)
- Policies
- By-Laws
- Delegations
- Freedom of Information

BUSINESS PLAN :

- Business Plan 2003/24
- Business Plan 2024/25

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Community Land Management Plan
- Community Land Register

OTHER *(not including finance)*

- Copyright Act 1968
- Disability Inclusion Act 2018
- Dog & Cat Management Act (SA) 1995
- Environmental Protection Act (SA) 1993
- Fire & Emergency Services Act (SA) 2005
- Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996
- Libraries Act (SA) 1982
- Local and Litter Control Act (SA) 2016
- Planning ,Development & Infrastructure Act (SA) 2016
- Public Health Act (SA) 2011
- Work Health & Safety Act (SA) 2012

FINANCE & PROCUREMENT :

- Competitive Service Delivery
- Financial Plan & Budget
- National Competition Policy
- Procurement Policy for Goods & Services

ELECTED MEMBERS

Elections

Council elections are held every four years with all positions being declared vacant before election day. The Council election was conducted in November 2022. The next election will be held in November 2026.

Elector Representations

An Elector Representation Review was gazetted on 25 November 2021. The name of the Council remained the same, Port Pirie Regional Council.

The representation review was conducted during 2021 with a determination proposed that the Council will not change from its current composition and structure. A report based on this outcome went to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 September 2021. It is therefore effective as of the determination of the November 2022 Council Elections.

The elector ratio for the Port Pirie Regional Council is 1:1314 based on the total number of members on Council (10), not the total number of councilors.

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
Copper Coast	10	12,151	1:1215
Light Council	11	11,165	1:1015
Murray Bridge	10	15,548	1:1554
Port Pirie	10	13,143	1:1314
Victor Harbor	10	13,376	1:1337
Yorke Peninsula	12	9,110	1:759

When carrying out an 'elector representation review' the Council must by public notice— (i) inform the public of the preparation of the representation options paper; and (ii) invite interested persons to make written submissions to the council on the subject of the review within a period specified by the council (being a period of at least 6 weeks); and publish a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating within its area.

Consultation on the current review expired on 27 August 2021 without receiving any representations. The next elector representation review is due in 2028.

Meetings *(attendance)*

Each Elected Members of Council has one or more Council Committees as part of their portfolio.

- Asset Management Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- TLAP Consultative Committee

	Ordinary Council meeting	Special Council meeting	Asset Management Committee	Public Arts & Culture Advisory Committee	Audit & Risk Management Committee	CEO Performance Review Committee
Mayor Leon Stephens	10 of 12	11 of 12	6 of 7 (ex officio)	1 of 3 (ex officio)		3 of 4
Deputy Mayor Cr Kendall Jackson	11 of 12	9 of 912		2 of 3		2 of 4
Cr Joby Connor	10 of 12	12 of 12	7 of 7			
Cr Ali Gulin	10 of 12	7 of 12		3 of 3		
Cr Michael Hopgood	11 of 12	10 of 12	7 of 7	2 of 3		
Cr Jade Joyce	11 of 12	12 of 12	6 of 7	2 of 3		
Cr Jack Keain	10 of 12	11 of 12	7 of 7			
Cr Grant Petagna	9 of 12	12 of 12			3 of 3	
Cr Leeanne Peters	10 of 12	10 of 12			2 of 3	4 of 4
Cr Alan Zubrinich	12 of 12	11 of 12				4 of 4

Portfolios

Elected Member	Portfolio	Executive Officer
Mayor Stephens	Economic Development Service Review Small Business	CEO
Deputy Mayor Cr Jackson	Communications	CEO
	Primary Industries	Infrastructure
	Tourism, Arts and Events	Corporate and Community
Crs Connor and Gulin	Communications	CEO
Cr Connor	Economic Development	CEO
Crs Hopgood, Petagna and Peters	Governance	Corporate and Community
Crs Hopgood, Keain and Petagna	Heritage	Corporate and Community
Crs Joyce and Keain	Primary Industries	Infrastructure
Crs Hopgood, Peters and Zubrinich	Service Review	CEO
Cr Connor	Small Business	CEO
Crs Joyce, Gulin, Hopgood and Petagna	Sport and Recreation	Infrastructure
Crs Connor, Joyce and Zubrinich	Sustainability	Development and Regulation
Crs Gulin and Petagna	Tourism, Arts and Events	Corporate and Community
Crs Joyce, Peters and Zubrinich	Wellbeing & Inclusion	CEO

Elected Member Conferences, Training & Development

Elected Member	Conference / Training / Development	Date(s)
Mayor Stephens	Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf Conference & Trade Expo	16 August
	Friendly Community Dementia Forum	17 October
	Northern & Yorke Regional Forum	12 April
	LGA OGM and Conference: Vision 2025 – The Future of Local Government	24 May
	SA Community Wastewater Management Scheme Conference	21 June
Cr Hopgood	State Government Economic Forum	27 February
Cr Joyce	Disability & Inclusion Awareness training	19 July
Cr Petagna	Disability & Inclusion Awareness training	19 July
	Friendly Community Dementia Forum	17 October

Council Committees

Council has five (5) Section 41 Committees and two (2) Statutory Committees. Council is also a member of one (1) regional subsidiary pursuant to Section 43 of the Act:

Section 41 Committees

- Asset Management Committee – to improve Council's financial sustainability through the implementation of best practice asset management.
- Audit and Risk Management Committee – to assist the Council in the conduct of its responsibilities for the management of risk, related to financial reporting and audit initiatives, the internal control system and the audit functions and to act as a source of advice to the Council and CEO in relation to these matters. The Audit and Risk Committee meets at appropriate times in the reporting and audit cycle and otherwise as required.
- CEO Performance Review Committee – to undertake an assessment of the CEO's performance in accordance with the CEO's contract of employment.
- Public Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee – to encourage the inclusion of diverse Art and Culture aspects in Council projects.
- TLAP (Targeted Lead Abatement Program) Consultative Committee – to act as a communication channel between TLAP and Council; consider options for greater collaboration; receive information reports regarding the lead abatement program and specific projects run by the State Government and TLAP Provide a forum for the discussion of views and insights that may assist the TLAP program.

Statutory Committees

- Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Assessment Panel – to facilitate the expeditious assessment of development applications made to the Council. The Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Assessment Panel meets monthly or on an as needs basis.
- Building Fire Safety Committee – to inspect buildings in the Council area to determine whether the fire safety of the building is adequate. The Building Fire Safety Committee holds a minimum of one meeting each calendar year on a day and time nominated by the Presiding Member.

Subsidiaries

Council has not formed any single Council subsidiary pursuant to Section 42 of the Local Government Act 1999. However, Council is a member of the following one (1) regional subsidiary pursuant to Section 43 of the Act:

- The Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (the NYLGA, formerly known as the Legatus Group) is made up of 15 councils, including Port Pirie Regional Council. The purpose of the NYLGA is to undertake the co-ordination, advocacy and representation of the constituent councils at a regional level. NYLGA meets regularly to undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles on behalf of the members at a regional level.
  Council makes an annual contribution to NYLGA was $14,030 (GST incl) for 2023/24.
  The report of activities and the annual financial statements of the Subsidary are the responsibility of the body, and therefore the financial activities are not included in the accounts of this Council. The Report received from the subsidiary (NYLGA) is included in this Annual Report.

Regional Groups

Council also supports and makes contributions to the following regional groups:

- Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group (Spencer Gulf Cities)
- Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North
- Flinders Mobile Library
- Northern Passenger Transport Network

Attendance of Meetings by the Public

Council Meetings are held at the Council Chamber, Port Pirie Administration Centre, 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie, at 6.30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Members of the public are able to attend a Council meeting, however the public are excluded from confidential parts of the meeting.

Members of the public are able to put forward their views on particular issues before Council in the following manner:

(a) Deputations

With the permission of the Committee Chairperson or the Mayor, a member of the public can address Council or a Committee personally, or on behalf of a group of residents.

(b) Written Requests

Any person wishing a matter to be considered by Council should communicate in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

(c) Petitions

Written petitions should be addressed to the Council on any issue within Council's jurisdiction. It should clearly set out the request or submission of the petitioners and be submitted at least seven days before the meeting, to enable a report to be included in the agenda.

(d) Elected Members

Members of the public can contact an Elected Member of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

(e) Public Question Time

Council will allocate fifteen (15) minutes in the Council Agenda for each monthly Ordinary Meeting for the purpose of Public Question Time. Members of the community wishing to pose a question must do so in writing prior to the meeting. They may speak at the meeting for no longer than three minutes.

Closing dates apply for matters to be included in Council agendas. Please check with Council for these "deadlines".

Agendas for all meetings are placed on public display at the Administration Centre no less than three clear days prior to meetings. Minutes of Council meetings are placed on display within five days after a meeting.

Council Decision Review

Council is committed to transparent decision-making processes and to providing a fair and objective procedure for the review of decisions made by Council. A formal Complaints Policy & Procedures has been adopted as part of a customer focus approach to service delivery.

Many issues arise during the course of the Council activities and most complaints are initially made verbally by telephone, face-to-face or in writing to a Council Officer, or to an Elected Member. All complaints will be logged into the customer service system and referred to the relevant Council staff member. On most occasions this results in the matter being resolved satisfactorily.

The Complaints Policy & Procedures provides a framework to Council for receiving and responding to complaints from the public as a means of improving customer service in all areas of Council's operations. This policy aims to ensure that issues which are the subject of complaints are addressed promptly when possible, to the satisfaction of the complainant, and in a manner which, as far as possible, ensures that such issues will not be the subject of future similar complaints.

The Internal Review of Decisions Policy provides a structural process for the review of Council decisions. Any person may ask for a review of a decision that has affected them.

During 2023-2024 there were zero reviews completed.

Confidentiality Provisions

Council's Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents lists the requirements of Section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 1999, which enables the Council and a Committee of Council to receive, discuss or consider matters in confidence.

During 2023/24 the Council and its committees considered 72 items in confidence.

- orders for 33 of the 72 listed confidential items were released
- 1 was partially released
- 39 orders remained in confidence (including the above that was partially released)

Council / Committee Meeting	Date of Meeting / Item Number	Confidential Item Subject	Nature of Confidentiality Section 90(3) Reference	Current / Released
CEO Performance Review Committee	19 July 2023 7.1	CEO Performance Review 2022/23 – Draft Performance Appraisal Report	a	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.1	Riverbank Precinct Master Plan Stage 1 Works – Construction of Pump Track	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.2	Riverbank Precinct Master Plan Stage 1 Works – Procurement of Park Furniture	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.3	Road Resealing Program 2022/23 – 2023/24 – Year 2 Renewal	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.4	Unsolicited Proposal to Purchase Council Land - Lot 54 Scenic Drive, Napperby	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.5	RFQ for Contract 2023/198 – Design of Greening Project Landscaping	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.6	RFT for Contract 2023/190 – Foreshore Master Plan Toilet Upgrade	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.7	LGA Procurement Energy Tender	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	26/07/2023 17.8	CEO Performance Review Committee	a	**RELEASED**
CEO Performance Review Committee	02/08/2023 7.1	CEO's Remuneration	a	**RELEASED**
CEO Performance Review Committee	02/08/2023 7.2	CEO Performance Review 2022/23 – Performance Appraisal Report	a	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	09/08/2023 5.1	RFT for Contract 2023/118 – Construction of Solomontown Footpaths	k	**RELEASED**

Ordinary Meeting	23/08/2023 17.1	SusTech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	23/08/2023 17.2	Notice of Claim – Update	i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	23/08/2023 17.3	CEO Performance Review Committee	a	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	13/09/2023 4.1	SusTech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	27/09/2023 17.1	SusTech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	27/09/2023 17.2	Expression of Interest Land Developments – Initial Research Response and Proposal to Retain Commercial Support	d	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	27/09/2023 17.3	RFT for Contract 2023/115 – Upgrade and Resurface of Boundary Road	k	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	11/10/2023 5.1	Notice of Claim – Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Special Meeting	11/10/2023 5.2	Expression of Interest Land Developments – Appointment of Consultant	d	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	11/10/2023 5.3	Lease of Council Land – 43 Alexander Street, Port Pirie	b	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	25/10/2023 17.1	Sus Tech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	25/10/2023 17.2	Targeted Lead Abatement Program Future Directions	j	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	25/10/2023 17.3	Prince Street Update	h	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	25/10/2023 17.4	Sports Precinct Management Contract	d & h	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	25/10/2023 17.5	RFT for Contract 2023/117 – 2023/24 Footpath Program	d & h	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	22/11/2023 17.1	Recruitment Matter	h	**CURRENT**
Special Meeting	29/11/2023 4.1	Contract 2022/105 – Wandearah Rising Main Upgrade – Contract Variations	k	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	29/11/23 4.2	Contract 2023/117 - FY2023/24 Footpath Replacement Program – Contract Variations	k	**RELEASED**

Special Meeting	29/11/2023 4.3	RFT for Contract 2023/216 - Norman Street Crossing	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 9.1	Magnetite Mines Delegation	d	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.1	Legal Matter – Claim Update	h & j	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.2	Recruitment Matter – Update	h	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/023 17.3	Magnetite Mines Delegation	d	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.5	RFT for Contract 2023/115 – Foreshore Promenade Path Construction	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.6	RFT for Contract 2023/130 – Supply and Delivery of One Tow Behind Roller	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.7	RFT for Contract 2023/216 – Norman Street Crossing	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	20/12/2023 17.8	RFT for Contract 2023/218 – Memorial Park Toilets	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	24/01/2024 17.2	Magnetite Mines Proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding	d	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	24/01/2024 17.3	RFT for Contract 2023/123 – Port Pirie Pool Reline	k	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	14/02/2024 4.1	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	b	**CURRENT** (partial release – motion only)
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.1	SusTech Update	h & j	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.2	Proposal to Prepare a Business Case to Determine Viability of Contaminated Soil Repository	j	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.3	Port Pirie Taskforce Update	j	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.4	Supply of Rubble Material for 2023/24 Road Resheeting Program	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.5	RFT for Contract 2023/129 – Supply and Installation of Three Playgrounds	k	**RELEASED**

Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.6	RFT for Contract 2023/134 – Construction of Three Chain Road Shared Pathway	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.7	RFT for Contract 2023/136 – Bus Shelter Replacement Program 2023/24	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.8	RFT for Contract 2023/131 – Grader Replacement 2023/24 (DCMR 2023-041)	k	**RELEASED**
Ordinary Meeting	28/02/2024 17.9	RFT for Contract 141/2023 – Replacement of Wheeled Excavator	k	**RELEASED**
CEO Performance Review Committee	13/03/2024 7.1	CEO's 2023/24 KPIs – Progress Report	a	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	27/03/2024 17.1	SusTech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	27/03/2024 17.2	Strategic Opportunity – Land Acquisition	b	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	27/03/2024 17.3	CEO Performance Review Committee	a	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	24/04/2024 17.1	South West Drainage Scheme - Update	b	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	24/04/2024 17.2	RFT for Contract 2024/138 – Foreshore Promenade Path Construction Section 2	k	**RELEASED**
Special Meeting	08/05/2024 6.1	Lot 59 Bartsch Drive, Flinders Industrial Estate – Offer to Purchase	b	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	22/05/2024 17.1	EOI Land Development – Tourist Accommodation and Destination Evaluation	b&d	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	22/05/2024 17.2	South West Drainage Scheme - Update	b	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	22/05/2024 17.3	Notice of Claim – Update	i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	22/05/2024 17.4	SusTech Update	h & i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	22/05/2024 17.5	Riverbank Precinct Master Plan Stage 1 Works – Beach Shelter and Deck – Project Status	b&d	**CURRENT**
CEO Performance Review Committee	12/06/2024 7.1	Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Process Consultant for 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27	k	**CURRENT**

Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.1	Prequalified Contractor Panel Update	k	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.2	Sustech Matter - Update	h&i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.3	Notice of Claim – Update	h&i	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.4	Update on Commercial Discussions – Economic Activities	d	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.5	Prince Street, Solomontown - Update	h	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.6	Riverbank Precinct Master Plan Stage 1 Works – Nature Inspired Play Space	k	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.7	RFT for Contract 2024/139 – Foreshore Deck and Shelter	k	**CURRENT**
Ordinary Meeting	26/06/2024 16.8	RFT for Contract 2024/145 – Supply and Delivery of 3 SUV Vehicles	k	**CURRENT**

Policies *(for Elected Members)*

- Council (Elected Members) Allowances & Benefits (support) Policy
- Elected Members Training Development Policy
- Elected Members Communications & Records Management Policy
- Elected Members Computer, Internet & Information Policy
- Council (Elected Members) Induction Policy
- Elected Member Portfolio Policy
- Mayor Seeking Legal Advice Policy
- Supplementary Election Policy
- Elected Member Behavioural Management (Complaint Handling) Policy

The requirements of the Elected Member Behavioural Management (Complaint Handling) Policy commenced operation on 17 November 2022 (section 75F of the Local Government Act 1999). This section requires all councils to consider, within six months after the conclusion of each periodic election, whether it should adopt a Behavioural Support Policy (or policies) to support appropriate behaviour by members of the council.

