



2018/2019
ANNUAL REPORT

Berri
Barmera
COUNCIL

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Information Statement (General)

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Introduction

Mayor's Report



It is with great pleasure that I present my Annual Report of the Berri Barmera Council for the 2018/19 year. I am pleased to say that we are continuing on our path of sustainability and progress within our Council district and it is showing in the results that are occurring.

In July we welcomed André Stuyt to our Council area as our new CEO, however, unfortunately due to underlying differences this appointment concluded in December. In the interim and as Deputy CEO and Council's Manager of Corporate Services, Karyn Burton was appointed to the Acting CEO role.

The Berri Riverfront project was officially opened in September 2018. Due to some public scrutiny on various aspects of the project since the opening, Council has taken steps and will be endeavouring to rectify some of those concerns in the future.

During November, Council Elections were held and I am very grateful to all who supported me on my re-election for another term. I would also like to congratulate Cr's Rhonda Centofanti, Margaret Evans OAM, Mike Fuller, Andrew Kassebaum and Trevor Scott on being re-elected and to welcome new Cr's Adrian Little, Meta Sindos and Ella Winnall.

To Cr's Linc Gore, Stephen Lynch and David Waterman, I would like to personally thank them for the commitment and dedication they showed to our Council and community during the past term and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Our Australia Day Awards event held in Barmera this year was a great success and we were pleased to announce that long time Barmera resident and volunteer Mr. Kym Manning as Citizen of the Year, Kira McMahon as Young Citizen of the Year, the 2018 Australia Country Hockey Championships as Community Event of the Year and the Riverland Musical Society was awarded the Building a Better Community Award.



During May and as per Local Government Regulations, Council commenced recruitment for a new CEO, Karyn was successful through the process and was appointed to the role of CEO on the 17th June 2019. Karyn's long term Local Government experience along with her financial expertise and proven work ethic will be of huge benefit as we progress into the future.

In June, following advice that the PPA agreement was not going ahead for the 10 MW Solar Farm project, Council resolved to seek expressions of interest for the purchase of the project. This effectively means that Council will not proceed with developing the project itself, but will consider selling the project rights to renewable energy generation developers.

Council also continues to support the notable events such as the Riverland Country Music Festival, the Riverland Field Days, the Riverland Wine and Food Festival and the Barmera Christmas Pageant just to name a few. 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.

In conclusion, I would like to pass on my sincere appreciation to my fellow Elected Members, previous CEO André Stuyt, Acting CEO and now 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.

Peter R. Hunt
Mayor



Chief Executive Officer's Report

The construction of the Berri Riverfront Wharf was a highlight for Council in 2018/2019. This project had been in the planning stages for several years and came to fruition with the assistance of funding from the South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee. The wharf will allow boating enthusiasts and visitors to Berri to moor their vessels and explore the main street and enjoy the riverfront amenity.

The Berri Riverfront revitalisation precinct was another project completed during 2018/2019. This too, was a project made possible with the assistance of external funding from State Government and local business.

Council continue to explore ways to 'share' resources with its neighbouring councils via the Riverland G3 Alliance. The purpose of the Alliance is to identify cost savings and other efficiencies to bring about benefits of a greater scale to the region as a whole. The Alliance have made progress on major projects such as the ICT Strategy, Riverland Social Indicators Project, Riverland STARCLUB, Audit Committees and LED Street Lighting to name a few and are all projects that will deliver opportunities and high level outcomes for the Riverland community.

November 2018 saw the Local Government elections held with new Councillors Adrian Little, Meta Sindos and Ella Winnall elected and a period of concentrated training undertaken. Appreciation and acknowledgment must be given to outgoing members David Waterman, Stephen Lynch and Linc Gore for their commitment to Council matters and their service to the community that being an Elected Member entails.



A change in council administration and leadership occurred during 2018/2019. Although this period proved to be somewhat unsettling the diligence and loyalty of our staff and the commitment our workforce have for our region meant Elected Members were fully supported during this time and continue to strive towards building a better community.

Karyn Burton
Chief Executive Officer



Executive Services



Council Members Profile

Mayor Peter Hunt JP

July 2018 – Nov 2018
Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Audit Committee (ex-officio)
- Major Projects Committee (Chair)
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Community Grant Panel Review (Chair)
- Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee (ex-officio)
- Cemetery Advisory Committee (ex-officio)
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex (ex-officio)
- Australia Day Awards Committee (Chair)

Other

- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association – Vice President
- LGA of SA – Board Member - Vice President
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Local Government Finance Authority
- SAROC
- LG Research and Development Scheme Advisory (Chair)

Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee (ex-officio)
- Barmera Improvement Committee
- 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
- Community Grants Program 2019-2020
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Other

- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association - President
- SAROC
- Local Government Finance Authority
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- MRLGA Public Health and Wellbeing Committee
- MRLGA CEO Network
- MRLGA Regional Transport and Asset Committee
- Murray River Alliance

Council Members Profile

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July 2018 – Nov 2018
Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Major Projects Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Community Grant Panel Review
- Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex
- Australia Day Awards Committee
- Signage Committee

Other

- Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel
- Upper Murray Garden of Memory (Cemetery) Committee (Observer)
- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association
- RMMAC
- The Ruby Hunter Memorial; NO:RI Committee
- Australia Day event Committee
- Riverland Suicide Prevention Network
- Country Arts Council Reference Group Riverland

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 Program 2019-2020
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Other

- Upper Murray Garden of Memory
- Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network
- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association
- Riverland Local Government Forum

Council Members Profile

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July 2018 – Nov 2018
Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Community Grant Panel Review
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Australia Day Awards Committee

Other

- Barmerara Meru Committee
- The Ruby Hunter Memorial, NO:RI Committee

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 Program 2019-2020
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Other

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

Council Members Profile

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July 2018 – Nov 2018
Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Audit Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex

Other

- Barmerara Meru Committee

Committee Membership

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

Other

- Murray Darling Association (Region 5) (proxy)

Council Members Profile

Cr Andrew Kassebaum

Deputy Mayor

Nov 2014-Nov 2018

July 2018 – Nov 2018

Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee (Chair)
- Audit Committee (Proxy)
- Major Projects Committee
- Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee

Other

- Monash and Lone Gum Community Association Inc. (Observer)
- Riverland Regional Innovation and Sporting Precinct Management Committee (Chair)
- Regional Development Australia Murraylands Riverland Committee
- River Murray Advisory Committee
- Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council representative
- Queensland Fruit Fly Steering Committee
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Riverland Wine and Food Festival Steering Committee
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 representative

Committee Membership

- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects (Chair)
- Audit Committee
- Leases and Licences Committee

Other

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

Council Members Profile



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July 2018 – Nov 2018
Nov 2018 – July 2019

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Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee (Chair)
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Complex
- Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee
- Major Projects Committee

Other

- Glossop High School Governing Council (Observer)

Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee (Chair)
- Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Complex Working Group
- Road and Place Naming Working Group
- Audit Committee (Proxy)
- Leases and Licence Committee
- Community Grants Program 2019-2020
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Other

- Glossop High School Governing Council (Observer)

Council Members Profile

Cr Adrian Little

Elected November 2018

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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 Ella Winnall

Elected November 2018

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Committee Membership

- Berri Improvement Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Committee
- Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
- Leases and Licences Working Group
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee
- Community Grants Program 2019-2020
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Other

- Riverland Wine and Food Steering Committee
- Riverland Suicide Prevention Network (proxy)

Cr Meta Sindos

Elected November 2018

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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

Council Members Profile

Cr Linc Gore

Term expired November 2018



Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Audit Committee
- Major Projects Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee

Other

- Cobdogla Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee (Observer)
- Berri Barmera Landcare

Cr Stephen Lynch

Term expired November 2018



Committee Membership

- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Major Projects Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee (Chair)
- Community Grant Panel Review
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex
- Australia Day Awards Selection Panel 2020

Cr David Waterman

Term expired November 2018



Committee Membership

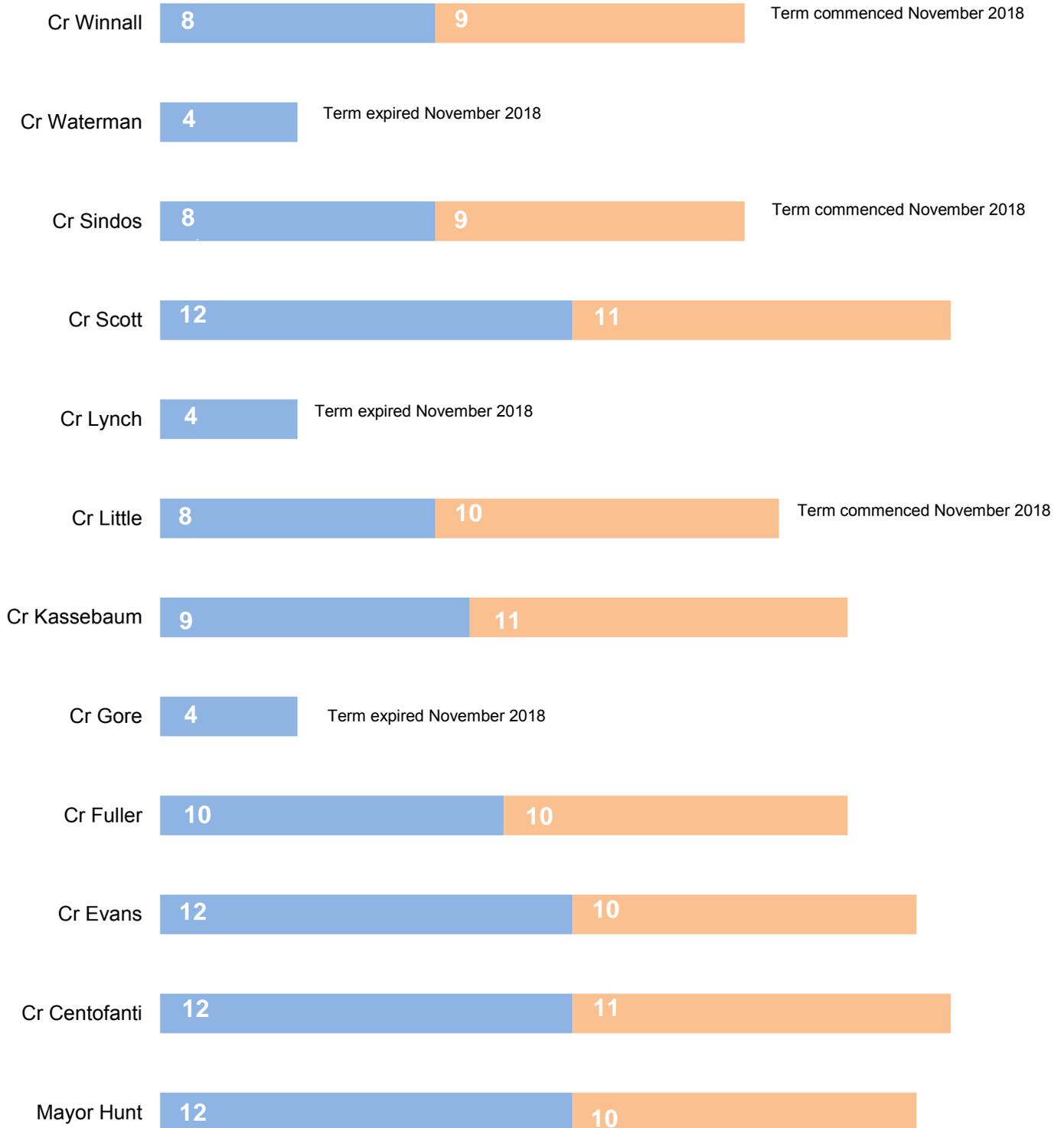
- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Audit Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex (Chair)
- Community Grant Panel Review

Council Meeting Attendances by Members for period 2018/2019



Ordinary Meetings

Special Meetings



Council General Information

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



Elected Member Training and Development Activities

Throughout the 2018/2019 year, Elected Members attended the following Conferences and Training Sessions.

- Treenet Tree Symposium
- Local Government Association AGM
- 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government
- Mandatory EM post election training
- Local Government Association Media Training
- Council Meeting and Chamber Etiquette
- Local Government Association Roads and Works Conference
- Local Government Association OGM and Showcase
- Local Government Rate Oversight Amendment Bill
- ICAC Elected Member awareness session
- Financial Management training

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

Right: Elected Members from the 3 Riverland Councils attending regional delivery of Audit Committee training by Mr John Comrie in May 2019.



Corporate Structure

The corporate and Functional Structure reflects areas of responsibility within Council's various Departments/Functions.

To compliment the Corporate and Functional Structure further, Committees have been appointed to enhance decision making and accountability of the Department/Functional areas.

The Committees are:

(July 2018 – Nov 2018)

- Audit Committee
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Martin Bend Recreational Area Committee
- Major Projects Committee
- Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee
- Development Act 101A Committee
- Friends of the Bonney Theatre Complex Committee

(Nov 2018 – ongoing)

- 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

Other Specific Purposes Committees:

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

Other Specific Purposes Committees:

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

Right: 2018-2022 Term of Council; Council Members



Corporate Structure



Regional Involvement



Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

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 Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association is included within this report under the heading "Regional Subsidiary Reports" (refer contents).

