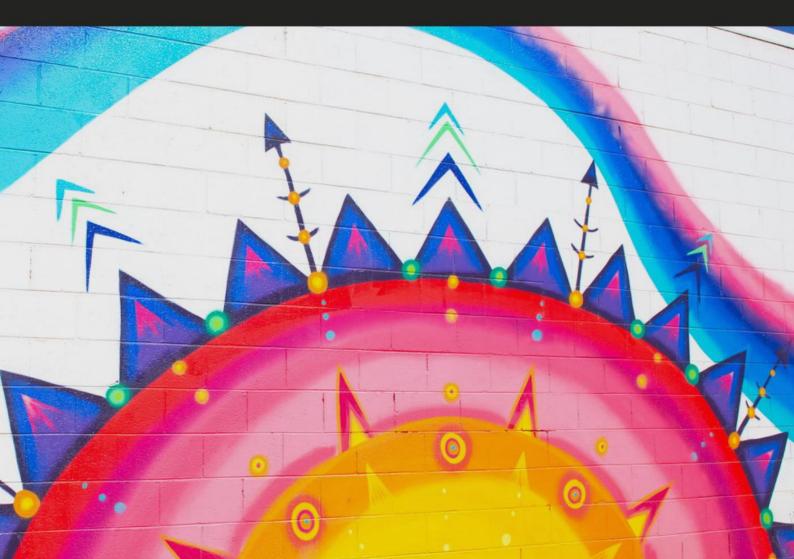


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ANNUAL REPORT Berri Barmera Council



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the first peoples of the River Murray as the traditional custodians of the land and respect their spiritual relationship with their country and the importance of their cultural beliefs.

Mayor's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Berri Barmera Council Annual Report for 2020/2021.

This year has all been about navigating the continued COVID-19 pandemic and as a Council, being proactive throughout the restriction and lockdown periods to assist community members and local our businesses as best we could. There is no denying that I have been vocal with the various decisions that have been made by the National Cabinet over the past year. To allow people to continue to come into the country who were obviously infected by the virus, then house them in the CBD of the capital cities, just did not seem logic. Consequently, then with the regulations and laws that followed, ultimately penalized Country residents Nationally.

Nonetheless and more excitingly, at the beginning of this year the towns of Barmera, Glossop and Monash started to celebrate one hundred years of history following their gazettal in 1921. I was delighted to welcome and host His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Le back to our region as guests to the various centenary functions that were held over the last weekend in May. This included a civic event to recognise and acknowledge the towns' community committees who had been volunteering behind the scenes in the lead up to this wonderful achievement. The Committees have done an outstanding job in planning COVID-19 safe events so that the past centenary could be celebrated safely.

As in past years Council received some valuable funding from our Federal and State Governments, and we thank them sincerely for their contributions. These opportunities allowed us to implement projects that we possibly would not have achieved as a small regional Council.

Fortunately, our Australia Day Awards event was still able to go ahead amidst COVID restrictions. This year it was held in Barmera and remained a great success on an unusually scarce community event calendar. We were pleased to award the following;

- Citizen of the Year Sue Webber
- Young Citizen of the Year Deni Eleftheriadis
- Community Event of the Year -Riverland Primary School's Music Festival Building a Better Community Award - Riverland South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy



L-R Rosemary Gower, Mayor Peter Hunt, His Excellency Mr Shingo Yamagami Ambassador of Japan, Madame Yamagami, The Hon. Nicola Centofanti M.L.C, Mr Junji Shimada Consul-General of Japan, Mr Tim Whetstone MP

Our Community Grants Awards that are given out bi-annually are always well received and help a large number of organisations in many ways throughout our district. This year due to the Centenaries, Council committed to supporting these initiatives through cash funding and in-kind support wherever possible, and in turn, have seen our communities come out and embrace the committees' tremendous efforts in organising the range of events so far.

In conclusion, I would once again like to pass on my sincere appreciation to my fellow Elected Members, CEO Karyn Burton, Executive Officers and all staff and volunteers for their continued dedication in serving the Berri Barmera Council and for the support they have given to me during the year.

I would furthermore recommend that to find out more on the operations of your Council, please consider reading through the Annual Report in its entirety.







Mayor Peter R. Hunt

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The year 2020/2021 has again been a challenging year for Council with further restrictions and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Border closures and the difficulties associated with securing contractors and suppliers brought about by the availability of government stimulus grants have placed greater pressure on regional councils to carry out and deliver the many projects Council had planned to complete throughout the year.

However, the Council was also fortunate recipients of such grants and have put these funds to good use undertaking projects that directly benefit the community:

- District wide hard waste and e-waste collection
- Wellbeing events
- Toilet upgrades at Barmera Visitor Information Centre
- Upgrades to the Bonney Theatre supper room
- Reconstruction of the swim steps at Berri Riverfront
- Installation of lighting throughout Berri and Barmera
- Upgrade to the Monash Adventure Park
 Maze
- Upgrades to the irrigation at both Berri and Barmera main ovals
- Extension to the trail at Lake Bonney, Barmera

You will find further information about these projects throughout this Annual Report.

Many projects undertaken by Council are a result of feedback by the community. Council endeavours to consult with ratepayers and community members at every opportunity about all matters of interest. The increased use of social media as a useful communication tool as well as our continued relationships with the local media outlets provides Council an excellent way to engage with the community.

The financial results for 2020/2021 shows Council has achieved an operating surplus of \$700,934. This result, along with a responsible net financial liabilities ratio has allowed for Council to restrict its rate increases while still ensuring a reasonable level of funding is put aside for existing asset renewals.

These positive results have come about due to the hard work and dedication of Elected Members and Council staff who take their roles with Council seriously and who strive to bring about the best outcomes they can for building a better community.

Chief Executive Officer Karyn Burton



executive services



Council Members' Profiles

Mayor Peter Hunt JP

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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee (ex-officio)
- Barmera Improvement Committee (ex-officio)
- Cemetery Advisory Committee (ex-officio)
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex Working Group (ex-officio)
- Road and Place Naming Committee (ex-officio)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (ex-officio)
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Audit Committee (ex-officio)
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee (Chair)
- Community Grants and Award Selection Committee (Chair)

Other

- President Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association, including ex-officio of associated committees of the MRLGA
- SA Region Organisation of Councils (SAROC)
- Local Government Finance Authority
- Riverland Local Government Forum





Cr Ella Winnall Deputy Mayor Nov 2019-Nov 2021



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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee (Chair) (from November 2020)
- Leases and Licences Working Group
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee
- Community Grants and Award Selection Committee

Other

- Riverland Wine and Food Steering Committee
- Riverland Suicide Prevention Network (proxy)
- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Glossop High School Amalgamation Steering Committee
- Riverland Tourism Plan 2030
 Steering Committee

Cr Rhonda Centofanti



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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee
- Barmera Improvement Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group
- Road and Place Naming Committee
- Environment and Sustainability
- Committee • Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Audit Committee
- Barmerara Meru Committee
- CEO Selection and Performance
 Review Committee
- Community Grants and Award Selection Committee

Other

- Upper Murray Garden of Memory
- Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network
- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association
- Glossop High School Historical
 Preservation Committee
- Glossop Centenary Committee
- Tookabi meetings
- Yarnin Culture meetings

Cr Margaret Evans OAM



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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Road and Place Naming Committee
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Barmerara Meru Committee
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee
- Community Grants and Award Selection Committee

Other

Glossop High School Governing • Council (Observer) (Proxy)

Cr Mike Fuller



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Committee Membership

- Barmera Improvement Committee
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country •
- Management Plan Committee Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chair) (resigned from Committee February 2021)
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Audit Committee (resigned from Committee February 2021)
- Barmerara Meru Committee

Other

Murray Darling Association • (Region 5) (proxy)

Cr Andrew Kassebaum



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Committee Membership

- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects (Chair) (until November 2020)
- Audit Committee
- Leases and Licences Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chair) (from May 2021)

Other

- Murray Darling Association (Region 5)
- Berri Barmera Health Advisory
 Council representative
- Berri Barmera Landcare (proxy)

Cr Trevor Scott



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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee (Chair)
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group
- Road and Place Naming Working Group
- Audit Committee (Proxy)
- Leases and Licence Committee
- Community Grants and Award Selection Committee

Other

- Glossop High School Governing Council (Observer)
- Glossop High School Branding Committee

Cr Adrian Little



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Committee Membership

- Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee (proxy)
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Barmera Improvement Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects
 Committee

Other

- Monash and Lone Gum Community
 Association Inc.
- Berri Barmera Landcare

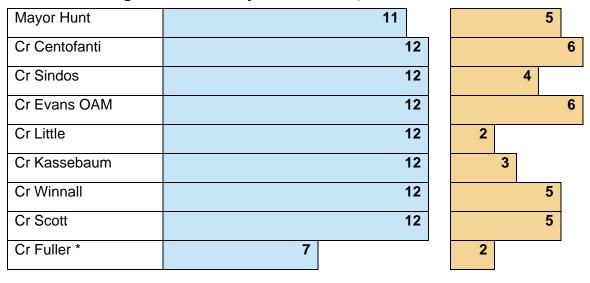
Cr Meta Sindos



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Committee Membership

- Barmera Improvement Committee
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country
- Management Plan Committee (Chair)
 Friends of Bonney Theatre Working
- Group • Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Barmerara Meru Committee
 Audit Committee (from March 2021)



Council Meeting Attendances by Members for period 2020/2021

Ordinary Council Meetings

Special Meetings of Council

* Cr Fuller was granted a leave of absence due to illness from 1 June 2021

Elected Member Training and Development Activities

Elected Members attended the following conferences and training sessions throughout the year.

- Local Government Association
 Ordinary General Meeting
- Murray Darling Association Conference and Annual General Meeting – Wentworth
- KESAB Regional breakfast event - Food Waste Strategy and Circular Economy forum
- Local Government Association
 Annual General Meeting

The three Councils, through the Riverland G3 Alliance, have been collaborating to offer regional delivery of training opportunities for Elected Members of the 2018 to 2022 term.



Cr Winnall (third from right, top row) at the Murray Darling Association Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Wentworth

Council General Information

The Berri Barmera Council area incorporates the Barmera, Berri, Cobdogla, Glossop, Loveday, Monash, Overland Corner and Winkie districts. There are no Wards, with the Mayor and eight elected members representing the interests of the entire community and district.



Corporate Structure

The Corporate and Functional Structure reflects areas of responsibility within Council's various departments and functions.

To compliment the Corporate and Functional Structure further, Section 41 Committees have been appointed to enhance decision making and accountability of the department and function areas.

The Committees are:

- Berri Improvement Committee
- Barmera Improvement Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Lake Bonney Caring For Country Advisory Group
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group
- Road and Place Naming

- Environment and Sustainability
 Committee
- Audit Committee
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee
- Leases and Licences Advisory Group
- Community Grants and Award Selection
 Committee

Other specific purpose Committees:

- Berri Barmera Council Building Fire Safety Committee
- Riverland Regional Assessment Panel

A visual chart showing the Corporate Structure is shown overleaf.

Council

Section 41 Committees

Riverland Regional Assessment Panel

Chief Executive Officer

Executive

Services

Policy Development Strategic Planning Political & Public Relations Elected Members Legislative Compliance Accountability Council/Committee Meetings Community Consultation Human Resources Risk Management

Community Services

Community Policies and Procedures Sport and Recreation Administration Culture and Heritage Youth Aged Persons Community and Social Development Medical and Health Services

Tourism (VIC)

Corporate

Services

Corporate Policies and Procedures Council/Committee meetings Customer Service Rates and Property Grants Commission Insurance Financial Management Debtors / Creditors Payroll Records Management Council Support / Administration Information Technology Contracts: Leases and Licences and Permits

Environment and Economic

Development Services

Environment Economic Development Major Projects

Planning and Regulatory Services

Planning and Building Assessment **Development Planning** Wastewater Works Assessment School Immunisation Program Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program Food Safety Health Protection Dog and Cat Management Parking Control **Bushfire Prevention** Environmental Department Policies and Procedures Riverfront / Foreshore Waste Management General Inspections Cemeteries Administration By Law Administration / Enforcement Open Space Planning /Administration Property Management / Administration Effluent Drainage, Management, Planning and Maintenance

Services Road Construction / Maintenance

Infrastructure

Parks and Gardens Development/Maintenance Plant and Machinery Street Cleaning / Lighting Infrastructure Policies /Procedures Cemeteries Development / Maintenance Public Conveniences Property Maintenance Vandalism Quarries Boat Ramps Sport and Recreation Maintenance Private Works Waste Management Emergency Service

Regional Involvement

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA)

Council is a member of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association, which is a regional subsidiary established pursuant to Section 43 of the *Local Government Act 1999.* The membership of the Association includes the following Councils:

- Berri Barmera Council
- Coorong District Council
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Mid Murray Council
- Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Renmark Paringa Council, and
- Southern Mallee District Council

Pursuant to Schedule 2 (Section 28) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Annual Report of the MRLGA is included within this Report under the heading "Regional Subsidiary Reports" (refer contents).

Riverland Local Government Forum (RLGF)

Berri Barmera Council, District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Renmark Paringa Council form the Riverland Local Government Forum. Though the Forum is not constituted under the Local Government Act, the Forum provides an opportunity for the Riverland Councils to meet and discuss issues affecting the region.

In addition to the Forum, Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmera Council and District Council of Loxton Waikerie formed an alliance in July 2013, to be known as the Riverland G3 Alliance (the Alliance). The purpose of the Alliance is to increase benefit from economies of scale, increase the range and quality of services, and, improve lifestyle to local residents. Wherever possible, the aim is to reduce the cost of services to ratepayers through a consultative and collaborative approach. The Alliance meets bi-monthly and reports on the progress of the projects to the RLGF. The Group monitors progress of the projects against the agreed aims and objectives.

The RLGF and Council carry out an annual formal review of the Alliance, to ensure the aims and benefits to ratepayers and residents of the member councils are being achieved.

More detail on the business of the Alliance can be found in its Annual Report, which is published each year.

Salaries and Allowances

Senior Executive Officers – Register of Salaries

Title of Position	Classification	Other benefits
Chief Executive Officer	Contract agreement	Annual salary Mobile Phone novated lease for motor vehicle
Manager Corporate Services	Contract agreement	Mobile phone and car provided
Manager Infrastructure Services	Contract agreement	Mobile phone and car provided
Manager Environment, Economic and Major Projects	Contract agreement	Mobile phone reimbursement and car provided
Manager Planning and Regulatory Services	LG Award includes EB agreement	Mobile phone allowance and car provided
Library Manager	LG Award includes EB agreement	Library pool car provided
Manager Community Development	LG Award includes EB agreement	Mobile phone allowance, civic allowance and car provided
Human Resources/Risk Manager	LG Award includes EB agreement	Mobile phone and car provided

Elected Members Allowances

Council member allowances are set by the Remuneration Tribunal and take effect from the first ordinary meeting of the Council held after the conclusion of the periodic elections. (Section 76 and Regulation 4, LG (Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010).

The following allowances are paid to Elected Members as at 30 June 2021.

Position	Allowance
Mayor	\$58,272
Deputy Mayor	\$18,210
Councillors	\$14,568

For the Strategy, Assets and Major Projects, Environment and Sustainability, Berri Improvement, Cemetery Advisory, Lake Bonney Caring for Country, Leases and Licences Committees/Working Groups (as per 3.3.2.2 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances and Council Resolution) an allowance of \$179 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount allowance of \$1,069 per annum.

The Audit Committee Independent Chair received an allowance of \$1,200 per meeting.

Council also resolved that community members in the role of Presiding Members for the Barmera Improvement Committee and Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group, received an allowance of \$179 per meeting.



Elected Member Service Awards Top: Cr Kassebaum and Cr Fuller presented with their 10 years of service to Local Government.

Bottom: Cr Evans OAM and Cr Centofanti were presented with their 40 and 25 respectively years of service to Local Government, along with a Commendation Award in the Local Government Association Joy Baluch Award



Human Resources and Risk Management

Human Resources

Council's workforce is dispersed evenly between field operations and corporate functions for the delivery of Council services and programs. Opportunities for multiskilling are encouraged to ensure Council has a workforce that is progressive, flexible and responsive to the needs of the community. Council's workforce ending for the reporting period of 2020/2021 equated to 65 full time equivalent (FTE) staff, occupied by a total of 77 staff across the organisation, including permanent, temporary and casual positions.

Council actively promotes Equal Employment Opportunities through its rigorous recruitment and selection process and through the ongoing delivery and management of its expectations and procedural obligations. Performance management systems ensure that these expectations are regularly communicated and understood, and that there is accountability by both Council and staff for the delivery of professional service standards in the discharging of duties. These contribute to the ongoing support of staff development and equitable access to opportunities.

As part of supporting the community Council offers traineeships and provides opportunities for students to undertake work experience in a variety of roles across the organisation. Council was pleased to offer a traineeship during 2020/2021 in the Parks and Gardens department. Both libraries supported Glossop High School Year 10 students in determining their career path for the future. Kyle Smith spent time at the Berri Library whilst Lily Clarke worked at Barmera Library, both students learnt a great deal about a variety of library operations and services and the work experience programme provides a good grounding for students who will eventually leave school and enter the workforce.

Council volunteers' support and deliver community and library programs, local history and town beautification projects. Volunteers in the wider community contribute to the vibrancy, well-being and liveability of our district. Council thanks everyone who is 'building a better community'. During National Volunteers Week, contributions of five dynamic volunteers – Julie Ahrens, Tyson Lindsay, Julie Krollig, Chris Wutke and Barmera Playspace Committee were showcased via Councils social platforms (pictured below).



Training and Development

Council is committed to providing a program of training and development which supports a culture of learning, growth and embracing new opportunities. Progressing staff's skills and knowledge benefits the Council and the individual. Compliance training in legislation and industry standards forms a large part of Council's training needs. This year approximately 124 training, development and health monitoring sessions were attended by staff, delivered by a mix of in-house and external facilitators and both in individual and group training.

Emergency Management

Helping to protect and assist the community to respond to and recover from disasters is a shared responsibility. Council, along with other key agencies provide support through various activities in planning, preparedness, response and recovery within emergency management. Council continues to actively work with agencies supporting departments in and the of development strategies with representation on the Murray Mallee zone and local emergency committees to ensure plans are reflective that of local government's capacity and within scope of responsibilities. Council has been part of representation the for the Local Government sector for the development and review of state, local and federal strategies and initiatives. Key Council representation during 2020/2021 has been part of the South Australian River Murray flood warning system; River Murray Constraints Measures Project; Bio-Security SA fruit fly; Tri state Emergency Services Border Liaison; and, Local Government Functional Support Group State Border Liaison.

During emergencies Council responds to and actively monitors Council infrastructure and services and provides support to the emergency services supporting and agencies. The response to and management of events by the emergency services personnel and agencies are recognised along with the staff of Council all of whom work collectively to minimise the impact of events on the community.

Operational activities and support has been provided in the Riverland district area during 2020/2021 in the response to rural and urban fires; extreme weather heat and storm; plant disease; and human pandemic.

Fruit Fly

In early 2021, there was an outbreak of Queensland fruit fly in the Riverland. With this outbreak, a vast amount of fruit had to be disposed of to slow the reproduction rates of the fruit fly.

To assist the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA), Council provided a location for a large pit for the disposal of fruit, applied for emergency EPA licencing and assisted with the continuous backfilling and maintenance of the pit. Maintenance of the pit will be ongoing until approximately December 2021. Council also funded the increased collections of green waste from fortnightly to weekly within the red zone in Berri.



Protecting our State from fruit fly starts in your backyard

fruitfly.sa.gov.au | Fruit Fly Hotline 1300 666 010

Government of

Mass bony herring fish disposal

In June, thousands of dead Bony Herring (also known as Bony Bream or Pyberry) fish began washing up on the Lake Bonney foreshore. This species is highly suspectable to cold water temperatures.

Council's depot staff removed fish carcasses daily to minimise the impact on the township lakefront and keep the area clean and sanitary. A local professional fisherman was engaged by PIRSA to assist with collections from the water and a temporary composting site had been created to assist with the disposal of the fish carcasses.



Council remains committed to actively establishing and supporting a resilient community through mitigation activities. Part of this has been a resilience focus on the identification of opportunities for strengthening the capacity of the community for, and of, the effects from disaster events within the district areas.

Council along with the surrounding councils regularly collaborate with the community functional services of SAPOL to discuss crime prevention and community safety within the region. This provides for a collective approach to issues that are or have the potential for impact on the safety of the community.

Risk Management

Council's exposure to liability has been limited through established frameworks that support a vigorous risk management culture. The continual assessment, measurement and monitoring of Councils risk profile ensure risks involved in Council's functions and services are managed and opportunities are maximised. Risk management is integrated as part of good management practice into all functions of Council. Effective identification, assessment and evaluation of defined risks are critical to council achieving its strategic objectives and meeting the expectation of the community. Proactive management and maintenance of Council's assets, infrastructure and facilities; policy and procedures; plans and programs are areas continually reviewed that are for appropriateness.

2020/2021 Council received In а performance bonus valued at \$40,469 which is applied as a reduction to the Local Government Association Mutual Liability (LGAMSL) Scheme membership contribution renewal. A special distribution risk management payment was made to Council by the LGAMLS of \$5,335 and further funds are accessible through an incentive program and Council continues to receive additional services from LGAMLS at no cost.

Work Health and Safety (WHS)

Council strives and works towards assuring a safe and healthy work environment for all staff. Council continues to develop and implement programs, policies and procedures for the identification of hazards and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal health, safety, and environmental regulations.

Council has been continuing to address the identified outcomes of the 2018 biennial WHS Key Performance Indicator (KPI) audit conducted by Local Government Workers Compensation Scheme (LGAWCS) and the November 2019 WHS Procedure Validation Audit for Hazardous Manual Tasks through a developed and implemented WHS action plan to address the areas of improvement and compliance.

With the dedicated commitment and effort by the WHS team, Council received a 100% close out for the WHS action plan resulting in a returned monetary rebate of \$109,510 from LGAWCS to Council. In addition, Council received a payment of \$7,777 in special distributions for WHS; and further funds are accessible through an incentive program and Council continues to receive additional services at no cost.

For 2020-2021 the WHS focus for Council were the following programs:

Number of Claims for Member Member Group Average Average - All Members

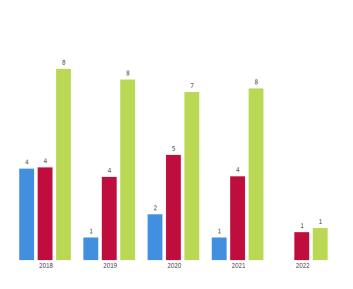
- WHS KPI Audit Actions
- Ageing and Work Health and
- Return To Work.