Council, at the Ordinary Meeting on 23rd May 2023 (15.4.4: OM220/23) considered *developing a Behavioural Support Policy .*

> *MOVED Cr Jackson SECONDED Cr Zubrinich*
> *That Council, having considered the requirements of section 75F of the Local Government Act 1999, not adopt a Behavioural Support Policy at this time.*

Council and Committee Member Allowances

Elected Members	Allowances	IT & Telecom-munications	Training & Conferences	Travel & Accom-modation	Total
Mayor Stephens	63,943	675	275	8,870	73,763
Councilor Connor	15,986	-	-	-	15,986
Councilor Gulin	16,458	600	-	-	17,058
Councilor Hopgood	19,982	635	-	-	20,617
Councilor Jackson	19,982	1,200	-	-	21,182
Councilor Keain	16,458	-	-	1,079	17,537
Councilor Zubrinich	19,982	300	-	-	20,282
Councilor Petagna	15,986	-	-	-	15,986
Councilor Joyce	15,986	-	-	1,468	17,454
Councilor Peters	15,986	-	-	-	15,986
	220,747	3,410	275	11,417	235,851

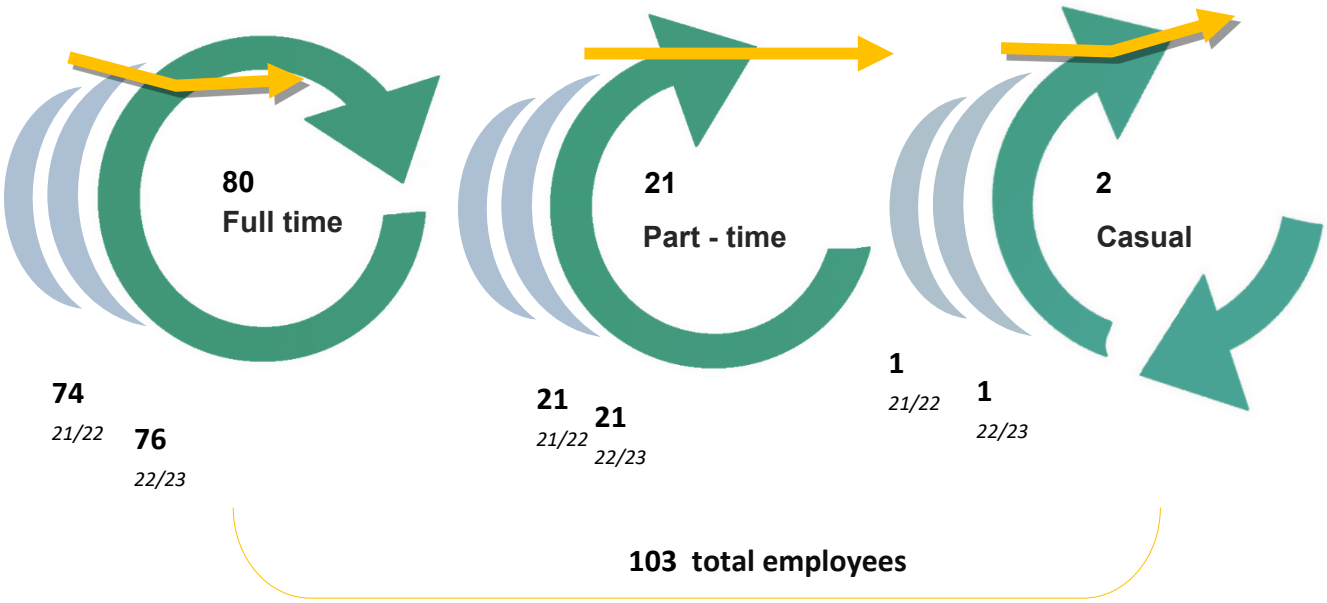
Elected Members Gifts

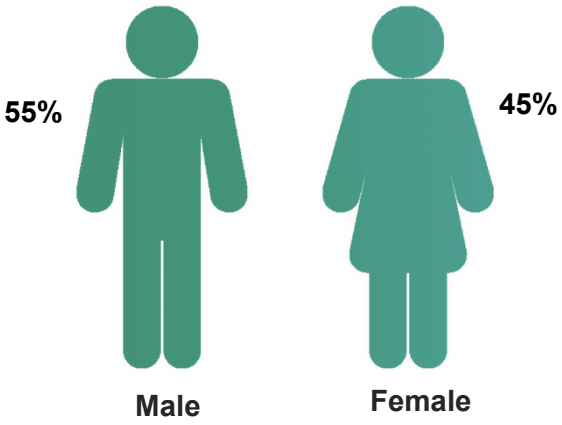
Name of Elected Member	Date Given / Received	Name of Donor	Description of Gift or Benefit	Value $	Reason for Offer	Accepted / Declined
Mayor Leon Stephens	26/10/23	BHP	Ticket to the 2023 Premier's Awards in Energy & Mining.	Individual tickets $170 or a table of 10 for $1,500	Invited to attend the 2023 Premier's Awards in Energy & Mining due to the Mayor, in his capacity of SGC Chair, submitting a joint nomination with BHP – Category: Community, Project: USG Socio-economic Knowledge Base Update.	Accepted
Mayor Leon Stephens	24/11/23 (event date)	Premier of SA	2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 Tickets (x 2) to attend the South Australia Suite on Friday, 24 November.	Unknown	Invitation from Premier of SA the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP.	Accepted

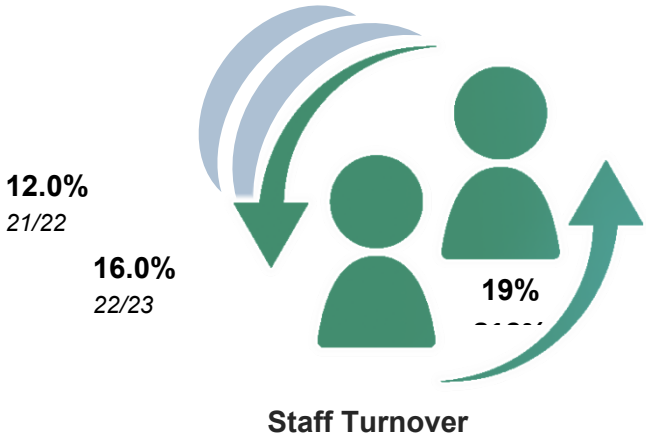
Committee Member Allowances

Name of Committee	Committee Member	Allowance received (ex GST) 2022-23
Audit & Risk Management Committee	Allan Rushbrook	$2,986
	Deb Brokenshire	$1,525
	Lee Kirchner	$1,650

STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS







Salary Packaging for Senior Officers

Council's Senior Officers are as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM			
	Female	Male	Salary Range
CEO		1	$238,687
Directors	1	2	$136,500—$148,960

The table above highlights the base salary for the Executive Management Team.

In addition to this, members receive the superannuation guarantee and access to other benefits which may include the provision of a Council motor vehicle.

Employee Gifts

Nil over $50.

DOCUMENTS

Access to Council Documents

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council Offices free of charge. Members of the public may purchase copies of these documents for the fee prescribed by Council in the Register of Fees and Charges.

- Annual Report
- Animal Management Plan 2012-17
- Annual Financial Statements
- Assessment (Rates) Book
- Asset Management Plan 2021-2031
- Asset Management Strategy 2021-2031
- Business Plan and Budget
- Elected Members Code of Conduct Complaint Handling Procedure
- Code of Conduct for Council Members
- Code of Practice for Access to Council & Committee Meetings and Documents
- Code of Conduct for Council Employees
- Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures
- Council Agenda & Minutes
- Council By-laws
- Council Policies
- Community (Strategic) Plan
- Community Land Management Plan
- Development Application Register July 2022
- Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2020-2024
- Growth Plan 2017 (Aspire 2027)
- Long Term Financial Plan 2021-2031
- Parks Strategy
- Public Art Strategy 2021-2025
- Rating Strategy (2018-2028)
- Register of Elected Members - Allowances & Benefits
- Register of Interests – Council Members
- Register of Authorised Persons
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Community Management Plans
- Register of Confidential Items
- Register of Delegations
- Register of Fees and Charges
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries & Benefits (staff)
- Section 41 Committee Agendas & Minutes

Policies (including for Elected Members)

Asset Accounting Policy
Asset Management Policy
Clean Air Policy
Business Plan & Budget Framework Policy
Caretaker Policy
Community Assistance Policy
Community Bus Policy
Community Engagement Policy
Complaints Policy
Council Logo Policy
Council Members Allowances and Support Policy
Council Members Training Development Policy
CWMS Customer Service Policy
Debt Collection Policy
Disposal of Land and Assets Policy
Elected Member Portfolio Policy
Elected Members Communications & Records Management Policy
Elected Members Computer, Internet & Information Policy
Elected Members Induction Policy
Emergency Management Policy
Enforcement Policy
Financial Hardship (CWMS) Policy
Flag Policy
Food Act Inspection Fees Policy
Fraud, Corruption, Misconduct & Maladministration Prevention Policy
Funding Policy
Grants Policy
Interaction of Development Act, State Records Act & FOI Act with Copyright Act Policy
Internal Control Policy
Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy
Lease & Licence Policy
LGA Council Member Behavioural Management (Complaint Handling) Policy
Library Internet Access Policy
Library Membership & Conditions of use Policy
Major Projects Prudential Management Policy
Mayor Seeking Legal Advice Policy
Media Policy
Memorials Policy
Order Making Policy
Outdoor Trading & Dining Policy
Private Works Policy
Procurement Policy
Projection Policy
Public Art Policy
Public Interests Disclosure Policy
Rates Policy
Related Party Disclosure Reporting Policy
Requests For Services Policy
Risk Management Policy
Risk Management Framework
Road Infrastructure Cost Sharing Policy
Safe Environment for Children Policy
Selection of Road Names & Public Places
Signs Policy
Supplementary Election Policy
Trees Policy
Vandalism – Rewards for Information Policy
Volunteers Policy

By-Laws

By-laws by definition are rules made by a local authority for the regulation of its affairs or management of the area it governs. Council also has the power to make By-laws for different activities of Council not stated directly in legislation.

Port Pirie Regional Council's current By-laws are:
By-law 1 – Permits and/ or Penalties
By-law 2 – Moveable Signs
By-law 3 – Local Government Land
By-law 4 – Roads
By-law 5 – Dogs
By-law 6 – Cats
By-Law 7 – Waste Management
The next review of Council's By-laws will occur in 2030/ 2031.

Freedom of Information

Council's Freedom of Information (FOI) Statement is reviewed and published on Council's website every 12 months, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9 (1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991. The FOI Act serves to promote openness and transparency in governance and accountability and Council welcomes enquiries.

Residents and non-residents are able to access information from Council by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

In the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, nine (9) requests for access under Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 were processed. Full access was granted for seven (7) requests, partial access for two (2) requests, and access denied for one (1) request due the documents requested were exempt from FOI on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Delegations

Councils have certain functions and duties which they must perform, and certain powers which they may exercise, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 as well as a range of other Acts. In most cases the relevant Acts grant these obligations and powers directly to the Council. As it is not practical nor efficient for the Council as a body of Elected Members to perform the many operational activities that are required in the day-to-day administration of the Council's roles and functions, Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 allows a Council to formally delegate many of its powers and functions (within certain stated conditions and exemptions) to the Chief Executive Officer, who may then sub-delegate these powers and functions to other responsible staff. Council may also delegate their powers and functions to a Committee of Council.

Delegations have been provided to the Chief Executive Officer for a range of sections under the following Acts, Regulations and Policies:

- Burial and Cremation Act 2013
- Burial and Cremation Regulations 2014
- Community Titles Act 1996
- Crown Land Management Act 2009
- Development Act 1993
- Development Regulations 2008
- Disability Inclusion Act 2018
- Disability Inclusion Regulations 2019
- Dog and Cat Management Act 1995
- Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017
- Electricity Act 1996
- Electricity (Principles of Vegetation Clearance) Regulations 2021
- Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016
- Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2007
- Environmental Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010
- Environmental Protection Act 1993
- Environmental Protection Regulations 2009
- Expiation of Offences Act 1996
- Fines Enforcement and Debt Recovery Act 2017
- Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
- Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021
- Food Act 2001
- Food Regulations 2017
- Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018
- Freedom of Information Act 1991
- Gas Act 1997
- Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (NSW)
- Heavy Vehicle National Law (schedule to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (SA Act 2013)
- Housing Improvement Act 1940
- Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 2012
- Joint Criminal Rules 2022
- Land and Business
- (Sale & Conveyancing) Act 1994
- Landscape South Australia (General) Regulations 2020
- Landscape South Australia (Water Management) Regulations 2020
- Landscape South Australia Act 1997
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- Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Act 2013
- Local Government Forestry Reserves) Act 1944
- Local Government (Building Upgrade Agreements) Regulations 2017
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- Local Government (General) Regulations 2013
- Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010
- Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013
- Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016
- Real Property Act 1886
- Road Traffic Act 1961
- Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014
- Road Traffic (Road Rules – Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014
- Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991
- Safe Drinking Water Act 2011
- Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2012
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (Covid 19)
- South Australian Public Health (General) Regulations 2013
- South Australian Public Health (Legionella) Regulations 2013

- Local Nuisance and Litter Control Regulations 2016
- Mining Act 1971
- Mining Regulations 2020
- Natural Resources Management Act 2004
- Ombudsman's Act 1972
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017
- Private Parking Areas Act
- Public and Environment Health Act 1987
- South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013
- State Records Act 1997
- Strata Titles Act 1988
- Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992
- Supported Residential Facilities Regulations 2009
- Water Industry Act 2012
- Water Industry Regulations 2012

Council has a suite of long term plans to guide it over ten years:

- Community Plan
- Asset Management Plans
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Capital Works Program

The implementation of these plans is key to the achievement of ongoing sustainability of the Council's operations and the delivery of desired levels of capital expenditure. A copy is available at all council offices and from Council's website www.pirie.sa.gov.au

Business Plan 2023/24

A total of $18.71 million was allocated on capital projects in the following service areas:

Community Services / Amenities	$241,000
Culture / Library	$303,000
Environment / Stormwater Drainage	$3,004,000
Parks / Recreation / Marine	$4,499,000
Port Pirie Greening Project	$262,000
Street services / Lighting	$1,059,000
Regulatory	$159,000
Roads / Foot / Kerb / Bridges	$7,461,000
Aerodrome	$41,000
Plant/Depot/Works Admin	$1,347,000
Governance/Admin/ IT	$335,000

Achievements 2023/24

- Continued the partnership with TLAP to support lead reduction initiatives;
- Monitored financial performance for achievement consistently within the indicator target ranges;
- Continued supporting the community through provision of Library services and programs;
- Port Pirie Greening Project;
- Improved Disability access to public toilets and community buildings;
- Conducted Public Consultation for Stage 2 of the Riverfront Masterplan concept;
- Continued the investigation into the possible development of lead soil contaminated waste repository in Port Pirie;
- Continued discussions with sporting groups and association for a new court based sport precinct in Port Pirie; and
- Actively represented the future requirements regarding housing, enabling infrastructure and amenity upgrades in the State Government's process to develop a Masterplan for Port Pirie.