Riverland Local Government Forum

The Berri Barmera Council, along with the 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 does provide 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 being to benefit from economies of scale, increase the range and quality of services and improve lifestyle to their residents and where possible reduce the cost of services to ratepayers through a consultative and collaborative approach. The G3 is held directly prior to the Riverland Local Government Forum (RLGF). The G3 reports on the progress of the projects to the RLGF and monitors progress of the projects against the stated aims and objectives.

The RLGF and Council carries out a formal review of the G3 annually, to ensure the aims and savings and benefits to the ratepayers and residents of the member councils are being achieved.

More detail on the business of the Riverland G3 Procurement 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 July 2018– December 2018	Contract agreement	Car and Mobile Phone provided
Acting Chief Executive Officer December 2018–June 2019 and Manager Corporate Services July 2018– June 2019	Contract agreement	Novated Lease vehicle Mobile Phone
Manager Infrastructure Services	Contract agreement	Mobile phone and car provided
Manager Environmental Services/Major Projects	Contract agreement	Mobile phone reimbursement and car provided
Library Manager	LG Award includes EB agreement	Library pool car provided
Manager Community Development	LG Award includes EB agreement	Mobile phone and car provided
Human Resources/Risk Manager	LG Award includes EB agreement	Mobile phone and car provided

Elected Member 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 2019.

Mayor	\$ 55,600
Deputy Mayor	\$ 17,375
Councillors	\$13,900

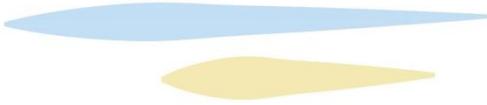
Council has, in the past, foregone an extra allowance for Presiding Members (Chair) on Committees (i.e. allowance paid has been equal to that of all Councillors). The allowance set by the Remuneration Tribunal 2014 for the position of Presiding Member for the Berri Barmera Council was \$16,680 for the Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee (up to November 2018).

For the Martin Bend Recreation Area, Berri Town Beautification, Barmera Town Beautification, Friends of Bonney Theatre Complex and Cemetery Advisory Committees (July 2018–Nov 2018) (as per 3.3.2.2 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances) an allowance of \$ 157 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount allowance of \$939 per annum.

For the Friends of Bonney Theatre, Environment and Sustainability, Berri Improvement, Barmera Improvement, Cemetery Advisory, Lake Bonney Caring for Country, Leases and Licences and Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committees/Working Groups (Nov 2018 –July 2019) (as per 3.3.2.2 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances and Council Resolution) an allowance of \$170 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount allowance of \$1020 per annum.

The Audit Committee Independent Chair received an allowance of \$1320 per meeting (July – November 2018) and \$1050 (November 2018– June 2019).

Human Resources and Risk Management



Human Resources

Council's workforce for the period ending 2018-2019 equated to 77 employees. Opportunities for multiskilling are encouraged to ensure Council has a workforce that is progressive, flexible and responsive to the needs of the community. The workforce is dispersed evenly between field operations and corporate functions for the delivery of Council services and programs

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, understood and that there is accountability by both Council and employees for the delivery of professional service standards in the discharging of duties. These contribute to the ongoing support of employee development and equitable access to opportunities.

Council continues to foster positive interaction with all its employees by focusing on positively influencing culture by encouraging Council's corporate values of: learning; adaptive; motivated; innovative; excellence.

Training and Development

For 2018-2019, approximately 140 training, development and health monitoring sessions were attended by staff. Training and development remains a key focus of council in supporting and progressing the skills and knowledge of staff within their professions. Compliance training in legislation and industry standards forms a large part of Council's training needs.

Emergency Management

Helping to protect and assist the community to respond to and recover from disasters is a shared responsibility. Council, along with other agencies provide support through various activities in planning, preparedness, response and recovery within emergency management. Council continues to actively work with agencies and supporting departments in the development of strategies with representation on the Murray Mallee Zone and local emergency committees to ensure that plans are reflective of local government's capacity and within scope of responsibilities. Council has been part of the representation for the Local Government sector for the development and review of state, local and federal strategies and initiatives.

The Riverland district experienced no significant events during 2018-2019 however it was impacted by several events that caused localised issues due to fire, damaging winds, heavy rains and extreme heat. Council during emergencies respond to and actively monitor Council infrastructure and services, and provide support to the emergency services and supporting 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 to the community.

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 proactive management and maintenance of Council’s assets, infrastructure and facilities. Plans and programs were formulated for these areas and will continually be reviewed for appropriateness.

Work Health and Safety

Under the requirements of the Performance Standards for Self Insurers (PSSI) as administered by ReturnToWork SA, Council undertook the biennial Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Audit conducted by LGAWCS in November 2018. It is an obligation of being self insured for Workers Compensation to meet the requirements of the PSSI. Council has been continuing to address the identified outcomes of the KPI audit through the developed and implemented action plans to address the areas of improvement and compliance.

For 2018-2019 the WHS focus for Council remained with the following programs: KPI Audit Actions; 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.

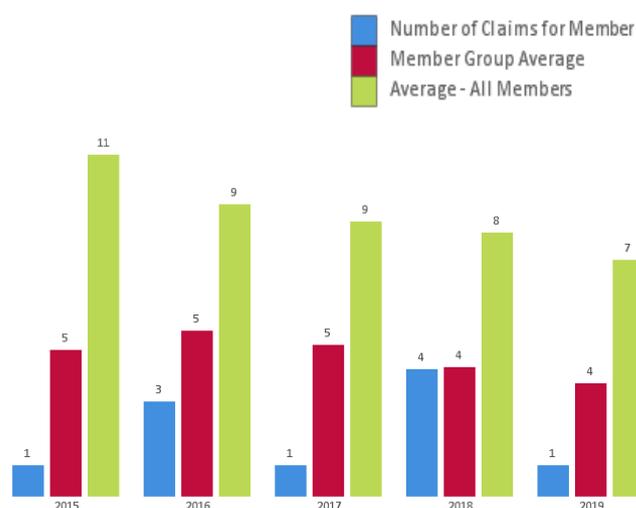
Ageing and Work Health Pilot Project

Through the LGAWCS Council participated in the Ageing and Work Health Pilot Project. The pilot project was established to trial creative strategies aimed at assisting Council’s older employees in high physical demand jobs to continue working in safe, productive and meaningful ways, and for Council’s younger outdoor workers to have options and information available to them to support them as they become older.

During the two year period the project achieved the establishment of the Employee Representative Consultancy Forum; development of the Active Ageing Information Booklet; Stretching program; implementation of an Active Ageing Workplace Charter. As a contributing member of the project Council was able to strengthen, deliver and implement additional initiatives of the pilot projects strategies.

Injury Management

Workers Compensation Claims Data



Data Source: LGAWCS, Clams Analysis and Tracking System as at 30 June 2019. 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 decision making structure. The structure of Council and its major committees which integrate with Council's Corporate Structure is as follows:



Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP)

Refer Page 89 for further details

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 (July 2018 – Nov 2018)

One independent member (Mr John Comrie)
 Crs M Fuller, D Waterman, Cr L Gore Mayor
 P Hunt (ex officio)
 Cr A Kassebaum (Proxy)
 Chief Executive Officer
 Manager Corporate Services
 Internal/External Auditors
 Human Resources/Risk Management

Membership (Nov 2018 – Nov 2022)

One independent member (Mr Tim Muhlhausler)
 Crs M Fuller, R Centofanti, A Kassebaum
 Mayor P Hunt (ex officio)
 Cr T Scott (Proxy)
 Chief Executive Officer
 Manager Corporate Services
 Internal/External Auditors
 Human Resources/Risk Management

Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee

(July 2018 – Nov 2018)

The functions of the Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee include:

Strategic Governance

1. To develop, implement and review a Strategic Plan for the Berri Barmera Council area including undertaking extensive public consultation.
2. To develop a policy framework for the Council to support the strategic direction of the Council.
3. To review and make recommendations regarding the Council's Management Plan.
4. To receive deputations and/or representations from interested parties, which may aid Council, in determining its objectives, strategies and priorities.
5. To establish sub-committees and/or working parties to assist in carrying out the Committee's functions.
6. To consider any other matters referred to it by the Council, other Council Committees and the Chief Executive Officer.

Asset Management

1. To guide the development of an asset management policy 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.
2. To oversee the regular evaluation of asset management and programs and the review of relevant service levels.
3. To formulate and deliver appropriate strategies in relation to its strategic property holdings.
4. To receive deputations and/or representations from interested parties, which may aid Council, in determining its objectives, strategies and priorities.
5. To establish sub-committees and/or working parties to assist in carrying out the Committee's functions.
6. To consider any other matters referred to it by the Council, other Council Committees and the Chief Executive Officer.

Membership All Councillors
Chairperson Cr A Kassebaum
Attendees Chief Executive Officer
and Management Team
Co-ordinator Chief Executive Officer

Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee

(Nov 2018 - current)

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

1. To develop, implement and review a Strategic Plan for the Berri Barmera Council area including undertaking extensive public consultation.
2. To oversee, monitor and review Council's major projects and Annual Business Plan
3. To oversee the regular evaluation of asset management and programs and the review of relevant service levels.
4. To receive deputations and/or representations from interested parties, which may aid council, in determining its objectives, strategies and priorities.
5. To establish sub-committees and/or working parties to assist in carrying out the committee's functions.
6. To consider any other matters referred to it by the council, other council committees and the Chief Executive Officer.
7. 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.
8. To formulate and deliver appropriate strategies in relation to its strategic property holdings.

Membership All Councillors
Chairperson Cr A Kassebaum
Attendees Chief Executive Officer
and Management Team
Co-ordinator Chief Executive Officer

Council/Committee Meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month commencing at 6:00pm. 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* need to be discussed in confidence.

Although meetings are held in a public forum, members of the public attending are not permitted to speak, however individuals are provided with an opportunity to make representation and address Council on specific issues that are raised.

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

These committees include the following:
(July 2018 – Nov 2018)

- Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Berri Town Beautification Committee
- Barmera Town Beautification Committee
- Martin Bend Recreational Area Committee
- Major Projects Committee
- Development Act 101A Committee
- Friends of Bonney Theatre Complex

(Nov 2018 - current)

- 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
- CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee

Following meetings of Council and Committees, the minutes of such are available on the Council's website or can be viewed at the Council Office or purchased if desired.



Strategic and Corporate Plan



The Strategic Plan to 2015-2020, adopted in January 2016, established the following Vision for the Council.

Vision:

In 2030, the Berri Barmera Community will be a sustainable, prosperous, confident regional community throughout the Riverland of SA.

Goals

Our Strategic Plan is shaped by five goals, including the objectives for key areas namely;

1. Confident and Contributing Community;

This goal focuses on creating opportunities for active contributions from the community and retaining the population. The goal encourages the community to participate. It is underpinned by an entrepreneurial spirit, partnerships and the region's future success and leadership.

2. Diverse Economy;

This goal focuses on broadening the economic base of the region. Recognising that the region has successfully grown through horticultural associated industries, now is the time to create and attract new economic opportunities and talent.

3. Smart Infrastructure

This goal focuses on effectively managing assets, ensuring contemporary systems are in place to enhance community wellbeing, communication and access.

4. Valued Natural Environment/Resources;

This goal focuses on protecting and enriching our natural resources for future generations. While the river is foundational to our identity and lifestyle, this goal extends beyond to the creation of 'closed loop'¹ systems and by becoming self reliant in many areas.

5. Strong Internal Capability/Capacity

This goal focuses on business practices for community benefit, accountability, good governance and clear decision making processes. Reduction in complexity, increased skill development of staff and Elected members and resource sharing opportunities are pivotal to the Goal.



¹ A system that adjusts itself to varying conditions by feeding output information back as input.

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).

Community Goal 1

Confident and Contributing Community - This goal focuses on creating opportunities for active contributions from the community and retaining the population. The goal encourages the community to participate. It is underpinned by an entrepreneurial spirit, partnerships and the region's future success and leadership.

Objective 1 We will create opportunity for active involvement and input to civic issues and decision making.	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
<p>Increase in social media to disseminate information Opportunity for community feedback on projects provided</p> <p>Community Groups are provided the opportunity to suggest councils investment into community projects</p> <p>Community members have the opportunity to nominate for Annual Awards</p> <p>Community members have the opportunity to participate in Council committees and working groups</p>	<p>VIC and Council pages merged along with the two library pages to one, to streamline communications and improve content distribution.</p> <p>Consultations undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - CCTV Policy • - Riding for the Disabled – renew lease • - Riverfront development – feedback • - Council's draft annual business plan and budget • - Public Consultation and Community Engagement Policy <p>33 community groups/events received funding via grant application process</p> <p>Annual Australia Day nominations received and awarded</p> <p>Community Members involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berri Beautification Committee/Berri Improvement Committee • Barmera Beautification Committee/Barmera Improvement Committee • Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Advisory Committee • Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan Committee • Martin Bend Committee/Environment & Sustainability Committee
Objective 2 We will increase involvement in civic pride	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
<p>Training undertaken by several staff to assist with greater use of social media</p> <p>Town Beautification / Improvement Committees driving community projects</p> <p>Opportunity for community to nominate for awards</p>	<p>Increased social media responses</p> <p>Assistance from Community Groups and Schools with several committees</p>
Objective 3 We will support first people	
<p>Barmerara Meru Committee</p> <p>Support of indigenous programs and events</p>	<p>Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan developed and consulted upon with approval from Council/RMMAC</p> <p>Budget Allocation and grant application for Cultural, Heritage and Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>NAIDOC week events conducted by community Funding provided for arts, social and sports programs</p>
Objective 4 We will support and promote multicultural diversity	
Objective 5 We will increase access to quality housing for a greater range of individuals	
<p>Discussions with State Government/Housing SA</p>	<p>Attendance at Murraylands & Riverland Housing Roundtable re State's 10 year Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p>

Objective 6 We will create opportunities for community ownership and control of assets.

Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
<p>Newly built assets under the control and management of community groups</p> <p>Support community led facility improvements</p> <p>Contribution and support for Riverland STARCLUB Officer</p>	<p>Contributions provided to assist sporting groups/hubs to supplement grants received for upgrade of sporting facilities (Barmera and Cobdogla)</p> <p>Three clubs received STARCLUB Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berri Swimming Club • Berri Golf Club • Barmera Golf Club <p>Facilitated borrowing arrangements to assist NFP community groups to upgrade and improve facilities.</p> <p>Riverland STARCLUB assisting sporting groups to become accredited.</p>

Objective 7 We will work with communities of interest to increase safety.

<p>Continued interaction with SAPOL</p> <p>Support of Multicultural Programs</p>	<p>Decrease in reported crime.</p> <p>Strengthened capacity for disaster recovery through increased community resilience</p>
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Objective 8 We will influence state, regional and local decision making

<p>Mayor President of MRLGA</p> <p>Mayor Member of South Australian Region Organisation of Councils (SAROC)</p> <p>Riverland Local Government Forum G3 Procurement Alliance</p> <p>Elected Member membership of various boards, committees, community groups.</p>	<p>Input/Outputs MRLGA Annual Business Plan, activities and actions</p> <p>Contributions to SAROC Workplan</p> <p>Lobby local government representatives when required</p> <p>Liaise with RDAMR to achieve economic and community benefits</p> <p>Resource sharing and continued alliance with Riverland Councils for several projects outlined in Riverland G3 Annual Report</p>
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Community Goal 2

Diverse Economy - This Goal focuses on broadening the economic base of the region. Recognising that the region has successfully grown through horticultural and associated industries, now is the time to create and attract new economic opportunities and talent.

Objective 1 We will develop partnerships to attract new industry (eg advanced manufacturing; green industries; alternative horticulture; education and training)	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
Supported new business initiatives and expansion of existing businesses.	New businesses or expansions of existing businesses RDA supported programs Assist local business facilitate borrowings to expand local tourism business
Investigations into green waste disposal viability	Charter Agreement – Small Business Friendly Council initiative Continue to gather information regarding green waste disposal options
Objective 2 We will attract investment to value add to current industry	
Support business to access Federal funding for business investment	Local tourism business grant success
Objective 3 We will work with partners to attract business not reliant on the River	
Supported new business initiatives and expansion of existing businesses	RDA supported programs
Objective 4 We will develop a China strategy	
Limited scope for local business at present but support given to RDA regarding China	
Objective 5 We will promote quality Country Style living and lifestyle	
Council continues to work with landowners to facilitate development of rural living in areas appropriately zoned for this use	New houses are being built

Objective 6 We will facilitate development through appropriate zoning and amend where required (while protecting the natural assets of the region).	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
Working with State Government to facilitate new Planning and Design code	
Objective 7 We will support local business and towns to work together to increase joint profitability.	
Objective 8 We will support tourism.	
Investment in Tourism Services and attractions. Provide information services to support visitor experience Support the development and operations of facilities that service RV and camping Support the attraction of events that result in increased visitor nights Support the installation of Electric Vehicle recharging station Support projects to enhance Riverland Trails as a tourist attraction Provide submission to State Government's Wine and Food Centre proposal Completion of Berri Riverfront Wharf construction	Operate Berri VIC directly and Barmera VIC by allocation. Contributed to district and regional marketing materials No. of Tourism businesses Major funding partner of Destination Riverland Provision of ongoing facilities at Martin Bend and Barmera RV Park improvements Waste management support for peak season camping at Lake Bonney Funding provided to major and district events
Objective 9 We will support more women in leadership roles.	
Programs in place for development	Increase in women in mid and senior management roles

Community Goal 3

Smart Infrastructure - This Goal focuses on effectively managing assets, ensuring contemporary systems are in place to enhance community wellbeing, communication, and access.

Objective 1 We will ensure fast, reliable NBN infrastructure. We will bolster technology capacity and capability across the region	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
NBN available in Barmera and Berri.	NBN working to community satisfaction
Objective 2 We will continue to invest in sports, recreation and lifestyle infrastructure working to partner with businesses when appropriate.	
Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct at Berri Upgrades Barmera Lakefront, Glassey Park, Monash Adventure Park, playgrounds and other recreational areas	Facilities upgraded and equipment renewed Assisted financially/in support with sporting events Assisted sporting clubs Additional support to Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct at Berri Working with selected schools to develop shared community use facilities and reduce duplication of infrastructure
Objective 3 We will modernise and build community assets. We will enhance the combining and sharing of community resources (eg transport)	
Glassey Park – hub/home for numerous sporting groups Hawdon Chambers and Soldiers Memorial Hall renovations	Facilities upgraded Home for Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group Home for “Part of things” at Hawdon Chambers Regular and popular use of Council facilities
Objective 4 We will provide non structured recreational facilities, locally and regionally, to promote participation, well-being and aesthetic landscape quality.	
Walking trails being developed Planning for recreational activities and enhancement of use around Lake Bonney	Barmera Lake Front exercise equipment and walking paths Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan
Objective 5 We will focus on amalgamating sporting, recreational and lifestyle facilities to continue to provide high quality services.	
Glassey Park Barmera facilities – such as Bruce Oval	A number of Joint use facilities now available in the community especially Alan Glassey Park, Barmera Community Sporting Hub and Bruce Oval Barmera.

Community Goal 4

Valued Natural Environment/Resources - This Goal focuses on protecting and enriching our natural resources for future generations. While the river is foundational to our identity and lifestyle, this goal extends beyond to the creation of ‘closed loop’¹ systems and by becoming self-reliant in many areas.

Objective 1 We will explore alternative energy supplies to reduce our carbon footprint.	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
Continued progress with 10MW Solar Farm Investigate Solar Panel installation on Council buildings	Liaisons with local business to negotiate PPA. Progress and alternative outcomes investigated regarding 10MW Solar Farm Solar Panels to be installed on Council buildings where possible.
Objective 2 We will explore business opportunities in the waste stream area. We will continue to upgrade and promote practices.	
Objective 3 We will promote and encourage eco-tourism. We will invest in the provision of high quality tourism facilities, services.	
Objective 4 We will implement best practice in Cat Management.	
Developing Cat By-Laws	By Laws commencement August 2018 DACO introduced 1 July 2018

Community Goal 5

Strong Internal Capability/Capacity - This Goal focuses on business practices for community benefit, accountability, good governance and clear decision making processes. Reduction in complexity, increased skill development of staff and Elected Members and resource sharing opportunities are pivotal to the goal.

Objective 1 We will embed strategic procurement practices.	
Actions 2018-19	Performance Outcomes (Measures)
Using G3 Procurement Alliance and strategic purchasing	Utilising G3 purchasing power to reduce costs via economies of scale and reduce duplication across region.
Objective 2 We will continuously improve process ensuring a focus on monitoring and evaluation.	
Implementation of ICT strategy	Improvements to ICT Systems and processes. Commencement of cloud transition. Installation of software. Mobility Strategy
Objective 3 We will enhance resource sharing with other councils (exploration of enhanced service) provision through regional collaboration, public private partnerships and sector-wide approaches.	
G3 Procurement Alliance operating on numerous projects	MOU signed with Riverland Councils and implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Planning Board Pilot Program involvement • RPC/BBC Shared General Inspector • ICT Strategy and shared Business Transformation Analyst • Social Indicators Project • Riverland STARCLUB Officer working across 3 Councils

Objective 4 We will invest in workforce planning and upskilling of staff

Workforce planning in place	Enhanced knowledge and empowered staff
Budget allocations for staff training and development	

Objective 5 We will invest in upskilling/skill maintenance of Elected Members

Members have attended training sessions and conferences	Robust and confident decision making
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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

The 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
- Internal Financial Control Policy
- Treasury Management
- Valuation of Land Under Roads Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy

Rates

- Fines/Rates Recovery Policy
- Rate Capping Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rate Remission Policy
- Rating Policy

Governance

- Chief Executive Officer Appraisal
- Elections – Casual Vacancies (Supplementary Election)
- Policy Development

Public Relations

- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Electronic Communications
- Flag Flying Policy
- Media and Communications 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
- 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

- Hard Waste Collection
- Kerbside Waste, Recycling and Green Waste Service Policy

Environmental Services

- Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) (Connection Fees)
- Abandoned Vehicles Policy
- Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy
- Camping, Caravanning and Recreational Vehicle Policy
- Election Signs
- Liquor Licencing Policy
- Outdoor Dining Policy
- Permit Parking Policy
- Signage Policy
- Delegations under the Development Act 1993 and Development Regulations 2008
- Unclad Bathing Policy
- Leases, Licences and Permit Policy
- Food Inspection Policy
- Horse Riding Policy

By-Laws

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

Electors Representation Review



Electors Representation Review

Under the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Councils representation must comply with a specified quota tolerance. The 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 The Berri Barmera Council is as follows:

House of Assembly as provided by the State Electoral Commission	7,303
Council's Supplementary Role	4
Total	7,307

Council's representation quota is therefore 813 electors per elected member.

Council completed an Electors 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 specified process, public 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 - April 2025.

Council	Elected Members Including Mayor	Electors	Ratio
Alexandrina	12	20,350	1,684
Barossa	12	17,600	1466
Berri Barmera	9	7,307	811
Copper Coast	10	11,226	1122
Light Regional	11	10,316	937
Loxton	11	8,158	741
Waikerie			
Murray Bridge	10	14,334	1,433
Port Pirie	10	12,790	1,279
Victor Harbor	10	12,313	1,231
Wattle Range	12	8,444	703
Yorke Peninsula	12	8,770	730

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 on an annual basis and are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council Office.

Contracted Services 2018/2019



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 and providing the opportunity for 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 to maintain a relatively small workforce to reduce overheads.

The table overleaf 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.



Project/Service	Amount
Audit Contract (External) Dean Newbery and Partners	\$23,170
Barmera Recreation Centre Management Chubb Fire - Verrall's Cleaning – Initial – Ash Monty Electrical	\$46,337
Effluent Drainage Maintenance D. Kuhn Plumbing N. Kuhn Laser Alignment Maintenance Riverland Tank and Drain	\$227,405
CWMS Infrastructure Renewal	\$233,315
Garbage Collection National Trust Transpacific – Cleanaway Transpacific Industries Transpacific Industries Cleanaway Roadside Pick ups and Greenwaste Disposal	\$1,153,281
Animal and Plant Control Board Pigeon Control and Weed Control	\$3,318
Public Convenience Management	\$116,961
Sealed Road Construction InRoads and Topcoat	\$326,945
Road Maintenance Sealing and Construction Comley Road Riverview Drive Resheeting Lock 3 Road Jury Road	\$280,479
Kerbing Street Renewal	\$82,349
Dump Rehabilitation - Monash Tonkin Consulting	\$21,512
Sealed Road Maintenance	
Footpath Pavers Replacement	\$60,124
Footpath Renewal Construction and Sealing	\$87,456
Swimming Pool Management	\$146,083
Community Wastewater Management Scheme	\$2,521,531
Stormwater Upgrades - Renewal Streets	\$25,489
Solar Project	\$149,878
RRISP	\$197,270
Sundries	
Berri Cemetery Cremation Garden	\$31,386
Monash Adventure Park Equipment	\$33,454
Berri Riverfront Wharf	\$1,183,942
Berri Riverfront development	\$754,387
Berri Library Maintenance	\$5,770
Barmera Library Maintenance	\$17,760
Council Office Building	\$20,975
Debt Collection Costs	\$26,470
Halls Building Maintenance	\$67,808
Major Buildings and Structures Renewals	\$28,011
Immunization Maintenance	\$6,533
Berri Town Hall Toilet Upgrade	\$32,887
Street Tree Maintenance Riverland High Works	\$20,551
TOTAL	\$7,932,837

Grievance Procedure

In relation to grievance procedures and review of Council's decisions, the Council has formally adopted a procedure for internal review of Council decisions as per the requirements of Section 270 of the Local Government Act. The procedure provides 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.