All programs have identified actions which are assigned to responsible officers which were monitored and reported on regularly to ensure that the focus of Council was timely and relevant.

Injury Management

Workers Compensation Claims Data

Claims



Data Source: LGAWCS, Clams Analysis and Tracking System as at 30 June 2021. Statistical information is update monthly by LGAWCS but the accuracy is dependent on the timing of information being lodged and processed

Decision Making Structure of Council

To facilitate sound governance and to ensure that decision making processes are carried out in the most efficient manner the Council has adopted the following decisionmaking structure. The structure of Council and its major committees which integrate with Council's Corporate Structure is as follows:



Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP)

In July 2019, the membership of the RRAP was endorsed by the three Riverland Councils, with the membership of the Independent Members and the Independent Presiding Member ending on 30 September 2021. The Elected Member representative rotates between the three Councils and will be a District Council of Loxton and Waikerie Elected Member from January 2022. As from 31 July 2020 the RRAP now operates under the PDI Act

The Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP), meet on the third Thursday of each month. During 2021, the Berri Barmera Council was host of the RRAP on behalf of Berri Barmera, Loxton Waikerie and Renmark Paringa Councils.

The RRAP consists of an Independent Presiding Member, Bruce Ballantyne and three Independent Members, Geoff Parsons,Jake McVicar and Julie Lewis. The Elected Member representative is Cr Meta Sindos (Berri Barmera Council).

The Act provides for these Assessment

Panels to make decisions on more complex developments and on those matters which may be prescribed by regulations.

Each Assessment Panel will have an Assessment Manager who is an Accredited Professional.

The Assessment Manager will help support, advise and coordinate the work of the Assessment Panel and will also be responsible for the assessment of certain types of applications as a decision authority in his/her own right. The Assessment Panel may review an assessment decision made by the Assessment Manager, if requested to do so by an applicant.

Audit Committee

The functions of the Audit Committee include:

- reviewing annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the state of affairs of the Council; and
- proposing, and providing information relevant to, a review of the Council's strategic management plans or Annual Business Plan; and
- proposing, and reviewing, the exercise of powers under Section 130A; and
- if the Council has exempted a subsidiary from the requirement to have an audit committee, the functions that would, apart from the exemption, have been performed by the subsidiary's audit committee; and
- liaising with the Council's auditor; and
- reviewing the adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices of the council on a regular basis.

Membership:

One independent member (Mr Tim Muhlhausler)

Crs M Fuller (resigned February 2021), R Centofanti, A Kassebaum, Mayor P Hunt (ex officio) and Cr M Sindos (from March 2021)

Cr T Scott (Proxy) Chief Executive Officer Manager Corporate Services Internal/External Auditors Human Resources/Risk Manager

Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee

The functions of the Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee include:

- To develop, implement and review a Strategic Plan for the Berri Barmera Council area including undertaking extensive public consultation.
- To oversee, monitor and review Council's major projects and Annual Business Plan.
- To oversee the regular evaluation of asset management and programs and the review of relevant service levels.
- To receive deputations and/or representations from interested parties, which may aid council, in determining its objectives, strategies and priorities.
- To establish sub-committees and/or working parties to assist in carrying out the Committee's functions.
- To consider any other matters referred to it by the Council, other council committees and the Chief Executive Officer.
- To guide the development of the asset management framework for the council and make recommendations for consideration in forward financial estimates, and to deal with matters in respect of Council's asset management programs.
- To formulate and deliver appropriate strategies in relation to its strategic property holdings.

Membership: All Councillors

Chairperson Cr A Kassebaum (until November 2020) Cr Ella Winnall (from November 2020)

Attendees Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team Co-ordinator Chief Executive Officer

Council/Committee Meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month commencing at 6:00 pm. These meetings are maintained in a public forum with the exception of items that Council considers for reasons pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Act that need to be discussed in confidence. Although meetings are held in a public forum, members of the public attend are not permitted to speak, however individuals are provided with an opportunity to make representation and address Council on specific issues.

In addition, the Council maintains a wide distribution of its Council and Committee Agendas to the local community via the Council website and Principal office.

The Council and Committee agendas are placed on public display within the Council office at least three days prior to the Council and committee meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

In addition to the before mentioned Committees, Council also has formed a number of other committees that incorporate either full Council representation or a mixture of Council and community representation and perform various tasks or manage Council facilities and are outlined on Page 12.

Strategic and Corporate Plan

The Strategic Plan 2020-2025, adopted in November 2019, established the following Vision for the Council,

To enhance the liveability and enterprise of our community.

Themes

Councils commitment to the three themes listed below, shapes Councils work, values and practices.

1. Lifestyle - Vibrant and Welcoming Lifestyle

The Lifestyle theme positions Council to contribute creating strong to and sustainable community networks, initiate and support activities which encourage participation and pride, facilitate healthy lifestyles through structured and unstructured recreational pursuits. This theme also encompasses ways in which to support cultural diversity, aged and disability services and youth development.

The Lifestyle theme is underpinned with a desire to continue to create highly enjoyable spaces, experiences and attractive tourist sites, supported with country hospitality and pride.

2. Business - Valuing and Protecting the natural environment

The Natural Environment theme focuses on reducing the overall environmental impact of Council's activities and enhancing our natural attributes. This theme focuses on providing and maintaining quality assets, infrastructure and services to meet the current and future needs of the community, while valuing and protecting the natural environment into perpetuity. This theme also emphasises the requirement to commit to policies and strategies to manage the interrelationship between business and the natural environment and to invest in 'green infrastructure'.

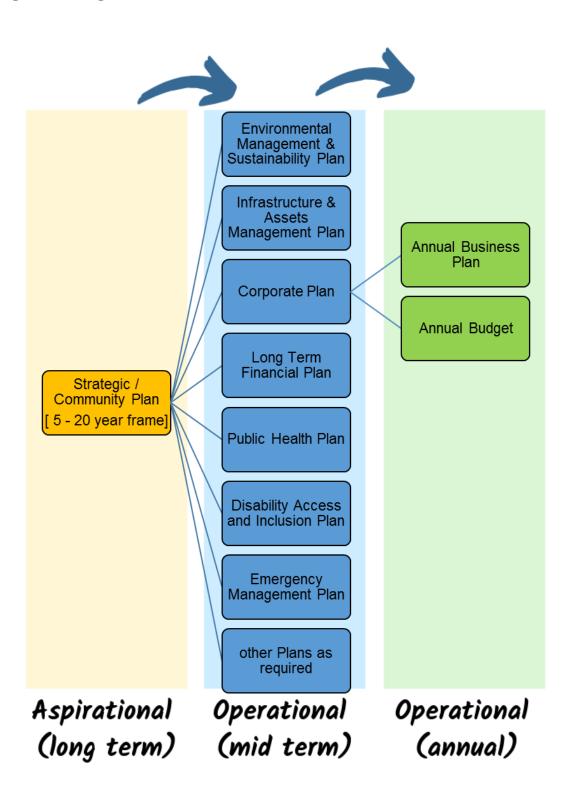
The Natural Environment is about enabling outcomes that are both environmentally sustainable and economically sound while seeking innovation in this.

3. Smart Infrastructure - Open for Business

The Business theme focuses on building strong and influential relationships with others to strengthen and diversify our economy and underpins Council's economic planning and development activities. With a focus on growing the number of local jobs and the number of jobs not dependent on the river, Council is keen to grow the local economy to include a diverse industry base. This theme is also about ensuring infrastructure, planning and investment is in place to support business, attract people to the region, retain quality staff and Elected Members and to capitalise on opportunities. It recognises the benefits to be accrued from both a strong brand and market presence and sharing resources to leverage outcomes.



Strategic Planning Framework



Action Plan

The following Action Plans encompass the major activities that Council will undertake to achieve its objectives as per Schedule 4, 2(a).



The Lifestyle theme positions Council to contribute to creating strong and sustainable community networks, initiate and support activities which encourage participation and pride, facilitate healthy lifestyles through structured and unstructured recreational pursuits. This theme also encompasses ways in which to support cultural diversity, aged and disability services and youth development.

The Lifestyle theme is underpinned with a desire to continue to create highly enjoyable spaces, experiences and attractive tourist sites, supported with country hospitality and pride.

	Strategies	Performance Measures (Outcomes)
L1	Embed place-making and safety principles in community infrastructure and regulate planning and development in public spaces	
L2	Foster local Aboriginal heritage and ongoing connections to the land	 Supported 2 digital projections and 3 art exhibitions focus specifically on Aboriginal participation Supported NAIDOC week activities to celebrate Aboriginal culture in our District 3 of the 8 Berri Planter Box designs were commissioned to First Nations artists Inclusion of First Nations artists work in the Berri VIC Worked with Uncle Barney Lindsay to present 2 Berri riverfront talks during school holidays

		•	Continuation of Lake Bonney Caring for Country Plan in consultation with River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC)		
L3	Engage with, and support, young people to actively participate in the community and contribute actively to their futures	•	Provided funding to 38 community organisations to undertake projects Invitation and encouragement of community membership on Council section 41 committees Work with local community volunteer organizations to provide appropriate homebases and meeting/office space		
L4	Encourage and support volunteering in the community.	•	Provided funding to 43 community organisations to undertake projects		
L5	Provide opportunities for the community to participate in local civic issues and decision- making	•	 8 public survey consultations undertaken to help develop Council Plans and Strategies Art and Culture Strategy Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Environment and Sustainability plan??? 5 Project Consultations undertaken Colin Jennings Apex Park Upgrade Survey Berri Riverfront Retrofit 11 committees of Council to support specific community goals Community membership on Council section 41 Committees allowing community participation and input 		
L6	Ensure Council infrastructure supports accessibility for families, the ageing population and people with disabilities through Council's planning and design principles	•	Development of DAIP is inclusive of outcomes to improve access to facilities MAP improvements Berri Oval amenity improvements include accessible changeroom		

L7	Continue to renew the council; region through the development of restaurant/café facilities, camping, playgrounds and other civic spaces	•	With the use of Federal and State Funding Council were able to complete many projects that enhanced the amenity of playgrounds, foreshores, parks and recreation facilities and other civic spaces. Refer project lists page 87.
L8	Partner with others to support and maintain a vibrant and arts, cultural, heritage and events sector.	• • • •	Commenced development of Arts and Culture Strategy Launched Digital Projection program, first of 8 projection projects for the year. Partnered with Country Arts SA & FocusOne Health to deliver Riverland Realities mentorship & exhibition Presentation of 3 Cruisy Tunes performances employing local musicians Berri VIC hosted 3 exhibitions in last financial year, 1 of those for History Month Worked with Barmera Theatre Gallery group (as gallery minders not artists) to present 2 exhibitions in the Soldiers Memorial Hall Worked with Riverland artists to present 10 art workshops on the Berri Riverfront during school holidays Site partnerships between Berri and Barmera Libraries and VICs to offer 4 school holiday "treasure hunts" Worked with Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group to activate this facility Introduced a SALA registration subsidy program Partnered with Barmera, Glossop and Monash communities to celebrate town centenaries.
L9	Enhance utilisation of Council-owned recreation facilities for a more diverse range of activities aligned to community and cultural needs		Support of improvements at Berri Stadium, Berri Swimming Pool and Berri Oval Female friendly and accessibility improvements undertaken in the Berri Football Club Grandstand Changeroom upgrade Supported the establishment of a Rugby 7's Competition targeting Pacific Islander community

		•	Commencement of master planning for Alan Glassey Park to accommodate multiple use by variety of groups, both sporting and educational.
L10	Partner with others to foster continuous local improvement in health service provision, facilities and infrastructure		
L11	Encourage and support housing that supports affordability, connection in the community and active ageing.	•	Advocate work with the Region's Rally for Riverland Project
L12	Support opportunities to increase community transport and access to services and facilities both within and across townships	•	Supporting low rental office space for Community Transport provider (Red Cross) to deliver their services.
L13	Work with the Federal and State Government to create a sense of welcome and provision of essential services across our community		
L14	Continue to invest in urban infrastructure that promotes connection, relaxation, safety, and hospitality	• • •	Berri Riverfront Retrofit Jury Road Stage 1 Upgrade Federal Government's Drought Communities funded projects Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program projects



Theme 2

Natural Environment

Valuing and protecting the natural environment

The *Natural Environment* theme focuses on reducing the overall environmental impact of Council's activities and enhancing our natural attributes. This theme focuses on providing and maintaining quality assets, infrastructure and services to meet the current and future needs of the community, while valuing and protecting the natural environment into perpetuity. This theme also emphasises the requirement to commit to policies and strategies to manage the interrelationship between business and the natural environment and to invest in 'green infrastructure'. The *Natural Environment* is about enabling outcomes that are both environmentally sustainable and economically sound while seeking innovation in this.

	Strategies	Performance Measures (Outcomes)
NE1	Support tourism development that sustains the natural environment and systems	 Supported successful Paddle SA grant application to secure All Abilities Kayak launch platform at Loch Luna Supported the development of Martin Bend Flora Trail Worked with Landscape Trust to deliver 2 school holiday workshops/talks Worked with MADEC and RMMAC students studying Cert II in Conservation and Land Management to create brochure and special markers for Martin Bend Wetlands Continue working with RMMAC undertaking major project Lake Bonney Caring for Country

NE2	Design and invest in high quality camping sites, and walking and cycling trails that are sensitive to the natural landscapes that they traverse	 Continued work preparing for Berri Riverfront trail. Extension to Lake Bonney Foreshore walking trail
NE3	Design future developments and facilities to support active lifestyles and community health and wellbeing	Upgrades to Berri Changerooms to improve female friendly sport participation
NE4	Continue to invest in urban infrastructure that promotes connection, relaxation, safety, and hospitality	 Lake Bonney walking trail, Improvements to Berri Swim steps, Monash Adventure Park Maze, Colin Jennings Park
NE5	Focus on climate adaptation through a strategic approach to trees, pavement surfaces and green energy.	 Installed Energy efficient lighting and Solar Panels at Berri Swimming Pool Installation of solar lighting along Lake Bonney walking trail Installation of public LED street lighting throughout district Installation of solar shelter Upgrades to irrigation on main ovals Berri and Barmera to improve water use and efficiencies
NE6	Invest in business opportunities that create circular economy outcomes across water, waste and energy	
NE7	Expand / secure local water supply capacity to support economic development across the region	
NE8	Employ education and policy development to support water savings throughout the community	 Berri Swimming Pool improvements to reduce need for annual empty/refill water wastage
NE9	Apply best practice in Cat management	

NE10	Maintain clearly defined townships and manage development to sustain the natural environment	Lakefront solar shelter
NE11	Work with emergency services to prepare for disaster management and recovery	



Theme 3

Business

Open for business

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	Strategies	Performance Measures (Outcomes)
B1	Work with State and Local Government and the RDA to foster and encourage all sizes of business and innovation in business	Participate and contribute towards region discussions, providing support and advocating for RDA strategic plan
B2	Work with partners to attract business not reliant on the river	Advocate through the region's Rally for Riverland Project
B3	Support education and training programs that respond to workforce gaps and innovation	 Event Workshops implemented to encourage entrepreneurial event organisers Worked with 11 individuals to mentor skill development in digital art and projection skills
B4	Enhance resource sharing and regional opportunities with other councils	 Regional partnership to develop Rally Riverland Social Indicators Project MRLGA development of Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

B5	Advocate for fast, reliable NBN infrastructure while enhancing Information Communication Technologies (ICT) across the region	•	Partners with DR and Riverland Councils and stakeholders to develop the Riverland Tourism Plan 2030 Worked with RPC to support the establishment of a Rugby 7's Competition Regional Waste Management Strategy G3 participation in procurement around ICT Strategy and Road Sealing tenders
B6	Support economic growth through events	• • •	 44 events supported with planning logistics, financial and inkind support Facilitated the establishment of 3 new community events Funded 3 new elite sports events to be held in our region Supported the logistic changes for major events to be delivered under COVID 19 restrictions Wellbeing Events carried out funded by Drought Communities funding.
B7	Facilitate development through appropriate zoning and amend where required	•	Commence development of Growth Strategy for Berri Barmera District
B8	Strengthen our brand and market presence	•	Council branding guidelines developed for use by sponsored external organisations. Administration policy developed to strengthen consistency in internal document and signage preparation.
B9	Employ best practice financial, governance and service methods across Council's work	•	Waste And Recycling Contract Extension

		•	Transport Permits - National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
B10	Invest in workforce planning and upskilling of staff and provide avenues for employee advancement and professional development		
B11	Invest in upskilling / skill maintenance of Elected Members	•	Training for EM's provided regarding Matters in confidence
B12	Explore options to automate processes and introduce virtual support / Artficial Intellegence (AI)		
B13	Ensure ongoing compliance with LG Act requirements and processes	•	Successful compliance and financial audits carried out. Continue to carry out requirements of Council Strategic Plans including Infrastructure Management Plans

Registers, Codes, Policies and Procedures

Required to be kept under the Local Government Act and/or Local Government Elections Act 1999

Registers

Section 68	Members Register of Interests
Section 79	Members Register of Allowances and Benefits
Section 105	Officers Register of Salaries
Section 116	Officer Register of Interests
Section 188	Fees and Charges
Section 207	Community Land
Section 231	Public Roads
Section 252	By Laws

Codes

Section 63	Members Code of
	Conduct
Section 92	Code of Practice for
	Access to
	Meetings and
	Documents
Section 110	Employees Code of
	Conduct
Reg 6	Code of Practice for
	Meeting Procedures

Council Policies

Berri Barmera Council has their Policies displayed via the Council website and are continually updated to reflect changes in circumstances or if a new issue arises.

Statutory Requirements

- Access to Meetings Code of Practice
- Council Member Access to
 Information
- Elections Caretaker Policy
- Review of Council Decisions
 (Including Handling Complaints)
- Procedure for Managing Elected Members Code of Conduct (Breach of Code) Complaints
- Elected Members Support
- Road and Street Naming Policy
- Informal Gatherings Policy
- Order Making Policy

- Procurement (Contracting and Tendering) Policy and Procedure
- Public Consultation and Community Engagement
- Training Elected Members
- Code of Conduct Elected Members
 and Committee Members
- Code of Conduct Council Employees
- Mobile Temporary vending Policy
- Internal Financial Controls Policy

Financial Management

- Annual Budget Policy
- Asset Accounting
- Asset Management
- Business and Residential Development Support Policy
- Credit Card Purchasing Policy
- Credit Card Cardholders
 Register
- Debt Recovery
- Fees and Charges Policy and Schedule
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy
- Financial Hardship (CWMS)
 Policy
- Grants Policy
- Treasury Management
- Valuation of Land Under Roads
 Policy
- Public Interest Disclosure Policy and Procedure
- Privacy Policy

Rates

- Fines/Rates Recovery Policy
- Rate Capping Rebate Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rate Remission Policy
- Rating Policy
- Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy

Governance

- Chief Executive Officer Appraisal
- Elections Casual Vacancies
- Policy Development
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Electronic Communications
- Flag Flying Policy
- Media and Communications
 Policy

- Delegations Policy
- Confidentiality Provisions Code
 of Practice
- Memorial Plaque Request Policy
- Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Policy

Elected Members

- Code of Practice Meeting Procedures
- Council Member Access to Information
- Council Representations and Delegations
- Deputy Mayor/Chairperson Council Committees
- Elected Member Electronic
 Communication and iPad Policy
- Mayor/Chairpersons Seeking Legal Advice
- Records Management Elected Members

Risk Management

- Children and Vulnerable Persons' Safety Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Risk Management Framework
- Provision of Council Resources to Support the Emergency Services in Emergencies Policy
- Volunteer Management Policy
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

Community Services

 Community Grants and Assistance Policy

Tourism

Tourism Services

Library

- Library Collection and Development Policy
- Library Conditions of Use Policy

Infrastructure Management

- Plant and Equipment Emergency Use of
- Plant and Equipment Employee Use of
- Plant Operations Plant Replacement

- Private Works
- Township and Rural Tree Policy
- Urban House Numbering Policy
- Vaughan Terrace War Memorial Policy

Roads and Footpaths

- Crossings (Driveways) Policy
- Footpath Construction
- Construction of Unmade Roads
 Policy

Waste Management

• Kerbside Waste, Recycling and Green Waste Service Policy

Environmental Services

- Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) (Connection Fees)
- Abandoned Vehicles Policy
- Camping, Caravanning and Recreational Vehicle Policy
- Liquor Licencing Policy
- Outdoor Dining Policy
- Permit Parking Policy
- Signage Policy
- Unclad Bathing Policy
- Leases, Licences and Permit Policy
- Food Inspection Policy
- Horse Riding Policy
- Land Development
 Infrastructure Guidelines

By-Laws

- No. 1 Permits and Penalties
- No. 2 Moveable Signs
- No. 3 Council Land
- No. 4 Roads
- No. 5 Dogs
- No. 6 Cats

Elector Representation Review

Under the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Councils representation must comply with a specified quota tolerance. Berri Barmera Council is represented by a Mayor and eight Councillors. The Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 requires that as at 1 January of every election year, the Council Voters Roll is to be purged of all landlords, business lessees and resident non-citizens in readiness for the period election. The total number of electors in the district of Berri Barmera Council is as follows:

House of Assembly as provided by the State Electoral Commission	7292
Council's4Supplementary Role	
Total	7,296

Council's representation quota is therefore 811 electors per elected member.

Council completed an Elector Representation review of its size. composition and ward structure, as required by the provisions of Section 12 of the Act over the 2016/2017 year. The review, which was conducted in accordance with the public specified process, consultation requirements and addressed the matters detailed under Sections 26 and 33 of the Act, culminated in Council resolving that:

- the principal member of Council continue to be a Mayor elected by the community at council wide elections;
- the Council area not be divided into wards (i.e. the existing "no wards" structure be retained);
- Council continue to comprise of eight (8) area councillors and the Mayor; and
- The current name of the Council be retained

The next review will be conducted as per legislative requirements, in April 2024 to April 2025.

The table below outlines a comparison for Representation Quotas 2020/2021, as per Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council	Elected Members Including Mayor	Electors	Ratio
Alexandrina	12	21,150	1,763
Barossa	12	18,118	1,510
Berri Barmera	9	7,296	811
Copper Coast	10	11,728	1,173
Light Regional	11	10,545	959
Loxton Waikerie	11	8,217	747
Murray Bridge	10	14,853	1,485
Port Pirie	10	12,927	1,293
Victor Harbor	10	12,884	1,284
Wattle Range	12	8,509	709
Yorke Peninsula	12	8,753	729

* Data derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA. Current as at last collection of elector figure statistics for House of Assembly (30 June 2021) and council supplementary roll (28 February 2021)

Delegations of Power

To assist in the decision-making process of Council, the Council has delegated responsibilities and powers to the Chief Executive Officer and/or specific committees of Council. These delegations are reviewed in accordance with section 44(6a) of the Act and are available for public inspection free of charge at the Principal Council office in Berri.