Carryover of Project Funds

In June 2024, a Carryover of Project Funds from 2023/24 to 2024/25 was accepted by Council (SM26/24). The carryover project funds of $8,829,000 were reviewed at financial year end and were proposed to be carried forward to the 2024/25 budget.

Business Plan 2024/25 *(next financial year)*

Council adopted the Business Plan 2023/24 - 2025/26 at a Special Meeting of Council held on 5 July 2023. At Budget Adoption, the carried forward capital projects totalled $8.83 million. Upon review of end of year financials, $2.23 million has been proposed to be included at Budget Review 1, bringing the revised total to $11.06 million.

The Budget is prepared each year to meet the objectives and priorities contained in the Business Plan. A total of $11.2 million is being allocated on capital projects *(refer the Major Projects for 2023/24 table)*.

Budget reviews are prepared at the end of September, December and March. This provides the opportunity for Council to reassess its immediate priorities, consider changing circumstances and make adjustments to the Budget as it deems necessary.

OTHER *(not including finance)*

Acts, other than the Local Government Act (SA) 1999 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 require a Council to include information in its Annual Report or comply with other requirements.

Copyright Act 1968

Section 195CD of the Copyright Act requires a copy of council annual reports to be lodged with the National Library within one month of publication. The copy may be in electronic form or hardcopy form.

Disability Inclusion Act (SA) 2018

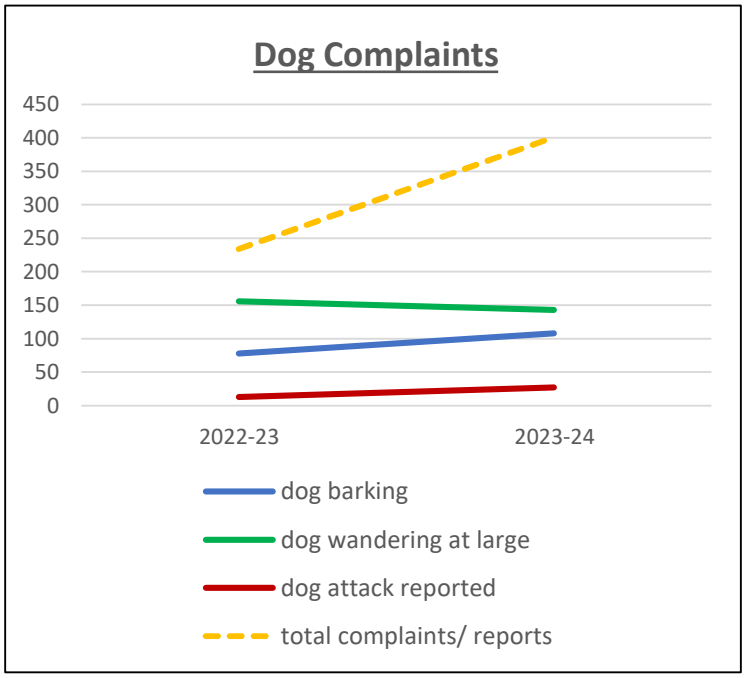
The progress of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DIAP) must be reported on each year. A review of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan must be undertaken at least once in each 4 year period, and a report on the review was prepared and submitted to the State authority 2023-2024.

All SA Councils have their Disability Inclusion Action Plan available via on the Inclusive SA website www.inclusive.sa.gov.au Information related to Council's disability and inclusion projects and activities during 2023– 2024 are included within the Community Plan.

Dog & Cat Management Act (SA) 1995

Council administers and enforces the provisions of *this Act* relating to dogs and cats within its area. Money received by a council under *this* Act from the administration and/ or enforcement of the provisions of this Act is spent on activities and assets relating to dogs and cats—for example the development, installation and maintenance of designated Dog Parks. The Council provides a report to the Dog and Cat Management Board in September each year on the administration and enforcement of the provisions of *this Act, the* income received and of money expended, in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of *this Act.*

Council is also required under Section 26A of *this Act* to have a Dog and Cat Management Plan which covers a 5 year period. The current plan was adopted by Council in May 2024 and will be in place until May 2029.



A total of **401 dog related complaints** *(including reports)* were received. This is an increase of 71% from the previous year. The dog related complaints/ reports were: *108 barking dogs, 143 dogs wandering at large, and **27 dog attack reports** (107% increase from the previous year).*

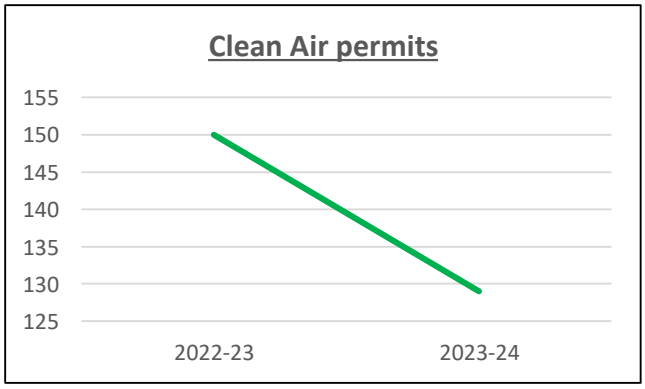
There were **84 dogs impounded** with 58 of these dogs subsequently returned to their owners. Expiations were issued were 73 for dogs *(with three later withdrawn due to various circumstances)*.

A total of **180 cat related complaints** were received. This is a decrease of 19% of cat complaints from the previous year. Four (4) expiations were issued for cats, with none (*0)* of the expiations *later withdrawn*.

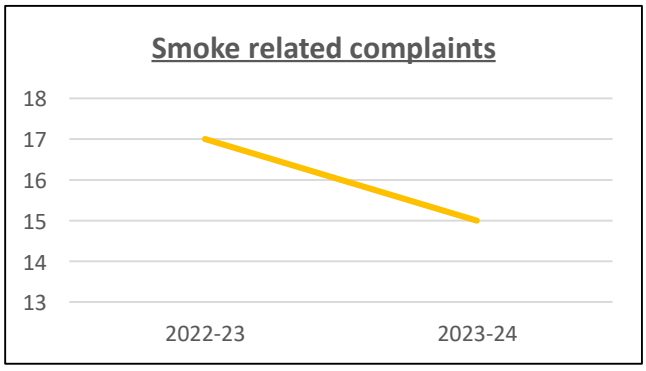
Environmental Protection Act (SA) 1993

The Council administers requirements of the Clean Air Policy 2016 and the Environmental Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010.

The Clean Air Policy 2016 was developed under section 28 of the Environment Protection Act 1993 and handed over to the Local Government sector (Councils) to implement fires during winter inside the township boundaries.



A total of **129 Clean Air Policy permits** *(a decrease of 14%)* were issued during the 2023-2024 period, with **One permit was revoked** for a notable breach of permit conditions. These permits have been issued mainly for comfort.



A total of **15 smoke related complaints** were received where a combination of verbal and or written warnings were issued for low level breaches of the Clean Air Policy 2016.

No (0) expiation notices were issued for a significant burn of prohibited substances.

The Environmental Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy was developed under Section 7 and Section 10 of the of the Environment Protection Act 1993, and applies to all waste within the meaning of *the Act* other than waste of a kind specified in Schedule 1.

Council has successfully developed and implemented a Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and developed a Food Organics & Garden Organics Program as part of the Community Plan 2020-25. Implemented in March 2024, **this service has resulted in 67% of material gathered from kerbside collection being diverted from landfill** since the implementation of changes.

Fire & Emergency Services Act (SA) 2005

Port Pirie Regional Council delivers strategies and activities that aim to protect life and reduce the impact of bushfires with the key outcomes including:

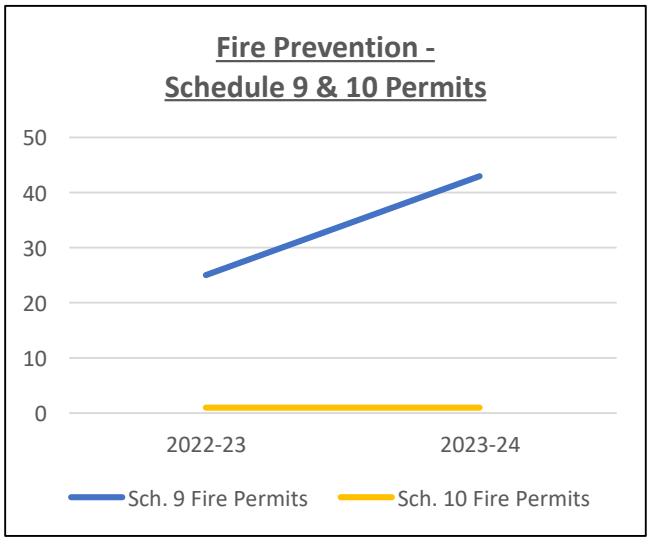
- Reduction in the frequency of fires;
- Reduction in the impact that fires have on the community;
- An educated & informed community; and
- The provision of cost-effective levels of community fire protection whilst maintaining a balance of proper land management.

Each Council must appoint a suitably qualified Fire Prevention Officer to administer legislative requirements and coordinate the management of a fire prevention program and activities to mitigate risks, both on public and private land. These responsibilities include:

- Community Education and Awareness;
- Provide Information and Advice; and
- Property Inspection and Enforcement.

Properties are inspected prior to the fire danger season, with those requiring works being identified. The locations requiring works to develop an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) or to maintain an existing APZ are issued a **105F notice** outlining the works required.

Should the works not be completed by the due date specified on the notice Council may commence enforcement works resulting in expiation and cost recovery against the property owners. A total of **447 (105F Schedule 12) notices** were issued to private land owners, resulting in **16 requiring enforcement** *(a decrease of 28%).*



Fire Permits (Schedule 9) were issued to primary producers to undertake stubble or broad acre burning from mid-March 2024. A total of **43 burning permits** *(an increase of 72%)* were issued, all being for stubble or broad acre burns on a standard fire danger season day. With no escaped burns reported to Council.

One Schedule 10 Fire Permit was issued by Council during 2023-2024, this was issued for a food premises to undertake solid fuel cooking activities outdoors.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer continues to liaise with State Government Agencies to ensure that land owned by or under the care, control and management of State Government are also managed and the risks mitigated through works undertaken where they impact on assets.

Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996

Port Pirie Regional Council has no significant business activities, nor does it have by-laws, existing or under review, which restrict competition.

No complaints have been received alleging breach of competitive neutrality principles.

There are no public monopolies requiring structural reform.

Libraries Act (SA) 1982

Section 35 of the Libraries Act (SA) 1982 outlines council's legal deposit requirements for the Annual Report.

This includes a copy of Council's Annual Report to be lodged with the South Australian State Library within one month of publication. The copy may be in electronic form or hardcopy form.

Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act (SA) 2016

The dumping of household rubbish within the Council area is a recurring problem with **89 reports of illegal dumping** *(decrease of 11%)* received during 2023-24, resulting in costs to the community associated with cleanup and disposal.

During the 2023-24 period, **2 expiation notices** were issued for illegal dumping and 1 ongoing prosecution case against a local business.

Planning, Development & Infrastructure Act (SA) 2016

The Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 is underpinned by Regulations as well as a state-first digital e-Planning platform. This system has been in operation since 19 March 2021.

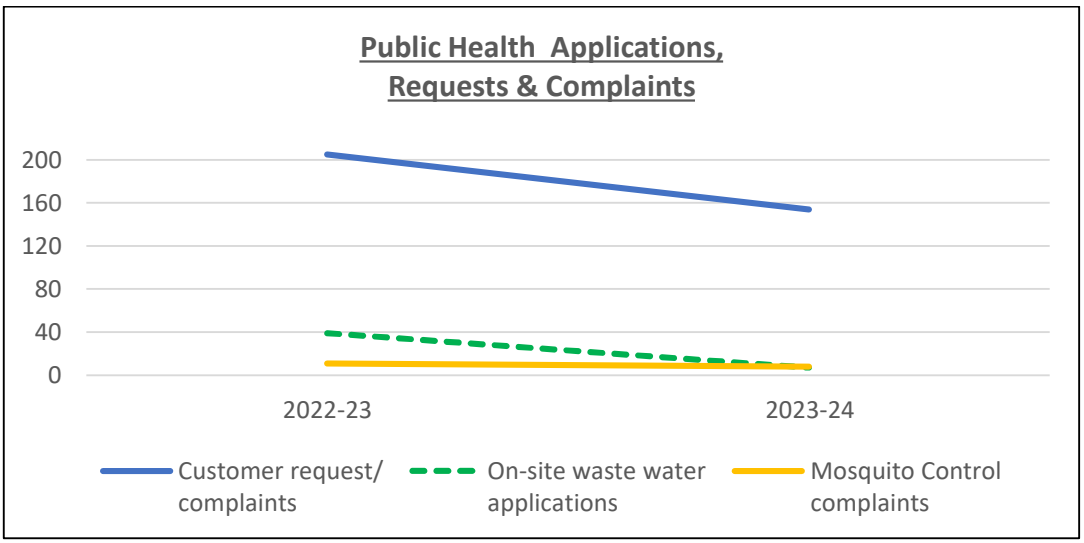
The Planning and Design Code is a statutory instrument under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, for the purposes of development assessment and related matters within South Australia. The Planning and Design Code has now replaced all development plans to become the single source of planning policy for assessing development applications across the state.

Public Health Act (SA) 2011

Environmental Health

During the 2023-24 year the activities of the Environmental Health Officer included routine compliance inspections of food premises, on-site wastewater systems, temporary accommodation facilities, high risk manufactured water systems, swimming pools and infectious disease vector control/investigations, as directed by the Communicable Diseases Branch of SA Health.

The Council received a total of **154 specific customer requests / complaints** *(decrease of 25%)* related to Environmental Health matters throughout the year.