Further, the procedure states the following as its primary principles:

When a complaint is received it shall be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for internal Investigation in the first instance. In the event that the Chief Executive Officer is of the opinion that the complaint requires an independent investigation then the Chief Executive Officer shall offer independent mediation or neutral evaluation or further refer the complaint to an external review process eg. Ombudsman's Office, Legal advice and/or the courts.

Action: Within seven working days from receipt of the complaint:

- record the complaint in the complaints register*
- acknowledge the complaint*
- advise the complainant who will be dealing with the complaint*
- provide the complainant with a copy of the policy*
- provide the complainant with a copy of the complaints process*

Action: Within twenty one working days from receipt of the complaint:

- investigate the complaint*
- advise the complainant of the result of the investigation and any corrective action taken*
- record the outcome in the complaints register*

In the event that the complaint does or is likely to take longer than twenty one days to resolve, a deadline for resolution of the complaint will be set with the complainant.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the advice given and requests a review of the outcome and the complaint was originally handled internally the applicant will be advised of other options for review such as the State Ombudsman, legal advice and/or the courts.

During 2018/2019 two complaints were received that were deemed as necessary to be recorded in Councils "Complaints Register", and grievance procedures put in place. Processes were followed in accordance with the requirements of Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Council Policy, and the matters were resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Council and Committee Meetings



Council and Committee Meetings / Matters considered in Confidence

Further to Council’s decision making structure, 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. During the year there were twelve Ordinary and eleven Special Meetings of Council and 41 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. The table below and overleaf outlines the Council and Committee’s use of section 90(2), 90(3) and 91(7) for the 2018/2019 year.

Total number of orders made under section 91(7)	15
The number of expired, ceased or revoked orders	6
The number of operative orders at the end of financial year	9

Date and subject of each order

- 6 December 2018
CEO Performance Review (a), (e)
- 18 January 2019
CEO Recruitment (d)
- 1 February 2019
Berri Renewable Energy Solar Power Generation Facility Business Case (d)
- 26 March 2019
Request to consider interest in co-dedication of Crown Lands Queen Elizabeth Drive Barmera (j)
- 26 March 2019
Land Development Reserve (b)
- 16 April 2019
CEO Recruitment (a)
- 23 April 2019
CEO Recruitment (d)
- 23 April 2019
Food Riverland (d)
- 23 April 2019
Confidential Minute Book – Release of Confidential Minutes – “Lake Bonney Environs
- 28 May 2019
Confidential Deputation: Tom Doull, Associate, Grieve Gillett Andersen (b)
- 28 May 2019
Council Office Accommodation (b)
- 11 June 2019
Solar Farm Project Power Purchase Agreement Negotiations Status (b)
- 11 June 2019
Land Development Reserve (b)
- 13 June 2019
CEO Appointment (a)
- 14 June 2019
Chief Executive Officer Appointment (a)

The following table contains details of the Council/Committee meetings. (July 2018-Nov 2018)

Particulars	No. of meetings	Total resolutions passed	Confidential resolutions	Reason for Confidentiality
Council Meetings (including Special Meetings)	4	81	Nil	N/A
Berri Town Beautification Committee	2	5	Nil	N/A
Barmera Town Beautification Committee	2	8	Nil	N/A
Audit Committee	1	8	Nil	N/A
Riverland Regional Assessment Panel	2	Nil	Nil	N/A
Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee	1	2	Nil	N/A
Major Projects	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Cemetery Advisory Committee	1	3	Nil	N/A
Development Act 101A Committee	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Strategic Governance and Asset Management Committee	4	33	Nil	N/A
Friends of Bonney Theatre Complex Committee	1	4	Nil	N/A
Riverland Regional Building Fire Safety Committee	2	10	Nil	N/A

The following table contains details of the Council/Committee meetings. (Nov 2018 – June 2019)

Particulars	No. of meetings	Total resolutions passed	Confidential resolutions	Reason for Confidentiality
Council Meetings (including Special Meetings)	19	353	7	90 (3)(a) 90 (3)(b) 90 (3)(d) 90 (3)(j)
Berri Improvement Committee	2	7	Nil	N/A
Barmera Improvement Committee	2	9	Nil	N/A
Audit Committee	3	11	Nil	N/A
Riverland Regional Assessment Panel	3	7	Nil	N/A
Environment and Sustainability Committee	2	3	Nil	N/A
Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee	6	37	3	90 (3)(b) 90 (3)(d)
Cemetery Advisory Committee	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee	4	13	5	90 (3)(a) 90 (3)(e) 90 (3)(d)
Lake Bonney Caring for Country Advisory Committee	1	2	Nil	N/A
Friends of Bonney Theatre Working Group	1	3	Nil	N/A
Riverland Regional Building Fire Safety Committee	1	6	Nil	N/A

Freedom of Information/ Statement

During 2018/2019 there were two Freedom of Information (FOI) applications received.

Council's Role

The Council's role is to provide for the government and management of 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

The role of members of Council is:

- f) 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
- g) as a person elected to the Council-
- (i) 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 functions, donations to local organisations, dog control, fire prevention, animal and plant control, health inspections, immunisation program, cemeteries, public toilets, garbage collection and disposal, district halls, Community Library and Information Centre, parks and gardens, play equipment, boat ramps, ovals, building and development control, road maintenance and construction, footpaths, gopher routes, kerbs and guttering, storm water control, bike tracks, street lighting, tourism, private works, industrial estate, support re loans to sporting clubs, leasing of Council owned property to community organisations, etc.

Agendas and Minutes

Agendas for all Council and Committee meetings are placed on public display not less than three days prior to meetings, minutes being made available for perusal within five days of a meeting. Agendas and Minutes for Council and DAP Meetings (now Riverland Regional Assessment Panel) 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 and Regulations.

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

a member 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 policies 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.

In addition there are also opportunities for the public to attend public meetings or information forums on certain issues or to complete a survey on specific issues. The Council is also required to consult with the public on other matters as a requirement of relevant legislation.

Access to Council Documents

A list of documents available for inspection or copy are listed below, with the relevant fee per page or entry listed, should a copy be required. A comprehensive listing of Council's Fees and Charges is available on the 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 at Council's Principal Office.

The Council also readily provides information to the public, with Council Agendas and Minutes being available on Council's website and the Council Office.

Fees and Charges Particulars Council Documents Etc.

	2018-19*
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 \$57.05
Search Fees - Rates Only	As per Act \$33.25
Extract from Assessment Book	20c per page

*Current 2018-19 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 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 2018/2019 year, 22 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. 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)", which reads as follows:
When a complaint is received it shall be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for internal investigation in the first instance.

In the event that the Chief Executive Officer is of the opinion that the complaint requires an independent investigation then the Chief Executive Officer shall offer independent mediation or neutral evaluation or further refer the complaint to an external review process eg. Ombudsman's Office, Legal advice and/or the courts.

Action: Within seven working days from receipt of the complaint:

- record the complaint in the complaints register
- acknowledge the complaint
- advise the complainant who will be dealing with the complaint
- provide the complainant with a copy of the policy
- provide the complainant with a copy of the complaints process

Action: Within twenty one working days from receipt of the complaint:

- investigate the complaint
- advise the complainant of the result of the investigation and any corrective action taken
- record the outcome in the complaints register

In the event that the complaint does or is likely to take longer than twenty one days to resolve a deadline for resolution of the complaint will be set with the complainant.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the advice given and requests a review of the outcome and the complaint was originally handled internally the applicant will be advised of other options for review such as the State Ombudsman, legal advice and/or the courts.



Community Services

Library Services



This year has been a busy and productive one for both our libraries and we have been quite innovative in our approach by providing new services and events to interest our customers. At Berri Library we have seen the introduction of the Seed Library and the Little Bang Discovery Club for pre-schoolers, whilst Barmera Library held their inaugural Op Shop Fashion Show which raised money for the Riverland Christmas Appeal. Both libraries also had birthdays and we were pleased to celebrate these milestones through a display and a children's party.

Our annual events and activities for adults as well as children have been very well attended. Our Library Customer Activity Survey provided valuable feedback as well as direction for the future especially regarding the content of our educational *Get Savvy* sessions. A highlight of the year was the visit by the Libraries Board of South Australia which gave us a chance to show the role of our libraries in the community and to also receive feedback from board members.

The future of our libraries looks promising. This year, as with most years, both libraries have hosted school students for work experience so it is evident that teenagers see employment in libraries as a rewarding career choice.

SA History Festival

Berri Barmera Council had good representation in the state-wide programme having organised 9 activities from the total of 19 happening in the Riverland. At Barmera Library a five panelled display, "*Once Upon a Time: Stories of South Australian Childhoods*", was on loan from the History Trust of SA. This travelling exhibition featured pictures and stories of what it was like growing up in SA and included QR Codes which could be scanned to show additional images online. Barmera staff assembled a local display "*Opening the Doors to Barmera's Past*", which featured old and new pictures of Barmera's Art deco buildings, shops, churches and other structures. Combined with written memories gathered from Barmera residents, the display highlighted what it was like living in Barmera in earlier times.

At Berri Library, part of our history display included *Wedding Gown Memories* which was very popular with well over 400 visitors viewing the extravaganza. There were many volunteers and wedding dress donors who helped to make the event a huge success. Other SA History Month events at Berri included a WWI Soldier Settlers display, a training session held in our Local History room on *Beginners Guide to Family History* and a photographic display, *Paddle Steamers of the Murray*.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations

This year's celebration featured a visit by Wendy Sheppard who donated items about Jimmy James to the Berri and Barmera Districts Local History Collection. Wendy was just 9 years old in 1966 when she was abducted and left in the Adelaide Hills. The SA Police called in talented trackers Jimmy James and Daniel Moodoo who found Wendy after she had spent 3 days lost in bushland.

A great NAIDOC week display was set up in the front foyer of the Berri Library with Aboriginal artefacts loaned to us by Linc Gore who also organised the visit by Wendy.

The children's holiday craft activity based on the NAIDOC Week theme was very well attended.

Upper left: Joy Mules, Robert Drogemuller, Margaret Drogemuller and Glenys Frost reminiscing about Barmera's history during History Month at Barmera Library.



Middle left: Some of the many wedding gowns featured in 'Wedding Gown Memories' as part of History Month at Berri Library

Bottom left: Wendy Sheppard (standing) who donated items about Jimmy James to the Berri and Barmera Districts Local History Collection with Nora Moodoo (seated) near the memorial for Jimmy James on the riverbank at Berri.



Bottom right: Cohen Walkington enjoying the NAIDOC week craft activity at the Berri Library.



Children's Book Week, 18th – 23rd August 2018

Children's Book Week was celebrated in schools, libraries and book shops all over and this year's theme was *Find Your Treasure*. At Berri Library our children's area was transformed into a 'Treasure Island' with a boat, treasure chest and various other treasured items by our library trainee Bree. Students from Our Lady of the River attended and had the story *Rodney Loses It!* by Michael Gerard Bauer read to them by Glossop High School student, Zac.



Barmera Library was busy during Book week, with children and teachers from St Joseph's Barmera, Kingston-on-Murray and Cobdogla Primary schools all visiting for stories and activities during the week.



Above: Glossop High School student Zac, reading the story 'Rodney Loses It!' to students from Our Lady of the River School at the Berri Library during Children's Book Week.

Above right: The children's area in the Berri Library was decorated in the 'Find your Treasure' theme by our Library Trainee Bree, during Children's Book Week.

Holiday Activities

This year there was a new focus on our summer holiday activities with both libraries collaborating in a joint holiday brochure to advertise a wide range of activities. Besides our regular holiday craft sessions, Berri conducted adult colouring sessions and a walk-in anytime games room. Our games room was particularly successful with at least 67 people accessing the room to play a variety of old style games like Chess, Space Invaders, Slot Cars, Battleships, Monopoly and Jenga.

At Barmera Library extra sessions were scheduled during school holidays to give more children the opportunity of attending. Special guests during the year included Paw Patrol characters, CFS members, a paramedic, Riverland Dog Training and Kennel Club members and their four-legged friends, Father Christmas and the Easter Bunny!

Little Bang Discovery Club

After attending training organised by Public Library Services, staff at the Berri Library conducted its first Little Bang Discovery Club (LBDC) program in the October school holidays. The Little Bang discovery Club is a four-session course designed to introduce pre-schoolers to the skills that inspire scientific exploration, discovery and learning. 8 children and their parents were engaged and interested in the range of collecting, classifying, measuring and recording experiments on offer. The program concluded with a science fair and graduation where children shared their findings and received a certificate.

Work Experience Placements

School-based trainee, Natalie Bradford-Marshall commenced working one day a week at the Berri Library in January 2019, she assists staff on the circulation desk and helps with various other library-related activities. She is studying a Certificate III in Library and Information Services through Library Training Services Australia with the aim of completing her traineeship at the conclusion of the school year.

At Barmera Library, Loxton High School student Kyla Calloit de Chadbannes completed four days work experience. Kyla assisted staff at the circulation desk and helped with children’s activities as well as general library administration tasks.



Above: School based trainee Natalie Bradford-Marshall collecting items on HOLD from the shelves at the Berri Library.

Below: Loxton High School student Kyla Calloit de Chadbannes re-shelving items at the Barmera library.