Contracted Services 2020/2021

Competitive Tendering/Cost Effective Delivery of Service

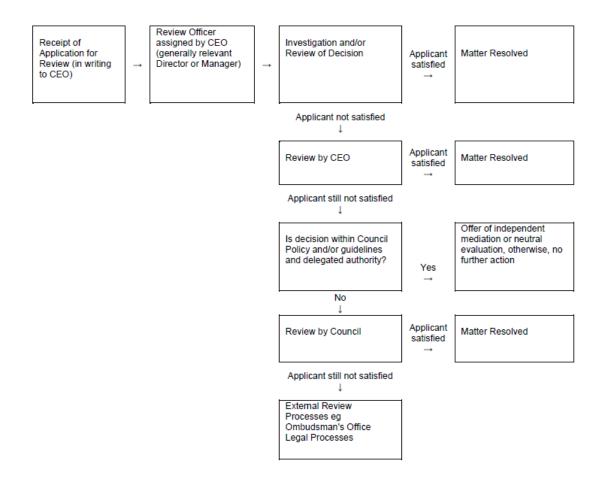
Contractors are awarded on a tender / quotation basis as Councils commitment towards providing cost effective services to its community as well as competitive tendering. Resulting from this approach by Council, significant amounts of Councils operations are contracted out to minimise Councils requirements to provide expensive plant and equipment and also to maintain a relatively small workforce as we continue to reduce overheads.

The table below outlines the contract work awarded through tendering / quotation processes for specific projects and functions of the Council in accordance with Councils Procurement Policies and Procedures.

Contractors 2020/2021	
Audit Contract (External)	\$19415
Barmera Recreation Centre Management	\$30483
Effluent Drainage Maintenance	\$222246
CWMS Infrastructure Renewal	\$88619
Garbage Collection	\$1319498
Hardwaste Collection	\$169415
Public Convenience Management	\$135919
Sealed Road Construction	\$278087
Road Maintenance Sealing and Construction	\$226660
Kerbing Street Renewal	\$25278
Dump Rehabilitation- Monash	\$3025
Footpath Maintenance	\$112513
Footpath Renewal Construction and Sealing	\$105336
Pavers Replacement	\$301909
Swimming Pool Management	\$119424
Community Wastewater Management Scheme	\$2366125
Stormwater Upgrades	\$22330
Solar Project	\$48198
Rock Crushing - Quarries	\$194050
Kerbing Replacement – Maintenance	\$29573
Sundries	
Playground Equipment Renewals	\$22522
Street Lighting Upgrades	\$149649
Monash Adventure Park – MAZE Improvements	\$72725
Barmera Lakefront - Jetty	\$19571
Barmera – Bonney Theatre Super Room Improvements	\$60283
Berri Growth Strategy	\$58858
Berri Reconstruction – Swim Steps Riverfront	\$68248
Barmera Public Toilet Upgrade	\$73098
Cemetery Projects	\$61467
Oval Irrigation Upgrades	\$24340
Berri Riverfront development	\$63272
Colin Jennings (Apex Park) Upgrade	\$34232
Berri Library Maintenance	\$4236
Vaughan Terrace Median Improvement	\$12697
Berri – Barmera Lighting Projects	\$142533
Barmera Library Maintenance	\$22412
Council Office Building	\$17362
Debt Collection Costs	\$17592
Halls Building Maintenance	\$54912
Immunization Maintenance	\$5450
Street Tree Maintenance	\$24840
TOTAL	\$6,828,402

Grievance Procedure

Council has formally adopted a *Review of Council Decisions (including handling complaints)* policy and procedure for internal review of Council decisions as per the requirements of Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999. The policy and procedure provide a mechanism for persons grieved by a Council decision or a decision made by an officer and sets out the procedures for application for the review of the decision, which can be viewed in the diagram below.



During 2020/2021, no complaints were received that was deemed necessary to be recorded in Councils "Complaints Register".

Council and Committee Meetings

Council and Committee Meetings / Matters considered in Confidence (Section 90 (2) and 91 (7)

There were a number of occasions during the financial year that Council considered matters in confidence pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999. In 2020/2021, there were twelve Ordinary, six Special Meetings of Council and 63 Committee/Sub-Committee Meetings.

At the time Council resolves to consider a matter in confidence, Council complies with its Access to Meetings – Code of Practice. Also, Council specifies a time for the item to remain confidential with delegated power provided to the Chief Executive Officer to remove the confidentiality provision, provided the item has satisfactorily been completed or the need for the item to remain confidential has been reviewed.

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1999* (The Act), Schedule 4, clause 1(ga) that Council include in the Annual Report, information in relation to any orders of the Council or Council committee where the public have been excluded from attendance in accordance with Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

It is also a requirement of the Act, for Council to include in the Annual Report, information in relation to any orders of the Council or Council Committee that documents be kept on a confidential basis in accordance with Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Council used the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, on 39 separate occasions during the course of Council and Committee meetings, Council and the Committees met in confidence to discuss issues in relation to:

Section 90 (3)(a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);

Meeting	Date	Subject
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	8 December 2020	Chief Executive Officer Appraisal process 2021
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	13 April 2021	CEO Review Format
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	12 May 2021	CEO Review
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	31 May 2021	CEO 360 Degree Review report
Special Meeting of Council	1 June 2021	Draft CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee Minutes from meeting held 13 April 2021, 12 May 2021 and 31 May 2021
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	202 Elliot Drive, Barmera

Section 90 (3) (b) information the disclosure of which

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

Meeting	Date	Subject
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	11 August 2020	Berri Riverfront Retrofit – Project #20 and #60
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	13 October 2020	Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)
Ordinary Council	27 January 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Land Development Reserve"
Ordinary Council	23 February 2021	Land Development Reserve update
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Barmera Jetty options
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "CONFIDENTIAL DEPUTATION Tom Doull Associate, Grieve Gillett Anderson"
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Council Accommodation review"
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Solar Farm Project Power Purchase agreement Negotiations Status"
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Land Development Reserve"
Ordinary Council	25 May 2021	Barmera Jetty options
Ordinary Council	25 May 2021	Riverview Drive, Berri
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	202 Elliot Drive, Barmera

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

Section 90 (3) (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

- could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
- (ii) (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

Meeting	Date	Subject
Ordinary Council	28 July 2020	Community Loans
Ordinary Council	28 July 2020	Confidential Minute Book review "Solar Farm Expression of Interest for acquisition of development rights and intellectual property".
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	11 August 2021	Confidential Minute Book Review "Solar Farm Expression of Interest for potential sale of project"
Ordinary Council	24 November 2020	Solar Project
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	8 December 2020	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Berri Renewable Energy Solar Power Generation Facility Business Case"

Ordinary Council	27 January 2021	Lot 21 and Piece Lots 22 and 23 Old Sturt Highway, Berri
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	9 February 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Berri Solar Farm potential sale – Request for Proposal"
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	13 April 2021	Lot 21 and Piece Lots 22 and 23 Old Sturt Highway, Berri
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	8 June 2021	Lot 21 and Piece Lots 22 and 23 Old Sturt Highway, Berri
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	29 Riverview Drive, Berri
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Expression of Interest for acquisition of development rights and intellectual property.
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	23 February 2021	CEO 360 Degree Review
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	9 March 2021	CEO 360 Degree Review

Section 90 (3) (e) matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person

Meeting	Date	Subject
Strategy, Assets and	8 December 2021	Barmera Jetty Structural Report
Major Projects		
Committee		
Audit Committee	21 May 2021	Cyber Security Audit Report

Section (90) (h) legal advice;

Meeting	Date	Subject
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	13 October 2020	Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	Berri Hotel

Section (90) (i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council

Meeting	Date	Subject
Ordinary Council	27 April 2021	Water Supply – Foodbank
Ordinary Council	25 May 2021	Foodbank – Water Supply issues
Ordinary Council	22 June 2021	Berri Hotel

Section (90) (j) information the disclosure of which— (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

Meeting	Date	Subject
Ordinary Council	27 January 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Lake Bonney Environs"
Ordinary Council	27 January 2021	Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes "Request to consider interest in co-dedication of Crown Lands Queen Elizabeth Drive, Barmera"

Section (90) (k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

Meeting	Date	Subject			
Audit Committee	18 August 2020	Tenders – Engagement of External Auditors			
Ordinary Council	25 August 2020	Audit Committee – Draft Minutes from meeting held 18 August 2020			

Review of items discussed in confidence is undertaken on a regular basis, quarterly and as required. This process has seen 11 items released from confidentially provisions over the course of the year. At the end of the 2020/2021 year, 27 items remained in confidence.

The following table contains details of the Council/Committee meetings.

Particulars	No. of meetings	Total resolutions passed	Confidential resolutions	Reason for Confidentiality
Council Meetings (including Special Meetings)	18	351	24	90 (3)(a) 90 (3)(b) 90 (3)(d) 90 (3) (h) 90 (3) (k) 90 (3)(i) 90 (3)(j)
Berri Improvement Committee	6	18	Nil	N/A
Barmera Improvement Committee	6	25	Nil	N/A
Audit Committee	4	27	2	90 (3) (e) 90 (3) (k)
Riverland Regional Assessment Panel	8	7 (Berri Barmera)	Nil	N/A
Environment and Sustainability Committee	6	28	Nil	N/A
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	6	58	7	90 (3)(b) 90 (3)(d) 90 (3) (e) 90 (3) (h)
Cemetery Advisory Committee	2	5	Nil	N/A
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	7	21	7	90 (3)(a) 90 (3) (d)
Lake Bonney Caring for Country Advisory Committee	2	6	Nil	N/A
Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group	4	9	Nil	N/A
Riverland Regional Building Fire Safety Committee	3	13 (Berri Barmera)	Nil	N/A
Leases and Licences Working Group	6	32	Nil	N/A
Community Grants and Award Selection Committee	3	23	Nil	N/A

Freedom of Information Statement

During 2020/2021 there were two Freedom of Information (FOI) applications received.

Council's Role

The Council's role is to govern and manage its area at the local level. Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999, defines the role of Council as follows:

- To act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community; and
- To provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and
- To encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and
- To represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- To exercise, perform and discharge the powers, functions and duties of local government under the Local Government Act and other Acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted.

The role of the Principal Member and Members of Council

The role of the principal member (Mayor) and members of Council is defined in Sections 58 and 59 of the Local Government Act 1999.

1. The role of the principal member is:

- a. to preside at meetings of the Council;
- b. if requested, to provide advice to the Chief Executive Officer between Council meetings on the implementation of a decision of the Council;
- c. to act as the principal spokesperson of the Council;
- d. to exercise other functions of the Council as the Council determines;
- e. to carry out the civic and ceremonial duties of the office of principal member;

1. The role of members of Council is:

- a. as a member of the governing body of the Council-
- i. to participate in the deliberations and civic activities of the Council;
- ii. to keep the Council's objectives and policies under review to ensure that they are appropriate and effective;
- iii. to keep Council's resource allocation, expenditure and activities, and the efficiency and effectiveness of its service delivery under review;
- iv. to ensure, as far as is practicable, that the principles set out in Section 8 are observed;
- b. as a person elected to the Council

 to represent the interests of residents and ratepayers, to provide community leadership and guidance, and to facilitate communication between the community and the Council.

Activities that Council provides or is associated with (financial or otherwise)

The activities that Council provides or is associated with are



Public Participation

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council.

These include:

Deputations

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

Presentations to Council

With prior notification and arrangement with the Mayor, a member of the public can address the Council for a period of time determined by the Mayor on any issue relevant to Council.

Petitions

Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.

Written Requests

Members of the public can write to the Council on any Council Policy, activity or service.

Elected Members

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

Community Consultation

The Council has adopted a Public Consultation Policy in accordance with Section 50 of the *Local Government Act 1999.* Though the Act specifies that Councils must have public consultation polices in place for mandatory consultation with the public on specific issues, the policy is also used for general consultation with the public on other issues at the Councils discretion.

This year, Council provided opportunities for community members to be involved in the following consultations:

 Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan
 represents a commitment by Council to further contribute towards the access and inclusion for all community members and our visitors.

- Alfresco Building in Vaughan Terrace, Berri. Since its development the building has served as a meeting place, produce market, café and popup venue. As the town enters its next phase of development, we asked the community to put forward their ideas and visions for the building and how it can best serve the community and visitors.
- Draft Art and Culture Strategy 2021-2025: This document has been shaped following Community input via interviews, workshops and community submissions.
- Onsite and online survey feedback was sought for the planning for upgrades at the Colin Jennings Park.
- various legislative consultations.

In addition, there are opportunities for the public to attend public meetings or information forums on certain issues or to complete a survey on specific issues.

Access to Council Documents

A list of documents available for inspection or to copy are listed overleaf. A comprehensive listing of Council's fees and charges is available on the Council website.

Documents are available for public inspection at the Principal Office of Council between 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays). Members of the public may also purchase copies of these documents by request or view online via Council's website.

Agendas for all Council and Committee meetings are placed on public display not less than three days prior to meetings, with minutes being made available for perusal within five days of a meeting. Agendas and Minutes for Council and Riverland Regional Assessment Panel meetings (RRAP) are also available on Council's website. The timeframes for the availability of Council agendas and minutes are in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and regulations.

Fees and Charges extract for 2	020/2021
Sale of Minutes/Agendas	\$5.00
Annual Financial Statements	\$10.00
Annual Report	\$10.00
Budget Report	\$20.00
Search Fees - Standard (8 days)	As per Act \$61.25
Search Fees - Rates Only	As per Act \$35.75
Extract from Assessment Book	As per Act 20c per entry

*Current 2020/2021, GST Inclusive (where applicable)

Amendment of Council Records

A member of the public may request a correction to any information relating to them that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading and/or out of date. To gain access to Council records a member of the public must indicate in writing the documents required to be inspected, and, complete a Freedom of Information Request form.

Citizenship

During the 2020/2021 year, 12 people received citizenship certificates.

Other information requests

Council readily provides information requested by the public. Requests for any other information will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Under this legislation an application fee and a search fee must be forwarded with a completed request for access form as provided by Council that satisfies the requirements of Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991, unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

Should the applicant require copies of any documents inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, legislative charges will apply. Freedom of Information Request Forms and other requests regarding the access to Council documents must be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer Berri Barmera Council 19 Wilson Street (or PO Box 229) BERRI SA 5343

Response to applications will be within the statutory thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the properly completed Freedom of Information Request Form, together with the application and appropriate fees.

National Competition Policy

Pursuant to the Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996 and the revised Clause 7 Statement published in September 2002, the following information is provided: 1.Significant Business Activities Category One - Nil Category Two - Nil

2. Complaints Mechanism

Council has adopted an entitled "Review of Council Decisions (including Handling Complaints)", detailed at Page 38.

community services



Library Services

Library Services have been busy this year due to the involvement in the planning of many history themed programs. The main program being Centenary events involving the towns of Barmera, Glossop and Monash. Along with this there were other highlights throughout the year that brought the community together such as the SA *History Festival of Events* and the production of the *Voices of Barmera* book.

With the Glossop High School consolidation planned for 2022, Berri Library staff have been reorganising and making room in the library to accommodate the changes. This has included ensuring that workspaces and resources were available for learning when needed whilst the Berri campus building upgrade continued.

Glossop High School Activities

During the latter part of 2020, Peter Ison (Library Manager) and Emily Griggs (GHS Principal) along with library staff members commenced regular meetings to plan for the "flip campus proposal" occurring in 2021. The "flip campus proposal" involved the transfer of Year 8 and 9 students to the Berri Campus and the Year 11 and 12 students to the Glossop campus, the Year 10 student group would remain at the Glossop campus. School library staff members, Maureen Spiers and Sue Fisher undertook a lot of work to get resources ready for 2021, liaising with teachers to have resources shifted between campuses, changing the location of items on the library database, then selecting and boxing resources and adding new students to the library management system. Once this was organised, staff then focused on organising the library component of the whole school consolidation in 2022.

Staff are involved in offering training to students as well as undertaking training themselves. Maureen Spiers delivered three library sessions to Year 9 students on using the Online Referencing Generator and constructing bibliographies. Both school library staff members attended Riverland Library Hub Group meetings throughout the year.

State Library Visit

As part of the State Library of South Australia Family and Local History Redesign project, State Library staff Emily Wilson and Andrew Piper visited Berri and Barmera Library. At Barmera they were very interested in the Murray Pioneer collection, oral history initiatives and Centenary research. At Berri Library they were impressed with the dedicated local history collection room as well as the work carried out by Councils' Local History Officer to maintain and organise the collection.

Author Visits

Leonie Kelsall, a well-respected author of 27 books visited both the Barmera and Berri libraries to talk about her new book *"The Farm at Peppertree Crossing."* Both sessions were well attended with Leonie selling several books and attendees were interested in hearing about the process she goes through when writing and publishing her books.

School Holiday Guide

The seasonally produced guides promote activities and events of interest to children and families within the Berri Barmera Council area over school holiday periods. Distributed to local families with kindergarten and primary school age children during the final week of school for the relevant term, the guides have been well received by locals, visitors to the region and local businesses.

Centenary Events

The towns of Barmera, Glossop and Monash celebrate their centenary's in 2021. The Lone Gum and Monash Community Association Inc. were already well advanced with their planning to celebrate the Monash Centenary in 2021. In February 2020, a Barmera Centenary Committee was established from interested community members. Council held an initial meeting with Glossop residents in October 2020 and soon after, an active Glossop Centenary Committee was created. Centenary Project Officer, Christine Webster and Library Manager, Peter Ison attended committee meetings with the many interested volunteers and discussed ideas for possible centenary events for each of the towns. After the committees were established for each of the towns and the Centenary Grant Program was released, Centenary Grant applications were considered by the Council's Community Grants and Award Selection Committee and funding awarded for various events.

The Centenary Project Officer partnered with the Murray Pioneer to produce a comprehensive booklet containing a 2021 calendar of events for the Barmera, Monash and Glossop celebrations along with an interesting array of photographs and stories relating to the history of each town. The calendar of events was vital in keeping community members informed about upcoming events throughout the year.

The library staff at Barmera have had many reference queries about Barmera's history, photos and events as well as being involved with shop window displays and attending the Centenary committee meetings. Additionally, they have assembled monthly displays in partnership with a variety of community groups, showcasing aspects of the town and community in a positive and comprehensive way.



Centenary Promotion: At the Barmera Markets on April 4, Library staff assisted with a stall promoting the collection of historic photos and memories from potential donors, as well as the 2021 Centenary calendar of events.

Australian Library and Information Week

Library and Information Week is celebrated Australia wide in May with this year's theme being *Adventures in Space and Time.* Both libraries took part in National Simultaneous Storytime, now in its 21st year, by reading the book *Give me some space and ran competitions throughout the* week.



Voices of Barmera book: Barmera Library Team Leader Peg Germein (left) with Glenys Badger who compiled the 'Voices of Barmera' book.

Voices of Barmera book launch

The Voices of Barmera book, a Barmera Library project and compiled by Glenys Badger, contains recollections and stories taken from the Barmera Library's oral history collection and is a tribute to the early pioneers of the town. More than 50 people attended the launch organised by the Barmera Library, among them were five of the Barmera residents interviewed for the book. Copies of the book were sent to the State Library of SA, the Parliamentary Library of SA and the National Library so that material published in Australia is preserved for current and future generations.

SA History Festival Events

As part of SA History Festival month in May, the libraries partnered with the community to organise a range of history focussed events including:

- A History of Girl Guides in Barmera one of the regular monthly displays at Barmera Library organised by Barmera Girl Guide leader Sue Webber.
- Loveday Internment Camp 80th Anniversary Commemoration - talks at both libraries by Rosemary Gower.
- Remembering Loveday Internment Camp - a lecture organised by Flinders University and the Migration Museum featuring speakers from both organisations and local participants.
- Toys Through Our Childhood a huge and exciting display held at the Berri Library which featured toys loaned to the library from local community members.
- Family history Information sessions, TROVE and digital photo/scanning training presented at the Berri Library.
- Old Institute Libraries Display held at Berri Library featuring photos and historical items loaned by the Barmera National Trust, pertaining to the libraries at Berri, Glossop, Monash and Winkie.
- Barmera Bonney Theatre Replica Display- replica created by Pauline Engelson and displayed in the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Barmera.
- 100 Years of Barmera, Glossop and Monash - held in the Soldiers Memorial Hall at Barmera. The display consisted of more than one hundred A2 sized historic photographs along with memorabilia and interesting objects loaned by the Barmera National Trust.



His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Lan Le visiting the 100 years of Barmera, Monash and Glossop photographic display that was held in the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Barmera for SA History Festival Month in May.

COVID-19 program delivery impacts

Initially the Rhyme Time, Children's Activity, Children's Holiday Activity, Get Savvy and book discussion group programs were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Both libraries offered free craft and activity packs for children to collect from the library and complete at home in place of the Children's Holiday Activity Program. The various programs eventually resumed. however thev were run differently. Libraries also offered a home delivery and pick up service.

Children's Book Week usually held in August was re-scheduled for October. At the Berri Library a display of the short-listed books was assembled under this year's theme *Curious Creatures, Creative Minds.* A craft pack was developed and delivered to Berri Primary and Our Lady of the River schools for children to complete in class.



Children's Book Week: Top: Glossop High School student Tyler Wurth with his prize after winning the "Where's Wally" competition which was part of Library & Information Week at the Berri Library.

Bottom: Pictured at OLOR, Year 3 students holding up their Children's Book Week craft packs after storytime, delivered by Berri Library Staff.

Statistics

LOANS & USAGE	BERRI		BARMERA		
	2019- 2020*	2020- 2021*	2019- 2020*	2020- 2021*	2020-2021 TOTALS*
Door Count	85,018	77,429	28,387	42,348	119,777
Total Loans	38,885	41,485	29,713	26,058	67,543
Internet Bookings	2,486	1,442	2,167	748	2,190
Children's Holiday Activities	381	298	365	369	667
Weekly Children's Activities & Baby Rhyme Time	479	547	920	1,366	1,913
SA Library Network Incoming Hold Transits	4,391	4,560	4,299	4,429	8,989
SA Library Network Outgoing Hold Transits	8,224	9,137	4,102	3,621	12,758
Visits per capita (Berri 7,025, Barmera 4,188)	12.1	11.0	6.8	10.1	10.7
Loans per capita	5.5	5.9	7.1	6.2	6.0
Open hours per annum	2,042	2,412	1,644	1,939	4,351
Web Catalogue Sessions	9,403	11,014	combined statistics		11,014
Library Website Sessions	10,548	7,949	combined statistics		7,949

* Numbers affected by Coronavirus outbreak and the government for restrictions that required public libraries to operate with reduced programs due to social distancing rules and building space limitations i.e. 1 person per 2 square meters from July 2020, reduced computer numbers due to social distancing etc. Libraries did close for snap 6 day lockdown in November which was reduced to 3 days. At the time of writing (1 Sept 2021) some restrictions on library activities are still in place.