On-Site Wastewater Works Applications

Seven (7) On-site Wastewater Systems applications were approved during the year *(a decrease of 82%)*. As part of the approval process, each system is subject to two mandatory inspections by the Environmental Health Officer.

Community Wastewater Management Systems

The Council operates Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) in Napperby and Crystal Brook and conducts a 4-yearly septic tank pump out program for those properties connected to the CWMS. The quality of effluent processed by the systems in line with the South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013 is routinely monitored and mandatory water quality testing is performed each quarter by the Australian Water Quality Centre.

Mosquito Control

Council has conducted a seasonal mosquito control program since 2016 which treats more than 39 identified breeding sites throughout the region. Council received a total of 8 complaints *(decrease of 28%)* in relation to mosquitos throughout the year.

Work Health & Safety Act (SA) 2012 and the Return to Work Act 2014

Changes to SA WHS Act and Regulations

During the 2023-2024 period there were significant changes to the South Australian WHS Act and the WHS Regulations (2012) including the introduction of:

- industrial manslaughter laws;
- new regulations to help workers and employers (PCBU's) manage psychosocial hazards and risks which might be in a workplace;
- PCBU's to manage the risks in the workplace associated with the effects on workers who may be experiencing family and domestic violence; and
- the ban of engineered stone ban in Australia.

WHS & Injury Management

The most recent WHS & IM Procedure Validation for Port Pirie Regional Council was undertaken on September 5th and 6th 2023 and focused on the Remote or Isolated Work Procedure. The report findings identified fourteen non-conformances noting that 'Port Pirie Regional Council is still embedding system and operational requirements from our Remote and Isolated Work Procedure'. These areas for improvement have been transferred to develop the focus areas for the WHS Action Plan 2023-24, with the auditor noting these provide opportunity for Council to further improve the WHS aspects of remote and isolated work.

The areas for improvement that were identified during the 2022 risk evaluation were utilised to develop the focus areas for the WHS Action Plan 2023-24, in order to further advance our WHS Management System. Progress this year to complete the WHS Action plan is on track to exceed 95% completion rate.

Flinders Alliance

Port Pirie Regional Council welcomed the Peterborough District Council and District Council of Orroroo Carrieton to the Flinders Alliance offering both Councils workplace health and safety services to support their development and maintain a high standard of Work Health and Safety (WHS) Management. This was possible through engaging an additional WHS team member at the commencement of 2024 calendar year.

Established in 2021, the Flinders Alliance is a group of small to medium sized regional councils collaborating to do big things. The Alliance comprises Port Pirie Regional Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, District Council of Peterborough, Northern Areas Council and The Flinders Ranges Council.

Environmental Health Officer, Sophie Limoux; Director Corporate & Community, Stephen Rufus; and Risk Coordinator, Philip Kotaras.

The vision of the Flinders Alliance is to deliver better value for their communities through strategic collaboration.

Collectively, the Flinders Alliance represents a combined 250+ workforce, and the combined budget resources of more than $70 million, presenting a significant opportunity to work collectively, collaboratively and efficiently to address challenges and meet community expectations. An Award winner in the 23rd Annual Leadership Excellence Awards, Local Government Association, for Excellence in Cross Council Collaboration.

WHS Management Plan

The Management Plan for WHS developed pursuant to the Return to Work SA Performance Standards for Self-Insurers, requires all Councils as an exempt employer, to set its own WHS objectives based on the organisation's requirements and then integrate WHS into the organisation's Strategic Management Plan. The development of the management plan is a systematic process which covers the review of WHS data to identify realistic and achievable actions, objectives and target dates for key priority areas and is supported by commitment from the Executive Management Team with regard to accountability and responsibility.

Health & Safety Committee

Council's Health and Safety Committee comprises of management and employee representatives who monitor the WHS performance through bi-monthly activity reports and regularly update its plans, policies and procedures for the use of all employees. Council's hazardous noise program will be enhanced with health and safety representatives actively involved in the identification and risk management of hazardous noise across the organisation. The Emergency Planning Committee has been strengthened by the training of emergency wardens and staff to have taken up the opportunity to complete First Aid training. A schedule of practical and desktop emergency drills has been programmed on a six-month basis to ensure emergency response is adequate and employees are familiar with all requirements during the event of an emergency in the workplace.

Council continues to participate in the Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme's Healthy Lifestyle projects and provides annual health screenings for its employees. Work Health and Safety training information sessions are made available to employees on a continuing basis in accordance with our Training and Program Development Procedure.

Health and Wellbeing Program

Council continues its Health and Wellbeing Program in 2024, providing health and wellness initiatives to improve both the physical and mental health of our workers and to help support corporate strategies for improving workplace culture. Some activities include: awareness and fundraising campaigns for R U Ok? Day and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, step challenges, health checks, financial advice and providing resources to employees on diversity and inclusion.

Port Pirie Regional Council Receives Work Health & Safety Commendation

Port Pirie Regional Council was proud to receive a Merit Award for Work Health & Safety Best Practice at the 2023/24 LGA Scheme Awards. The Merit Award was presented to Council for its WorkZone Traffic Management Online Form. Port Pirie Regional Council introduced online WorkZone Traffic Management (WZTM) forms to replace the physical documents completed manually by workers at outdoor worksites to ensure that all worksites are safe for both workers and the community, hazards are identified and all workers are provided with clear, consistent information about the site. The online form provides greater efficiency for Council employees in the field to complete, leading to better record keeping and safer work sites.

This was a team effort with the WHS team collaborating with Infrastructure and Information & Communication Technology teams and the Business Improvement Coordinator to make this project possible.

Project Manager, Peter Lock; WHS Officer, Rosie Gibbins and Manager ICT, Darren Stevens.

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

Within this section of the Governance Report there are the following sub-headings:

- Competitive Service Delivery
- Financial Plan & Budget
- National Competition Policy
- Procurement Policy for Goods & Services

Competitive Service Delivery

Council's Procurement Policy sets out how it will acquire goods and services. It includes contracting out, competitive tendering and purchasing locally and ensures probity and accountability whilst obtaining value for money.

The majority of services are delivered utilising Council assets and staff resources (refer to table below).

Employee Costs	8,857,000
Contractual Services, Materials & Other	12,653,000
Total Expenditure (excluding capital, including depreciation)	29,974,000

Financial Plan & Budget

The Long Term Financial Plan 2021-31 was adopted by Council on 25 August 2021 and was reviewed in 2023. The purpose of the Plan is to achieve the following objectives:

Financial Sustainability

To achieve and maintain financial sustainability, where the planned long-term service and infrastructure levels and standards are met without unplanned increases in rates or disruptive cuts to services.

Asset Management

To ensure that the maintenance and renewal of existing assets is fairly and equitably funded from current and future ratepayers and that new assets are acquired and constructed in accordance with community demand and affordability.

Borrowing

To utilise debt in a responsible manner, to finance short term works which will provide for future efficiencies or major long term infrastructure.

Rates

To raise Rate income in a responsible and equitable manner, that will be used to fund the long term needs of the community. As a principle source of income, it is important to maintain a consistent and predictable rating structure.

Performance Indicators

To set targets and monitor progress towards the three key financial performance indicators of Asset Sustainability Ratio, Net Financial Liabilities Ratio and the Asset Sustainability Ratio.

The 2023/24 Budget was formally reviewed on three (3) occasions during the year. Several projects were added and removed during the year and adjustments made accordingly.

Adherence to Budget is monitored on a quarterly basis through the reporting mechanisms of the Audit Committee.

Procurement Policy for Goods & Services

Council has adopted several policies to ensure a fair, transparent and accountable process in the purchase of goods and services. Council aims to ensure that its methods are cost effective and represent best value for money.

In fulfilling Council's purchasing role, the following principles apply:

- Open and fair competition
- Value for money
- Probity, accountability and transparency
- Effective management of the end to end procurement lifecycle
- Identification and management of risks
- Environmental protection
- Encouragement of competitive local business and industry
- Ensuring compliance with relevant Legislation

Generally, Council will adopt the following approaches:

- Direct purchasing
- Quotations (Informal)
- Request for quotations (RFQ)
- Requests for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
- Request for tenders
- Panel Contracts
- Strategic Alliances

AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Background

Under the Local Government Act 1999, all Councils are required to have an Audit and Risk Management Committee. Section 126 of the Act specifies broad Audit and Risk Management Committee responsibilities. The LGA 'Financial Sustainability' Information Paper No. 3 – Audit Committees states that Audit and Risk Management Committees should develop a work plan to address issues which fall within the activity areas determined by the Audit and Risk Management Committee's terms of reference. Additional items may be included in the Work Plan during the financial year as they arise.

Conduct of Meetings

The Audit and Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference require that the Audit and Risk Management Committee meet at least once in each quarter with meeting dates and times to be determined by the Committee. The Committee did not meet this requirement during the period of the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, but this can be attributed to the timing of staff absences and Committee membership changes. During the 2022/23 financial year 5 meetings were held. The tables below detail meeting dates and attendance.

Committee Members	31/10/2023	19/03/2024	11/06/2024
Mr A Rushbrook (Chair)	✓	✓	✓
Ms D Brokenshire	✓	✓	Apology
Mr L Kirchner	✓	✓	✓
Cr G Petagna	✓	✓	✓
Cr L Peters	Apology	✓	✓

Meeting Discussions 2023/24

Throughout the year, the Audit and Risk Management Committee reviewed 13 reports, with discussions taking place around the following items, in response to the agenda items provided:

Meeting - 31 October 2023

6.1 Annual Financial Statements 2022/23 (draft)

6.2 Audit Completion Report 2022/23

6.3 Treasury Management Performance Report 2022/23

Meeting - 19 March 2024

6.1 Audit & Risk Committees (legislative changes associated with the Statutes Amendments – Financial Accountability Reforms)

6.2 Terms of Reference Review

6.3 Budget 2023/24 – Review 1 as at 30 September 2023

6.4 Budget 2023/24 – Review 2 as at 31 December 2023

6.5 Draft Long Term Financial Management Plan 2025-2035

Meeting - 11 June 2024

6.1 2023/24 Budget Review 3 Report

6.2 Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034

6.3 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and rates Policy 2024/25 (for consultation)

6.4 Review of Strategic Asset Management Plan

6.5 Audit & Risk Management Work Plan Review

Audit and Risk Management Committee Work Plan 2023/24

The Audit and Risk Management Committee Work Plan is tabled at each meeting to allow members to monitor progress. Additional items may be added during the year at the request of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Attachments

Nil

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2024

Port Pirie Regional Council

General Purpose Financial Reports

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Port Pirie Regional Council
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.

- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2024 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.

- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.

- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.

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Mr Peter Ackland
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 27 NOVEMBER 2024.

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Mr Leon Stephens
MAYOR

Port Pirie Regional Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	**21,511**	20,253
Statutory charges	2	**365**	384
User charges	2	**1,892**	1,907
Grants, subsidies and contributions - Capital	2	**813**	-
Grants, subsidies and contributions - Operating	2	**1,423**	7,802
Investment income	2	**415**	239
Reimbursements	2	**539**	464
Other income	2	**645**	141
Total Income		**27,603**	31,190
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	**8,857**	8,847
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	**12,653**	12,505
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	**8,342**	7,884
Finance costs	3	**122**	141
Total Expenses		**29,974**	29,377
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		**(2,371)**	1,813
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	**(889)**	(591)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	**2,954**	1,867
Physical resources received free of charge	2	**752**	234
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement		**446**	3,323
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	**1,289**	8,370
Total Other Comprehensive Income		**1,289**	8,370
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		**1,735**	11,693

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

Port Pirie Regional Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	**2,702**	12,057
Trade & other receivables	5	**4,477**	2,436
Inventories	5	**291**	13
Total Current Assets		**7,470**	14,506
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	**534**	207
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	**273,006**	263,513
Other non-current assets	6	**3,171**	1,554
Total Non-current Assets		**276,711**	265,274
Total Assets		**284,181**	279,780
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	**5,056**	2,217
Borrowings	8	**258**	237
Provisions	8	**2,315**	2,270
Total Current Liabilities		**7,629**	4,724
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	**5,028**	5,260
Provisions	8	**120**	127
Total Non-current Liabilities		**5,148**	5,387
Total Liabilities		**12,777**	10,111
NET ASSETS		**271,404**	269,669
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		**74,481**	74,174
Asset revaluation reserves	9	**195,371**	194,082
Other reserves	9	**1,552**	1,413
TOTAL EQUITY		**271,404**	269,669

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

Port Pirie Regional Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2024

2024	Notes	Acc'd Surplus $'000	Asset Rev'n Reserve $'000	Other Reserves $'000	TOTAL EQUITY $'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		74,174	194,082	1,413	269,669
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		446	-	-	446
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	1,289	-	1,289
Transfers between reserves		(139)	-	139	-
Balance at end of period	9	74,481	195,371	1,552	271,404

2023	Notes	Acc'd Surplus $'000	Asset Rev'n Reserve $'000	Other Reserves $'000	TOTAL EQUITY $'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		70,994	185,712	1,270	257,976
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		3,323	-	-	3,323
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	8,370	-	8,370
Transfers between reserves		(143)	-	143	-
Balance at end of period	9	74,174	194,082	1,413	269,669

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

Port Pirie Regional Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024
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 on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 dated 23rd October 2024 .

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Port Pirie Regional Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 115 Ellen Street Port Pirie SA 5540.

3 Income recognition

3.1 Revenue

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.
In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.
In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when Council enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.
In recent years, the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2021-22	$6,313,014	$4,905,816	+	$1,407,198
2022-23	$6,852,929	$5,091,137	+	$1,761,792
2023-24	$549,846	$5,575,860	-	$5,026,014

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

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

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

4.2 Other Financial Instruments

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

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.
All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition, except for trade receivables from a contract with a customer, which are measured at the transaction price. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 12.

5 Inventories

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

6.5 Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

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

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

6.6 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received In Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are initially recognised at fair value with any difference between fair value and proceeds recognised in the profit and loss. The loan is subsequently measured at amortised cost with interest being recognised using the effective interest rate method.

9 Provisions

9.1 Employee Benefits

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on-costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

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 is liable to pay untaken sick leave for employees woh commence employment prior to 1995.

Superannuation:

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

10 Leases

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Council as a lessee

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-use assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

- Plant and equipment 4 years

ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

11 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.

12 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

New accounting standards, amendments to existing standards and UIG Interpretations

Council applied for the first time certain new standards and amendments to existing standards, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates
Council adopted AASB 2021-2, which makes some small amendments to a number of standards including the following: AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108, AASB 134 and AASB Practice Statement 2.

AASB 2022-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Council adopted AASB 2022-6, which introduces specific disclosure requirements for loan liabilities. These requirements apply when the right to defer settlement for at least twelve months from the reporting date is subject to conditions in the arrangement.

AASB 2022-7: Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards

AASB 2022-7 makes various editorial corrections to a number of standards effective for reporting periods beginning on of after 1 January 2023.

Council has adopted all amendments mentioned above required for the year ended 30 June 2024. The adoption of these amendments did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that are not effective as of 30 June 2024. These standards have not yet been adopted by Council and will be incorporated into the financial statements upon their effective dates. The following list identifies all applicable new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that were issued but are not yet effective as of 30 June 2024.