Glossop High School Activities

It has been another busy and interesting year with School Services Librarian, Maureen Spiers and School Library Officer, Susanne Fisher being involved in a wide variety of school-related tasks. Year 12 students have continued to use the library each day for their study lessons with library staff recording their attendance on a lesson-by-lesson basis. Students have again used library resources to assist with their Research Project subject with staff have assisting them with access to the e-Library database, the SLASA Online Referencing Generator as well as the non-fiction section of the state-wide library collection through the use of their ONE Card.

We have continued to manage online resource mathematics subscriptions and have updated and added to the existing school library collection. A wide variety of new resources were purchased in a number of fiction genres like indigenous themes for teenagers as well as short-listed books, non-fiction for research project topics, current topics in the area of science and the environment and teacher resources in a range of subject areas.

Training and Development has continued to be a focus with attendance at Riverland Library Hub Group Meetings; this has also provided valuable networking opportunities. Our School Services Librarian completed WebDewey online training which allowed her to use and gain knowledge about the web version of the Dewey Decimal Classification System which can assist with the cataloguing process.

In May, Glossop High School announced plans to consolidate and relocate their Middle School Campus into the Senior Campus site at Berri. Karyn Burton, then Council Acting CEO and Peter Ison, Library Manager met with representatives from Glossop High School to discuss the possible ramifications of these plans. It is still early days but there are plans for regular Joint-Use Library meetings so that both parties are able to communicate regarding these future developments. With this change in mind the Glossop Middle Campus have decided to purchase RFID technology which will allow them to merge their stock in with the Berri Library collection so that it is ready to be shared via the ONE Card system to other public libraries.

Digital Literacy

Keeping up with digital knowledge is a necessity in today's rapidly growing technological world. With this in mind, two Barmera staff members visited the Renmark Library to learn more about their Robotics program and gain an insight into how libraries can make the most of technology to bring more people of all ages into the library. Both Berri and Barmera Libraries have joined the Be Connected Network. Be Connected is an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. They have a range of useful online learning resources as well as a network of community partners who offer support and allow members to improve their digital skills and confidence. Be Connected also offer small activation grants and both our libraries have been successful in being awarded some funds which will allow us to run programs in Robotics as well as Virtual Reality (VR).

The Berri Library has continued to run its popular *Get Savvy* program and have included some new topics like using smart speakers and video streaming services like *Netflix*, as well as how to use the *My Local Services* and *Libraries SA* apps. Barmera Library continued its very successful weekly one on one IT help sessions with volunteer teachers and a weekly drop in help desk manned by library staff has also been very well attended.

Opportunity Shop Fashion Show

Over 90 people attended the inaugural Barmera Library Opportunity Shop Fashion Show on Thursday 6th December. A total of \$523 was raised and donated to the Riverland Christmas Appeal. Both St Vincent de Paul's Op Shop and the Bonney Lodge Op Shop offered quality second hand items for sale at the library on the night and reported good sales. The enthusiastic support of staff members at both opportunity shops, members of the community and the Barmera Library staff combined to make this a very successful event. (pictured below)



Seed Library

The Seed Library initiative at Berri has been a resounding success with more than 36 library customers initially joining and taking seeds to grow at home. We were pleased with the involvement of ABC Riverland who promoted the Seed Library on their Facebook page with a short video story that had more than 11,000 views by late May! The Murray Pioneer also ran a story that promoted it to Riverlanders and new members are registering all the time.



Above: Cynthia Harvey displaying what is on offer from the new Seed Library at Berri Library. Photo courtesy Murray Pioneer.

Adelaide Writers' Week

Adelaide Writers' Week is held annually in March and is free to all but distance prevents many in the Riverland from attending. Barmera Library was pleased to offer front row seats to Writers' Week events on 4th, 5th and 6th March, with the event being streamed live to our smart TV from the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden in Adelaide. Many of the books by Writers' Week authors are in our Barmera and Berri Libraries or available from other SA libraries and publicity around the event sparked increased interest in these authors and their works.

Author visits

Two well-known SA authors Tricia Stringer and Meredith Appleyard visited Barmera Library during May as part of their 'On the Couch tour'. Meredith and Tricia talked about their latest releases, their writing lives, what they have planned next, answered questions and signed their books. The free afternoon tea that followed provided people with a chance to mingle and talk more about books!



Above: Author Vicki Simos came back to her home town of Barmera to talk to interested readers in the Barmera Library about boxing, life and writing in September 2018.

Left: Two SA authors, Tricia Stringer and Meredith Appleyard visited Barmera Library as part of their 'On the Couch' tour.

Country Music Week

Barmera Library invited an entertainment group called Rum and Raspberry to present their *Tea and Damper* show of traditional Aussie songs, stories and poetry and about 60 people attended. Coffee, tea and a spectacular Barmera Bakery damper finished off a very successful event. As an added event this year, we held an informal Pop Up poetry corner, around twelve people attended, some to recite poetry, some to just listen, some to tell stories and jokes and all enjoyed a relaxed morning tea afterwards.

Summer Reading Club

Mayor Peter Hunt visited the Barmera Library to announce the winners of the Summer Reading competitions. Hannah Whateley was one of the young readers who successfully borrowed and read ten or more library books and she was the lucky winner of the drone. Ethan Schmock, Tayla Douglass and Zoe Drogemuller were the winners of the Curious Creature crafts, each receiving a prize pack of books and Summer Reading Club merchandise.

Lukas Rapisarda was the lucky winner of the Berri Library Summer Reading Club prize of a Google Home Mini. Although Lukas is just 6 years old, his mother tells us he is a voracious reader!

All children at both libraries are to be congratulated on their efforts at reading extra books over the holidays and for making such creative and clever craftworks.



Above: Mayor Peter Hunt presenting Ethan Schmock with a pack of books after winning the Summer Reading Club Competition.

Below: Hannah Whateley receiving her drone prize from the Summer Reading Club Competition presented by Mayor Peter Hunt.



Library and Information Week, 20th–26th May 2019

The theme for 2019 was *Truth, Integrity, Knowledge* recognising how library and information professionals support truth, integrity and knowledge in an environment where fake news has become a threat to people's understanding of the world around them. Council library staff conducted a variety of sessions for the public to celebrate Australian Library and Information Week.

At Berri, Library Week celebrations included a National Simultaneous storytelling session with Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti doing a fantastic job reading this year's book, *Alpacas with Maracas*, written by Matt Cosgrove, to students from Rivergum College. These 30 or so foundation to year 3 students were then treated to a craft activity where they got to make Alpacas and then some Maracas! As part of our library week celebrations we ran a raffle and 'guess the lollies' in the jar competition to raise money for the Cancer Council of SA as well as providing a free daily morning tea for our customers.

Barmera Library held an afternoon History Trust display to showcase our local 'Opening Doors' history display, sparking many memories and conversations about early life in Barmera. The 18 people who attended enjoyed coffee, tea, Barmera Bakery scones and cream puffs donated by Joy Mules. A total of \$110 was raised for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

Barmera Kindergarten visited in order to read the book *Alpacas with Maracas* for National Simultaneous Story-time and 23 children from Year 1 and 2 at Cobdogla Primary School took part in an interactive retelling of the story by staff members Jodie Bannear and Sue Webber.



Above: Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti read the story 'Alpacas with Maracas' for National Simultaneous Storytime to Foundation to Year 3 students from Rivergum College during Library & Information Week at the Berri Library.

Below: Jodie Bannear reading 'Alpacas with Maracas' to students from Cobdogla Primary School for National Simultaneous Storytime at the Barmera Library in May.



Rhyme Time

The Barmera Library's Baby Rhyme Time Program began as a weekly session on Tuesdays eleven years ago under the guidance of a volunteer coordinator. Due to increased numbers attending, a second volunteer coordinator now runs a Thursday session. Berri Library has also been running a Baby Rhyme Time Program for a number of years on a Wednesday and utilizes a touchscreen television as a presentation tool.

The programs are fun, lively, and educational with the volunteers' enthusiasm and commitment making a positive difference to the lives of the library's littlest customers, their parents, grandparents and carers.

Libraries Board of SA Visits

Members of The Libraries Board of SA, along with Geoff Stempel, Director of the State Library, Jo Bayly and Veronica Mathews from Public Library Services, visited both Barmera and Berri Libraries. The Board members were impressed with the changes they could see at both libraries and were pleased to be able to chat to Councillors and library staff on the day.

At Barmera, Councillors Margaret Evans and Mike Fuller joined with Library Manager Peter Ison, Peg Germein and Jodie Bannear to welcome the visitors. Peter Ison spoke about the changes to the libraries since the last Board visit in 2012. Afternoon Tea was provided at the Barmera Library and the Board and visitors then headed off to the Berri Library.

At Berri Library, the Board met Councillors Margaret Evans and Rhonda Centofanti and the staff who were rostered on at the time. They then took part in a brief tour and were particularly interested in how the library was adjusting to the new courier arrangements that have been implemented across the One Card network.

The visits were a great opportunity to showcase our libraries and highlight the importance of the libraries' roles in our community and to also communicate with board members and receive feedback from them.



Above: SA Libraries Board members Back row – Janet Finlay, Lynn Spurling, Jan-Claire Wisdom, Scott Hicks, Jillian Whittaker, Seated -Andrew Luckhurst-Smith, Bruce Lander AM, Vini Ciccarello

Library Customer Activity Survey

Keeping our focus of monitoring and evaluation in mind, we conducted an online survey at our Berri and Barmera Libraries during September and October 2018 to find out which library services our customers find the most useful and valuable.

The results appear on our website but here are a few highlights:-

- The most important library services for customers are being able to borrow books & DVDs, place holds on items, ask for research help from library staff and access computers and printers.
- The most regularly used library services for our customers are loaning of books and magazines, searching the library catalogue, using the photocopier and scanner and being able to ask a library staff member for information.
- That library online services and Apps are under utilised and need to be better promoted to our customers.
- Comments from survey respondents about what they value most about their libraries were overwhelmingly positive.

Statistics

Berri Barmera Council Library Statistics 2018/2019					
LOANS & USAGE	BERRI		BARMERA		2018-2019 TOTALS
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019	
Door Count	120,746	109,562	33,416	44,276	153,838
Total Loans	52,397	44,596	40,433	34,416	79,012
Internet Bookings	5,210	3,846	3,644	2,936	6,782
Holiday Activities	318	211	232	411	622
Weekly children's Activities	433	251	712	1217	1,468
Baby Rhyme Time	720	571	772	1212	1,783
SA Library Network Incoming Hold Transits	6,423	4,842	5,376	4,615	9,457
SA Library Network Outgoing Hold Transits	9,687	9,341	5,203	4,672	14,013
Visits per capita (Berri 7,025, Barmera 4,188)	17.2	15.6	8.0	10.6	13.7
Loans per capita	7.4	6.3	9.6	8.2	7.0
Open hours per annum	2,422	2,422	1,950	1,950	4,372
Web Catalogue Sessions	10,480	14,846	combined statistics		14,846
Library Website Sessions	10,426	12,052	combined statistics		12,052

Community Development Services



Community Development

There are so many great organisations working in the community and Council endeavours to work in partnership with many of these groups to identify and develop programs and activities that meet the social, cultural, creative and recreation needs of our community.

This support can be through direct funding and in-kind assistance with event and facility activities, or working with our sporting and community organisations to identify State and Federal Government funding opportunities and initiate the grant writing process.

Community groups undertake a significant contribution to the community's quality of life, committing hours of volunteer time in activities, projects and events. Council is often able to value-add to this contribution by providing varied levels of support, which may consist of financial, in-kind or a combination of both. Council provides an opportunity for people to volunteer, to give back to their community, share their knowledge, learn, connect and support others from Rocky's Hall of Fame, library and special projects.

Community Events

Throughout the course of the year, Council sponsor/support a number of events within our region.

Some of the Council sponsored events include:

- Murray Man Triathlon
- Barmera Christmas Pageant
- Barmera Santa's Cave
- Berri Merri Christmas
- Harmony Day
- Tour of the Riverland
- NAIDOC Week
- Wine and Food Festival
- Riverland Country Music Festival.

Many of these events attracted visitors from outside of our region which provided an economic benefit to tourism and business operators within the region.

Aside from organisations and projects that were amongst those to receive direct support, there were many more community events that were supported throughout the year with set up assistance, venue cost and road closures. The immense value of those community organisations who Council's works, community and property staff work with, deliver an amazing range of community events that deliver an immense return to the communities economy and help raise community spirits.



Community Facilities

Each year, Council maintains a wide range of facilities that are provided at heavily subsidised rates to community organisations. Many of these are reliant on additional funding from various sources (including user fees) but, without Council contribution, many would not be viable. Some of these include Rocky's Hall of Fame, Some organisations also gain supplementary funding through Council for their operations including Regional Development Australia, Destination Riverland, Riverland Youth Theatre, Foodbank and Barmera Visitor Information Centre.

Recreation Facilities

Council supports and maintains a number of recreation and sports facilities across our district. There are many trail networks, parks and playgrounds for more informal use and then a range of sporting venues such as our Ovals, Barmera Recreation centre, Alan Glassey Park Precinct and Berri District Swimming Pool.