Community Development Services

Council is focused on providing and promoting a range of opportunities for the community to access services, programs, experiences, information and facilities to enhance quality of life and celebrate our culture.

The Community Services team were fortunate to have been able to still deliver a strong range of services and activities, albeit differently due to COVID-19 impacts.

Council worked with a number of individuals and organisations to provide a series of activations across the last 12 months. These activations highlighted the beautifully maintained riverfront precinct, provided opportunities for the local community to connect with one another and provided visitors to our area with a variety of experiences. Activation for kids included art workshops facilitated by Riverland artists, educational environmental workshops in partnership with the Landscape Board and family and cultural based activities. In mid-2021, Council held a series of event workshops to work with community groups to delve into and consider new event ideas, enhance existing skills, and develop knowledge in the planning process and emphasis where council can assist.

Council was pleased to trial new partnerships and initiatives to present these activities, endeavouring to support local artists and businesses and strengthen engagement with the community.

Some of the events and activities included:

- Digital projections at the new Bonney Theatre outdoor projection site
- Halloween Spooktacular held at Monash Adventure Playground
- Doggy Day Out
- Cruisy Tunes
- James the Magician
- Environmental workshops "Bonnie the Turtle Talk" and "Fun with Fungi"
- Art workshops; ANZAC Day, Jacqui Mason and Greg Reeks
- Uncle Barney Lindsay cultural talks
- Sound Bath with Uncle Barney and Ann-Marie Reeks
- Berri Recycling and Art Exhibition held in Vaughan Terrace.
- Australia Day breakfast and Community awards





Events and Activities: Top left: Halloween Spooktacular Top right: Cruisy Tunes, Berri Riverfront,

Community Support

There are a range of community organisations who actively strengthen our community by delivering projects, events and services across all aspects of community life. Council supported many of these by providing advice, in kind and financial support. Through event logistics support and Council's Community Development Grants program, a diverse range of community events were still conducted this year even under restricted conditions. The Grants program provided over \$82,000 of cash and in kind support to 29 community groups for facilitation of local initiatives during the year.

Below are some of the organisations, events and services that Council supported throughout 2021/2022 year.

- Santa's Cave at Berri and Barmera
- Carols by the River
- Acoustic Vibes
- Riverland Special School Prom
- Riverland Wine and Food Festival
- Berri Easter Carnival
- Powerboat Trophy Day
- Berri Swimming open
- SALA exhibitions
- Berri Rowing regatta
- Murray Man Triathlon
- Tour of the Riverland
- Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards
- Barmera Christmas Street and Window Display
- Riverland Primary Schools Music Festival 25th Anniversary

Berri hosted the nation's best Netballers for a preseason exhibition match between the Adelaide Thunderbirds and West Coast Fever. It was an exceptional organising effort by the Berri Netball Club, who partnered with Netball SA and Council to deliver the event and meet COVID safe requirements at the time. There were a great number of businesses involved in the successful delivery of what was the first Thunderbirds game to be held in South Australia for over 12 months.



Adelaide Thunderbirds Game, Berri Image courtesy: Grant Schwartzkopff

- CanAm 400 off-road racing
- Netball SA's Thunderbirds exhibition match
- Sorry and Reconciliation Day activities
- NAIDOC celebrations
- Rugby SA Pacific Islander competition
- ANZAC commemoration
- Loveday Internment Camp anniversary
- Bowls SA Senior Supa Series and Bowls festival
- District Centenary events
- Lions Club of Berri Seniors Morning Tea
- Riverland Youth Theatre
- Riverland Brass

Murrayman Triathlon is the state long course championship event held in Barmera. In its 11th year, the event combines community participation opportunities, economic benefits of the 400 plus competitors/supporters from around the nation and showcases elite level competition with some of the best athletes in the world participating



Murray Man Triathlon, Barmera Image courtesy: Grant Schwartzkopff

Arts and Culture

Council considers arts and cultural activities as vital components in creating a sustainable future, contributing to our overall health and wellbeing by enriching the region as an attractive place to live, work and visit.

To assist Council in supporting this vision, a draft Arts and Culture strategy has been developed. А range of interviews. community workshops and public consultation was undertaken to develop key objectives and the draft Goals for the plan are focused on creating vibrant places and spaces, increasing cultural participation and achieving targeted activation opportunities. The strategy will be finalised before the end of 2021.

A new financial subsidy initiative was introduced this year, as a result of the consultation process. The subsidy program allowed local artists to exhibit their work, activate Council facilities and offer art workshops during the South Australian Living Arts (SALA) festival. There were 5 submissions for support via the program towards exhibitions to be held across the district during August 2021.

Council staff collaborated with the Berri Improvement Committee to produce a series of eight planter boxes displaying original artworks by Riverland artists. The planter box project aimed to beautify Berri's CBD, support local artists and foster a vibrant and creative community. This contemporary public art is displayed along Denny Street providing a splash of colour to the streetscape.

As part of Councils wellbeing project, Council held its inaugural Berri Recycling and Art exhibition on 25 and 26 June in and around Alfresco's on Vaughan Terrace, Berri. The Saturday session incorporated two photography workshops hosted by Chad Vigar and Italo Vardaro. To compliment this exhibition, the local Aboriginal Sobriety Group participated by painting one of the pianos as part of *"Play Me, I'm Yours"* project, the exhibition also incorporated artworks and recycle/upcycled art.

Council partnered with Country Arts SA and FocusOne Health to assist local artists to reconnect as they emerged from South Australia's period of COVID-19 in 2020. The *Riverland Realities* exhibition featured a collection of self-portraits of 10 local artists who were mentored by Adelaide artist Ruby Chew. The exhibition was presented at Soldiers Memorial Hall in Barmera during Mental Health Week, October 2020.



Art Displays: Berri Art and Recycling exhibition, June 2021.

Bonney Theatre Outdoor Projection site

Council's permanent projector site was established to develop a collaborative community asset supporting a range of community activities from grassroots projects to significant artistic collaborations. The projector program introduced the community to a new way of telling local stories and extended their skills in digital projection mapping and creating digital artworks. The eight projections created in the inaugural year were:

- Letters of the Riverland created by Riverland writers, photographers and digital artists under the guidance of *Part of Things.*
- Glossop High Schools Positivity Piece students worked with teachers to produce a digital work
 promoting positive wellbeing and mental health.
- NAIDOC 2020 a celebration of artworks by Riverland First Nations artists and students brought together by local artist Kat Bell.
- A Little Projection a collection of local photographic images by digital artist Adrian Little.
- Christmas Lights Up digital artist Nic Tubb created a Christmas sparkle adding to the Theatre's festive Christmas façade.
- Donald Campbell created by Amanda Burnim to celebrate Donald Campbell's visit to Lake Bonney with his jet powered hydroplane Bluebird K7.
- Easter Lights Up a fun celebration of Easter created by Adrian Little.
- Views of the Riverland a series of beautiful images by Riverland photographer Paul White, stunningly edited by national artistic company illuminart.
- ANZAC Commemoration a beautiful image-based memorial by Kirste Vandergiessen.

Council encourages local organisations and individuals to collaborate with Council to produce digitally projected work that tells their stories, supports local events and activities and provides an outlet for creativity. The projection site is an important addition to our tourism landscape, engaging visitors with a unique experience.



Recreation Services

Over the past 12 months, Council has continued to work on developing projects that will improve infrastructure within townships to enhance amenities for residents and visitors alike. This includes upgrading recreation and sport facilities, with an important part of undertaking these infrastructure projects is securing external funds to assist with the project expenditure. State and Federal government funds totalling \$1,105,285 have now been secured to allow the following projects to be commissioned, all of which should be completed during the 2021/22 financial year:

- Berri Oval Grandstand Change Room
 Project
- Barmera Multisport Changerooms
 and Oval Lighting Upgrade
- Barmera Recreation Centre sports flooring and amenities upgrade

Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Council has worked with Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) during the year to update the Regional Public Health Plan for 2020-2025. The draft plan was released for public consultation in June with an aim for final adoption later in 2021.

The capacity of Councils to deliver the broad range of activities identified in the Plan, requires significant resourcing. It is recognised that without strong regional coordination and collaboration it is difficult to deliver the diverse obligations under South Australian Public Health Act 2011. Due to the diverse range of outcomes required under this regional plan, the successful delivery will be achieved through the implementation of actions listed under a range of other specific Council and Regional plans and strategies.

These include specific targets from the:

- Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Environmental and Sustainability Strategy
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country Plan
- Rally Riverland

- Riverland Tourism Plan 2030, and
- MRLGA Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

Youth Partnerships

This year, Council partnered with various groups to assist in the further development of skills and knowledge of youth within our community.

Working with *Part of Things*, funding was secured from the State government to produce "Riverland Skillin' It" program. This program was a community-based initiative aimed to nurture a culture of skills and knowledge led by young people for young people. The program, aimed at ages 18-26 included the development of a knowledge bank of digital workshops, and a mini festival of 'live' workshops, facilitated and planned, by a local group of young people.

Glossop High School media and art students developed a digital presentation, as part of Mental Health Week, for the projection site in Barmera. The high school students were able to utilise their technical skills broadcasting the Thunderbirds v West Coast Fever netball game live on social media.

Students from Glossop High School have been active and contributing members of Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee. Sharing their knowledge and passion and providing a valuable voice as youth representatives in the meetings, especially in contributing to the development and implementation of the districts Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Visitor centre staff were able to work with TAFE students studvina Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management, to create a new brochure and special markers identifying local flora along the Lion Allan Thurmer Recreational Trail at Martin Bend wetland.

Community Champions

Citizen of the Year:

Sue Webber

Sue Webber is a key figure at the Barmera Girl Guides, and in 1978 was awarded the Queens Guide Award and shortly afterwards became an assistant leader. As a Guide Leader, she has been able to extend her volunteering to incorporate State and International Events.

Sue volunteers her time to community groups and has been a valued member of the Barmera Christmas Pageant committee for many years and more recently the Barmera Centenary committee. Sue has worked exhaustively supporting all these groups in fundraising towards their ongoing success.

Young Citizen of the Year: Deni Eleftheriadis

Deni is an inspiring member of the Berri Barmera community who generously and actively advocates mental health awareness.

Whilst juggling Year 12, sporting and work commitments, Deni took on board a large role in the *Our Town Berri* initiative, working to gain mental health funding for Berri. Through her work with *Our Town*, Deni volunteered her time at Berri Primary School, mentoring students and raising awareness and understanding of mental health.

Deni plays an avid role in community sports, being a coach and umpire for both Berri and the Riverland, as well as playing at a senior level for both sports.

Deni has attended the Berri Hospital to talk to allied health professionals about body image, sleep, and gratitude as well as attending the Year 10 Women's Studies class to discuss body image and women empowerment. Deni received an Order of Australia - Highly Commended Award this year, alongside the Premier Sport's senior women award and the ZONTA Women in International Affairs Award and scholarship.

Event of the Year:

Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival -Inaugural Grand Final Event

The Riverland Primary School's Music Festival – Inaugural Grand Final event management team worked tirelessly to provide the students from across the Riverland the opportunity to sing and perform throughout the COVID-19 Crisis in 2020.

This event was important in not only bringing together students but also instilling a sense of pride and achievement. At the Grand Final students were all separated into their school 'teams', and further separated from other schools by distance, but together they sung in unison and in harmony.

The quality of the performance demonstrated the commitment of the individual Choir Teachers in the schools and their students working and practising in their school choirs and in isolation.

Building a Better Community Award:

Riverland South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy

The Riverland SAASTA Academy based at Glossop High School has been transformational in working respectfully with Aboriginal students and their families to provide opportunities for Aboriginal young people to succeed in schooling and build positive post school pathways.

It is growing leaders and helping the wider community to work together to close the gap, as well as building reconciliation in our community.

This academy has won SAASTA Academy of the Year twice, State Champions of Aboriginal Power Cup in 2019, Statewide SAASTA shield winners in 2016 and Curriculum Excellence Winners in 2019.



Australia Day Award winners;

Riverland South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy representatives David Binney and 'Aunty' Sheryl Giles, Young Citizen of the Year Deni Eleftheriadis, Mayor Peter Hunt, Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival representative Joanna Whitehead and Citizen of the Year Sue Webber.

Acessibility and Inclusion

Through the Access and Inclusion Plan, Council and its partners, plan to provide greater levels of access and opportunities for active participation for people with disabilities.

The Access and Inclusion Plan aims to make sure people with a disability have the same opportunities as others in the areas of service and events, buildings and facilities, information and quality of service.

Council recognises its diverse community and promotes access and inclusion for all. Some initiatives put in place this year include:

- Supporting a successful application by Paddle SA for funding to develop an All-Access Ramp Launch Pontoon at Loch Luna.
- Including "alternative" text in our newsletters for those visually impaired.

- Incorporating accessible design into new projects.
- Continuing to improve footpath accessibility along prioritised CBD footpaths.
- Included accessibility considerations for event organisers in the draft community event organiser guidelines. This pack should be released later in 2021.
- Commenced a review of buildings, facilities and public spaces to identify better access opportunities.

To allow for continued opportunities for the community to lead the future targets to support those with a disability across our District, Council has created a feedback link under our Access and Inclusion section of our website.

Media and Communications

Council continues to inform and engage with the community by providing a range of communications tailored for its stakeholders. The use of social media, website, general media and key printed documents continues to grow. Some of the avenues Council utilises are:

E-News

Council distributes 10 e-newsletters per year. These e-newsletters provide details on project updates, current events, activities and initiatives. The public can register to receive a copy of this newsletter via Council's website https://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/conta ct/connect-with-us

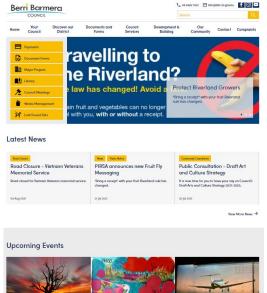


Socials

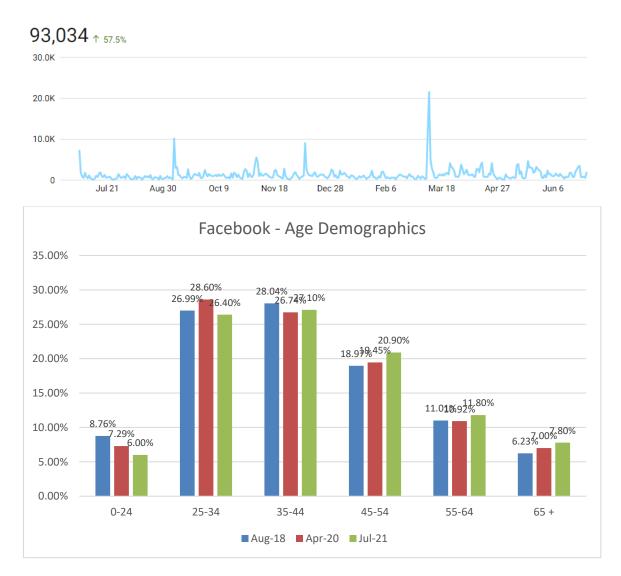
Measurable and cost efficient, Council manages a suite of profiles across key platforms Facebook and Instagram – all of which are experiencing significant audience growth, reach and engagement.

Over the last 12 months, Council Facebook articles have reached over 93,000, up significantly from the previous year.

Council has been able to utilise this platform to engage with a diverse demographic range (see graph overleaf), in relation to a range of projects, plan and events, providing information on the region.







Website

Council's website details a hub of information about the Berri Barmera Council region, major projects, services, initiatives and events.

Most visitors view the website on mobile devices with staff considering when developing content, layout and future development of the site.

Council continues to further develop the website to improve accessibility, provide engaging content and user-friendly access.

Tourism Services

South Australian regional areas attracted good intrastate visitation due to national and international border closures and travel restrictions. The Berri Visitor Information Centre continued to support local businesses being the point of local knowledge for visitors to access quality services and experiences and through strong sales of locally made goods.

Although visitor numbers have been lower than usual throughout the year, patronage of the centre has been much higher than expected. South Australians made up 86.7% of visitation compared to 50-60% in recent times, increased domestic travellers assisted in achieving just over 11,800 visitors, which meant that the Berri VIC serviced a total number visitor that was on par with recent years.



Council collaborated with Destination Riverland to ensure that the region has a thriving visitor economy. Council was invited, along with other regional partners, to assist in the development of the Riverland Tourism Plan 2030 and will continue to work on supporting the implementation of actions where resourcing allows.

Centre staff provided support with information access for tourists on regional issues including the current fruit fly outbreak management and cross border travel.

The Visitor Centre remains fully accredited under the Australian Tourism Accreditation program. The accreditation assures the consumer that the Centre meets specific quality assurance criteria and the highest standards if business practice.

infrastructure services



The Infrastructure Services department develops and enhances Council's infrastructure and assets to ensure that community members and tourists are provided with high quality, safe and wellmaintained environments. Some of the various tasks undertaken this financial year include:

- Maintenance and Construction; road • and footpath maintenance and replacements, grading, stormwater and effluent issues (including toilets), minor Council building maintenance, weed spraying, slashing, dead animal removal, road signage and white posts, vandalism, bins and concrete kerbing, cemetery works, road sealing, boat ramps, pontoons and landings
- Parks and Gardens; mowing, irrigating, weeding, tree/shrub trimming and planting, playgrounds and BBQ cleaning
- Other; asset management, geographical information, technical advice and customer liaisons.





Capital Works

Drought Communities Program

Council was approved a second allocation of \$1 million worth of projects to be funded through the Government's Drought Communities program after previously receiving \$1 million in 2019 to fund projects under the same program.

The aim of the Drought Communities program is to support communities in drought-affected regions of Australia by providing funding to eligible councils for local infrastructure projects and other drought-relief activities. The project funding intends on providing short-term support by boosting local employment and procurement whilst also addressing social and community needs.

Council utilised the funding for a number of projects that not only provided townships with upgraded facilities but also supported local businesses by providing added work for local contractors and their employees.

Some of the projects undertaken under the program were:

District Hard Waste collection After being heavily requested by the public, a district hard waste collection was undertaken throughout the district in November and December 2020. The collections were undertaken by local waste contractor, Cleanaway.

Council implemented the kerbside collection of hard waste items to provide township residents with the means to remove large items from their property that could not otherwise be disposed of through regular household waste collections. Rural residents had opportunity to apply for a single use voucher to the value of \$50 for use at the Cleanaway Waste Transfer Station in Monash. The project was an overall success and very well received by community members.

Campaign	Area(s)	s) Campaign Summary					
Week	Serviced	Tonnes	Tonnes	Diversion	Properties	Avg Tonnes	
		(Total)	Diverted	%	Serviced	per Collection	
2-6 Nov	Berri	25.3	2.78	10.97%	378	0.0669	
9-13 Nov	Berri	40.26	4.42	10.97%	485	0.0830	
16-20 Nov	Cobdogla, Glossop, Loveday, Monash	15.46	1.70	10.97%	142	0.1089	
23-27 Nov	Barmera	27.5	3.02	10.97%	315	0.0873	
30-4 Dec	Barmera	12.8	1.40	10.97%	174	0.0736	
Total	All	121.32	13.31	10.97%	1494	0.0812	

Statistics of township hard waste collections

District E-waste and Mattress collection

Due to the feedback received from the community following the Hard Waste collection project and the project running significantly under budget, Council provided a second waste collection focusing on the disposal of electronic waste (e-waste) and mattresses.

The waste was collected in each town throughout the district for 3 weeks over the months of May and June. Collections were again undertaken by local contractor, Cleanaway. Rural residents were provided with the opportunity to dispose of e-waste at the Berri and Barmera Works Depot and mattresses free of charge to Cleanaway Waste Transfer Station.

Monash Adventure Park maze renewal

The Monash Adventure Park maze, originally constructed in 1996 required upgrading due to aging infrastructure. The design of the maze was slightly modified to offer an improved experience to visitors to the park. Upgrades consisted of timber paling being replaced along with the addition of a new play space at the centre of the maze.

The final component of the upgrades was the painting of the external maze walls. A bright palette of colours was utilised to create a joyous and welcoming environment. The Park is an integral part of the Monash community and economy with numerous local businesses relying on the visitor traffic that the attraction brings into the Monash township. It is therefore of high importance to Council that the attraction remains a relevant and up to date facility.



Berri and Barmera Lighting

Several lighting projects were undertaken throughout the district this year, including:

Solar lights were installed along the walking paths on the Lake Bonney foreshore in Barmera along with the Berri Riverfront area to the Berri Marina.



LED string lighting was installed along the Vaughan Terrace median within the Berri CBD.



Both the solar and LED lighting installations were carried out by local contractors. Through the installation of the lighting, Council is adding a modern perspective to the Berri and Barmera townships and providing attractive areas for night-time activations activities.

Lake Bonney Track Extension

Council is committed to providing quality footpaths and walking trails for the community and visitors to the region. During the previous Drought Communities program, Council was funded to install a walking trail that connected with the current Lakefront footpath and extended approximately 1.4km around the eastern side of Lake Bonney. The trail has now been extended approximately 250m further with a compacted (100mm thick) road base path finish. The extension now provides a full 2.5 kilometres trail. Local cultural art pieces are located within viewing proximity along the trail.

Recycled plastic bollard and pipe fencing has been installed to better delineate the connection of the township Lakefront footpath to the trail, adding protection to trail users from cars as it creates a visual barrier.

The trail will eventually be extended further around Lake Bonney to give pedestrians/riders the ability to navigate around the whole of the Lake in the future.



The extended walking trail in Barmera

Berri and Barmera oval irrigation upgrades The irrigation systems at both the Berri main oval and the Barmera Memorial Oval have been upgraded and automated. Berri oval's irrigation system was no longer adequate or efficient enough to ensure effective irrigation for the playing surface. Given that the facility often hosts first class events (such as South Australian National Football League games and League soccer games) it is imperative that the playing surface is maintained to a high standard.

Barmera Memorial Oval's subsurface irrigation has had numerous ongoing issues leading to inconsistent watering of the playing surfaces.