Effective for annual report periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- AASB 2020-1: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- AASB 2022-5: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- AASB 2022-10: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities.*

Effective for annual report periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.

- AASB 2014-10: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

Council has assessed the impact of new and changed Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet effective and concluded that they will not have a material impact on the financial statements.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
RATES REVENUES			
General Rates		**19,419**	18,062
Less: Mandatory rebates		**(492)**	(456)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		**(330)**	(326)
		18,597	17,280
Other Rates (including service charges)			
Landscape levy		**371**	477
Waste collection		**2,199**	2,185
Community wastewater management systems		**210**	198
		2,780	2,860
Other Charges			
Penalties for late payment		**135**	103
Legal & other costs recovered		**39**	63
		174	166
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		**(40)**	(53)
		21,511	20,253
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Town planning fees		**141**	164
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		**5**	11
Animal registration fees & fines		**158**	131
Parking fines / Expiation fees / Search Fees		**46**	45
Environment / Fire Control fines		**15**	33
		365	384
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		**204**	212
Waste Disposal		**1,335**	1,327
Lease/Rental Fees		**108**	134
Sport/Recreation and Hall Hire Fees		**78**	80
Tourism (including Special Events)		**110**	78
Aerodrome user fees		**34**	45
Library and IT Centre		**15**	20
Sundry		**8**	11
		1,892	1,907

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		**385**	230
Loans to community groups		**30**	9
		415	239
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Private works		**6**	11
Insurance Claims & Related Recoupments		**6**	40
Outside Parties Inc Government Departments		**507**	363
Other		**20**	50
		539	464
OTHER INCOME			
Contributions from Outside Parties		**627**	133
Sundry		**18**	8
		645	141
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		**2,954**	1,867
Other grants, subsidies and contributions - Capital			
Untied - LRCI Program Funding Capital Grant		**813**	-
Other grants, subsidies and contributions - Operating			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		**1,423**	7,802
		1,423	7,802
		5,190	9,669
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		**146**	-
State government		**4,082**	9,579
Other		**962**	90
		5,190	9,669
PHYSICAL RESOURCESTE GIFTED / RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Land & Improvements		-	510
Roads, Kerbing and Footpaths		**119**	(276)
Buildings		**486**	-
Structures and Site Improvements		**147**	-
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED		**752**	234

Port Pirie Regional Council

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 3 - EXPENSE

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		**6,527**	6,915
Employee leave expense		**1,522**	1,077
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	16	**784**	669
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	16	**107**	102
Workers' Compensation Insurance		**201**	211
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		**(284)**	(127)
Total Operating Employee Costs		**8,857**	8,847
Total Number of Employees		***93***	*89*
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		**14**	14
Bad and Doubtful Debts		**50**	(2)
Elected members' expenses		**250**	260
Election expenses		**5**	94
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		**319**	366
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses			
Administration Costs		**417**	380
Building and Infrastructure - Materials, Repairs & Maintenance		**70**	61
Consultants		**445**	358
Contractors		**5,710**	5,904
Contributions, Rents and Donations		**349**	303
Fuels and Oils		**342**	317
Insurances and Registrations		**949**	851
IT Software/Licensing and Hardware/Consumables		**556**	467
Legal Expenses		**278**	193
Levies/Taxes and Bank Charges		**479**	657
Materials/Minor Plant and Equipment		**374**	475
Plant Repairs & Maintenance		**193**	154
Sundry Expenses		**194**	165
Training & Development		**103**	141
Utilities - Water, Power and Gas		**1,875**	1,713
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		**12,334**	12,139
		12,653	12,505

Port Pirie Regional Council

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings - Level 2		**181**	178
Buildings - Level 3		**1,374**	1,363
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 2		**36**	36
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 3		**1,128**	1,132
Roads		**3,065**	2,696
Kerbing		**655**	651
Footpaths		**226**	218
Bridges		**73**	70
Marine		**191**	144
Road Ancillary		**83**	82
Stormwater Drainage		**573**	567
CWMS		**115**	114
Equipment		**601**	598
Furniture and Fittings		**61**	61
Leased Vehicles	15	**13**	6
		8,375	7,916
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		**(33)**	(32)
		8,342	7,884

Depreciation Information -

An error occurred in 2021/22 with correcting adjustments made in 2022/23, relating to depreciation of 2 road assets that were incorrectly fully depreciated in the year of construction. The amount is not deemed to be a material misstatement. The table below provides a brief analysis.

Reported total depreciation amount	**-**	*7,916*
Incorrect depreciation charged - Roads asset class	**-**	*-*
Correction to Roads asset class	**-**	*391*
Underlying total depreciation expense	**-**	*8,307*

FINANCE COSTS		
Interest on overdraft and short-term drawdown	**105**	105
Interest on Loans	**14**	35
Interest on Leases	**3**	1
	122	141

Port Pirie Regional Council

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Assets renewed or directly replaced			
Proceeds from disposal		**380**	119
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		**1,239**	722
Gain (Loss) on disposal		**(859)**	**(603)**
Assets surplus to requirements			
Proceeds from disposal		**35**	300
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		**65**	288
Gain (Loss) on disposal		**(30)**	**12**
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		**(889)**	(591)

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		**534**	288
Deposits at Call		**2,168**	11,769
		2,702	12,057
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		**925**	955
Accrued Revenues		**210**	805
Debtors - general		**3,095**	650
GST Recoupment		**331**	111
Prepayments		**18**	-
Loans to community organisations		**70**	36
Total		**4,649**	2,557
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts		**(172)**	(121)
		4,477	2,436
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		**259**	1
Trading Stock		**32**	12
		291	13

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		**534**	207
		534	207
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress		**3,171**	1,554
		3,171	1,554

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)

		2023 $'000				2024 $'000			
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land - Level 2	2	1,500	-	-	1,500	**1,500**	**-**	**-**	**1,500**
Land - Level 3	3	22,624	-	-	22,624	**22,591**	**-**	**-**	**22,591**
Buildings - Level 2	2	8,085	672	(5,868)	2,890	**7,695**	**815**	**(5,729)**	**2,781**
Buildings - Level 3	3	52,974	2,663	(19,898)	35,738	**52,974**	**3,854**	**(20,918)**	**35,910**
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 2	2	1,077	205	(413)	869	**1,076**	**205**	**(448)**	**833**
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 3	3	41,872	1,270	(20,003)	23,139	**41,872**	**3,497**	**(20,608)**	**24,761**
Roads	3	132,515	15,760	(60,444)	87,831	**132,515**	**19,412**	**(61,951)**	**89,976**
Kerbing	3	52,783	1,960	(19,618)	35,125	**52,783**	**2,099**	**(20,180)**	**34,702**
Footpaths	3	12,244	1,756	(4,599)	9,401	**12,244**	**2,926**	**(4,690)**	**10,480**
Bridges	3	6,082	218	(3,307)	2,993	**6,059**	**218**	**(3,039)**	**3,238**
Marine	3	8,396	558	(5,327)	3,627	**11,100**	**812**	**(6,574)**	**5,338**
Road Ancillary	3	4,173	267	(1,916)	2,524	**4,173**	**611**	**(1,975)**	**2,809**
Stormwater Drainage	3	48,328	-	(20,315)	28,013	**48,480**	**2,641**	**(20,885)**	**30,236**
CWMS	3	6,239	-	(3,768)	2,471	**6,239**	**-**	**(3,883)**	**2,356**
Equipment		-	8,872	(4,535)	4,337	**-**	**9,652**	**(4,544)**	**5,108**
Furniture and Fittings		-	869	(466)	403	**-**	**862**	**(520)**	**342**
Leased Vehicles		-	34	(6)	28	**-**	**64**	**(19)**	**45**
Total IPP&E		398,892	35,104	(170,483)	263,513	**401,301**	**47,668**	**(175,963)**	**273,006**
Comparatives		*384,290*	*31,626*	*(159,514)*	*256,402*	*398,892*	*35,104*	*(170,483)*	*263,513*

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2023 $'000	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year $'000								2024 $'000
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Impair't	Transfers		Net Reval'n	Carrying Amount
		New / Upgrade	Renewals				In	Out		
Land - Level 2	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1,500**
Land - Level 3	22,624	32	-	(65)	-	-	-	-	-	**22,591**
Buildings - Level 2	2,890	-	142	(70)	(181)	-	-	-	-	**2,781**
Buildings - Level 3	35,738	38	1,859	(351)	(1,374)	-	-	-	-	**35,910**
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 2	869	-	-	-	(36)	-	-	-	-	**833**
Structures/Site Improvements - Level 3	23,139	639	2,251	(140)	(1,128)	-	-	-	-	**24,761**
Roads	87,831	1,736	3,721	(247)	(3,065)	-	-	-	-	**89,976**
Kerbing	35,125	293	105	(166)	(655)	-	-	-	-	**34,702**
Footpaths	9,401	1,268	92	(55)	(226)	-	-	-	-	**10,480**
Bridges	2,993	-	-	-	(73)	-	-	-	318	**3,238**
Marine	3,627	54	917	(40)	(191)	-	-	-	971	**5,338**
Road Ancillary	2,524	261	123	(16)	(83)	-	-	-	-	**2,809**
Stormwater Drainage	28,013	120	2,676	-	(573)	-	-	-	-	**30,236**
CWMS	2,471	-	-	-	(115)	-	-	-	-	**2,356**
Equipment	4,337	155	1,370	(153)	(601)	-	-	-	-	**5,108**
Furniture and Fittings	403	-	-	-	(61)	-	-	-	-	**342**
Leased Vehicles	28	30	-	-	(13)	-	-	-	-	**45**
Total IPP&E	**263,513**	**4,626**	**13,256**	**(1,303)**	**(8,375)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,289**	**273,006**
Comparatives	*256,402*	***1,890***	***5,777***	***(1,010)***	***(7,916)***	**-**	**-**	**-**	***8,370***	*263,513*

This note continues on the following pages.

Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

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

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

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

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

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

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land: Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

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

> The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.
>
> The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

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

Buildings, Structures and Site Improvements	$5,000
Road Infrastructure	$10,000
Stormwater Drainage, CWMS	$5,000
Plant, Machinery and Fleet	$5,000
Minor Plant and Loose Tools	$2,000
Office Furniture and Equipment	$2,000

Estimated Useful Lives: Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

Buildings	30 to 120 years
Building Components	15 to 50 years
Structures	20 to 100 years
Site Improvements	5 to 100 years
Sealed Roads - Pavement	20 to 100 years
Sealed Roads - Surface	17 to 40 years
Sealed Roads - Formation	Indefinite
Unsealed Roads - Surface	12 to 20 years
Unsealed Roads - Formation	Indefinite
Kerbing	80 years
Footpaths	30 to 40 years
Bridges	60 to 100 years
Stormwater Drainage	25 to 100 years
CWMS	20 to 80 years
Major Plant	4 to 20 years
Minor Plant	5 to 10 years
Fleet	2 to 5 years
ICT Equipment	5 to 10 years
Other Equipment	10 to 20 years
Furniture and Fittings	10 to 40 years

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Land & Land Improvements

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

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

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. Level 2 and Level 3 fair value hierarchy of land were deterimed by JLL as at 1 July 2020.

Buildings & Other Structures

Building, structures and site improvements were valued by JLL as at 1 July 2020 and Level 3 Structures were valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 1 July 2021, on the basis of Depreciated Replacement cost and Market Value (where applicable). All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Level 2 and Level 3 fair value hierarchy of buildings, structures and site improvements were determined by JLL and Tonkin Consulting.

Marine Assets were valued by Asset Engineering using the depreciated replacement cost as at 1 July 2023.

Infrastructure

Road, kerbing and footpath assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting at written down current replacement cost as at 1 July 2020. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Road ancillary assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting at written down current replacement cost as at 1 July 2020. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Bridge assets were valued by Tonkin Engineering at written down current replacement cost as at 1 July 2023. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Tonkin Consulting at written down current replacement cost as at 1 July 2022. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by Tonkin Consulting at written down current replacement cost as at 1 July 2022. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2024 $'000		2023 $'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	**Notes**	**Current**	**Non-current**	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		**2,128**	**-**	1,432	-
Payments received in advance		**2,380**	**-**	306	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		**208**	**-**	216	-
Accrued expenses - other		**340**	**-**	263	-
		5,056	**-**	2,217	-
BORROWINGS					
Loans		**-**	**5,000**	-	5,000
Leases Liabilities	15	**18**	**28**	7	21
LGFA Loans		**240**	**-**	230	239
		258	**5,028**	237	5,260

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

PROVISIONS				
Long Service Leave - Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	**1,315**	**120**	1,271	127
Annual Leave - Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	**907**	**-**	906	-
Sick Leave Employee entitlements	**93**	**-**	93	-
	2,315	**120**	2,270	127

Movements in Provisions - 2024 year only *(current & non-current)*	*Leave Provisions*
Opening Balance	*2,397*
Additional amounts recognised	*38*
Closing Balance	*2,435*

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	Notes	1/7/2023 $'000	Net Increments/ (Decrements) $'000	Transfers, Impairments $'000	30/6/2024 $'000
Land		19,616	-	-	**19,616**
Buildings		14,242	-	-	**14,242**
Structures/Site Improvements		4,297	-	-	**4,297**
Roads		83,210	-	-	**83,210**
Kerbing		32,266	-	-	**32,266**
Footpaths		7,834	-	-	**7,834**
Bridges		2,075	318	-	**2,393**
Marine		3,704	971	-	**4,675**
Road Ancillary		2,381	-	-	**2,381**
Stormwater Drainage		22,090	-	-	**22,090**
CWMS		2,367	-	-	**2,367**
TOTAL		194,082	1,289	-	**195,371**
	Comparatives	*185,712*	*8,370*	-	***194,082***

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2023	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2024
Crystal Brook CWMS	1,144	111	-	**1,255**
Napperby CWMS	204	21	-	**225**
Fishermans Wharf	27	7	-	**34**
Economic Development	38	-	-	**38**
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	1,413	139	-	**1,552**
Comparatives	*1,270*	*152*	*(9)*	***1,413***

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).

Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Reserves
Balance from operations of CWMS to provide for major maintenance program, repairs and capital replacement.

Fishermans Wharf Reserve
Mooring fees used to provide future capital works to this area.

Economic Development Reserve
Strategic decision for future Economic Development considerations in the future.