There have been a number of community led improvements to our district's sporting facilities this year including the upgrade to the Barmera Netball Court precinct which included court resurfacing. The Netball Club and Basketball Club managed this project with funding support from Council, Office for Recreation and Sport and a number of other community organisations.

The Cobdogla Tennis Club also received funding support from Council, to add to a grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport, their own funds and significant community in-kind assistance.

The Monash Bowling Club has worked tirelessly to secure funds for the replacement of their clubrooms. With some support from Council, and a loan for the remaining funds the volunteers have engaged contractors to commence construction and aim to complete their upgrade before the end of 2019.

The Barmera Recreation Centre has received an upgrade to the change rooms, toilet and shower cubicles, and accessible toilet facilities.

The Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool has received new LED lights, which will improve electricity use, provide brighter lighting for carnivals and reduces the light spillage to nearby residents. At over 50 years old, the facility continues to provide strong community social and a swimming benefit but there are aspects of this aquatic asset that are aged and need to be modernised in the near future. There is currently a major assessment of pool structures and plant underway, with the long term asset management plan to be updated with the current condition and lifecycle estimates to be ready for Council to consider options in next years budget.





Above: Cobdogla Tennis Club courts and Below: The old Monash Bowls Club will look very different to this later in 2019



STARCLUB

Thanks to the support of the Office of Recreation and Sport, Berri Barmera Council and Renmark Paringa Council, a dedicated STARCLUB field officer has been appointed to our region. Their role was developed to work with local sporting groups and organisations and assist in education to ensure their continued future.

STARCLUB offered information sessions to sporting clubs in our region to inform clubs about the STARCLUB Club Development Program and to explain what clubs are required to do, discuss the legislative compliance points and then go through the online tool with the representatives.

Funding was used to deliver the following training:

- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Prevent and Manage Sports Injuries
- Show me the money – providing practical tips on how clubs can find additional income through fundraising and sponsorship
- Strategic Planning
- Child Safe Officer

Training was scheduled focusing on key points and areas where clubs continue to have difficulties developing and implementing policies and procedures. The Riverland STARCLUB Riverland Facebook page continues to share posts from ORSR, Play by the Rules, and Good Sports. The majority of these posts link back to the six sections of the program and offer useful resources and good news stories that clubs can learn from and implement to help them achieve recognised STARCLUB Status.

Three of our district clubs received STARCLUB accreditation in 2018/19

- Berri Swimming Club
- Barmera Golf Club
- Berri Golf Club



Above: Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Centre, Berri



Above: Barmera Golf Club STARCLUB program presentation



Above Berri Golf Club STARCLUB program presentation

Community Grants

Council provides many direct and indirect services and support to the community. One of these is our Community Grants Program which provides a limited funding pool for community organisations and groups to apply for the delivery of community led projects and events.

In 2018/19, Berri Barmera Council provided a total of \$41,958.06 through this program with recipients being:

Organisation	Activity / Event	Amount Supported	In Kind
Berri Tennis Club	Side cutter mower	\$3,000	
Berri Swimming Pool	Roller shutter	\$1,000	
Cancer Council Riverland branch	Computer, software and printer for use by volunteers	\$1,500	
Anglican Pastoral District of the Riverland	Air conditioning for hall for Berri Youth Hub	\$2,000	
Barmera Christmas Pageant	Christmas Pageant	\$1,500	
Barmera Santa's Cave	Santa's Cave	\$1,500	\$800
Riverland Brass	General Operations	\$1,500	
Berri Barmera Landcare	Restoration Program	\$1,500	
Tennis SA	2018 State Foundation Cup	\$2,500	
Berri Barmera Ministers Association	Carols by the River	\$1,000	\$500
JDRF Australia	JDRF One Walk – support those living with Type 1 Diabetes	\$500	
Lions Club of Barmera	Barmera Senior Christmas Dinner	\$800	
Barmera Soccer Club	Upgrade of soccer goals	\$2,000	
Riverland Domestic Violence	Carpark extension and security	\$2,000	
SSAA Barmera Pistol and Rifle Club	Resurfacing of pistol range	\$1,000	
Riverland Youth Theatre	Annual program	\$5,000	
Salvation Army	Craft group		\$500
Barmera Sheep Dog Trials	Sheep Dog Trials	\$1,500	
Riverland National Trust	Capsule Retrieval		\$7,000
Riverland Country Music Festival	SA Country Music Awards	\$4,500	\$5,000
Berri Barmera Ministers Association	Carols by the River	\$1,000	
Barmera Christmas Pageant	Barmera Christmas Pageant	\$1,500	
Norwood Cycling Club	Tour of the Riverland	\$1,500	\$1,000
H. Amos	Ultimate Fiji Cup 2018	\$200	
A. Erceg	National Youth Science Forum	\$50	
Berri District Youth Club	2019 Gymnaestrada in Austria	\$500	
P. Hronopoulos	Ultimate Fiji Cup 2018	\$200	
P. Orilla	Ultimate Fiji Cup 2018	\$200	
D. Campbell-Collard	Budgies Junior Indigenous Netball Carnival	\$75	
A. Campbell-Collard	Budgies Junior Indigenous Netball Carnival	\$75	
L. Campbell-Collard	Budgies Junior Indigenous Netball Carnival	\$75	
C. Ebert	2019 DFSA Australian National Titles	\$100	
J. Sullivan	2019 SA Australian Country Basketball USA Tour	\$200	

Community Grant Projects Snap shots

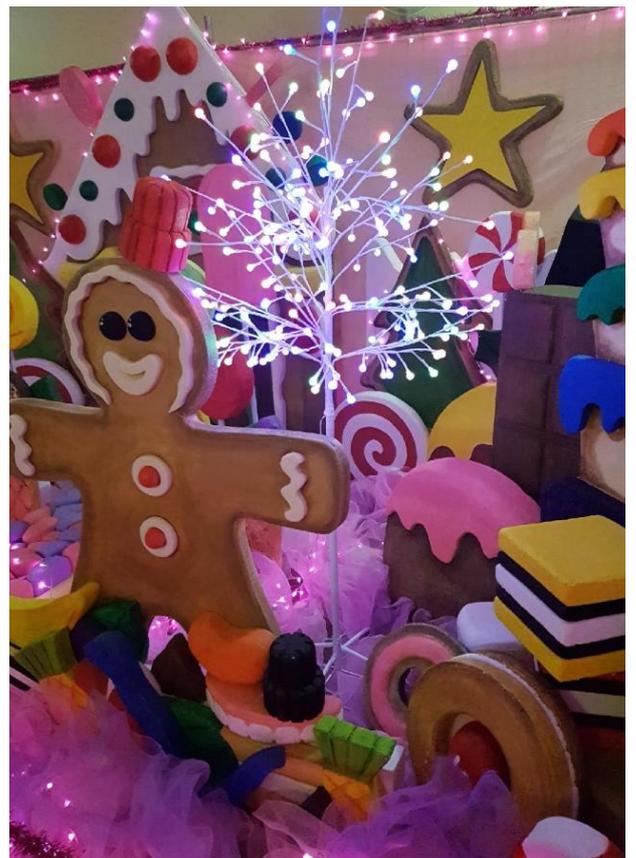
Barmera Christmas Pageant

The Pageant was again well received within the community with approximately 10,000 people attending the pageant and the fireworks spectacular. Part of this year's festivities included the inaugural "Barmera Xmas Lights Trail", which created a festive spirit within the community. The trail had residents register their displays for an opportunity for small cash prizes and a perpetual trophy.



Santa's Cave

With the assistance of a very active committee, the event saw "Santa's Cave" extended to fill the Bonney Theatre and added additional opening days after the pageant. The Cave was visited by school groups, aged care residents, Riverland Special School as well as locals and visitors alike. With considerable growth in visitor numbers over the past two years, the committee expects the Cave to continue as a permanent fixture into the future.



Berri Swimming Club

The Berri Swimming Club requested funding to upgrade their kitchen facility with the purchase of all roller shutters. The Club had identified that the area required better security but also assistance was required to minimise the amount of dust that was blown into the kitchen area. The canteen/kitchen area is a community asset which can be hired and used by organisations hosting events at the pool and by ensuring that the space was clean and secure, benefitted the community as a whole.



Australia Day Awards

Berri Barmera Council recognised outstanding community members at the annual Australia Day breakfast held this year on the Lake Bonney foreshore on Saturday 26 January 2019. This year's event was attended by over 300 people, which consisted of a cooked breakfast provided by the Barmera Lions Club, plus entertainment by Trick and the Motley Crew Choir. The Barmera Scout Group started the official ceremony with the raising of the flags, before the official speeches and award ceremony.

We were lucky to be joined by the 2017 Citizen of the Year, Joy Mules who assisted Mayor Hunt with presenting the Awards.

This year's Award recipients being:

Citizen of the Year – Kym Manning

Kym joined the "Save Lake Bonney Group" for 2 years in 2012, 7 years on, he is still heavily involved in this group. The group was formed as they were concerned with the state of Lake Bonney and were in need of funds for projects. Kym and his friend Matthew Littledyke, came up with the idea of holding a fishing competition to help raise funds for this group - the first "SA Carp Frenzy Fishing Competition" was born. The community got behind the event and donated prizes. Funds raised went towards projects aimed at improving the lake, such as riparian planting, fox baiting, turtle hatchery sites and "fish hotels". To date, over 25,000 carp have been removed and over \$50,000 raised. Along with the carp eradication program, Kym is focussed on improving habitat for native fish like Murray Cod and Golden Perch. Kym has designed, built and deployed the largest single fish habitat structure in the Murray Darling basin. His community involvement does not stop there, he has also been involved in the Murray Man Triathlon as a co-ordinator for 10 years. Through his contribution to the community, Kym was a finalist for the TAFE South Australian Community Awards. His story is inspirational as it shows how one single idea can grow into something big.



Young Citizen of the Year – Kira McMahon

Kira is a young lady who has been actively engaged with her schools physical education and sports program. With a tenacious and consistently positive attitude, Kira has been a representative at numerous school activities including athletics, swimming and hockey. She has also been a representative in the SA Under 18 Women's Hockey team and also Berri's A Grade Hockey Team.

In 2018, Kira was awarded the "Pierre de Coubertin Award" which recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participating in sporting activities. With an ATAR score of 99.5, the aspiring medical student received an offer from the University of Adelaide and will be studying the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Once she has completed her studies, Kira is aiming to return to our community to enhance the health care in the region.

Community Event of the Year – 2018 Australian Country Hockey Championships

August 2018 saw Riverland Hockey Association host the 2018 Australian Country Hockey Championships. This 8 day event held at Glassey Park, brought together 12 teams consisting of 18 players, coaches, managers, supporters and spectators. Over the course of the event, it was estimated that 300 people attended the daily competition and over 1000 people attended the grand final. Besides showcasing the Berri sporting precinct, the event ignited a wonderful atmosphere with an economic influx to our region estimated at \$425,000.

Building a Better Community Award – Riverland Musical Society

In 2018, the Riverland Musical Society held two productions which consisted of 10 performances and an estimated 2,200 people attending. The productions pulled together all facets of people, which provided the opportunity for over 100 volunteers to work together on the creative aspects of theatre. All the elements came together to form a seamless production, from sets to costumes, lighting, backstage and of course, the actors themselves. With the close knit group, they were able to share their skills and knowledge and overcome barriers to pull together productions which offered local community members the opportunity to see high quality theatre at a reasonable cost.





Above: Emily Bishop (left) and Phyl Thomas (right) are the grand-daughters of William Napier who settled in Berri in 1908.



Armistice Exhibition

To celebrate the Centenary of Armistice, an exhibition was held in the Berri Town Hall from 5 to 16 November 2018, celebrating the life of local residents who participated in the war. The exhibition included memorabilia and artefacts from National Trust, Berri RSL, Waikerie RSL, 410 Army Cadet Unit and the Local History Collection. The display provided an opportunity for local descendants of soldier settlers to come in and read their stories and reflect on the lives they lived.



Connecting with our Community – Media and Communications

In August 2018, Council made the decision to consolidate its social media platforms and subsequently combined the two library pages and also combined Council's Facebook page with the Berri Visitor Information Centre.

Through a strong online presence, both with the website and Facebook account, Berri Barmera Council continues to be promoted as a good location to both live and visit. Images on Council's website homepage have been provided by local Riverland photographers and will continue to be updated to reflect projects, tourism services, community activities and events.

Through the amalgamations, over the past 12 months, the Berri Barmera Council's Facebook page increased its followers from 1399 to 2755, we thank our community for this increase of 97%.

It is interesting to note that our audience following our page is predominantly women, making up 63%, with men 35% and unknown 2%. The age group most engaged is 45-54 year olds at 22%, then 55-64 year olds at 21%, 65+ year olds 16%, 35-44 year olds 19%, 25-34 year olds 14% and 18-24 year olds 6%.

Posts are added a number of times each week and prompt links to Council's website for information on meetings and consultation, as well as to advertise community events, job opportunities within Council, adverse weather events, promote Berri Barmera as a good place to live and destination to visit, as well as providing general information.

Our ultimate aim, is to continue to build on relationships with our community and have them become more aware of news and information about Council activities and services.