The installation of these irrigation systems will reduce costs, both in staff maintenance time and materials and will provide a more consistent and efficient irrigation which will benefit the turf, and in turn, users of the facilities.



Works being undertaken on the Barmera Oval

Reconstruction of Berri swim steps The Berri swim steps are a historical structure constructed in the mid 1950's located on the Berri Riverfront. These steps border part of the 260 metre Berri Riverfront Wharf and, due to their age, the bottom step had been showing signs of weathering and cracking. By carrying out the works, Council provided improved seating and spectator facilities for events held along the riverfront and adding to the amenity of the area.





Jury Road

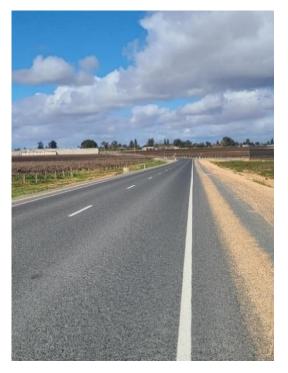
With funding assistance through the Federal Government's Special Local Roads Program (SLRP), Council has completed a \$1.5 million upgrade of a section of Jury Road, Berri, providing a valuable upgrade that improves freight connections, increases safety and allows Council to continue to invest in the road network without the full financial burden falling upon rate payers for delivery.

This section of Jury Road is a critical B-double freight route and is the major link between Berri and Monash. Previously, the intersection, built up carriageway, current corner alignments and narrow seal width made it difficult for heavy vehicles to navigate the road.

The upgrade has delivered a road that is suitable for long term heavy vehicle use with adequate seal width and shoulder zones.



Contractors undertaking works on Jury Road.



Completed works on Jury Road.

Cemetery Upgrades



Berri Cemetery gazebo upon completion of works.

Some of the works carried out at the Berri and Barmera cemeteries this year have been;

- An exposed aggregate footpath installed at the Berri Cemetery extending from the main entrance to the bottom gate and continuing into the cemetery. The old pavers were replaced during these upgrades to ensure that the path is level in order to provide a safer walking surface.
- Mulch has been added along the path to improve aesthetic purposes and is being contained by a newly installed Replas retaining wall.
- Gazebos have been installed at both cemeteries after the Cemetery Advisory Committee identified that there were limited shaded seated areas within the cemeteries where visitors can sit and reflect within the grounds.



Barmera Cemetery gazebo upon completion of works.

Jellett Road Footpath and Stormwater upgrade

Approximately 115 metres of kerbing was removed and replaced with two side entry pits and 115 metres of 300millimetre storm water pipe along Jellett Road, Berri. These upgrades were undertaken to bring the footpath up to road level as the difference in road level to the footpath, created an uneven and rocky surface walking surface.

Road Sealing

There were various unsealed roads upgraded in the 2020/21 financial year as per the Council's Infrastructure Asset Management Plan. Two of the roads that were sealed in this financial year include: Tunkin Road (1363 metres).



Gillespie Road (395 metres)



Both of these roads have been upgraded from having a sheeted surface to a 6.2 metre two coat spray sealed surface to improve the road ride quality and reduce long term road maintenance costs associated with unsealed roads.

Playground renewals

An ongoing allocation is provided each year for minor renewals within district playgrounds. Council has committed to the removal of all CCA treated wood edging and is currently phasing this out.

The pine log edging at both the Spriggs Street Playground in Berri, along with the Loveday Playground has been replaced with rubber log edging due to the pine edging becoming warped and unsightly with age. The new edging increases the safety and aesthetics of the playground.



Spriggs Street playground (pictured), along with Loveday Playground received rubber edge logging upgrades this year.

Johnnie Baynes Memorial Park Sign



Attendees of the Johnnie Baynes Memorial Park sign unveiling.

The Johnnie Baynes Park sign was replaced after the Barmera Improvement Committee identifying that the sign required replacement due to deterioration. The new sign was unveiled at a small ceremony in the presence of Johnnie's wife, Betty, and daughter, Vicky both being very pleased with the appearance of the new sign.

Cobdogla Primary School car park upgrade

An extra car parking area has been constructed for the Cobdogla Primary School and around the Dolan/McLeod Street park due to increase in student numbers. The additional parking area is expected to ease traffic congestion created over high use peak times.

Through this project, 18 additional 45 degree angle parking spots have been created. The previous pine log border has also been replaced with Replas post and rails and the original irrigation line and sprinklers have also been relocated.



Completed works on the Cobdogla Primary School car parking area.

Yacht Club car park upgrade

The Yacht Club in Barmera has received numerous upgrades to their carparking area within the 2020/2021 financial year. The upgrades included

- sealing of the remainder of the carpark. Originally, half of the car park at the yacht club had been sealed whilst the other half remained as compacted rock. The car park is now fully bitumised.
- landscaping of the carpark area. The area surrounding the carpark was landscaped with mulch and trees to improve the aesthetics of the area, and
- railing installed.



Completed works at the Barmera Yacht Club carpark.

Madison Avenue Monash upgrade

The Monash Township Revitalisation project commenced in the 2019/20 financial year, providing a number of upgrades to support the town and further aid in the preparations for the town's Centenary year.

To complete this project and finish off works to the Monash township, in the 2020/21 financial year mulch was installed, alternating with artificial turf as per existing medians on Madison Avenue, Monash. Two lights were installed at the base of the two new Monash Hall trees to shine on the Hall and highlight the Lone Gum emblems on the wall to add visual appeal for the facility at night.

Solar Shelter

A solar shelter with seating was installed on the Barmera Lakefront in proximity to the Yacht Club.

The shelter is a new concept to the district, consisting of solar panels with battery storage and USB points, allowing for tourists and locals using the shelter to charge electronic devices.



The solar shelter in Barmera

Other minor projects

Outdoor seating

Six new outdoor seats have been installed on the surrounds of the Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct (Berri Stadium)



Dean Drive Footpath upgrade

A number of the walking paths within the Council district have received works within the 2020/21 financial year to provide Council residents with safe and wellmaintained environments. The footpath on Dean Drive in Barmera, which is in proximity to the Lakes Café, has been upgraded from a grass to a concrete path after having been identified as unsafe.



Unmarked grave site fencing

A fence was installed during the 2020/21 financial year around the unmarked graves at the Berri Cemetery to help preserve the site. Preserving this site is an important step for these graves in the recognition of mental health and the affect it has had on the community through the decades.



Tree Replacement – Berri Senior Citizens Club Carpark

Ten Chinese elm trees have been installed in the Berri Senior Citizen Club carpark, along with irrigation, to provide shading and increase the amenity of the parking area that is frequented by elderly citizens. (featured on Infrastructure Services cover page)

environmental and regulatory services

Planning and Regulatory Services

Councils Planning and Regulatory Services department provides the following services to the community:

- Planning assessment
- Building assessment
- Development approvals
- Wastewater assessment
- School immunisation program
- Mosquito control
- Food safety
- Animal management
- Parking control
- Bushfire prevention
- General inspections and compliance
- Cemeteries administration
- By-Laws Property and Building Management
- Licenses and permits
- Council's Wastewater Management
 System

Development Assessment

Under the new <u>Planning</u>, <u>Development and</u> <u>Infrastructure Act 2016</u>, there are several designated authorities who are responsible for assessing development and planning applications, including;

- The Minister for Planning and Local Government
- The State Planning Commission
- an assessment panel
- an assessment manager
- accredited authorities
- local Councils

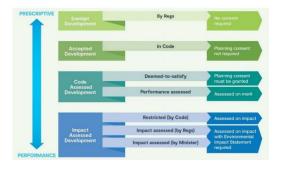
The Assessment Manager is a professional member of the development industry and has technical skill and expertise to advise and coordinate the Assessment Panel.

Local Councils are the relevant authority for making decisions about certain buildingrelated applications. development council-appointed Otherwise. а assessment assessment panel and manager is the relevant authority for development applications within that Council zone.

Development Applications

Having determined to which body the application should go, it is then necessary choose the appropriate type of to application, and assessment pathway. Development applications that may be Council determined by Council, the Assessment Panel Assessment or Manager include:

- Accepted Development (where Building Consent only is required)
- Deemed to Satisfy Development (i.e. a house on residential block) (assessed by Assessment Manager of Council Assessment Panel)
- Performance Assessed Development (assessed by Assessment Manager or Council Assessment Panel may assess applications).



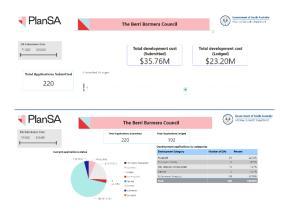
An application for development approval is to be lodged via the Planning Portal on the PlanSA website. Categories of development and assessment pathways can be located on the PlanSA website.



Assessment Timeframes

The new Act and Regulations set out revised timeframes for the assessment of developments in South Australia. These timeframes have been derived from those currently set out under the previous Act, the median time authorities currently take to assess development application and feedback received from relevant authorities and key stakeholders.

2020/21 Development applications



Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel (RRAP) Refer page xxx

Planning reforms

The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA) has been implemented in three phases across all council regions in South Australia. The new planning system fully commenced on 19 March 2021 and has now completely replaced the previous planning system under the <u>Development Act 1993</u> (SA), which no longer applies to the planning and development process in South Australia.

Council implemented the system and portal as Phase 2 from 31 July 2020. The key feature to the new planning system is the replacement of the current Development Plan process with the new Planning and Design Code. Under the new system, development applications will be submitted and tracked through an online 'ePlanning' portal.

Compliance / Illegal development

Council inspects properties at various stages of development as part of a development application process. It also inspects incidences of illegal development where development approval has not been sought or approved for changes in land use and building work. Mindful of costs involved with action through the Environment, Resources and Development Court, Council attempts to work with property owners towards a suitable outcome for all parties. Council has investigated and taken both formal and informal action on several occasions during the year.

Building Rules assessment

Building rules assessment is the second stage of the development approval process and involves the assessment of building plans for compliance with the Building Code of Australia, various Australian Standards, the South Australian Housing Code and other relevant Council and state requirements.

Building rules assessments involve the surveying of plans for compliance with the following matters:

- Structural adequacy
- Fire safety
- Health and amenity
- Energy efficiency
- Access for people with disabilities

Building Fire Safety Committee

Local councils play an important role in protecting the safety of building occupiers and users, including residents, workers or clients and visitors.

During the 2020/21 reporting period the following inspections were undertaken within the Berri Barmera Council area,



In addition to the Committee's role Council's Building Surveyor conducted follow up inspections to determine compliance with fire safety issues linked to development applications.

Environmental Health

Public and environmental health plays a daily and often unseen role to protect, maintain and promote community wellbeing. Council continued to provide a broad range of public and environmental health services in 2020/21 to address aspects of the natural and built environment that may affect the health and wellbeing of the community.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito management is important to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases (arbovirus), such as Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus and Murray Valley Encephalitis virus.

Council monitors the presence and types of mosquitoes and treats mosquito breeding sites within the Council area from September to April each year.

Following a 20-year partnership with the University of South Australia's Healthy Environments, Healthy People, Council's Environmental Health Officer began undertaking this work in-house at the start of the 2019/20 season.

During the 2020/21 season overnight traps were set monthly to collect adult mosquitoes at four sites within the Berri Barmera Council district. The trapped mosquitoes were sent to Westmead Hospitals' Medical Entomology for species identification and viral screening. No viruses were detected. The numbers and species type of trapped mosquitoes varied significantly month to month.

Council's Environmental Health Officer began the season monitoring known breeding sites and began developing a register of breeding sites. Mapping Services Australia (MSA) was then engaged to undertake data collection and web mapping of the mosquito breeding sites on Council, Crown and privately owned land.

MSA also undertook treatment of breeding sites on Council and Crown land. New Martin Bend sites identified by MSA were too large to treat with briquet stations or by hand. Further consideration is to be given to possible management/treatment solutions for these sites in the future, as Council does not have the resources necessary to undertake such large-scale treatment.

The mosquito surveillance and control program is partially funded by SA Health. The 2020/21 season started off as a 'low risk' season, however by October the season was escalated to 'medium risk', with additional treatment of breeding sites undertaken where accessible. An increase in health promotion activities, including the use of Councils social media was also undertaken Additional funding was made available by SA Health to assist Council undertake additional treatment when required.

The Riverland Integrated Mosquito Management Plan (RIMMP) 2019/22 was developed by Berri Barmera Council and District Council of Loxton Waikerie's Environmental Health Officers and adopted by the three Riverland Councils. The RIMMP is an integrated and risk management approach and continues to guide the Riverland Councils to monitor, control and manage mosquitoes in the region in order to minimise the number of adult vector mosquitoes in populated areas.

Immunisation

Each year Council staff and registered nurses from FocusOne Health attend Glossop High School, Riverland Special School and Rivergum Christian College to undertake the school immunisation program.

Food Safety

Free on-line food safety training is made available on Council's website and is aimed at educating food handlers within food businesses and community/charity groups. Environmental Health Australia's *I'm Alert* training continues to be made available. *DoFoodSafely* from Department of Health and Human Services Victoria and supported by SA Health is now also available.

Inspections are undertaken of food business premises, including those of fixed address, mobile operators based in the Council district and mobile operators based elsewhere that visit the area. Food businesses are classified in accordance with the SA Health Food Business Risk Classification framework. Routine inspections are undertaken at frequencies allocated by the framework. Additional inspections are undertaken in response to customer complaints or if requested by SA Health, e.g. for serious food recalls. Inspections assess compliance with the Food Safety Standards and the Food Act 2001.

Onsite Wastewater Systems

Safe disposal and reuse of wastewater is essential to protect public and environmental health. Applications for new and altered wastewater systems for domestic and commercial installations are assessed and approved prior to installation.

Complaints regarding failed wastewater systems, mismanagement of wastewater and illegal installations are investigated, and enforcement action undertaken when required to maintain compliance with the South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013.

High Risk Manufactured Water Systems

Warm water systems and cooling water systems (high risk manufactured water systems(HRMWS)) within the Council area are registered, inspected by Council's EHO and contract EHO, and water tested annually to control the growth of Legionella and to monitor compliance with the South Australian Public Health (Legionella) Regulations 2013. The continuation of Council inspections over the past two financial periods has provided consistency for HRMWS operators with the additional benefit of cost savings to the businesses, in comparison to the previous system of thirdparty inspections.

Public Swimming Pool Operation and Management

Public swimming pools, spa pools and water play parks within the Council are monitored for compliance with the South Australian Public Health (General) Regulations 2013.

CWMS Management

In March, the Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) undertook an audit of Council's Safety, Reliability, Maintenance and Technical Management Plan (SRMTMP).

The OTR along with Council staff visited the Barmera and Berri Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) where Trility led a site inspection of these facilities.

This was followed by a desktop audit where the OTR ran through the entire SRMTMP, taking the opportunity to ask more in-depth questions on specific processes in place to ensure safe and reliable services. This process looked at opportunities for improvement for Council (and Council's contractors) to consider as a water industry entity, operating within the approved SRMTMP. This approach is in accordance with Clause 68 (2) of the Water Industry Act 2012.

The audit highlighted that Council's SRMTMP needs to be updated and that there are areas around risk and contract management that can be improved to ensure safe and reliable services.

Compliance

Compliance Officers investigated more than 627 customer requests in 2020/21 which were handled either through education or enforcement.

Council's Compliance Officers actively engage with our community, providing consultation, information and education in an effort to create a safe environment for residents and visitors.

Compliance Officers provide a range of reactive and programmed services such as:

- Road safety and parking
- Dog and cat management

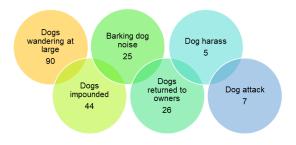
- Corella control
- Investigate abandoned vehicles
- Monitor and enforce Council By-Laws
- Fire prevention
- Attend to Litter and Local Nuisance complaints

Dog and Cat Management

Over the 2020/2021 period there were 2240 dogs and 282 cats registered within the Berri Barmera Council area and recorded on the Dogs and Cats Online database.

Council has responsibility for dog and cat management in accordance with the *Dog* and *Cat Management Act 1995*. The objectives of the Act are to encourage responsible dog and cat ownership, to reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats, and to promote the effective management of dogs and cats.

Throughout the 2020/21 period, Compliance Officers attended to the following dog related complaints:



Compliance Officers issued a total of 13 expiation notices for dog related offences.

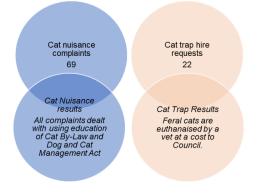
Council make every effort to return wandering dogs to owner, in the instances that they are unclaimed rehoming in undertaken. Rehoming is undertaken where possible.



Council's Cat By-Law has been operational since the 2019/2020 reporting year. Complaints regarding cat nuisance have increased from last year.

Compliance Officers have been educating cat owners regarding their responsibilities and relevant By-Laws and have found that this has so far been successful.

Throughout the 2020/21 period, Compliance Officers attended to the following cat related complaints;



Parking Control

In total, 33 parking expiation notices and 2 warnings were issued during 2020/21 as a result of parking complaints received

Council's Compliance Officers focus on maintaining a safe environment for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists by monitoring and enforcing the Australian Road Rules. The Compliance Officers approach is to provide education to motorists where possible as well as issuing warnings and expiations.

Fire Prevention

Council has the responsibility to ensure that land under its care and control is maintained to fire prevention standards. Councils Infrastructure department work tirelessly to keep Council assets prepared during the fire danger season.

Compliance Officers commenced fire prevention duties in August 2020 sending 167 education-based letters to owners of vacant blocks, and those who previously received notices, reminding them that it is time to prepare for the fire danger season.

Inspections of every property within the Council area were conducted throughout September 2020. As a result, 75 properties were identified as requiring work and issued Section 105F fire hazard reduction notices to reduce the risk of fire on their land within a timeframe. Subsequent inspections on the 75 properties were carried out in October 2020.

Out of the 75 Section 105F notices issued, 27 landowners were identified as noncompliant and explations were issued. Landowners are charged the cost of the services provided in cleaning up properties.

Compliance Officers will continue to monitor all land within the Council area and issue clean up notices where required throughout the fire danger season.

Tougher restrictions on the issuing of Schedule 9 and 10 permits, issued to light and maintain fires during the fire danger season were introduced in the 2019/2020 financial year and remained in place for the 2020/2021 year.

In total, Council issued six permits under the Fire and Emergency Services Act to light and maintain fires during fire danger season, mainly to those operating business for the purpose of sulphur box burning and charcoal production and emergency hot works for the local winery.

Section 105F Statistics	2020/2021
Section 105F notices issued	75
Council action required	2
Expiations issued	27

Corella Management

Smaller flocks of corellas still caused considerable damage to Berri Riverfront, although a reduced season compared to previous years.

The over-abundance of little corellas cause problems to the community and the environment. through damage to built infrastructure including buildings, stobie poles, lights, timber structures sporting equipment and vegetation including trees, crops and native vegetation.

Council managed a Corella Control program with the surrounding Councils. A contractor was engaged for the destruction of corellas in public areas at Lake Bonney and the Berri Riverfront precinct to help protect areas within our region. No corella management was conducted during peak holiday periods to ensure minimum disruption or confronting scenes to visitors and tourists.

The Berri Riverside Caravan Park also assisted in trialling an alternative method of whip cracking to try to move on the corella flocks.

Litter and Local Nuisance Control

Noticeably, most local nuisance complaints during 2020/2021 were due to smoke nuisance or offensive smell from illegal burning on properties.

The Environmental Protection Agency remains the main contact for significant environment complaints.

Litter and Local Nuisance Control Statistics	2020/2021
Local nuisance complaints	45
Litter complaints	52
Expiations issued	13

Council Projects

Caring for Country Management Plan The River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC) and Berri Barmera Council have joint care, control and management arrangements of lands around Lake Bonney that are subject to Native Title determination

The Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan was adopted by RMMAC and Council in 2018. Funding was received under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development program and Open Space and Places for People Grant program with works continuing until 2022 for the delivery of the Plan.

The works identified to be carried out over the project term are;

- vegetation management
- signage
- pest animal and weed management
- indigenous rangers
- campground improvements
- carpark upgrades
- track rationalisation activities
- cycling and walking tracks
- day visitor areas and
- waste management.

Works have been progressing with track rationalisation being completed, this included signage, fencing, rock and log barriers to restrict access. Camp sites, walking trail and revegetation have been mapped and are waiting on section 21 and 23 approval from Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation prior to works commencing.



Berri Grandstand Changerooms

Work is currently underway on the upgrade of the Berri Grandstand Changerooms. Renovations commenced in February 2021 and include building of a storage area, toilet and shower cubicles, additional space for teams, first aid room, umpires room and accessibility toilet. The umpires room was created within the footprint of the Berri home changerooms and has been completed. A disabled facility has been created in the public toilets that includes shower facilities.

The grandstand is in the final stages of completion with flooring and fixtures remaining to be installed.

Nookamka Outdoor Education Centre

The Nookamka Outdoor Education Centre located in Apex Park at Lake Bonney was restored after years of wear and weather damage, leaving the outdoor classroom under utilised. The multi-stage works carried out complemented the original stonework and 'ship' theme, with all design work sympathetic to the surrounding environment and natural habitat. The education area and cultural heritage will now be able to be reactivated by groups of students and visitors. These works were undertaken as part of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

The final works are featured on Environmental and Regulatory Services cover page.

Soldiers Memorial Hall – Supper Room Upgrade

The Soldiers Memorial Hall in Barmera was renovated in 2016, with works for the adjoining supper room still being required. Some of the works included;

- installation of storage room
- new ceiling
- lighting and electrical upgrade
- installation of makeup mirrors and shelving
- sanding and staining of flooring
- toilet upgrade and
- painting.

The supper room has now been transformed into an additional usable space for hirers of the facility.





Soldiers Memorial Hall, Barmera: Top: the space prior to renovations Bottom: the space after the renovations

Lake Bonney walking trail animals

The animal art pieces located along the Lake Bonney walking trail were faded and in need of a paint refresh. The Barmera Girl Guides group approached Council for supply of paint and materials to complete the refresh in order to earn community service badges, by completing the painting as a community services task.

Guides leader Sue Webber, the Guides (ranging from ages 5½ to 14) and their parents attended the site and spent the morning repainting the animal pieces. These works were undertaken as part of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and compliment the works carried out by the Infrastructure team on the Lake Bonney track extension project.



corporate services



Rates

Rates are a tax levied on properties according to their capital value which are determined by the Valuer General. In 2020/2021 Berri Barmera Council generated \$8,543,827 million of 'General Rate Revenue'. This rate revenue equated to 46.8% of Berri Barmera Councils operating income.

Council uses Capital Value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest methods of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers on the following basis.