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Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	**2,702**	12,057
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		**2,702**	12,057

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	**446**	3,323
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	**8,342**	7,884
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	**30**	331
Change in allowances for under-recovery	**51**	(2)
Non-cash asset acquisitions	**(752)**	(234)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	**(5,980)**	(1,867)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	**889**	591
	3,026	10,026
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	**(2,058)**	(931)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	**(278)**	3
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	**2,847**	537
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	**3,537**	9,635

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:			
Physical resources received free of charge	2	**752**	234
Amounts recognised in Income Statement		**752**	234
Leases		**30**	34
		782	268

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	**30**	25
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	**13,000**	16,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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Note 11 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

	Operating Income		Operating Expenses		Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)		Grants Included in Operating Income		Total Assets Held (Current & Non-Current)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Business Undertakings	41	79	319	308	(278)	(229)	-	-	2,356	2,471
Community Services	221	302	1,905	1,844	(1,684)	(1,542)	25	574	95	96
Culture	150	177	1,714	1,384	(1,564)	(1,207)	106	144	165	170
Economic Development	198	136	1,066	1,228	(868)	(1,092)	-	-	15	12
Environment	1,603	1,461	6,957	7,288	(5,354)	(5,827)	140	177	26,338	28,034
Recreation	84	87	5,372	5,123	(5,288)	(5,036)	939	168	25,592	279
Regulatory Services	528	394	1,610	1,595	(1,082)	(1,201)	2	-	-	-
Transport	34	45	5,630	5,450	(5,596)	(5,405)	474	1,521	141,247	137,675
Plant Hire & Depot/Indirect	517	70	1,386	1,032	(869)	(962)	-	-	42,328	54,114
Unclassified Activities	465	320	614	594	(149)	(274)	-	-	35,910	39,973
Governance	21	61	1,361	1,258	(1,340)	(1,197)	-	-	-	-
Council Administration	868	316	2,040	2,273	(1,172)	(1,957)	-	-	8,135	16,756
Special Revenues	22,873	27,742	-	-	22,873	27,742	550	7,085	-	-
TOTALS	27,603	31,190	29,974	29,377	(2,371)	1,813	2,236	9,669	284,181	279,780

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Caravan Park, Private Works and Community Waste Management Systems (CWMS)

Community Services

Crime Prevention, Fire Prevention, Health Services, Senior Citizens, Community Development, Aged Services, Community Transport, Community Assistance, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries and Public Conveniences.

Culture

Library Services, Mobile Libraries, Art Galleries and Other Cultural Services.

Economic Development

Tourism and Arts Centre, Tourism and Community Events and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Waste Collection, Waste Disposal, Waste Management, Marine, Environment Protection, Stormwater Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy and Other Environment.

Recreation

Parks and Gardens, Outdoor Sport Facilities, Indoor Sport Facilities, Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Swimming Centres - Indoor, Swimming Centres - Outdoor and Other Recreation.

Regulatory Services

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

Transport

Aerodrome, Bridges, Bus Service, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads - Sealed, Roads - formed, Roads - natural formed, Roads - unformed, Traffic Management and Other Transport.

Plant Hire, Depot and Indirect

Plant and Machinery, Depot and Indirect Works.

Unclassified Activities

Other Property, Loans and Interest.

Governance

Governance

Council Administration

Administration NEC, Elected Members, Organisational, Risk/OHSW, Finance, Payroll, People and Culture, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services and other Revenues.

Special Revenues

General Rates Income, Separate and Special Rates, LGGC - General Purpose Grants and other Grant Income.

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables.*

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised atfair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned **Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 4.55% as at 30 June 2024. **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Rates & Associated	**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method **Terms & conditions:** Secured over the subject land, arrears attract at the precsribed percentage in accordance with the Loacl Government Act 1999. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State. **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - Fees & other charges	**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method **Terms & conditions:** Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries. **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - other levels of government	**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method. **Terms & conditions:** Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments. **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	**Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council. **Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate **Terms & conditions:** secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable interest is charged at fixed rates between 2.10% and 5.40% (2023: 2.10% and 5.4%) **Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Finance Leases	**Accounting Policy:** accounted for in accordance with AASB 16 as stated in Note 15

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2024	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Cash & Equivalents	**2,702**	-	-	**2,702**	**2,702**
Receivables	**4,491**	**375**	**289**	**5,155**	**4,993**
Total	**7,193**	**375**	**289**	**7,857**	**7,695**
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	**2,676**	-	-	**2,676**	**2,676**
Current Borrowings	**265**	-	-	**265**	**240**
Lease Liabilities	**18**	**28**	-	**46**	**46**
Non-Current Borrowings	-	**5,000**	-	**5,000**	**5,000**
Total	**2,959**	**5,028**	-	**7,987**	**7,962**

2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Cash & Equivalents	12,057			12,057	12,057
Receivables	2,447	163	81	2,691	2,643
Total	14,504	163	81	14,748	14,700
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,695	-	-	1,695	1,695
Current Borrowings	247	-	-	247	230
Lease Liabilities	7	21	-	28	28
Non-Current Borrowings	-	5,247	-	5,247	5,239
Total	1,949	5,268	-	7,217	7,192

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

	30 June 2024		30 June 2023	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	$'000	%	$'000
Fixed Interest Rates	**2.2%**	**5,240**	2.28%	5,469
		5,240		5,469

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures:

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

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

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

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

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.

	2024	2023	2022
Operating Surplus Ratio			
Operating Surplus / Total Operating Income	(8.6%)	5.8%	5.6%

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
Net Financial Liabilities / Total Operating Income	18%	(14.7%)	2%

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Adjustments to Ratios

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These ***Adjusted Ratios*** *correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison.*

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	**9.5%**	0.2%	0.8%
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	**15%**	3%	16%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio			
Outlays on Existing Assets / Asset Renewals - IAMP	**273%**	93%	69%

Asset renewals expenditure is defined as capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets relative to the optimal level planned, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

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Note 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a detailed summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a modified Uniform Presentation Framework basis, adjusted for timing differences associated with prepaid Federal assistance Grants required to be recognised as revenue on receipt in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

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.

	2024	2023
	$'000	$'000
Income		
Rates	**21,511**	20,253
Statutory charges	**365**	384
User charges	**1,892**	1,907
Grants, subsidies and contributions - Capital	**813**	-
Grants, subsidies and contributions` - Operating	**1,423**	7,802
Investment income	**415**	239
Reimbursements	**539**	464
Other income	**645**	141
	27,603	31,190
Expenses		
Employee costs	**(8,857)**	(8,847)
Materials, contracts and other expenses	**(12,653)**	(12,505)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	**(8,342)**	(7,884)
Finance costs	**(122)**	(141)
	(29,974)	(29,377)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	**(2,371)**	1,813
Net Timing Adjustment for General Purpose Funding	**5,506**	(1,762)
Less: Grants, Subsidies & Contributions - Capital	**(813)**	-
Adjusted Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	**2,322**	51
Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	**(13,778)**	(5,440)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	**8,342**	7,884
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	**380**	119
	(5,056)	2,563
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets *(including investment property & real estate developments)*	**(4,907)**	(1,316)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	**2,954**	1,867
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets *(including investment property and real estate developments)*	**35**	300
	(1,918)	851
Adjusted Annual Net Impact to Financing Activities surplus/ (deficit)	**(4,652)**	3,465

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Note 15 - LEASES

Council as a Lessee

Right of Use Assets

(include description of assets which are leased)

Set out below are the carrying amounts (written down value) of right of use assets recognised within Infrastructure Propery, Plant & Equipment and the movements during the period:

Right of Use Assets *(Carrying Value)*	**Plant, Machinery & Equipment**
At 1 July 2023	**28**
Additions	**31**
Depreciation Charge	**(13)**
At 30 June 2024	**46**

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities (including under interest bearing loans and borrowings) and the movements during the period:

	2024
Opening Balance 1 July 2023	**28**
Additions	**31**
Payments	**(13)**
Closing Balance 30 June 2024	**46**
Current	**18**
Non Current	**28**
The following are amounts recognised on profit or loss:	
Deprecaition expense right of use assets	13
Interest expense on lease liabilities	3
Total amount recognised in profit and loss	16

Council as a Lessor

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

Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June 2024 are as follows:

	2024	2023
	$'000	$'000
Within one year	**112**	106
After one year but not more than five years	**146**	145
More than five years	**31**	42
	289	293

Port Pirie Regional Council

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Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Statewide Super). There are two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector with Salarylink benefits prior to 24 November 2009 have the option to contribute to the Accumulation section and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to the Accumulation section.

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (11% in 2023-24; 10.5% in 2022-23). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2022-23) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of ordinary time earnings for Salarylink members to their Accumulation account. Employees also make member contributions to the Salarylink section of the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Salarylink section of the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.34(a), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2023. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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Note 17 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 1,365 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had no notice of 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.

Council currently has one legal claim against it that may be of material nature. The cost and likelihood of the potential liablility cannot be reliably determined at this time and has not been recognised with these financial statements.

Note 18 - EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There were no events after the Balance Sheet Date to be disclosed.

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Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 16 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2024	2023
	$	$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	**913**	922
Post-employment benefits	**63**	66
TOTAL	**976**	988

Allowances / benefits incurred in the ordinary course of performing the KMPs role, and amounts paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council hve not been included above.

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

	2024	2023
	$	$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	1
Planning and building applications fees	-	2
TOTAL	-	3

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which Council made purchases during the year. The total value of the purchases was $23,273.60 as at 30 June 2024.

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of Nil planning and building applications during the year. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, these persons declared conflicts of interest and took no part in the assessment or approval processes for these applications.

Zero planning and building approvals, with and without conditions, were granted during the year. Total fees for all applications (which are payable on lodgement) amounted to $Nil.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Port Pirie Regional Council

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Port Pirie Regional (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Council Certificate of Port Pirie Regional Council.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, *Local Government Act 1999* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.*

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 17 (4) of the financial report, which describes the effects of a legal claim against the Council. The potential financial impact cannot be reliably determined.

Council's responsibility for the financial report

Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and for such internal control as Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Council is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit of the financial report in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

Tim Muhlhausler CA, Registered Company Auditor
Partner

29 November 2024

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To the members of Port Pirie Regional Council

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of the Port Pirie Regional Council (the Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

In our opinion, Port Pirie Regional Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagement ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Council's responsibility for internal controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Our independence and quality control

We have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and apply Auditing Standard ASQC 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements* in undertaking this assurance engagement.

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Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Limitations of controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, the control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected.

An assurance engagement on controls is not designed to detect all instances of controls operating ineffectively as it is not performed continuously throughout the period and the tests performed are on a sample basis. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

Limitation of use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in Accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the internal controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

Tim Muhlhausler CA, Registered Company Auditor
Partner

29 November 2024

Port Pirie Regional Council

Annual Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Coalface SA Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, the Council's Auditor, Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

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Mr Peter Ackland
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Mr Alan Rushbrook
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 12th November 2024

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PORT PIRIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement by Auditor

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Port Pirie Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)*, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011*.

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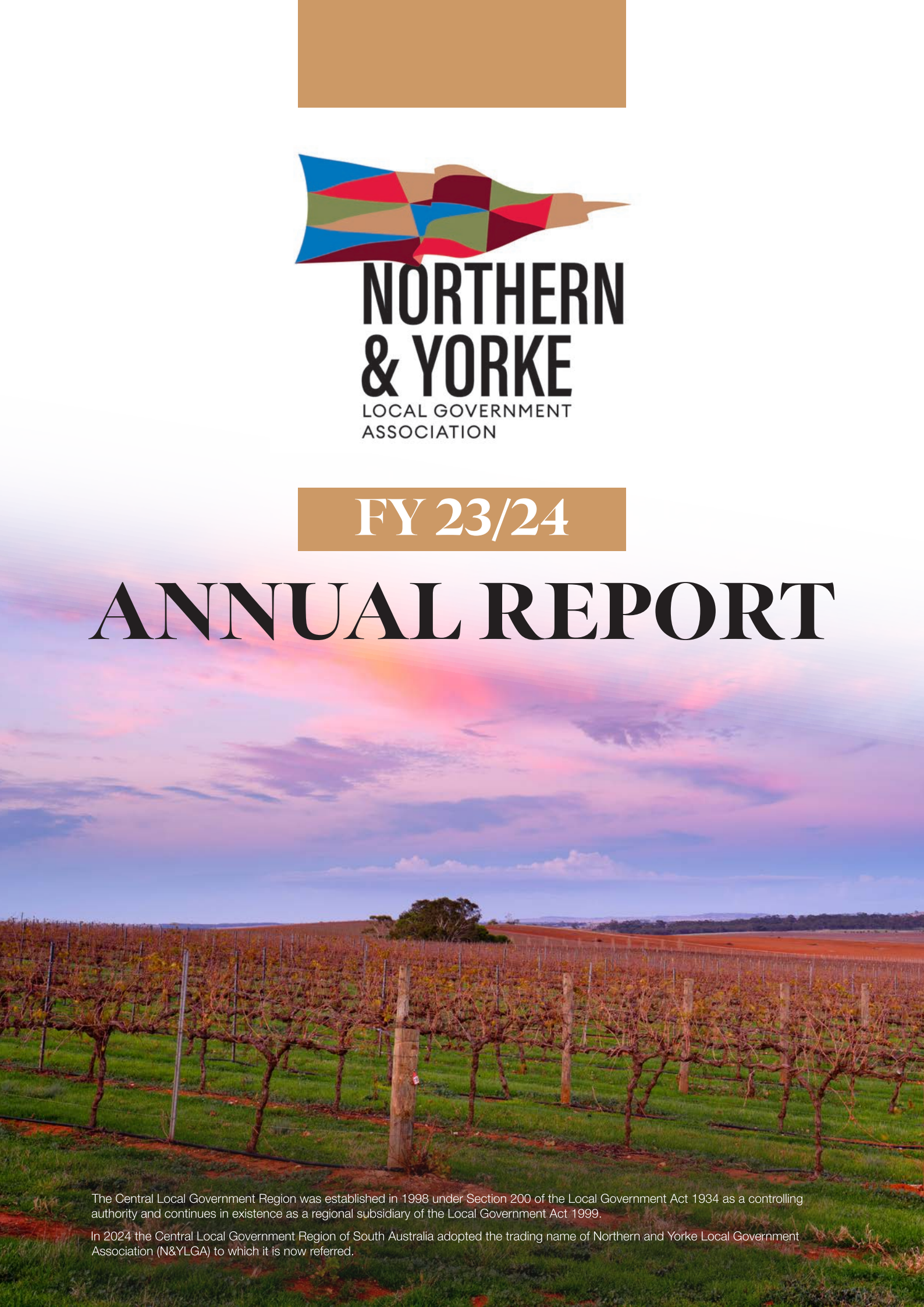

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority and continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of the Local Government Act 1999.

In 2024 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (N&YLGA) to which it is now referred.

F24 ANNUAL REPORT

THE NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NYLGA) CHARTER CLAUSE 6.3 ANNUAL REPORT

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

6.3.2 The Annual Report must incorporate the audited financial statements of the N&YLGA for the relevant Financial Year.

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

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

In 2016 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Legatus Group and at their February 2024 Ordinary Meeting they adopted the trading name of Northern and Yorke Local Government Association.

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

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board consists of all principal members (Mayors) of the Constituent Councils which for 2023/2024 were:

COUNCIL	DELEGATE
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Allan Aughey OAM
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Stephen McCarthy
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Mayor Grant Chapman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O'Brien
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Sue Scarman
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Bill Gebhardt
The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Ken Anderson
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2023/24

Chairman	Mayor Rodney Reid
Deputy Chairs	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Ken Anderson
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Rodney Reid
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Simon Millcock
Auditor	Dean Newbery and Partners

The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2023/24 year:

- 25 August 2023 Annual General Meeting Peterborough
- 25 August 2023 Ordinary General Meeting Peterborough
- 1 December 2023 Ordinary General Meeting Balaklava
- 15 December 2023 Special General Meeting Online
- 23 February 2024 Ordinary General Meeting Ardrossan
- 7 June 2024 Ordinary General Meeting Quorn

There were four advisory committees in 2023/2024

- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee

All agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and these committees are published on the N&YLGA Website.

All advisory committee minutes were provided with the agendas to the Legatus Group meetings.

The Constituent Councils are provided during the year with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Report, Business Plan, Budget and Financial Reports.