Visitor Services / Tourism

Berri Visitor Information Centre

The Berri Visitor Information Centre, situated on the riverfront is an ideal place for visitors to stop and learn more about the region, whilst engaging with our staff.

Council's community development team through the Berri Visitor Information centre, play a role in building economic development by welcoming tourists to the region and providing information on local attractions, businesses and activities.

The primary goal of any VIC is not only to provide information to visitors, but to also generate an unintended economic boost to the region by encouraging visitors to extend their length of stay within our region. We also stock an extensive range of local product and merchandise which provides a great opportunity to support local businesses.

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 of business practice.

Tourism Marketing Activity

The Visitor Information Centre updates local tourism sites to increase the listing of events and places of interest within our region. To encourage visitors and residents to learn more about our region, throughout the course of the year, a number of exhibitions are held within the VIC.

This year, the VIC hosted the following exhibits:

- NAIDOC
- Christmas product promotion
- Learning About Locks
- Nature Interactive Display
- Iconic Berri Barmera Residence
- History Month - Monash Adventure Playground

The exhibitions and displays were only made possible with the generous donations and assistance from many community groups and individuals. They created a changing space within the VIC, whilst creating partnerships with and celebrating our community.

To assist with tourism, South Australian Tourism Commission and Telstra joined forces to provide free connectivity at some of South Australia's most iconic locations including the Berri riverfront.

The signposting includes hashtags for promoting our region to the world and even caters for the increased Chinese visitation across the State with QR codes linking them to two popular Chinese travel and social media sites Wechat and Uwai. It will be great to see the increased promotion of our wonderful region

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Tourism is a key economic driver in our Council region and the Berri Visitor Information Centre is charged with the responsibility of encouraging further investment and growth of tourism in our region and attracting visitors to the region by increasing awareness of the Riverland as a must see holiday destination. As part of increasing awareness, Council produces an event calendar each week that is forwarded to businesses within our region for promotion.

Moving forward, Council will continue to seek to improve efficiencies, investigate increased services that meet the needs of the full cross section of visitor demographic, and continue to ensure that our districts online presence becomes stronger, with information being regularly updated across many platforms.







Infrastructure Services

Infrastructure Services

Operational

A multitude of tasks are undertaken each year as part of Council's ongoing service to the community in helping to provide a safe and liveable environment. Some of the core duties Council undertakes to ensure that quality living conditions are provided are as follows;

- Parks & Gardens; mowing, irrigating, weeding, tree/shrub trimming and planting, playgrounds and BBQ cleaning
- Maintenance & 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, asset management, geographical information, technical advice and customer liaisons.

Paver Cleaning (Footpath Maintenance)

Council currently manages around 120km of footpaths within the Council district. These footpaths are continuously maintained to prevent any potential hazards from effecting members of the community and also to enhance the township aesthetics. Council has purchased a new paver cleaner to remove any blemishes from paved footpaths and aesthetically transform the appearance of public areas to create a more inviting environment for both local residents and tourists.



Above: Council staff member cleaning pavers



Above: Before and after paver cleaning

Mulching Parks and Street Verges

In alignment with their vision of sustainability, council undertakes a number of processes to ensure that resources are used to their full potential. Mulching is a process undertaken by council in which green matter is collected from tasks carried out within the district to be later processed into mulch for use on future council projects. By doing this council is exercising sustainable practices whilst also effectively maintaining public infrastructure.



Above right: Soft fall mulch being prepared for use

Below: Soft fall mulch used on Playspace playground in Baramba



Irrigation

Council maintains over 54 hectares (133 acres) of irrigated lawns split over 33 parks. This does not include small lawn areas, garden beds, trees, unirrigated areas or reserves such as road reserves and crown lands which have been dedicated to Council for care and control. Continuous irrigational maintenance ensures that public areas such as ovals and parks are kept in the best condition for public use.

Over the past year the Monash Adventure Park has received a considerable amount of irrigational maintenance on the pond after leaks had been discovered. The pond has been drained, had leaks repaired and has been refilled.



Projects

Ground penetrating radar

Through cemetery records, council gained knowledge of multiple graves existing outside of the general burial area at the Berri Cemetery. It is believed that individuals that had committed suicide were buried separately from the general population due to the sinful nature of their deaths and the gravesites were therefore deemed suicide graves.

The records obtained by Council outlined the possibility of 3 suicide graves and it was decided that the area was to be further assessed to accurately locate any additional unmarked graves in order to appropriately mark and identify the individuals that had been buried there. Archaeological scientist Dr Ian Moffat utilised a Ground Penetrating Radar, a device that uses electromagnetic wave propagation, to image and identify changes in electrical and magnetic properties to assist in the locating and confirmation of unmarked graves.

Dr. Moffat assessed a large area outside of the general burial area and discovered 4 possible and 15 probable graves. These gravesites are now able to be appropriately marked and the buried individuals rightfully acknowledged.



Above: Dr Ian Moffat utilising the Ground Penetrating Radar

Below: Tool used for detecting ground disturbances



Berri Cemetery Cremation garden

A new cremation garden and paved area have been created for cremation plots at the Berri Cemetery. The garden has been expanded as the original cremation garden was estimated to be at its capacity within a year. This expansion extends the ability of future use for the Berri cemetery at its current location.



Above: Construction of new cremation garden and Below: completed cremation garden.



Baramera Lions Club Seating (Baramera Improvement Committee)

The Lions Club of Baramera, in partnership with the Baramera Community Fund, has installed five new seats on the Baramera lakefront. The previous seats had deteriorated over the years and required a considerable amount of maintenance. The new Replas seating has been made from a more durable recycled material and has been set in a concrete slab to be more easily maintained.

Three of the seats have replaced the original seats and the remaining two seats have been placed under the Stratco shelter sheds. The Lions Club intend to undertake a replacement program over a number of years, so that all of the older Lion's seating is eventually replaced. This new seating follows the style guide for seating within the council area which creates a uniform and well maintained appearance for the district.



Above: Lions Chair under Shelter at Lake Bonney

Monash Median landscaping

The township of Monash has been receiving upgrades over the past year to support the community and aid in preparations for the town's Centenary year in 2021. To date, there have been upgrades made to the medians along the main street in the town on Madison Avenue with the installation of mulch alternating with artificial turf.

To compliment the median upgrades artificial turf has also been installed in the two garden beds in front of the Monash Memorial Hall along with a tree planted in the centre of each garden bed. The utilization of artificial grass reduces maintenance for the committee and the overall appearance improves the presentation of the community facility.



Above: Completed Monash median after landscaping project

Vaughan Terrace Power upgrade

For many years the Vaughan Terrace Median Strip has been used for large community events. A large number of vendors attending these events require power for their sites and therefore a large number of individuals have been plugging into the few power boxes found along Vaughan Terrace.

These power boxes have been struggling to supply power to the vendors that have been plugging into them often creating power overloads and subsequently power losses. To rectify this issue the previous power boxes have been replaced with more aesthetically pleasing structures and the power supply to Vaughan Terrace upgraded. These upgrades enable vendors to safely power their sites, encouraging future attendance to events.



Capital

Berri Riverfront Wharf

The Berri Riverfront Wharf project is the culmination of four years' work towards providing a multifunctional community asset that improves mooring facilities, accessibility and safety along the Berri Riverfront. This project was a collaboration of multiple Council staff, Elected Members, South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee (SABFAC) representatives, Engineers and Contractors.

Construction for this project was made possible through a successful application submitted to SABFAC for funding through the Marine Facilities Fund. Construction of the wharf included removal of existing concrete structures, installation of a sheet pile wall, deadman anchor piles, tiebacks and a rear whaler beam. This was followed by backfilling, pouring of the concrete path and installation of the rear retaining limestone blocks, sheet pile caps and recycled plastic fenders.

An access ramp was also constructed to enable people of all abilities to enjoy the wharf and visit this inclusive facility in a safe manner.

The project has transformed a largely inaccessible riverbank into a valuable piece of infrastructure that provides increased mooring facilities and accommodates a larger number of vessels than the previous structure allowed. In turn, this has assisted Berri in becoming more inviting and attractive for river vessels to stop in and visit the township.



Above: Completed access ramp at the Berri Riverfront Wharf

Below: The completed Berri Riverfront Wharf



Berri Marina Pump Upgrade

The turbine columns in the pump located at Berri Boat Ramp have been replaced due to wearing from frequent high use. The replacement columns are of a more durable material than the previous columns and therefore extend the time before further maintenance is required. The Berri Marina is a popular area for both tourists and locals, providing a beautiful location on the river to relax and socialise and therefore an important area to maintain.

Monash Adventure Park Equipment Upgrade

The Sofffall at the Monash Adventure Park has been replaced under the Burmese bridge that comes off the western side of the tower due to the previous Sofffall presenting a number of hazards. The retaining wall at the park has also been upgraded to a Jaffa limestone wall for increased durability and strength.



Above: New limestone retaining wall



Above: Upgraded softfall beneath the burmese bridge

Pine Post Replacements

Pine posts have historically been installed as fencing for public parks and spaces throughout Berri and Barmera. A number of these posts are now coming to the end of their lifespan and are in need of rejuvenation. To reduce Council's impact on the environment and gain maximum lifespan recycled plastic bollards and galvanised rails have been chosen as a replacement.

By utilising recycled materials and sourcing bollards that are Australian made ensures that the carbon footprint of the project remains low. The bollards are very low maintenance once installed and will have longevity. These bollards will eventually replace all permapine posts throughout the Council District and grassed perimeter of the Berri Stadium.

Sealing – Comley Road

Comley Road has been reconstructed and sealed from Gilmour to Gordon Road as per Council’s New Road Sealing Program. The road was previously a narrow pipe line reserve that council deemed as being too narrow, which has been expanded to allow vehicles more room to travel safely in both directions.



Above: Comley Road after completion

Road renewal – Riverview Drive from Werner Lane

Approximately 400m of Riverview Drive from Werners Lane has been reconstructed due to issues with a ruptured private line that resulted in undulating road surface. The undulated road surface created an uncomfortable driving experience for individuals travelling along the road.



Above: Riverview Drive after reconstruction

Footpath Upgrade – Extension lakefront

Council is continuously making improvements to infrastructure to encourage tourists to visit and stay in the Riverland. An extension has been made to the paved path at Lake Bonney in Barmera to provide local residents and tourists with the ability to walk continuously along the Lakefront, providing them with the opportunity to experience the lakefront up-close whilst encouraging physical activity. The path has now been extended from the Sue Fieldhouse Boat ramp to the Blue Bird Café.



Above: A section of the extended path at Lake Bonney in Barmera

Lock 3 Road

Council, with financial contributions from Overland Corner Estate and SA Water, have realigned, reconstructed and resealed Lock 3 Road due to the road's condition after continuous heavy vehicle usage. Heavy vehicle movements have increased on this road due to the expansion of Overland Corner Estates, who produce a large amount of melons and grapes. B Double trucks are consistently being used on the road to transport produce for efficiency and cost savings. This reconstruction has significantly increased the longevity of the road whilst creating an appropriate surface for heavy vehicles to travel along it safely.



Above: Early stages of reconstruction of Lock 3 Road

Stormwater Upgrade – Old Sturt Highway (Rosenthal's/Service Road)

Flooding and stormwater issues have been observed on the Service Road adjacent the Rosenthal site since its development in 2009. Two ponds were initially created on the road to contain any excess stormwater that gathered from the surrounding properties but after numerous rain events it was deemed that the ponds were too small and other options needed to be explored.

Fortunately, the Berri Golf Club agreed to have a pond built on their property for excess water to flow into and Council were then able to connect a pipe from the ponds on service road to the larger pond on the golf course.