- The equity principle of taxation requires that taxpayers of greater wealth pay more tax than those of lesser wealth
- Property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value, which closely approximates the market value of a property and provides the best indicator of overall property value.

Land Use	Capital Value	% of total CV	No. of Properties	% of total Properties	Proposed Rates	% of rates levied
Non Rateable	\$ 78,568,122	5.34%	479	7.10%	\$-	0.00%
Residential	\$ 907,870,212	61.74%	4490	66.53%	\$ 5,864,929.85	65.66%
Primary Production	\$ 233,936,104	15.91%	922	13.66%	\$ 1,349,557.75	15.11%
Commercial (all categories)	\$ 145,905,080	9.92%	396	5.87%	\$ 981,175.40	10.98%
Industrial (all categories)	\$ 53,248,884	3.62%	90	1.33%	\$ 376,942.10	4.22%
Vacant	\$ 27,133,782	1.85%	285	4.22%	\$ 174,430.25	1.95%
Other	\$ 23,775,936	1.62%	90	1.29%	\$ 185,446.40	2.08%
	\$ 1,470,438,120	100%	6749	100%	\$ 8,932,481.75	100%

The following table shows the proportion of general rates raised per category of land use

Annual Business Plan Implementation

The Annual Business Plan, which is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, provides details as to the projects and activities of the Council for the year and how these projects and activities integrate with the Measures and Corporate Objectives contained in the Strategic Plan. The projects that were contained specifically within the Annual Business Plan are listed in the table aside, which also shows the status of the projects as at 30 June 2021.

The status refers to whether the project was completed, deferred for future completion or carried forward for inclusion within the 2021/2022 year.

It is noted from the tables below and overleaf that there are a number of projects that have been carried forward to the 2021/2022 year, primarily due to the fact that either the projects are very large and in the planning stages are still proceeding or, in fact, the project was being undertaken but had not been finalised by the reporting date. Some projects are shown as 'on-going' as they are programmed projects and are prioritised according to Council's Asset Management Plans.

Overall, the assessment of the performance of the Council for the year is satisfactory as a majority of the projects committed to by Council were completed during the year and within their financial constraints.

The following lists are the Project priorities for the year separated into Operational Projects and Capital Projects

7.1.1 Operating Projects

Project Description	
Barmera and District Centenary	Ongoing
Decommissioning of old Barmera Netball Club lights	Completed
Glassey Park User Review	Ongoing
Growth Strategy for Berri and Barmera	Ongoing
Tree replacement – senior citizens car park	Completed
Monash Dump rehabilitation	Completed
Green Waste Disposal Options	Ongoing
Berri CBD On Street Parking Review	Ongoing
Hard Waste Collection	Completed
Wellbeing Events	Completed
Native Vegetation Management Plan	Ongoing

7.1.2 Capital Projects

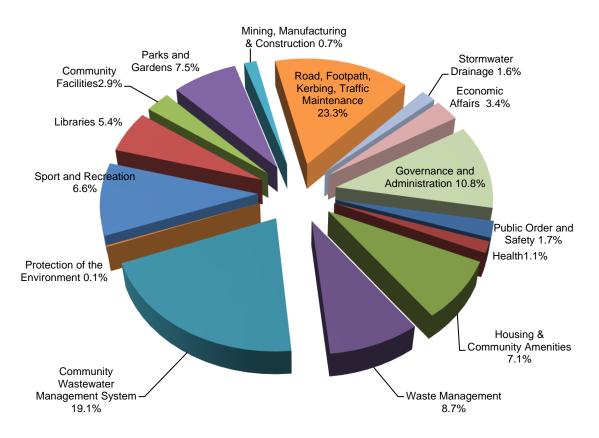
Project Description	
Economic/Corporate Services	
Central Business District Revitalisation Plan activation	Ongoing
Council Civic Centre Strategy	Ongoing
ICT Strategy Plant and Equipment	Ongoing
Community Services	
Berri and Barmera Libraries – Facilities Improvements and Plant &	Completed
Equipment	
Swimming Centre Equipment & Upgrade	Ongoing
Barmera stadium floor replacement	Ongoing
Environmental Services	
Master Plan – Alan Glassey Park	Ongoing
Master Plan – Coombe Street Activation	Ongoing
Environmental Management and Sustainability Strategy Implementation	Ongoing

Lake Bonney Caring for Country	Ongoing
Barmera VIC toilet upgrades	Completed
Bonney Theatre Supper Room upgrades	Completed
CWMS IAMP and Preventative Maintenance Program	Ongoing
Buildings and Structures Renewals	Ongoing
Infrastructure Services	Chigoing
Berri Riverfront Precinct Retrofit	Ongoing
Depot Communications - POC	Ongoing
Shed Refurbishment Depot	Completed
Trailer Refurbishment	Completed
Weed Control – Steamer	Completed
Barmera Fletcher Park CIT water connection	Completed
Rocky's Hall of Fame CIT Upgrade	Completed
Solar Shelter	Completed
Playground renewals	Completed
Barmera Playspace Bridge works	Completed
Monash Adventure Park Upgrades	Completed
Monash Cricket Oval Club rooms Irrigation	Completed
Pine Posts Replacements	Ongoing
Street Lighting Upgrades	Completed
Berri Stadium Outdoor Seating	Completed
Vaughan Terrace Artificial Grass	Completed
Roads to Recovery funded roadworks	Completed
Sealing and re-alignment McKay Road (SLRP)	Ongoing
Sealing and re-alignment Loveday Road (SLRP)	Ongoing
Resheeting Caddy Road (SLRP)	Ongoing
Median Upgrade – Madison Avenue Berri and Barmera CBD Paving	Completed Ongoing
Footpath Ritchie Street	Completed
Footpath Dean Drive	Completed
New Footpath Clarke Road	Completed
Jellett Road Footpath and Stormwater upgrade	Ongoing
Colin Jennings Apex Park Revamp	Ongoing
Cobdogla Primary School car park	Completed
Yacht Club Barmera boat ramp car park sealing	Completed
BBQ Shelter Berri Marina	Completed
Unmarked Grave Site fencing	Completed
Berri Cemetery Upgrades Barmera Cemetery Gazebos	Completed Completed
Lake Bonney Breakwater Design	Ongoing
Wharf Design Berri stage 2	Ongoing
Berri Oval Viewing Mound	Ongoing
Road Renewals Heavy Vehicle Road audit	Ongoing
Road Renewal Coneybeer Street Berri	Ongoing
Berri Riverfront Precinct Stage 2 design	Ongoing
Willabalangaloo Trail	Ongoing
Renewal Crawford Terrace	Ongoing
Stormwater upgrade Worman Street Berri and Barmera Ovals Irrigation	Ongoing Completed
Lake Bonney Track Extension	Completed
Lighting Barmera Lakefront Berri Riverfront Berri CBD	Completed
Monash Adventure Park Maze Upgrade	Completed
Reconstruct Berri Riverfront Swim Steps	Completed
Reseals Town and District Roads	Completed
Road Sealing	Completed
Unsealed road renewals	Completed
Kerbing renewals	Ongoing
Footpath renewals	Ongoing
Stormwater renewals	Ongoing
Plant and Machinery Purchases Minor plant purchases	Ongoing Completed
wind plant purchases	Completed

Financial Management Statement

Functions	Operating Expenditure	
Public Order and Safety	\$305,453	1.7%
Health	\$187,595	1.1%
Housing & Community Amenities	\$1,237,552	7.1%
Waste Management	\$1,519,452	8.7%
Community Wastewater Management System	\$3,354,866	19.1%
Protection of the Environment	\$23,314	0.1%
Sport and Recreation	\$1,149,305	6.6%
Libraries	\$954,537	5.4%
Community Facilities	\$504,410	2.9%
Parks and Gardens	\$1,316,547	7.5%
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	\$119,732	0.7%
Road, Footpath, Kerbing, Traffic Maintenance	\$4,091,384	23.3%
Stormwater Drainage	\$286,783	1.6%
Economic Affairs	\$591,641	3.4%
Governance and Administration	\$1,894,643	10.8%
	\$17,537,214	100%

The following pie chart graphically presents a breakdown of operating expenditure by function for the Berri Barmera Council for 2020/2021.



The following financial indicators for 2020/2021 are interpreted as follows:

Operating Surplus Ratio

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of the NRM levy. The operating surplus ratio for 2020/2021 is 3.8%. In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30 June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants – the adjusted operating surplus ratio of 4.0% adjusts for the distortion in the disclosed operating result for each year and indicates that Council is maintaining sustainability (see table below).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

This ratio indicates the extent to which net financial liabilities of Council can be met by its operating revenue. Where the ratio is falling over time indicates that the Council's capacity to meets it financial obligations from operating revenue is strengthening. The 2020/2021 ratio of 20% is within the adopted target.

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

This ratio indicates whether Council is renewing or replacing its existing non-financial assets at the same rate the assets are wearing out. The 2020/2021 ratio is 89%.

Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Operating Surplus Ratio	3.8%	4%	0.2%	3.7%	14%
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	4%	4.2%	-0.8%	3.9%	7.0%
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	20%	22%	26%	26%	25%
Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	89%	59%	46.6%	78%	73%

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

Berri Barmera Council General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2021

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Audit Certificate of Audit Independence

Berri Barmera Council Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.

KARYN BURTON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PETER HUN MAYOR

Date: 11th November 2021

Berri Barmera Council Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
INCOME			
Rates	2	13,145,341	12,593,353
Statutory charges	2	199,513	216,776
User charges	2	165,873	156,166
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,695,904	3,136,948
Investment income	2	115,727	124,519
Reimbursements	2	512,553	614,952
Other income	2	403,237	311,353
Total Income		18,238,148	17,154,067
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	4,995,917	4,790,218
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,674,861	8,068,321
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,560,102	3,349,907
Finance costs	3	306,334	253,949
Total Expenses	2	17,537,214	16,462,395
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OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		700,934	691,672
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(516,012)	(177,874)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	2,185,058	982,722
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		2,369,980	1,496,520
Other Comprehensive Income	-		
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	3,308,718	_
Total Other Comprehensive Income		3,308,718	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		5,678,698	1,496,520

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

Berri Barmera Council Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,113,101	4,321,387
Trade & other receivables	5	2,705,932	2,678,868
Inventories	5	200,675	47,877
Total Current Asso	ets _	6,019,708	7,048,132
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	1,414,199	1,597,202
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	133,657,999	128,842,119
Other non-current assets	6	3,889,689	3,231,516
Total Non-current Asso	ets	138,961,887	133,670,837
Total Assets	6	144,981,595	140,718,969
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LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	2,050,825	2,986,950
Borrowings	8	1,042,354	1,005,656
Provisions	8	1,315,368	1,190,372
Total Current Liabilit	ies	4,408,547	5,182,978
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	6,227,036	7,019,390
Provisions	8	313,433	162,720
Total Non-current Liabilit	ies	6,540,469	7,182,110
Total Liabilities		10,949,016	12,365,088
NET ASSETS	-	134,032,579	128,353,881
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		31,545,394	29,041,202
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	100,485,012	97,176,294
Other Reserves	9	2,002,173	2,136,385
TOTAL EQUITY		134,032,579	128,353,881

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

Berri Barmera Council Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2021	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		29,041,202	97,176,294	2,136,385	128,353,881
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,369,980			2,369,980
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			3,308,718		3,308,718
Transfers between reserves		134,212		(134,212)	-
Balance at end of period	9	31,545,394	100,485,012	2,002,173	134,032,579
		**			

2020	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		27,314,299	97,176,294	2,366,768	126,857,361
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,496,520			1,496,520
Other Comprehensive Income					
Transfers between reserves		230,383		(230,383)	-
Balance at end of period	9	29,041,202	97,176,294	2,136,385	128,353,881
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This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

Berri Barmera Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$	\$
Receipts:			
Rates - general & other		13,300,617	12,320,778
Fees & other charges		214,064	238,454
User charges		525,209	1,672,770
Investment receipts		115,727	124,519
Grants utilised for operating purposes		2,532,671	3,293,795
Reimbursements		261,822	789,860
Other revenues		1,610,451	1,669,244
Payments:			
Employee costs		(4,839,038)	(4,775,853)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(9,868,370)	(14,302,561)
Finance payments		(252,507)	(231,227)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,600,646	799,779
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts:			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,185,058	982,722
Sale of replaced assets		148,683	148,818
Repayments of loans by community groups		196,951	132,654
Payments:			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,575,569)	(2,044,008)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(3,008,399)	(3,020,691)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(4,053,276)	(3,800,505)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts:			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	4,050,000
Payments:		(<i></i>
Repayments of borrowings	3	(755,656)	(472,560)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(755,656)	3,577,440
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(1,208,286)	576,714
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	4,321,387	3,744,673
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	3,113,101	4,321,387

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

1.5 Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the 2020/21 financial statements, which may impact on the comparability of some line items and amounts reported in these financial statements and/or the notes. The financial impacts are a direct result of either Council's response to the pandemic or due to mandatory shutdowns as directed by the Australian Government and the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and SA Health.

Examples include - Additional Federal and State Government grant funding received for the benefit of local economic stimulus. This funding was utilised for the delivery of projects that would not otherwise have been within Council's financial capacity to deliver. The funding was used for the purposes it was provided, that being the engagement of local contractors and suppliers.

COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant financial impact on Council operations with the Council working to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow into the 2021/22 financial year, but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2021/22 including, but not limited to deferral of some capital works as Council experiences procurement restraints such as material supplies and increase in contractor costs. The budget assumptions for 2021/22 assume that no further harsher restrictions are put in place by the government. However, Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Berri Barmera Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 19 Wilson Street, Berri, SA, 5343. These consolidated financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other entities in which Council has an interest but does not control are reported in Note 19.

3 Income recognition

3.1 Revenue

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

In recent years, the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2018-19	\$2,828,957	\$2,662,978	+	\$165,979
2019-20	\$2,631,345	\$2,660,053	-	\$28,708
2020-21	\$2,545,663	\$2,684,160	-	\$138,497

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

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 15 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

3.2 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

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

4.2 Other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

5.1 Other Real Estate held for resale

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

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.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to infrastructure, property, plant & equipment when completed ready for use.

6.2 Materiality

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

8 Borrowings

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

Superannuation:

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

9.2 **Provisions for reinstatement, restoration, rehabilitation and disposal.**

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Council's policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

Council's requirement to dispose of effluent biosolids as directed under Environment Protection Authority direction and guidelines has been provided for within the financial statements.

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.

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date). It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities. Council's interests in cooperative arrangements are accounted for in accordance with AASB 128 Investments in Associates and are set out in detail in Note 19.

12 GST Implications

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

13 New and amended standards and interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Amendments to AASB 101 and AASB 108 Definition of Material:

The amendments provide a new definition of material that states, "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements. A misstatement of information is material if it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions made by the primary users. These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of, nor is there expected to be any future impact to the Council.

Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions:

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASs - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under IFRS 16 if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Berri Barmera Council.

Note 2 - INCOME

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
RATES REVENUES			
General Rates		8,865,796	8,449,449
Less: Mandatory rebates, discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(321,969)	(266,937)
		8,543,827	8,182,512
Other Rates (including service charges)			
Regional Landscape Levy		329,787	328,461
Waste collection		1,189,772	1,120,584
Community wastewater management systems		2,984,951	2,869,354
		4,504,510	4,318,399
Other Charges			
Penalties for late payment		97,004	92,442
		97,004	92,442
		13,145,341	12,593,353
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		10,183	84,791
Town planning fees		89,482	21,290
Animal registration fees & fines		93,331	94,420
Parking fines / expiation fees		1,372	-
Other licences, fees, & fines		5,145	16,275
		199,513	216,776
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		61,196	59,868
Commercial activity revenue (1)		62,243	45,949
Hall & equipment hire		28,990	29,083
Parking fees		690	991
Sales - general		-	11,154
Sundry		12,754	9,121
		165,873	156,166
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		28,744	41,382
Banks & other		3,802	11,594
Loans to community groups		83,181	71,543
		115,727	124,519

Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	2021	2020
REIMBURSEMENTS Notes	s \$	\$
- for wastewater reuse scheme	-	177,124
- for private works	249,905	208,945
- by joint undertakings	241,804	210,575
- other	20,844	18,308
	512,553	614,952
OTHER INCOME		
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	39,438	39,433
Rebates received	109,510	103,302
Sundry	254,289	168,618
	403,237	311,353
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2,185,058	982,722
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	2,711,663	2,631,345
Roads to Recovery	326,490	326,660
Library & Communications	118,977	139,235
Sundry	538,774	39,708
	3,695,904	3,136,948
	5,880,962	4,119,670
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.		
Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	2,026,270	1,298,804
State government	3,786,771	2,810,288
Other	67,921	10,578
	5,880,962	4,119,670

Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

		2021	2020
Individually Significant Item	Notes	\$	\$

Conditions over grants & contributions

Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:

Unexpended at the close of the previous reportion	ng period	497,000	497,000
Less: expended during the current period from r recognised in previous reporting periods:	evenues		
Roads Infrastructure - Special Local Road Road)	ls (Jury	(497,000)	
	Subtotal	(497,000)	
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	I	·	497,000
Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to co in the current reporting period	onditions	(497,000)	-

Note 3 - EXPENSE

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		4,414,949	4,071,468
Employee leave expense		411,154	418,126
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	353,367	331,217
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	95,519	98,744
Workers' Compensation Insurance		203,119	239,890
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(482,191)	(369,227)
Total Operating Employee Costs		4,995,917	4,790,218
Total Number of Employees		65	62
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
 Auditing the financial reports 		19,415	19,755
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	14,051
Elected members' expenses		193,198	203,584
Lease Expenses - low value assets	17	13,147	12,845
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		225,760	250,235
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses			
Contractors		3,414,753	2,902,791
Trility - Wastewater Re-Use Scheme Availibility and Volumetr	ric	2,482,299	2,490,448
Legal Expenses		32,400	68,874
Levies paid to government - Landscape levy		318,256	344,951
Parts, accessories & consumables		1,252,794	1,194,401
Sundry		948,599	816,621
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		8,449,101	7,818,086
		8,674,861	8,068,321

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Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	2021	2020
	Notes \$	\$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Building & Structures	1,114,250	1,067,514
- Roads	761,930	928,687
- Footpaths	459,375	166,765
- Kerbing	258,049	302,363
- Stormwater Drainage	169,692	167,974
- Effluent	286,550	281,523
Plant and Machinery	418,098	397,887
Minor Plant	111,321	92,521
Office Equipment	121,175	80,288
	3,700,440	3,485,522
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs	(140,338	3) (135,615)
	3,560,102	3,349,907
FINANCE COSTS		
Interest on Loans	286,038	233,694
Unwinding of present value discounts	20,296	20,255
	306,334	253,949

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2021	2020
Ν	otes \$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Assets renewed or directly replaced		
Proceeds from disposal	148,683	148,818
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	664,695	326,692
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	(516,012)	(177,874)

Berri Barmera Council Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

		2021	2020
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Cash on Hand and at Bank		283,941	816,102
Deposits at Call		2,829,160	3,505,285
		3,113,101	4,321,387
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		1,525,727	1,665,385
Rates postponed for State Seniors		799	16,417
Debtors - general		511,281	446,644
GST Recoupment		229,910	100,347
Prepayments		17,334	15,246
Loans to community organisations		434,932	448,880
Total		2,719,983	2,692,919
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		(14,051)	(14,051)
		2,705,932	2,678,868

Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 13.

INVENTORIES

Stores & Materials	200,675	47,877
	200,675	47,877

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

		2021	2020
FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations	2	1,414,199	1,597,202
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	_	1,414,199	1,597,202
	_		
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories			
Capital Works-in-Progress		3,889,689	3,231,516
		3,889,689	3,231,516

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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

			2020	20			2021	21	
			\$.000	00			\$'000	00	
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	ო	20,788,793	I	I	20,788,793	20,788,793		•	20,788,793
Buildings	2	17,062,752	1	(15,649,316)	1,413,436	17,062,752	1	(15,649,316)	1,413,436
Buildings	ю	21,957,728	733,945	(7,993,546)	14,698,127	21,957,728	914,515	(8,516,731)	14,355,512
Structures	e	18,525,317	2,609,892	(8,176,114)	12,959,095	18,525,317	3,812,033	(8,767,179)	13,570,171
Infrastructure:		ł	I	I	I		•	I	•
- Roads	e	59,474,579	2,022,642	(23,054,725)	38,442,496	55,303,424	2,616,723	(19,013,335)	38,906,812
- Footpaths	n	7,809,815	461,370	(5,042,935)	3,228,250	13,330,548	864,721	(5,509,925)	8,685,344
- Stormwater Drainage	ы	14,883,892	223,668	(6,068,272)	9,039,288	14,902,058	242,472	(6,248,388)	8,896,142
- Effluent	ო	22,606,921	576,227	(11,192,874)	11,990,274	22,572,699	675,878	(11,461,014)	11,787,563
- Kerbing	ი	21,119,661	292,402	(7,972,861)	13,439,202	18,167,556	30,296	(5,903,840)	12,294,012
Plant and Machinery		I	5,325,824	(3,147,896)	2,177,928	I	5,612,450	(3,423,365)	2,189,085
Minor Plant		I	1,361,031	(945,831)	415,200	I	1,541,232	(1,045,864)	495,368
Office Equipment		I	1,648,026	(1,397,996)	250,030	I	1,794,932	(1,519,171)	275,761
Total IPP&E		204,229,458	15,255,027	(90,642,366)	128,842,119	202,610,875	18,105,252	(87,058,128)	133,657,999
Comparatives		204,229,458	12,443,809	(88,071,146)	(88,071,146) 128,602,121 204,229,458	204,229,458	15,255,027	(90,642,366) 128,842,119	128,842,119

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2020									2021
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	Carrying	Net Adjust	Additions	suc	Dienocale			Transfe rs	<u> </u>	Carrying
	Amount	AASB 16	New / Upgrade	Renewals	cipeodein			In Out		Amount
Land	20,788,793		1	I	r	-	'		'	20,788,793
Buildings	1,413,436		1	I	1	ı	t	1	1	1,413,436
Buildings	14,698,127		I	180,570	I	(523,185)	I	-	•	14,355,512
Structures	12,959,095		I	1,202,141	I	(591,065)	I	'	1	13,570,171
Infrastructure:										
- Roads	38,442,496		2,057,996	558,727	(199,426)	(761,930)	9	'	(1,191,051)	38,906,812
- Footpaths	3,228,250		249,057	615,664	(344,507)	(459,375)	I	-	5,396,255	8,685,344
- Stormwater Drainage	9,039,288		18,804	I	1	(169,692)	ı	' '	7,742	8,896,142
- Effluent	11,990,274		I	99,651	(15,812)	(286,550)	ı	1	I	11,787,563
- Kerbing	13,439,202		3,537	26,759	(13,209)	(258,049)	ı	1	(904,228)	12,294,012
Plant and Machinery	2,177,928		I	518,517	(89,262)	(418,098)	I	1 1		2,189,085
Minor Plant	415,200		I	193,968	(2,479)	(111,321)	ı	1		495,368
Office Equipment	250,030		I	146,906	1	(121,175)	1	' 1	-	275,761
Total IPP&E	128,842,119	I	2,329,394	3,542,903	(664,695)	(3,700,440)	•	-	3,308,718	133,657,999
Comparatives 128,602,121	128,602,121	1	2,227,204	1,825,008	(326,692)	(326,692) (3,485,522)	1	•	-	128,842,119

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

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

- Accounting procedure: Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.
- *Highest and best use:* For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

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

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

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

- *Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations:* Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.
- *Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land:* Valuations of 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.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2021

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

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$10,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$10,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$2,000
Drains & Culverts	\$5,000

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Electronic Office Equipment	4 years
Office Furniture	10 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	10 years
Other Plant & Equipment	3 to 5 years
Software	10 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 20 years
Benches, seats, etc	5 to 25 years
Infrastructure	
Road Surfaces - Sealed and Unsealed	15 to 30 years
Road Pavements – Pavements under sealed surfaces	60 to 90 years
Kerbing	60 to 70 years
Footpaths	15 to 50 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2021

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

Land and land improvements were revalued as at 30 June 2018 by Jones Lang LaSalle at fair value. Additions are recognised at cost.