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
Audit Committee	• Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield) • Mayor Stephen McCarthy (Mt Remarkable) • Mr Stephen Rufus (Chair) (Peterborough / Port Pirie) • Mr Ian McDonald (Independent) • Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie until 10 November 2023)
Road & Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee	• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare & Gilbert Valleys) (Chair) • Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) • Lee Wallis (Goyder) • Steve Kaesler (Barossa) • Tim Neumann (Copper Coast) • Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula) • Russell Troupe (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) • Daniel Willson (CEO RDA YMN) • Stuart Roberts (Wakefield) • Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges) • Scott Reid (Northern Areas)
Waste Management Advisory Committee	• Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains) (Chair) • Simon Neumann (Copper Coast), • Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains) • Robyn Ridsdale (Barossa) • Glen Growden (Wakefield Regional) • Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula) • Megan Renzella (Light Regional)
Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee	• Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) (Chair) • Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) • Grant Smith (Yorke Peninsula) • Nathan Berry (Light) • Kirsty Morgan (Wakefield)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
MAYOR RODNEY REID

The past 12 months have been a time of review and consolidation.

This included the change of name from the Legatus Group to the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association.

Following an initial review of the strategic plan in the previous year the board contracted BRM Advisory to undertake a further review of the strategic plan, the charter and the CEO's position. Lisa Teburea from BRM Advisory led the process for these reviews which included a series of workshops, surveys and one on one interviews. Along with the CEO I met with member councils throughout the year to provide updates on the process and outcomes.

Member councils were provided with the draft review of the charter and the strategic plan and at the February 2024 ordinary meeting the board noted the majority of the Constituent Councils had approved the Charter variations and the Strategic Plan Framework report and they adopted the recommendations.

Along with the change of name the major outcome was to transition to a new business planning framework in 2024-25, which introduces a rolling four-year Business Plan to be reviewed annually. The Business Plan will incorporate the functions of a Strategic Plan, Action Plan, Long-Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan and be used to inform an annual Budget. The June 2024 meeting endorsed the Business Plan for 2024/2025 after consultation with members.

The key 3 focus areas endorsed by the board are:

1 - ADVOCATE

- Harnesses and leverages the strength of fifteen Councils speaking together with a united and powerful voice to advocate for better outcomes of the region.

2 – COORDINATE

- Councils and partners work together through Legatus on issues, actions and outcomes that can be sensibly, efficiently and effectively progressed at a regional level to provide benefits to members.

3 – OPERATE

- To operate effectively in accordance with legislative requirements and delivers value to its members.
- The changes have seen the formation of and Executive Committee which includes the Chair, Deputy Chairs, CEO and a member council CEO plus councils now able to appoint a proxy for meetings.
- The board approved an extension of the CEO Simon Millcock's contract until December 2024. In March 2024 the final report on the review of the CEO position was distributed seeking comments from all Mayors and CEOs. This followed a workshop held by Lisa Teburea.
- At the June 2024 board meeting a report was provided on the review along with recommendations by the CEO Performance review panel. The recommendations of the review were accepted which included the CEO position becoming a .8FTE and the board agreed to advertise for the position of CEO.

Clarification continues on the Barunga West Council notice of their withdrawal of membership which is due to come into effect in October 2024.

The board after the previous five years of no significant increase in membership fees saw the need in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 to increase fees above CPI to ensure that its agreed targets of 18 months of operational expenses held in reserves in its long term financial plan. Plus, this year there was a levy introduced from successful SLRP councils which goes towards the regional roads plan. The board continues to be in a sound financial position.

Advocating on regional and state-wide issues which included:

- *Continued support for rating equity associated with major energy producers*
- *Wellbeing and Mental Health*
- *Community Wastewater Management Schemes which saw a review and CWMS reform program*
- *Adoption of Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan in partnership with Regional Development Australia Organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*
- *The role of Regional LGAs and SAROC*
- *Increased funding for Special Local Roads Program (SLRP)*
- *Support to the Flinders Ranges Council re their issues on water quality*
- *Support to the Orroroo Carrieton Council opposition to the model Fee Structure being set by ESCOSA*
- *Cessation of the management of unwanted stray, lost and surrendered pets by the Animal Welfare League*
- *Report to LGA on councils responses to Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 Breeder Reforms*

The board meetings have allowed member councils to bring matters of interest to the table including issues around the Local Government elections and topics by councils at LGA and ALGA meetings. The board meetings continue to provide an opportunity for councils to test their issues before progressing further.

Support at a regional and state level with forums has also included:

- *SA CWMS Conference (partnership with LGA) – Mount Barker*
- *Legatus Group Waste Forum (partnership with KESAB) – Wallaroo*
- *Yorke Mid North Alliance Regional Planning Forum (partnership Northern and Yorke Alliance) - Clare*

Key reports and projects supported this year by the Legatus Group were:

- *Local Government Career Pathways and Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA*
- *Carbon Offsetting Pre-feasibility report for Local Government*
- *Preparing your Community for Disasters Handbook and Community Disaster Preparedness website*
- *Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement*
- *Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan*
- *Regional Local Roads Plan database updates and their inclusion on the Regional Road Transport GIS*

The region continues to gain great value from the processes used to assess and support the applications for SLRP as the region secured $4,597,000 for 5 projects this year. This makes up 34.5% of all SLRP funding for Regional Roads and 25.7% if you include the metropolitan roads.

The Audit and Risk Management Group Committee have ensured that the work plan has assisted us in improving our governance and recommendations around variations to our policies. I would like to acknowledge all the Board members and council CEOs and staff who have committed time to the Advisory Committees.

It was a pleasure to have Mayor Bill O'Brien as a Deputy Chairman and fellow member of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils and to have Mayor Ken Anderson as Deputy Chairman.

Plus, I extend a thank you to those councils who have hosted our meetings and also those who have provided case studies of best practice following the board meetings.

I thank CEO Simon Millcock for not only his work in the past year but also over the past 7 years as his commitment and passion for the local government sector and to the member councils has seen some significant policy changes and tangible benefits to our region.

Mayor Rodney Reid

Chairman

CEO'S REPORT
MR SIMON MILLCOCK

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the support provided to me by Chairman Mayor Rodney Reid and Deputy Chairs Mayor Bill O'Brien and Ken Anderson. Board Members, CEOs, Committees, Regional Partners and Admin Officer Tracey Rains.

Due to the 3 reviews of the Strategic Plan, Charter and CEO Position being undertaken there was an agreed decline in project work and forums. Funding was secured from the (1) LGA Regional Capacity Building Allocations (2) SAFECOM for the Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies and (3) LGA CWMS Conference.

This allowed for the employment of part time Administration Officer Tracey Rains. Whilst Tracey and I provided administrative support to BRM Advisory for the reviews. All contracts for grants and projects have been reported and acquitted.

This year 63% of the income came from its membership fees. The 15-member council's contributions during the previous six years had been on average around 33% of the income.

Due to a reduction in project work, there were less grants obtained and they comprised 28% of the income. Interest rates increased, which resulted in a better than predicted return on investment income.

The reduction in grant funding has also resulted in a major reduction in contractor and consultant costs over the past 2 years and reduction in wages.

Areas with increases in expenses to those budgeted were due to motor vehicle costs as the change over to a new vehicle was not able to occur. The conference and catering costs were substantially lower than the previous year. These would have been much lower but we again managed the responsibility of the Annual Forum for the Northern and Yorke Alliance.

The Legatus Group budget for 2023/2024 had shown an operating deficit of $108,300 and the actual deficit was $50,694. The N&YLGA continues to be in a sound financial position to cover its forthcoming liabilities and within the targets set by the board for its reserves.

The closure of the Legatus Group office has continued to assist with reduced administration costs with all staff working from their home offices. This will need to be addressed if the new CEO position requires an office and / or reimbursement for use of home office.

This year saw my attendance and delivery of agendas, minutes and reports to all the Board, Advisory Committees, Yorke Mid North Alliance and SAROC meetings whilst managing the delivery of state and regional forums.

I am a member of the Yorke Mid North Alliance and Regional LGA CEOs Forum. Whilst I provided a regional voice to help support the local government sector in several areas including:

- Local Govt Regional Climate Partnerships Network
- UniSA C-Edge Advisory Board
- Volunteer SA NT – Volunteer Strategy
- Catalyst Foundation workshops / forums via promotion and assistance with speakers
- Local Government Climate Risk Community of Practice Forum
- DEW Climate projections
- Drought Hubs (Roseworthy and Orroroo)
- EPA State of the Environment Report
- Northern and Yorke Alliance
- Torrens University Cultural Immersion
- Local Govt Green House Gas Emissions Project Group
- LGA on the The Emergency Management Act 2004 Review
- SA Govt State Cultural Policy
- Climate Change Training for Local Govt

The Legatus Group Website updates include increased information plus the bi-monthly CEO Newsletter. The social media presence has continued to grow with increased followers on both Facebook and LinkedIn.

Simon Millcock

CEO

N&YLGA AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

MR STEPHEN RUFUS

This is a summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2023-2024

The committee met on 4 occasions.

DATE	NO OF MEMBERS ATTENDING
14 August 2023	• 3
10 November 2023	• 4
14 February 2024	• 3
23 May 2024	• 4

COMMITTEE MEMBER	NO OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mayor Rodney Reid	• 4
Mayor Stephen McCarthy (from Nov 2023)	• 2
Peter Ackland (prior to Nov 2023)	• 1
Stephen Rufus	• 3
Ian McDonald	• 4

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2023-2024:

PRINCIPAL ISSUES EXAMINED	COMMENT
Audit Committee Chair and Members	Stephen Rufus continued as Chair and due to his move from Peterborough Council to Port Pirie Regional Council Peter Ackland resigned. Mayor Stephen McCarthy joined the committee and several calls for the vacant position were called throughout the year. All members re nominated for a further 2 years which was recommended for endorsement at the June 2024 Northern and Yorke LGA board meeting by member councils.
Annual Financial Report	No issues, unqualified audit, adopted for the 22/23 financial year. Noted the continued auditors independence.
Review of budget against actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure identified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets.
Review of work plan, internal controls	1. Work planned maintained and adoption of recommendations by Auditor. 2. Recommended and supported workshop on strategic plans and long term financial plan with appropriate recommendations to the board. 3. Supported the continued independence of financial services.
Charter	Input to the ToR for the Audit Committee and the changes to the Charter.
Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	1. Monitored the 2023-2024 business plan and budget and its quarterly updates. 2. Noted, supported and provided input to Legatus Strategic Plan reviews. 3. Simplified the budget reporting.
Equity / Reserves	Recommendations to Board on the levels to be held and noted that they are in alignment with previous agreed levels.

Stephen Rufus

Chairman Audit and Risk Management Committee

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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
01 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024

CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

trading as

NORTHERN & YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2024

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association's financial position at 30 June 2024 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association provide a reasonable assurance that the Association's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association's accounting and other records.

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Simon MILLCOCK
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 30/8/2024.

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Mayor Rodney REID
CHAIR

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 $	2023 $
INCOME			
Council Contributions	2	**237,615**	173,850
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	**107,400**	107,600
Investment income	2	**27,731**	22,035
Other income	2	**7,211**	18,329
Total Income		**379,957**	321,814
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	**239,291**	272,632
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	**188,815**	167,150
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	**2,500**	1,372
Total Expenses		**430,606**	441,155
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		**(50,649)**	(119,340)
Other Comprehensive Income		**-**	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		**(50,649)**	(119,340)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		**(50,649)**	(119,340)

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

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 $	2023 $
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	**486,022**	504,240
Trade & other receivables	4	**1,791**	91,100
Total Current Assets		**487,813**	595,340
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	5	**10,000**	13,409
Total Non-current Assets		**10,000**	13,409
Total Assets		**497,813**	608,749
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	6	**8,469**	74,037
Provisions	6	**40,161**	13,457
Total Current Liabilities		**48,630**	87,494
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	6	**-**	21,423
Total Non-current Liabilities		**-**	21,423
Total Liabilities		**48,630**	108,917
NET ASSETS		**449,183**	499,832
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		**179,413**	230,062
Other Reserves	7	**269,770**	269,770
TOTAL EQUITY		**449,183**	499,832

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

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2024

2024	Notes	Accumulated Surplus $	Other Reserves $	TOTAL EQUITY $
Balance at end of previous reporting period		**230,062**	**269,770**	**499,831**
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		**(50,649)**	**-**	**(50,649)**
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
Balance at end of period		**179,413**	**269,770**	**449,182**

2023				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		349,402	269,770	619,172
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(119,340)	-	(119,340)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
Balance at end of period		230,062	269,770	499,831

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

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 $	2023 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Council Contributions		**237,615**	**173,850**
Investment receipts		**27,731**	**22,035**
Grants utilised for operating purposes		**196,709**	**18,652**
Reimbursements		**-**	**-**
Other revenues		**7,211**	**18,329**
Payments			
Employee costs		**(234,010)**	**(277,300)**
Materials, contracts & other expenses		**(254,383)**	**(108,150)**
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	8	**(19,127)**	(152,584)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Sale of replaced assets		**-**	-
Payments			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		**-**	-
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		**909**	(909)
Purchase of investment property		**-**	-
Net purchase of investment securities		**-**	-
Development of real estate for sale		**-**	-
Loans made to community groups		**-**	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		**-**	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		**909**	(909)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts		-	-
Proceeds from borrowings		**-**	-
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		**-**	-
Payments		**-**	-
Repayments of borrowings		**-**	-
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		**-**	-
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		**-**	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		**-**	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		**(18,218)**	(153,493)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	8	**504,240**	657,733
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	**486,022**	504,240

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

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying the Association'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.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar ($).

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

1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity
The Northern and Yorke Local Government Association ("the Association") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Constituent Councils are:
1. The Barossa Council
2. District Council of Mount Remarkable
3. Barunga West Council
4. Northern Areas Council
5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton
7. Copper Coast Council
8. District Council of Peterborough
9. The Flinders Ranges Council
10. Port Pirie Regional Council
11. Regional Council of Goyder
12. Wakefield Regional Council
13. Light Regional Council
14. Yorke Peninsula Council, and
15. Adelaide Plains Council.

All funds received and expended by the Association have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

1.3 Income recognition
Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Association 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 Association's operations for the current reporting period.

NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments
Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Association'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 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 10.

1.5 Vehicles & Contents
All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Association 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:

Contents	$2,000
Motor Vehicles	$5,000

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Association, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below.

Contents	1 to 5 years
Motor Vehicles	3 to 5 years

1.6 Payables
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.

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

1.7 Employee Benefits
Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences
The Association has 1 FTE employees as at the 30 June 2024, a Chief Executive Officer. Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10 year bond rates.

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

NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.8 Superannuation
The Association contributes the statutory 11.0% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff. This will increase to 11.5% for the 2024-25 financial year.

1.9 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.

1.10 Leases
In the previous year, the Association performed an assessment of the potential impact of AASB 16 *Leases*. The Association was only engaged in a short-term lease as per Section 5 of AASB 16 and therefore the lease was recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. There were no leases for the year 23-24.

1.11 New Accounting Standards
In the current year, the Association adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Association's accounting policies.

The Association has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvement 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

The Association 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.

1.12 Economic Dependencies
The Association is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Association. Should the Association not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Association to continue operating as a going concern.