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

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 30 June 2018 by Jones Lang LaSalle at written down replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

It is recognised that there are a number of buildings and structures situated on land belonging to Crown that is in the care and control of council and are assets neither maintained nor operated by Council but rather, by other community groups and/or sporting bodies. Arrangements are in place via operating lease agreements for the community groups to be entirely responsible for the renewal of these assets.

In addition, there are several buildings and structures situated on land belonging to Crown that are not in the care and control of Council, yet are assets considered to be non-replaceable assets and are not maintained by Council. Such assets are not included within the Council's accounts based on the following legal advice:

- Where the lease provides that the improvements vest in the lessee, it is for the lessee to depreciate those assets. However, if the improvements remain after the expiration or termination of the lease;
 - in the case of Crown land, they become the property of the Crown and from that point depreciation is the Crown's responsibility; or
 - in the case of land owned by Council, they become Council property and depreciation is the Council's responsibility.

If the lease is silent regarding ownership of lessee improvements constructed during the term of the lease, any improvements that constitute a fixture (such as a building) become part of the land. In the case of Crown land, the improvements will be taken to be owned by the Crown and the Crown will be responsible for depreciating them.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2021

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

Infrastructure

Roads, footpaths and kerbing infrastructure are recognised at depreciated current replacement cost, deriving from a valuation at 1 July 2020. Additions are recognised at cost. The revaluation was undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure is recognised at depreciated current replacement cost deriving from a valuation at 1 July 2016. Additions are recognised at cost. The revaluation was undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure is recognised at depreciated current replacement cost from a valuation at 1 July 2016. Additions are recognised at cost. The revaluation was undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2	021	20)20
			\$		\$
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		1,090,457		921,096	
Payments received in advance		763,648		1,926,881	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		72,601		48,385	
Accrued expenses - other		124,119		90,588	
		2,050,825	-	2,986,950	-
BORROWINGS					
Loans		1,042,354	6,227,036	1,005,656	7,019,390
		1,042,354	6,227,036	1,005,656	7,019,390
PROVISIONS LSL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		828,116	38,433	756,292	12,720
AL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		487,252		434,080	-
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc		-	150,000	-	150,000
Other Provisions		-	125,000	-	· _
	,	1,315,368	313,433	1,190,372	162,720
Movements in Provisions - 2021 year only (current & non-current)			Insurance Losses	Future Reinstate- ment	Other Provision
Opening Balance			-	150,000	1,203,092
Add Unwinding of present value discour	nts			2,250	18,046
Additional amounts recognised					125,000
(Less) Payments Unused amounts reversed				(23,777)	(278,491)
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments				21,527	411,154
Closing Balance			-	150,000	1,478,801

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		1/7/2020	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2021
	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land		10,366,818	-		10,366,818
Structures		3,199,686	-		3,199,686
Infrastructure:					
- Roads		33,711,113	(1,191,051)		32,520,062
- Footpaths		3,403,674	5,396,255		8,799,929
- Stormwater Drainage		10,158,944	7,742		10,166,686
- Effluent		13,234,029	-		13,234,029
- Kerbing		23,102,030	(904,228)		22,197,802
TOTAL		97,176,294	3,308,718	-	100,485,012
Compa	ratives	97,176,294	-	-	97,176,294

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2020	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2021
Land Development Reserves	1,855,989	4,818	(5,432)	1,855,375
District CWMS	115,097	2,984,955	(3,043,491)	56,561
Work in Progress	163,500	10,000	(105,500)	68,000
Open Space	1,799	-	-	1,799
Upper Murray GOM	-	32,938	(12,500)	20,438
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,136,385	3,032,711	(3,166,923)	2,002,173
Comparatives _	2,366,768	3,216,423	(3,446,806)	2,136,385

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).

Land Development Reserve

Reserve created for the specific use of funding certain economic development projects throughout the district.

District CWMS Reserve

Reserve set up for the express purpose of managing the income and expenditure of the Council's Community Wastewater management Scheme which includes the maintenance of the scheme and upgrades as required.

Work in Progress Reserve

Reserve used to carry funds over from one year to the next for operating projects that are unfinished at year end and to be completed the following year.

Open Space Reserve

Reserve used to set aside developer contributions and to be used in the development of open space areas for use of the community.

Upper Murray Garden of Memory Cemetery Reserve

Reserve set aside by the Upper Murray Garden of Memory Cemetery Committee for future investment at the cemetery.

Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Unexpended amounts received from State Government Special Local Roads Grant - Jury Road construction (18/19 &19/20)	_	-	497,000
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		-	497,000

Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	3,113,101	4,321,387
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	-	3,113,101	4,321,387
(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Ope	erating Ac	tivities	
Net Surplus (Deficit)		2,369,980	1,496,520
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		3,560,102	3,349,907
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		156,879	50,012
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound		20,296	20,255
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(2,185,058)	(982,722)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		516,012	177,874
	-	4,438,211	4,111,846
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(41,012)	240,124
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(152,798)	(5,746)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(744,978)	(3,536,407)
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		101,223	(10,038)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		3,600,646	799,779
	_		
(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities			
Acquisition of assets by means of:			
Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs	_	(2,250)	(53,000)
	_	(2,250)	(53,000)
3	· · · · ·		

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	140,000	140,000
Corporate Credit Cards	135,000	135,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	7,790,000	7,750,000

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

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for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

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

	INCOME	DME	EXPENSES	VSES	OPERATING SURPLUS	SURPLUS	GRANTS INCLUDED IN	CLUDED IN	TOTAL AS	TOTAL ASSETS HELD
							INCOME	ME	NON-CU	NON-CURRENT)
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	\$	ŝ	\$	€	\$	÷	\$	\$	\$	÷
Administration	11,359,698	10,931,434	294,317	25,389	11,065,381	10,906,045	2,561,291	2,409,951	30,840,600	31,340,624
Public Order & Safety	151,201	159,054	305,453	369,137	(154,252)	(210,083)		I	291,963	286,460
Health	51,943	37,677	187,595	256,687	(135,652)	(219,010)	•	1	28,088	ı
Housing &Community Services	4,883,422	4,360,890	6,111,870	6,195,390	(1,228,448)	(1,834,500)	608,323	35,936	13,693,644	13,457,978
Sport Recreation & Culture	585,185	518,822	3,924,799	4,223,507	(3,339,614)	(3,704,685)	758,144	518,514	26,311,942	26,280,298
Mining & Manufacture	4,532	36,897	119,732	229,168	(115,200)	(192,271)	ı	1		•
Transport & Communication	484,257	549,632	4,378,167	2,812,737	(3,893,910)	(2,263,105)	929,862	710,416	68,817,213	64,185,531
Economic Affairs	57,245	32,905	591,641	472,586	(534,396)	(439,681)	1	278,561	1,008,892	1,046,920
Other Purposes	651,661	517,753	1,600,326	1,844,121	(948,665)	(1,326,368)	936,478	2,272	3,989,253	4,121,158
Protection of the Environment	9,004	9,003	23,314	33,673	(14,310)	(24,670)	86,864	164,020		•
TOTALS	18,238,148	17,154,067	17,537,214	16,462,395	700,934	691,672	5,880,962	4,119,670	144,981,595	140,718,969

Note 12 (con't) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Administration

Governance, Elected Members, Office Administration, Council Chambers, Organisation, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose.

Public Order and Safety

CFS Fire Protection, Dog Control, General Inspection, Other Public Order and Safety Services.

Health

Health Inspections, Immunisations, Septic Tank Inspections, Noxious Insect Control, Community Bus Service, Other Health Services.

Housing and Community Amenities

Council Housing, Town Planning, Land Development, Cemeteries, Sanitation and Garbage, Community Wastewater Management Systems, Public Conveniences, Urban Stormwater Drainage, Pollution Control, Protection Works, Street Cleaning, Public Lighting, Other Community Development and Amenity Services.

Sport and Recreation

Libraries, Community Information, Community Centres, Halls, Ovals, Parks and Gardens, Reserves, Sporting Facilities, Contribution to Regional Sporting Bodies, Swimming Centre, Recreation Centre, Other Sport and Recreation, Cultural Services, Museums.

Mining, Manufacturing and Construction

Building Act, Development Control, Quarries, Other Mining Manufacturing and Construction.

Transport and Communication

Road Construction and Maintenance, Bridges, Footpaths, Parking, Other Transport, Kerbing and Watertable, Stormwater Drainage, Passenger Transport and Cancer Patient Bus, Traffic Control.

Economic Affairs

Offstreet Parking, Land Development, Employment, Tourism, Community Festivals, Youth Camp, Regional Development Corporation.

Other Purposes

Public Debt Transactions, Debenture Loans, Interest, Plant and Equipment, Council Depot and Overheads, Vandalism, Other Property and Services.

Protection of the Environment

Foreshore Protection, Jetty Maintenance, Flood Prevention, Natural Resource Management.

Note 13 - 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 atamortised cost, interest is recognised when earned
	Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.25% and 0.75% (2020: 0.25% and 0.75%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 365 days and an average interest rates of 0.45% (2020: 365 days, 0.45%).
	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 interest of 2% (2020: 2%) 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.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Receivables - Retirement Home	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 legislation.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.
	Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.
1.	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions	Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.
	Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.
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 (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 2.4% and 7.5% (2020: 2.4% and 7.5%)
	Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Finance Leases	Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 16 as stated in note 17

Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2021		Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		3,113,101			3,113,101	3,113,101
Receivables		2,476,252	1,319,574	306,971	4,102,797	4,102,797
Other Financial Assets					-	-
	Total	5,589,353	1,319,574	306,971	7,215,898	7,215,898
Financial Liabilities						
Payables		1,854,105			1,854,105	1,854,105
Current Borrowings		1,042,354			1,042,354	1,042,354
Lease Liabilities		-			-	-
Non-Current Borrowings			4,182,265	3,100,335	7,282,600	6,227,036
	Total	2,896,459	4,182,265	3,100,335	10,179,059	9,123,495
2020		Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; _< 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		4,321,387			4,321,387	4,321,387
Receivables		2,655,775	1,356,691	541,191	4,553,657	4,260,824
	Total	6,977,162	1,356,691	541,191	8,875,044	8,582,211
Financial Liabilities						
Payables		2,847,977	-	-	2,847,977	2,847,977
Current Borrowings		1,295,897	-	-	1,295,897	1,005,656
Non-Current Borrowings		-	4,514,554	3,813,944	8,328,498	7,019,390
	Total	4,143,874	4,514,554	3,813,944	12,472,372	10,873,023

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

	30 June	e 2021	30 June	2020
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Overdraft				-
Other Variable Rates	variable	250,000	variable	250,000
Fixed Interest Rates	2.4	7,019,390	3.22	7,775,046
	_	7,269,390		8,025,046

Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Net Fair Value

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

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

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

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

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

Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2021	2020
Notes	\$	\$
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to Council activities	5:	
Audit Services	90,002	90,002
Waste Management Services	1,347,000	1,325,000
Household Desludging Contract	111,750	110,000
Wastewater Reuse Scheme - Operating		
availbility charge	2,149,059	2,125,421
volumetric charge	217,043	284,000
Cleaning Services Contract	195,435	67,822
Public Convenience Maintenance	39,537	43,041
IT Support Contract	180,960	270,960
IT Transition to Cloud Project	156,120	312,240
	4,486,906	4,628,486
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	4,323,714	4,219,174
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	163,192	409,312
	4,486,906	4,628,486

Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2021	2020	2019
Operating Surplus Ratio			
Operating Surplus	3.8%	4.0%	0.2%
Total Operating Income			
This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage	e of total operating	revenue.	
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
Net Financial Liabilities	20%	22%	26%
Total Operating Income			
Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less percentage of total operating revenue.	financial assets. Th	ese are expresse	d as a
Adjustments to Ratios In recent years the Federal Government has made advan allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide years.	Note 1. These Adj	usted Ratios col	rrect for the
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	4.0%	4.2%	-0.8%
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	28%	30%	25%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

	89%	59%	47%
Net Outlays on Existing Assets	00 /0	0070	7770
Net Asset Renewals - IAMP			

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

Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	20	21	20	20
	:	\$	\$	5
Income		18,238,148		17,154,067
Expenses		(17,537,214)		(16,462,395)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		700,934		691,672
Net Outlays on Existing Assets Capital Expenditure on renewal and	(2 575 500)		(2.044.008)	
replacement of Existing Assets	(3,575,569)		(2,044,008)	
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3,560,102		3,349,907	
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	148,683	10	148,818	
		133,216		1,454,717
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets				
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	(3,008,399)		(3,020,691)	
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	2,185,058		982,722	
		(823,341)		(2,037,969)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year		10,809		108,420

Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Council as a Lessee

Right of Use Aset

Council has undertaken an assessment regards the application of new Accounting Standard AASB 16 Leases. Council, as a Lessee holds leases for non-material amounts only and therefore treatment according to AASB 16 does not apply.

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

The following are amounts recognised on profit or loss:	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Expenses relating to leases of low value assets	13,147	12,845
Total amount recognised in profit and loss	13,147	12,845

Council as a Lessor

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

Investment Property:

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

These leases have terms of between five and 20 years. All leases include a clause to enable upward revision of the rental charge on an annual basis according to prevailing market conditions. The lessee is also required to provide a residual value guarantee on the properties. Due to Covid-19 licenses were not issued during 20/21 and venue hire was down due to lockdowns.

Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June 2021 are as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	26,743	35,350
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	9,016	22,245
Later than 5 years	266	
	36,025	57,595

Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2019-20; 9.50% in 2020-21). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2018-19) of "superannuation" salary.

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

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

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willie Towers Watson as at 11 June 2021. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

Berri Barmera Council Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 Note 19 - INTERESTS IN OTHER ENTITIES

Joint Operations

Council is party to an agreement between the Minister for Education and Children's Services and Council to provide a "dynamic library and information service responsive to library clients in meeting their educational, culturary and lifelong learning needs" Primary Client Groups are: Staff and students of the Glossop High School Senior Campus Community of the Berri Barmera Council

Each party is responsible for its own costs however shared facilities are split between the parties on a 50/50 percentage basis.

Wastewater Re-Use Scheme

A joint venture has been entered into between Council and Trility Ltd to build, operate and maintain a Wastewater Re-use Scheme as a solution to the treatment and reuse of septic tank effluent from townships of Berri, Barmera, Glossop, Monash, Cobdogla and Loveday and winery wastewater from Accolade Wines at Glossop.

Operating Expenditure payable in 2020/2021 was: Availability Charge - Annual Charge \$2,149,059 Volumetric Charge - Average annual charge \$217,043

Regional Subsidiary

Council is a member of the Murraylands and Riverlands Local Government Association (MRLGA) which was established pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act, 1999. Contribution paid to the Association was (ex GST) 2021 - \$22,550 2020 - \$21,423

Note 20 - 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 490 km of road reserves of average width 25 metres.

Note 21 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 19 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	1,259,076	991,913
TOTAL	1,259,076	991,913

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

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	40,331	33,506
TOTAL	40,331	33,506

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

One elected member is a member of the Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre Inc. (Barmera Central). In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, this person declares a conflict of interest and leaves the meeting environs when any matter affecting their organisation is discussed or voted upon.

Council made payment to Barmera Central an annual contribution towards tourism and improvements for the Barmera District of \$54,706 in 2020/2021.

Some key management personnel or their close family members are affiliated with various service clubs, emergency service organisation or benevolent organisations of the region. From time to time Council will assist such organisations by way of community grant, rate rebate in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 or in kind assistance. During 2020/2021 financial assistance of this manner did not exceed \$1,500

Other key management personnel or close family members are affiliated with various sporting clubs of the district. These sporting clubs regularly hire council facilities and pay Council hire fees in accordance with Fees and Charges adopted by Council. Most fees were voided for 2020/21 due to Covid-19.

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of two planning and building applications during the year. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 this person declared conflicts of interest and took no part in the assessment or approval processes for this application. Total fees for this application (all of which are payable on lodgement) amounted to \$864.00.

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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 Berri Barmera Council for the year ended 30 June 2021, the Council's Auditor, Bentleys, 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.

KARYN BURTON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

····· TIM MUHLHAUSLER

PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

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I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Berri Barmera Council for the year ended 30 June 2021, 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) Regulations 2011.

Bentleys SA Audit Partnership

Certification of Auditor Independence

David Papa Partner

Dated at Adelaide this 11th day of November 2021



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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS OF BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of Berri Barmera Council (the Council) with the requirements of *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 are in accordance with legislative provisions.

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls, established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with legislative provisions for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Limitation on Use

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

Limitations of Controls

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

An assurance engagement on internal 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.

Independence

In conducting our engagement, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.



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The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls, to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities are in accordance with legislative provisions.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagement 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 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of internal controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these internal controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and implementation of controls on a sample basis on the assessed risks.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Berri Barmera Council, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Berri Barmera Council as of 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *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 other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

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

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.



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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at <u>http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx</u>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BENTLEYS SA AUDIT PARTNERSHIP

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Dated at Adelaide this 12th day of November 2021

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2020/21

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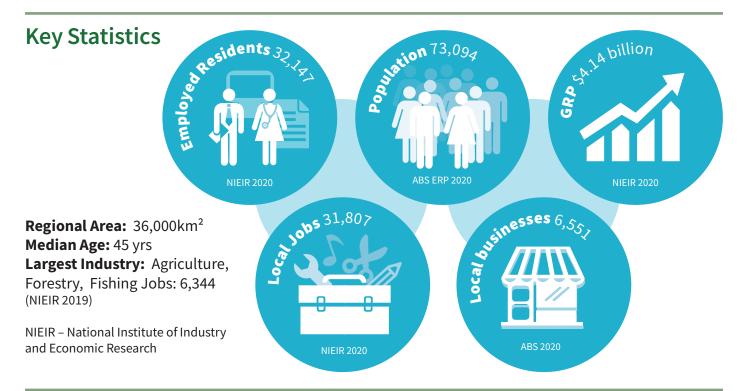
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Constituent Councils



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About the Region



2020-2025 MRLGA Strategic Plan in brief

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The MRLGA selects the most efficient role on key issues that is; Support (S) other lead agencies, Partner (P) or take the Lead (L) – to deliver the region the greatest return with limited resources.

President's Report



Mayor Peter Hunt

I am pleased to present my President's Report for 2020-2021. The report highlights the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association's (MRLGA) key achievements of the year.

It's been another busy year for local government across the region, state and nation. Infrastructure works have been advanced by the dispensing of funds to help stimulate growth as the economy adjusts to the disruptions caused by Covid-19, drought and the ongoing transitions to new arrangements under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

In addition to busy infrastructure teams working to procure resources to undertake and complete projects, there has also been the local government reform bill and the introduction of planning reform under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. As we work our way through the change and look to the future, there's every reason to think that Regional Local Government Associations will have a growing role to play.

Our preference is to pursue a partnership approach to innovative service delivery, creating efficiency and value.

There's a tendency to only see the parts of an organisation that you directly engage with and not look beyond to see how many parts come together. MRLGA has managed and convened in excess of 26 meetings across the Board, CEO Network, Public Health and Wellbeing Committee, Regional Transport and Assets Committee, Connected Councils Working Group and Water Position Working Groups in 2020/21.

The committees and working groups are a coming together of the eight constituent councils; a coalescing of the right expertise and skills to engage or work on the issues, opportunities and challenges that local government face in the region. Indeed, I was privileged to see the Information Technology staff from across councils come together and guide the Association through a process that contributed to establishing a cloud-based framework for secure file storage and sharing. While I confess to finding it difficult in understand what they were proposing (and am still none the wiser), I found it interesting that some of the staff had never had cause to interact with each other before.

The coming together of staff and elected members from across councils in a purposeful manner builds trust in one another. In trusting, we understand that there is merit in us working together to build our region and promote it for the wonderful place it is; all the while understanding that we have already been the beneficiaries.

The development of a Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy is an example of how councils can work together for common benefit. Being clear about our desire to be leaders in the circular economy sends a clear signal to the private sector; that is, that we're not trying to outsource our responsibility for a problem but rather, our preference is to pursue a partnership approach to innovative service delivery; creating efficiency and value as we go. I look forward to seeing the results of the natural extension and implementation of the strategy as it guides a joint procurement process for waste management services across many of our councils.

Likewise, the updating of the 2030 Regional Transport Plan has allowed constituent councils to review regionally significant local roads, consider fit for purpose conditions and build a forward plan for forecast works on those roads. Undertaking this work allows the region to come together and prioritise the roads most in need of Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) funding each year. This process yielded \$2,582,000 in direct support to councils from SLRP in 2020/21 and also allows the individual pursuit of funding through other streams such as the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

From an asset management perspective there is merit in the constituent councils working together to develop hierarchies and fit for purpose standards. To this end, the region has benefited from the continued progress of the Regional Road Hierarchy Plan which uses an adapted Austroads system of classification and creates sub-categories better suited to the needs of regional councils. Mapping the roads across the region by classification allows for quick and easy gap analysis to be undertaken. Such analysis allows councils to strategically review the assets against intended purpose; determining whether the service level is suitable; whether alternative routes should be considered; or, whether a case for a change in ownership may be required.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Committee has also been busy working through the requirements of bringing a new regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into operation. This has included coordinating the passage of the draft plan through the chambers of each council, seeking permission from the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to proceed to public consultation, undertaking the consultation and considering feedback before submitting to the Chief Public Health Officer.