1.13 Disclaimer
Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

1.14 Comparative Information
During the financial year, the Association has reviewed the allocation and classification of some transactions which have been updated in the comparative information presented. Changes in classification has resulted in no change to the previously reported financial performance and position of the Association.

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Note 2 - INCOME

	2024 $	2023 $
COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS		
General Contribution	191,325	173,850
Other Council Contibutions		
Coastal Alliance	13,290	-
SLRP Assessment Fee	33,000	-
	46,290	-
	237,615	173,850
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	27,731	22,035
	27,731	22,035
OTHER INCOME		
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship	7,211	13,211
Sundry	-	5,118
	7,211	18,329
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
CWMS	4,500	31,000
Disaster Recovery	62,900	29,100
Volunteering	-	7,500
Regional Capacity	40,000	40,000
	107,400	107,600
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 10.		
Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	-	-
State government	62,900	29,100
LGA	44,500	71,000
Other	-	7,500
	107,400	107,600

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2024 $	2023 $
EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and Wages	**171,614**	**200,665**
Employee leave expense	**34,466**	**37,008**
Pay in Lieu of Notice	**909**	**-**
Superannuation	**22,108**	**25,358**
Workers' Compensation Insurance	**2,963**	**2,920**
Professional Development	**1,011**	**461**
FBT	**6,220**	**6,220**
Total Operating Employee Costs	**239,291**	**272,632**
Total Number of Employees	***1.0***	***1.9***
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES		
Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration	**2,645**	**2,441**
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	**2,645**	**2,441**
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		
Contractors & Consultants	**133,005**	**107,179**
Legal Expenses	**-**	**-**
Unleaded Fuel	**5,362**	**3,939**
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	**3,378**	**3,539**
Members Allowances & Support	**5,292**	**4,500**
Meetings & Conferences	**2,206**	**13,381**
Insurance	**9,839**	**10,537**
Rental - Premises	**195**	**-**
Advertising	**1,419**	**1,268**
Accommodation	**1,046**	**1,230**
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	**488**	**223**
Travel - Reimbursement	**630**	**2,079**
Catering & Meals	**14,085**	**7,507**
Telephone & Internet	**2,079**	**2,981**
IT & Web	**5,169**	**5,354**
Postage/Stationery	**1,103**	**644**
Sundry	**874**	**349**
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	**186,170**	**164,709**
	188,815	**167,150**
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Motor Vehicle	**2,500**	**1,372**
Contents	**-**	**-**
	2,500	**1,372**

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	**36,022**	**38,081**
Deposits at Call	**450,000**	**466,159**
	486,022	**504,240**
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Revenues	**1,791**	**1,780**
Other levels of Government	**-**	**89,320**
	1,791	**91,100**

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Note 5 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS - VEHICLES & CONTENTS

	2023 $				2024 $			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Motor Vehicles	-	29,876	(16,467)	13,409	-	28,967	(18,967)	**10,000**
Contents	-	3,678	(3,678)	-	-	3,678	(3,678)	-
TOTAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT	-	33,554	**(20,145)**	13,409	-	**32,645**	**(22,645)**	**10,000**
Comparatives	**-**	***32,645***	***(18,773)***	***13,872***	**-**	***33,554***	***(20,145)***	***13,409***

	2023 $	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR $								2024 $
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals				In	Out		
Motor Vehicles	13,409	(909)	-	-	(2,500)	-	-	-	-	10,000
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT	**13,409**	**(909)**	**-**	**-**	**(2,500)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10,000**
Comparatives	***13,872***	***909***	**-**	**-**	***(1,372)***	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	***13,409***

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 6 - LIABILITIES

	2024 $		2023 $	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	**Current**	**Non-current**	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services	**1,068**	**-**	-	-
Payments received in advance	**-**	**-**	49,100	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	**3,622**	**-**	4,919	-
Accrued expenses - other	**1,972**	**-**	2,250	-
GST & PAYG	**1,807**	**-**	17,768	-
	8,469	**-**	74,037	-
PROVISIONS				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	**10,031**	**-**	13,457	-
Employee entitlements - Long Service Leave	**30,130**	**-**	-	21,423
	40,161	**-**	13,457	21,423

Note 7 - RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2023	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	**30/6/2024**
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	**269,770**
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	269,770	-	-	**269,770**
Comparatives	*269,770*			***269,770***

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Other Reserves

This reserve was established to provide for one year of basic operation (employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, materials), should no revenue be received.

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Note 8 - 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	2024 $	2023 $
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	**486,022**	504,240
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	**-**	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		**486,022**	504,240
(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus (Deficit)		**(50,649)**	**(119,340)**
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		**2,500**	**1,372**
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		**5,281**	**(4,668)**
		(42,868)	(122,636)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		**89,309**	**(88,948)**
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		**909**	**(909)**
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		**(65,568)**	**59,000**
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		**(18,218)**	(153,493)

Note 9 - FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Region are categorised into the following programs, projects & acytivities:

1 A - Corporate Function
2 P001 - Regional & Community Sustainability
3 P006 - Disaster & Emergency Management
4 P009 - CWMS & Climate Change Co-ordinator
5 P017 - Waste Management Composting
6 P022 - Roads & Transport
7 P027 - Community Capacity Building
8 P028 - Regional Capacity Building
9 P034 - N&Y Coastal Management Action Plan
10 P038 - Regional Waste Strategy
11 P040 - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
12 P045 - Aboriginal Engagement Committee
13 P046 - DCP Pilot Organics Plant

Income and expenses have been attributed to the functions/activities throughout the financial year.

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Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables.*

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits
Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realiseable value; Interest is recognised when earned.
Terms & conditions: Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 4.55% as at 30 June 2024
Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Trade & other debtors
Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.
Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest.
Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals
Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group.
Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.
Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liquidity Analysis

2024	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	$	$	$	$	$
Cash & Equivalents	**486,022**	**-**	**-**	**486,022**	**486,022**
Receivables	**1,791**	**-**	**-**	**1,791**	**1,791**
Other Financial Assets	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total	**487,813**	**-**	**-**	**487,813**	**487,813**
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	**8,469**	**-**	**-**	**8,469**	**8,469**
Current Borrowings	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Non-Current Borrowings	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total	**8,469**	**-**	**-**	**8,469**	**8,469**

2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	$	$	$	$	$
Cash & Equivalents	504,240	-	-	504,240	504,240
Receivables	91,100	-	-	91,100	91,100
Other Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total	595,340	-	-	595,340	595,340
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250

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 Group.

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 Group is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Group 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 Group'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 the Group'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 the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. 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 11 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2024	2023	2022

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

The Information Paper was revised in May 2015 and the financial indicators for previous years have been re-calculated in accordance with the revised formulas.

Operating Surplus Ratio			
Operating Surplus	(13.3%)	(37.1%)	(109.9%)
Total Operating Income			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
Net Financial Liabilities	(115.6%)	(151.2%)	(221.0%)
Total Operating Income			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio			
Net Asset Renewals	0%	0%	0%
Depreciation Expenditure			

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

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Note 12 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Group 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

	2024 $		2023 $	
Income		**379,957**		321,814
Expenses		**(430,606)**		(441,155)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		**(50,649)**		(119,340)
Net Outlays on Existing Assets				
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-		-	
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	**2,500**		1,372	
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-		-	
		2,500		**1,372**
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets				
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets *(including investment property & real estate developments)*	**909**		(909)	
Amounts received spec. for New and Upgraded Assets	-		-	
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets *(including investment property and real estate developments)*	-		-	
		909		(909)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year		**(47,240)**		(118,877)

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Note 13 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Group include the 15 Mayors/Chairpersons of the constituent Councils and the CEO. In all, 1 person was paid the following total compensation:

	2024	2023
	$	$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	166,637	163,432
Member Allowance	5,292	4,500
Post-employment benefits	11,197	17,160
Long term benefits	-	-
FBT	6,220	6,220
Termination benefits	-	-
TOTAL	**189,345**	191,312

The Group received the following amounts in total:

	2024	2023
	$	$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	-
TOTAL	**-**	-

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

During the reporting period, no Key Management Personnel or parties related to them had any transactons on more favourable terms than those available to the general public.

OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from Related Parties during the financial year and owed by Related Parties at the end of the financial year (inclusive of GST).	**Received 2024**	**Outstanding 2024**
	$	**$**
The Barossa Council	14,031	-
Barunga West Council	14,031	-
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	14,031	-
Copper Coast Council	14,031	-
The Flinders Ranges Council	14,031	-
Regional Council of Goyder	14,031	-
Light Regional Council	14,031	-
Adelaide Plains Council	14,031	-
District Council of Mount Remarkable	14,031	-
Northern Areas Council	14,031	-
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	14,031	-
District Council of Peterborough	14,031	-
Port Pirie Regional Council	14,031	-
Wakefield Regional Council	14,031	-
Yorke Peninsula Council	14,031	-
TOTAL	**210,458**	**-**

Description of Services provided to all Related Parties above:

The Legatus Group is the peak regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The Legatus Group's primary purpose focuses on the wealth, wellbeing and social cohesion of these communities via a sustainable approach of productive landscapes and natural environment. Its focus is on the key roles of local government.

The Group has Five Primary Goals and numerous strategies to achieve these are outlined in the Group's Strategic Plan 2018-2028 which is available on the Group's website.

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Note 14 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Note 15 - EVENTS OCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

There were no events dubsequent to 30 June 2024 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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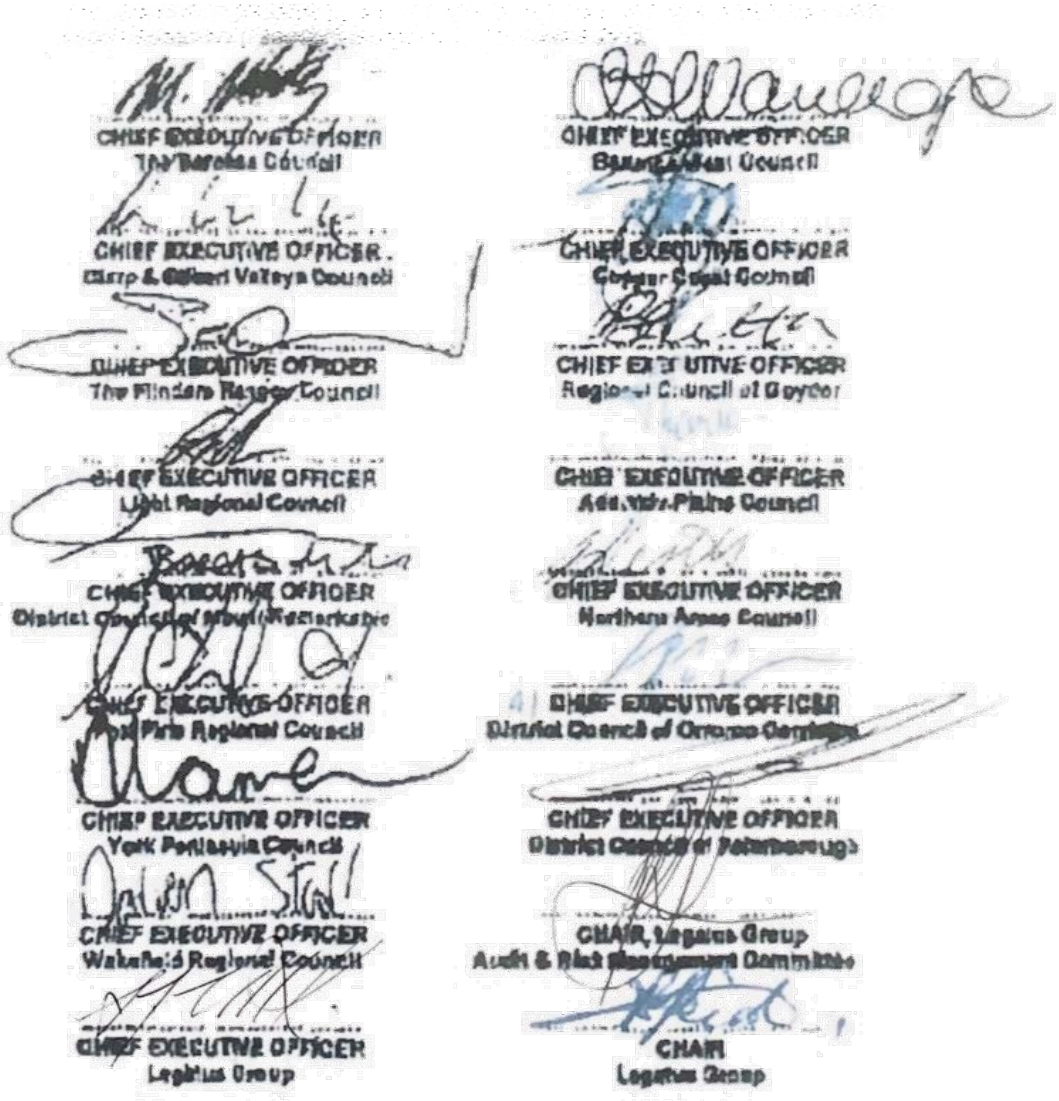
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2024, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



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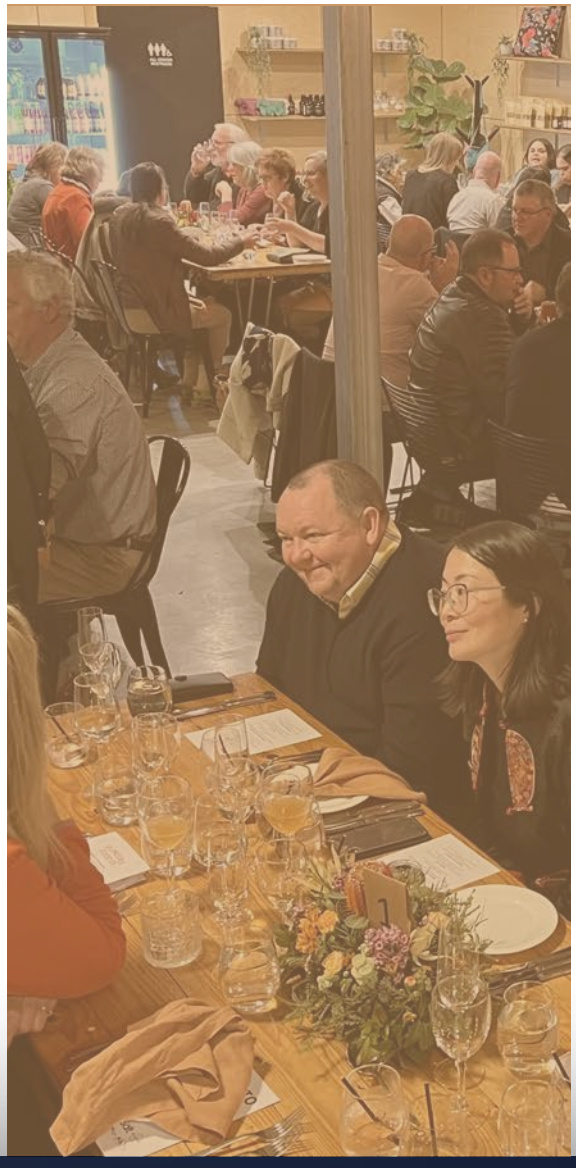

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority and continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of the Local Government Act 1999.

In 2024 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (N&YLGA) to which it is now referred.