As we reflect this process, it's worth noting the range of works that councils deliver to derive public good for our communities. In doing so, we need to avoid getting caught in the obligatory nature of the Regional Public Health Plans (imposed by the Public Health Act 2011) and hence only take a minimalistic approach to compliance in the process. While the risk of cost shifting needs to be managed, there's also real opportunity for leadership from local government in this space. It starts by understanding our role in developing and promoting environments in which communities can thrive, while at the same time continuing to advocate for access to coordinated service delivery.

I note also that the Association continues

to look beyond collaboration at a local government level. I commend the efforts of the MRLGA CEO, Tim Smythe and RDAMR CEO, Ben Fee as they've sought to build robust institutional arrangements that recognise the benefits of coordinating at a regional level and pursuing a common set of goals. The commencement of Andrew Meddle in the role of General Manager of the MR Landscape Board bodes well for a strengthening of relationships that will provide the impetus for strategically positioning the region for success.

MRLGA continues to look beyond collaboration at a local government level.

In closing, I sincerely thank all constituent councils and MRLGA Board Members for the opportunity afforded to me in being your President. The work undertaken by our CEO, Tim Smythe, in the last 12 months must also rate a mention here; his service to the Association has been outstanding.

I particularly want to thank Deputy President, Mayor Dave Burgess, whose leadership in local government across many years has been an asset to the region and state. Dave did not seek re-election to office within the Association in 2021/22, so I take this opportunity to acknowledge the role he has played in guiding the Association in to what it is today as both Deputy President and President since June 2012.

As I look to the next 12-18 months, I see good cause for our councils to continue to support the MRLGA. This will of course require us to be clear about what we want from the Association and what is required for it to deliver against those expectations. With State, Federal and Local Government elections all set to occur within this period, it makes sense for us to be working to establish informed positions that advance the case for ongoing investment and commitment to the Murraylands and Riverland region.

Key Outcomes

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attracted via the Special Local Roads Program and Supplementary Local Roads Program for improved freight and tourism connectivity within the region and surrounds Individual constituent councils pursued the work completed under the High-Risk Intersection Project and submitted funding application for safety upgrades to a number of the intersections.

Regional Road Hierarchy Plan developed and regional road classifications endorsed.

Draft Regional Public Health Plan progressed through public consultation and is now ready to be submitted to the Chief Public Health Officer.



2021-26 Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, Implementation Plan and Joint Procurement Tender Documents developed.

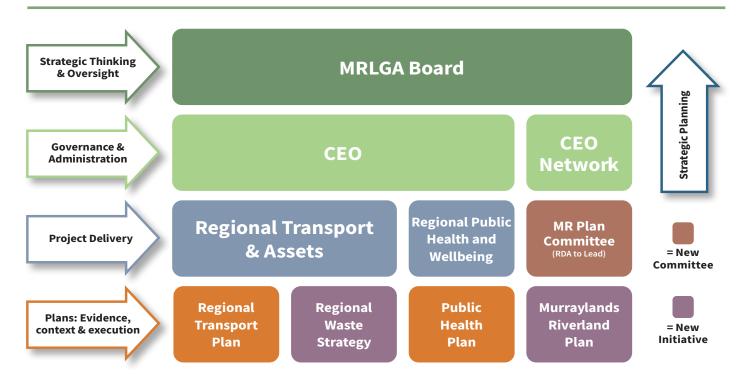


A connected council working group was formed, via nominations from the CEO Network, and guided MRLGA's transition to a cloud-based operating system.



A Water Position Working Group was endorsed by the MRLGA Board and committed to partnership with the Murray Darling Association Region 5 and 6. The group will guide the preparation of strategic advocacy document that targets the importance of water from the Murray Darling Basin for our region and its communities.

MRLGA Structure



MRLGA Board and Committees

Board Member	
Current June 2021	
Mayor Peter Hunt (President)	Berri Barmera Council
Mayor Paul Simmons	Coorong District Council
Mayor Caroline Phillips	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Mayor Leon Stasinowsky	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Mayor Dave Burgess (Deputy President)	Mid Murray Council
Mayor Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Counci
Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mayor Jeffery Nickols*	Southern Mallee District Council

* Replaced Cr
Andrew Grieger as of
November 2020

Deputy Delegates	
Current June 2021	
Cr Rhonda Centofanti	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Ella Winnall (Deputy Mayor)	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Jeff Arthur <i>(Deputy Mayor)</i>	Coorong District Council
Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Cr Daryl Sparks (Deputy Mayor)*	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Cr Trevor Norton (Deputy Mayor)	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Cr Simone Bailey (Deputy Mayor)**	Mid Murray Council
Cr Henry Du Rieu <i>(Deputy Mayor)</i>	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Wayne Thorley (Deputy Mayor)	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr Paul Ireland (Deputy Mayor)	Southern Mallee District Council

* Cr Yvonne Smith - DCKEM deputy Delegate prior to November 2020 ** Cr Kevin Myer - MMC deputy Delegate prior to November 2020

MRLGA Committees

Berri Barmera Council
Coorong District Council
District Council Karoonda East Murray
District Council Loxton Waikerie
Mid Murray Council
Renmark Paringa Council
Rural City of Murray Bridge
Southern Mallee District Council
MRLGA

* Matthew Morgan - DCKEM representative until September 2020

MRLGA Regional Transport & A	ssets Committee
Current 30 June 2021	
Mayor Neil Martinson Chair	
Mayor Peter Hunt (ex officio)	
Mayor Paul Simmons	
Harry Du	Berri Barmera Council
Dave Degrancy	Berri Barmera Council
Vacant*	Coorong District Council
James Clarke (proxy)	Coorong District Council
Calvin Hoye**	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Greg Perry	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Dom Perre (proxy)	District Council Loxton Waikerie
David Hassett	Mid Murray Council
Russell Pilbeam (proxy)	Mid Murray Council
Vacant***	Renmark Paringa Council
Tarik Wolf (proxy)	Renmark Paringa Council
Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Vacant**** (proxy)	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mathew Sherman	Southern Mallee District Council
Tim Smythe	MRLGA

* David Mosel – CDC representative until November 2020

** Jarrod Manuel – DCKEM representative until February 2021

*** Tim Tol – RPC representative until June 2021

**** Matt James – RCMB representative until April 2021

MRLGA Regional Public Health & Current 30 June 2021	
Mayor Peter Hunt <i>(ex officio)</i>	
Andrew Haigh	Berri Barmera Council
Myles Sommers	Coorong District Council
Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Kellie Jaensch	Coorong District Council
Martin Borgas*	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Cheryl Pedler	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Thomas McKellar	Mid Murray Council
Kristy Morgan	Mid Murray Council
Stephanie Brookes	Renmark Paringa Council
Dara Frankel	Renmark Paringa Council
Jeremy Byrnes	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Reg Budarick	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Geoff Parsons	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Caroline Thomas	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Lee Prestwood	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Shilo Wyatt	Southern Mallee District Council
Tim Smythe	MRLGA

* Jarrod Manuel – DCKEM representative until February 2021

MRLGA Connected Council Working Group			
Current 30 June 2021			
Mayor Peter Hunt <i>(ex officio)</i>			
Darren Arbon	Mid Murray Council		
Matt Morgan*/Katrina Fromm	District Council Karoonda East Murray		
Mark Huxtable	Riverland Councils		
Tim Vonderwall	Rural City Murray Bridge		
Tony Secomb	Southern Mallee District Council		
Tim Smythe	MRLGA		

* Matt Morgan – DCKEM representative until September 2020

MRLGA Connected Council Working Group			
Current 30 June 2021			
Mayor Peter Hunt <i>(ex officio)</i>			
Cr Andrew Kassebaum (Chair)	Berri Barmera Council/ MDA Region 5		
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council/ MDA Region 5 (Chair)		
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council/ MDA Region 6 (Chair)		
Tracey Strugnell	Coorong District Council/ MDA Region 6		
Emma Bradbury	Murray Darling Association		
Tim Smythe	MRLGA		

MRLGA Activities

MRLGA Board

The MRLGA Board meets quarterly. Membership of the Board is filled by the Principal Members (Mayor) of each Constituent Council. Meetings of the Board were held on:

- 1. Friday 10 July 2020
- 2. Friday, 23 October 2020
- 3. Friday, 5 February 2021
- 4. Friday, 7 May 2021

In addition to the general oversight of the Associations activities the MRLGA Board:

- Endorsed the 2020-2025 MRLGA Strategic Plan
- Established a Water Position Working Group to develop a water position paper as a strategic advocacy tool. Meetings of the Working Group were held 8 September 2020, 18 November 2020 and 25 February 2021.
- Endorsed the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- Participated in consultation with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport over the development of rural highway corridors; advocated for the upgrade of High-Risk Intersections.
- Established a levy for the implementation of the Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

The meetings of the Board also provide a forum for regular updates from:

- LGA SA administration
- Regional Development Murraylands and Riverland
- PIRSA
- Members of Parliament

CEO Network

The MRLGA CEO Network is established as a strategic advisory group to the MRLGA Board. As the name suggests it is its membership is the CEOs of the eight constituent councils. Meetings of the CEO Network were held on:

- 1. Monday, 17 August 2020
- 2. Monday, 20 November 2020
- 3. Monday, 21 February 2021
- 4. Monday, 21 June 2021

In addition to providing guidance on project activities and operations, the CEO Network:

- Established a Connected Council working Group to guide the transition of MRLGA to cloud-based file management and sharing platform. Meetings were held 10 September 2020, 28 September 2020 and 23 November 2020.
- Consulted with the Native Vegetation Council re: roadside native vegetation management guidelines.
- Considered place based economic development initiatives and agreed to Terms of Reference for a Murraylands and Riverland Plan Steering Committee, with RDA Murraylands and Riverland as the lead agency.
- Sought advice from the Minister of Planning and Local Government on the possibility of MRLGA entering a Planning Agreement to oversee the development of a Regional Plan under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.
- Received a presentation from the Essential Services Commission and the Energy and Water Ombudsman of SA councils required to become members of the Energy and Water Ombudsman SA.

Regional Transport and Assets (RTA) Committee

MRLGA Regional Transport and Assets (RTA) Committee is a forum that brings together the Directors of Infrastructure, Assets and Environment as well as Works Managers from each of the 8 constituent councils. Meetings of the RTA Committee were held on:

- 1. Monday, 17 August 2020
- 2. Wednesday, 1 December 2020
- 3. Friday, 4 March 2021
- 4. Friday, 15 April 2021

Key activities of the committee included:

- Updated regionally significant routes and corresponding action lists within the 2030 Regional Transport Plan; refreshed the regional roads database with regionally significant routes that are scheduled for works, to address major deficiencies, in the next 3 to 5 years.
- Co-ordinated the application process for Councils to the Special Local Roads Program.
- Participated in consultation with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport over the development of rural highway corridors; advocated for the upgrade of High-Risk Intersections.
- Endorsed the Regional Road Hierarchy Plan and agreed to progress to road construction and maintenance standards
- Consulted with the Native Vegetation Council re: roadside native vegetation management guidelines
- Guided the strategic engagement with constituent councils and contributed to the development of the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (regional forums held on 23 October 2020 and 16 March 2021).

Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee

The MRLGA Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee includes environmental health officers, community development managers and planning managers from each of the 8 constituent councils.

Meetings of the Committee were held on:

- 1. Wednesday, 19 August 2020
- 2. Tuesday, 13 October 2020
- 3. Thursday, 17 December 2020
- 4. Thursday, 25 March 2021
- 5. Thursday, 20 May 2021

Key activities of the committee included:

- Progressed Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan by:
- Obtained approval from constituent councils to seek permission from the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to release the Plan for Public Consultation
- Released the Plan for Public Consultation from 12 April to 10 May 2021.
- Sought endorsement from constituent councils for the amended Plan to be submitted to the Chief Public Health Officer.
- Submitted section 52 (Public Health Act 2011) reports to the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer.

Regional Organisation Executive Officers

The Regional Organisations Executive Officers Management Group is an informal coalition of the Executive Officers of the Regional Local Government Associations. Meetings of the Management Group were held on:

- 1. Thursday, 27 August 2020
- 2. Wednesday, 28 October 2020
- 3. Wednesday, 16 December 2020
- 4. Wednesday, 3 February 2021
- 5. Thursday, 29 April 2020

Key focus of the Management Group in 2020/21 were as follows:

- Regional Waste Management
- Special Local Roads Program
- Community Waste Water Management Schemes
- Regional Plans and Joint Planning Boards
- SA Coastal Alliance

Functions of the Management Group include:

- Provide input into SAROC Business Plan and the Agenda
- Develop a working relationship with the LGA Management team
- Advocate on behalf of the regions
- Share information and provide collegiate support
- Coordinate collaborative project activity

SA Regional Organisation of Councils

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) is a Committee of the LGA that meets bimonthly to focus on key issues affecting country Councils.

MRLGA representatives to SAROC in 2020/21 were President, Mayor Peter Hunt and Deputy President Mayor Dave Burgess.

MRLGA supports SAROC by attending the meetings, submitting items of business to SAROC meetings and preparing regional reports. Key activities that MRLGA supported SAROC to deliver included:

- Delivery of a Public Health and Wellbeing Forum on 15 December 2020 MRLGA presented on the work it had undertaken as part of a Community Wellbeing Alliance Pilot Project.
- Delivery of a Regional Waste Pathways Forum on 31 May 2021 MRLGA formed part of the local government panel that discussed the role of regional local government in optimising resource recovery and reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill.

Government Engagement and Advocacy

The following engagement has occurred with Government

- Victorian Cross Border Commissioner COVID-19 impacts, Regional Development Victoria Strategic Planning Consultation.
- SA Productivity Commissioner cross border red tape reduction.
- Letter to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development re: Genetically Modified Crops.
- Native Vegetation Council roadside native vegetation guidelines (MRLGA CEO Network & MRLGA RTA Committee)
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport consultation on Rural Highway Corridors.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Murraylands and Riverland Government Association ("the Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, 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 statement by the Executive Officer and the Chairperson.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021, 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 entity 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.

Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Association 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 the Association 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, the Association is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit 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 audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 management'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 entity'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 entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS

To the members of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association (the Association) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Association to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

In our opinion, the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Association 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 Association have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

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 Association has complied with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 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 Association's responsibility for internal controls

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

Our independence and quality control

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

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Association's compliance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls established by the Association 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 Association has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 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 Association 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 Association, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

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Tim Muhlhausler CA, Registered Company Auditor Partner



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income		·	·
M&R LGA Contributions	2	179,795	172,661
Other Grants & Contributions	2	115,242	316,148
Interest Revenue	2	6,555	11,773
Total Revenue	-	301,592	500,582
Operating Expenses	3	(292,930)	(438,644)
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-	8,662	61,938
Total Comprehensive Profit (Loss)	=	8,662	61,938



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
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4	1,030,339	945,263
5	9,154	20,585
	1,039,493	965,848
	1,039,493	965,848
6	68,550	3,567
	68,550	3,567
	68,550	3,567
	970,943	962,281
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S FUNDS AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

2021	Note	Accumulated Surplus \$	Unspent funds reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of the year Surplus for the year	7	962,281 8,662	- -	962,281 8,662
Balance at the end of year		970,943	-	970,943
2020				
Balance at the beginning of the year Surplus for the year	7	900,343 61,938	-	900,343 61,938
Balance at the end of year		962,281	_	962,281



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash from operating activities		·	·
Receipts from grants		115,242	316,148
Receipts from members		179,795	172,661
Interest received		6,555	11,773
less: increase/(decrease) in debtors		11,431	(19,835)
Payments to suppliers		(292,930)	(438,644)
add: increase/(decrease) in payables		64,983	801
Net cash provided from operating activities	8	85,076	42,904
Net increase in cash held		85,076	42,904
Cash at beginning of financial year		945,263	902,359
Cash at end of financial year	4	1,030,339	945,263



Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act (1999). The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected noncurrent assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the members of the committee.

(a) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed (subject to materiality).

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(c) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.



(e) Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instruments are classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term} of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of income or expense in profit or loss.

The association does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of Accounting Standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

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Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") that has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial re-organisation and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the writing off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(f) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset

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belongs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

(g) Revenue

Where it has been determined that the grant agreement is enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations exist, revenue is recognised in profit and loss as performance obligations are met. Otherwise, revenue is recognised on receipt.

If an amount received is in advance of the performance of obligations, a revenue in advance liability is recognised and reduced as performance obligations are met.

Revenue from membership subscriptions are recognised as income in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is determined by reference to the membership year.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

New Accounting Standards Implemented:

AASB 15: Revenue from contracts with customers and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities have been applied using the cumulative effective method. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 1004: Contributions and AASB 118: Revenue.

(h) Trade and other payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(i) Trade and other receivables

These include amounts due from the ATO and accrued interest on deposits in financial institutions. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

(j) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key estimates

(i) Impairment - general

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

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Note 2: Revenue	2021 \$	2020 \$
M&M LGA Contributions	·	·
Berri Barmera	21,527	21,423
Coorong District Council	16,421	15,266
DC of Karoonda East Murray	8,788	8,132
DC of Loxton Waikerie	23,576	23,071
Mid Murray Council	20,829	18,859
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	33,027	30,634
Renmark Paringa Council	19,099	19,032
Southern Mallee DC	10,708	9,784
SLRP surcharge	25,820	26,460
	179,795	172,661
Other Grants & Contributions		
Other Grants	-	-
Rubble Royalties	-	177,787
Regional Capacity Buildings	42,151	41,221
Community Wellbeing Alliance	-	-
Out Reach Program Income	-	-
Riverland Social Indicators	38,091	84,790
Regional Road Hierarchy Plan	-	12,350
M & R Regional Waste Strategy	35,000	-
	115,242	316,148
Interest Revenue	6,555	11,773
Total Revenue	301,592	500,582



Note 3: Other Operating Expenses	2021 \$	2020 \$
Allowances	پ 3,155	پ 3,032
Accounting software	4,079	50
Audit fees	3,100	3,100
Executive officer contract services	119,296	118,500
Insurance	7,701	5,922
Meeting expenses	1,122	1,780
Sundry expenses & fees	946	382
	940	12,210
Strategic Planning	-	
Administration Support	11,473	20,240
Legal Charter Review	-	1,741
CEO Succession Planning / Recruitment	-	-
MDB Social Planning Forum	-	-
Project Expenditure:	~~~~~	00.000
Transport of Roads Projects	20,660	66,222
Community Wellbeing Initiative	13,805	55,812
Connected Councils	5,950	
SLRP Priority Setting	425	
Regional Capacity - Rubble Royalty Project	-	6,000
Regional Joint Planning Board	-	12,005
Regional Road Hierarchy Plan	6,421	
Regional Waste Strategy	94,797	-
Riverland Social Indicators	-	131,648
	292,930	438,644
Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents Cash on hand Cash at bank LGFA Investment	2021 \$ 100 145,832 884,407 1,030,339	2020 \$ 100 67,311 877,852 945,263
Note 5: Trade and other receivables	2021 \$	2020 \$
Trade Debtors	1,298	3,396
GST receivable / (payable)	7,856	17,189
Prepayments		-
	9,154	20,585
Note 6: Trade and other Payables	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Payables	28,550	3,567
Revenue in Advance - Regional Public Health Plan	40,000	-
	68,550	3,567



Note 7: Accumulated Surplus	2021	2020
•	\$	\$
Opening Balance	962,281	900,343
Surplus for the year	8,662	61,938
Balance at year end	970,943	962,281

Note : reserves no longer used in relation to unspent funds as a result of change in accounting treatment.

Note 8: Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus for year

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Net surplus for the year	8,662	61,938
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	11,431	(19,835)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	64,983	801
Net cash provided from operating activities	85,076	42,904



Note 9: Financial Instruments

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted including the criteria for the recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised with respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 1 Summary of Significant Account Policies.

Categorisation of Financial instruments

		2021		2020	
	Note	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Eair Value
Financial liabilities	Note	carrying Amount ¢		¢	
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Trade and other Payables	6 (i)	28,550	28,550	3,567	3,567
Total Financial liabilities		28,550	28,550	3,567	3,567
Financial Assets				-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,030,339	1,030,339	945,263	902,360
Trade and other Receivables	5	9,154	9,154	20,585	20,585
Total Financial Assets		1,030,339	1,030,339	945,263	902,360

The fair values disclosed in the table above have been based on cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables short term instruments of a nature whose carrying value is equal to fair value.

I. Credit Risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures to regularly monitor the financial stability of customers and counterparties and by investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

ii. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might have difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk by preparing and monitoring budgets, only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions and proactively monitoring the recovery of unpaid debts.

No assets have been pledged as security for any liabilities.



iii. Market Risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows.

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the association's exposure to changes in interest rates.

	2021		2020	
	%			
	Weighted		% Weighted	
	Average		Average	
	Interest		Interest	
	rate	Carrying Value	rate	Carrying Value
Financial liabilities	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other Payables	0%	28,550	0%	3,567
Financial Assets				
Cash at bank	0%	145,832	0%	67,311
LGFA Investment	1.8%	884,407	1.8%	877,852
Cash on hand	0%	100	0%	100
Trade and other Receivables	0%	9,154	0%	20,585

Note 10: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2021, the association is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

Note 11: Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2021, the association is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

Note 12: Events after the end of the reporting period

The South Australian Government has continued to issue public health directives related to the 2019 novel corona virus (COVID-19) global pandemic. The financial risk related to restrictions on business have had minimal impact on MRLGA. Interest earnings reduced but this represents only a small percentage of total revenue.



Note 13: Economic Dependence

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Committee believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the Association.

Note 14: Related Party Transactions

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows:

2021

	2021
	\$
Chief Executive Officer Contract Services	119,296

Key management personnel include the CEO and President.

Other related parties includes close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members. There were no transactions with other related parties.

Note 15: Capital Management

The Committee controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised within tolerable risk parameters. The Committee ensures that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective. The committee operates under policies approved by the board. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the board on a regular basis. The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets. There have been no changes to the strategy adopted by the Committee to control the capital of the entity since the previous year.

Note 16: Association details

The registered office of the association and principal place of business is;



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

In the opinion of the committee, the Financial Statements comprising of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Members' Funds, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Committee is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and the disclosure of all material and relevant information.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Name: PETER HJNT Position: President Date: 13/03/21

Name: Tim SmyTHE Position: Chief Executive Date: 13/68/21