Above: Construction of new pond and walking path on the Berri golf course



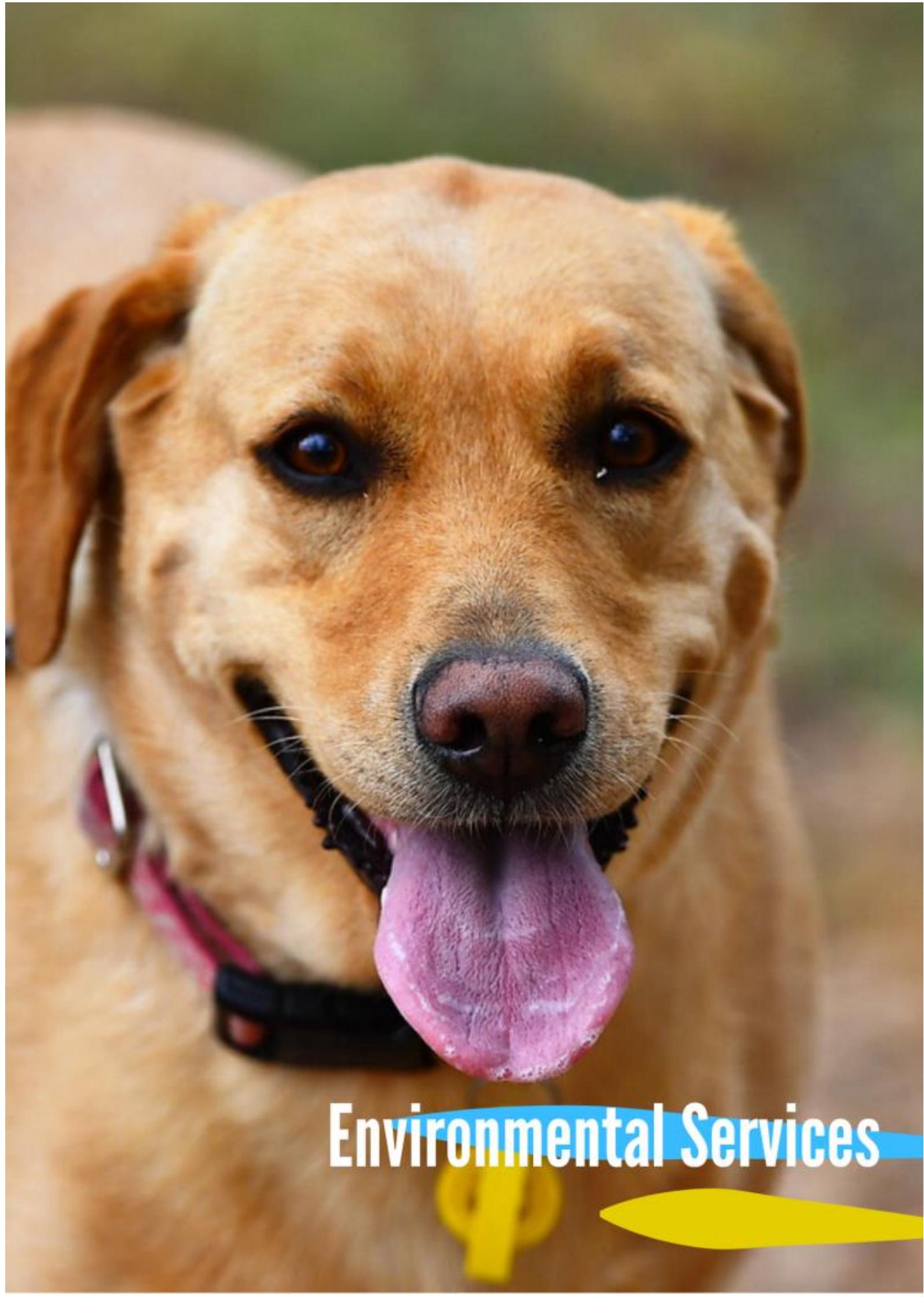
Above: Construction of stormwater infrastructure



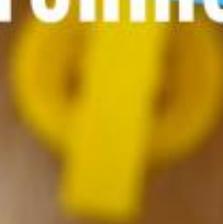
Above: Flooding on Service Road from large rain event

Stormwater Renewal – Mahoney Street Berri

Council have excavated and repaired the main stormwater pipe located on Mahoney Street after a blockage was identified within the pipe. The blockage was disturbing stormwater flows within that section of the network and often caused flooding.



Environmental Services



Environmental Services



Development Assessment

Council's development services encompass the following main areas of responsibility:

- Development assessment
- Policy planning
- Building control
- Building fire safety
- Illegal development/compliance

Development Assessment

Development Assessment involves consideration of a development proposal against the relevant objectives and provisions of the Berri Barmera Development Plan to determine the appropriateness of a land use, built form or land division upon a particular site.

The majority of applications processed by Council under the Development Act were 'merit' applications that do not involve public notification and are dealt with by Council staff using extensive delegated authority granted to them by Council.

Category 2 or 3 forms of development pursuant to the Development Act required public notification and the relevant procedures to be followed. Similarly, those forms of development classed as non-complying required public notification.

In the past 12 months, Council received 164 applications, primarily comprising domestic uses, but also including exciting commercial and industrial uses. The Development Assessment Commission also issued a number of approvals for Crown development.

Appeal Proceedings

As provided for by the *Development Act 1993*, should a person be aggrieved by a decision of Council with respect to their development application, or who are third parties that have lodged representations during the public notification period, appeals may be lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court. No appeals were lodged against Council decisions in the previous 12 months which is a good indication of the sound decision making within this process.

Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP)

In October 2017, the Minister for Planning constituted the Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP), in accordance with the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*. This Panel superseded the Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel, which had operated since 2010.

The RRAP considers recommendations and if required conducts hearings, as a delegate on behalf of the Renmark Paringa, Loxton Waikerie and Berri Barmera Councils. The Panel adheres to the Minister's Code of Conduct and adopts its own Operating Procedures for the conduct of its members and for its meetings, pursuant to section 84 of the Act.

The Minister for Planning also appointed District Council of Loxton Waikerie's Manager Environmental Services, Cheryle Pedler, as Regional Assessment Manager for the Panel.

The following people have been appointed as members of the RRAP:

Independent Presiding Member - Mr Bruce Ballantyne

Independent Members: Mr Jake McVicar, Ms Julie Lewis, Mr Geoffrey Parsons

Elected Members: Councillor Trevor Norton (Loxton Waikerie Council).

All members have a keen interest in community planning and have knowledge of the Development Act and Regulations with appropriate qualifications and/or experience relevant to development assessment. The RRAP met on six occasions during the 2018-19 year, The RRAP considered 28 applications on behalf of the Councils.

Policy planning

Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016

The State Government is currently in an implementation phase for the new *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, which will replace the Development Act 1993 by mid-2020. This includes development of State Planning Policies, Ministerial Policies and the state wide Planning and Design Code. This Code will replace Council's current Development Plans. Council staff continue to work with staff from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to raise issues pertinent to the Council area, and to contribute to effective land use policy, consistent wording and interpretation, applicable across multiple areas, as well as manage potential interface conflicts between urban and township areas.

Compliance / Illegal development

Council undertakes to inspect 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 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 a number of occasions during the year.

Building Fire Safety Committee

Local councils play an important role in protecting the safety of building occupiers and users, whether they are residents and workers who use the buildings or clients and visitors.

Under the Development Act 1993 the Council must appoint a building fire safety committee to ensure adequate fire safety in buildings. The Riverland Regional Building Fire Safety committee was implemented in October 2009.

The role of the building fire safety committee (the committee) includes;

- Examining the adequacy of fire safety provisions in buildings
- Issuing fire safety defect notices for building owners to upgrade to a reasonable level of safety for occupants
- Negotiating with building owners for cost effective solutions to reduce fire safety risks to an acceptable level

- Issuing notices of building work that must be carried out in order to raise the building fire safety to a reasonable level
- Ensuring a building owner complies with a notice of building works required by initiating enforcement or other action
- Revoking or varying fire safety notices

A building owner served with a fire safety notice has two months to develop an upgrading proposal and report to the building fire safety committee of the proposed measures to make the fire safety of the building adequate.

A building owner can;

- Make representations to the committee about the fire safety of the building and the work required
- Apply to the committee to have the fire safety notice revoked or varied
- Appeal to the Environmental Resources and Development (ERD) Court against the service of a notice

An owner must comply with a fire safety notice or risk prosecution and/or enforcement action through the ERD Court.

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/planning-and-property/owning-a-property/council-monitoring-of-fire-safety-for-buildings>

During the past twelve months the Committee have inspected a number of premises where the public either work or assemble for pleasure. In the course of these inspections deficiencies were noted and action taken to rectify the situation.

During the 2018/19 reporting period the following inspections were undertaken within the Berri Barmera Council area;

Type of Inspection	Quantity	Number of Inspections
Hotels and Gaming venues		
Motels		
Caravan Parks & Backpackers Clubs	4	8
Packing sheds		
Commercial/industrial complexes	8	6
Council buildings		
Age care facility		

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

Environmental Health

Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) is primarily responsible for the implementation of legislation relating to the health of the community such as the Food Act and South Australian Public Health Act.

Environmental Health Australia (SA) Award for Excellence in Leadership 2018

The Environmental Health Officers from the six Murraylands and Riverland Councils were the winners of the Environmental Health Australia (SA) Award for Excellence in Leadership.

The region's EHOs have achieved tremendous results over many years of working together. The group's achievements include:

- Contributing to the development of the first Regional Public Health Plan in the State.
- Created the Murraylands & Riverland Regional EHO Group which has now formally been recognised as a Special Interest Group through EHA (SA). Quarterly meetings are held to problem solve a broad range of topics, promote consistency between Councils, hold workshops to upskill EHOs (e.g. mosquito control and wastewater assessments). EHOs from other regions and metropolitan Councils find value in attending these meetings.
- Developed a joint mosquito monitoring and surveillance program partnering with the University of South Australia and SA Health.
- Larger Councils provide shared service to neighboring smaller Councils to assist with fulfilling their legal obligations.

- Hosting the 2020 EHA (SA) State Conference at Tailem Bend.
- This small group of 7.2 EHO's collectively covers an area of more than 36,000km² and over 71,000 ratepayers.



Food Safety

Food business inspections are undertaken and inspection frequencies allocated as determined by the SA Food Business Risk Classification tool. Follow up inspections are undertaken when required to follow up non-compliances. Inspections are undertaken following complaints received from the general public when required.

Over the past year 5 food safety complaints were received. Inspections or education of food business proprietors and food handlers were undertaken when required.

Council continues to provide online food safety training to the community through 'I'M ALERT'. This online food safety training is available on Councils web site and provides free and unlimited access to a training resource aimed at assisting businesses, community groups and food handlers in gaining valuable skills and knowledge in food safety and hygiene.

TAFE food safety training was offered in September 2018 and June 2019 for food handlers from Riverland businesses and community groups. Two sessions were held in both Berri and Loxton and saw attendees from across the Riverland.

Food Safety
Short Course

Use hygienic practices for food safety (SFHS 3502)



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Government of South Australia



How up to date is your food safety knowledge?

TAFE SA and your local Council are offering this accredited short course designed to help you increase your knowledge of food safety and to enhance the level of professionalism in your region.

This interactive course is appropriate for anyone involved in food handling.

Course covers:

- > Legal requirements of food safety
- > How to prevent food spoilage
- > Pests and waste control
- > Causes and effect of food poisoning
- > Food handling practices
- > Storage of food
- > Personal hygiene

For enrolment and further information contact TAFE SA:

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Berri

Loxton Hotel
Pyap Room, 45 East Terrace
Loxton SA 5333

Thursday 6th June 2019
9.30am – 1.00pm

Berri Barmera Council Chambers
Entry through Berri Town Hall
19 Wilson Street
Berri SA 5343

Thursday 6th June 2019
2.00pm – 5.30pm

***FREE Course - for Food Handlers within the 3 council areas**
(*Small Regional Community Funding Criteria applies)

Bookings are essential

tafesa.edu.au

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High Risk Manufactured Water Systems

A register of High Risk Manufactured Water Systems (HRMWS) is maintained as required by the SA Public Health (Legionella) Regulations. Notices are served on operators of these systems to ensure annual third party inspections are undertaken as required. Ongoing issues have been found with one of the third party inspectors. This will lead to changes to future inspections being undertaken by Council officers.

Wastewater

Wastewater works approvals are issued for the installation of new wastewater systems, replacement of defective systems and alterations to existing systems. Plumbing inspections are undertaken at times to ensure installations are undertaken in accordance with the approvals.

As a result of issues raised at a state level, Council's Environmental Health officer has focussed on ensuring the service agents inspecting and reporting on aerated wastewater treatment systems have the required qualifications and are listed with SA Health as approved service agents.

Legal notices are served and compliance work is undertaken where onsite wastewater systems have failed and impact on neighbouring properties or the environment. One onsite wastewater system was replaced and the costs on charged to the property owner.

General Duty to Public Health

Various complaints are received from concerned residents regarding issues that may be considered a breach of the general duty to public health. These complaints are investigated and compliance work undertaken if notices are not complied with.

Skin penetration, beauty and hairdressing

Inspections were undertaken of tattooing premises and several businesses conducting skin penetration procedures, or beauty and hairdressing procedures.

Swimming Pools

Inspections are undertaken of public swimming pools and spa pools within the district. Reports and/or letters are sent to pool operators following inspection advising of any required works to maintain compliance with the South Australian Public Health (General) Regulations 2013 and associated guidelines.

Household Septic Tank Desludging Program

Council engages a contractor to undertake a desludging program of the septic tanks connected to the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) network. On a rotational basis each septic tank is desludged about every four years. In reporting on the operations, the contractor includes details such as the location and condition of the septic tanks. Where septic tanks are not exposed for desludging or defects were found with the septic tanks, letters are sent to property owners advising them of the action required to expose or to maintain the septic tank. A number of septic tanks have been repaired or replaced as a result of these letters.

Ongoing issues are faced by Council and the contractor in regards to ‘flushable’ wipes. As a result resources have been developed and circulated via rates notices, letterbox drop and attached to the letters to property owners. This is an attempt to educate residents and property owners regarding the impacts of wipes on Council infrastructure and the contractor’s equipment.



Mosquito Surveillance and Control Activities

The Healthy Environments, Healthy People Research Group at the University of South Australia provided mosquito surveillance and spot control services to seven local government areas along the River Murray from late August 2018 to April 2019. This was the twentieth consecutive year of this service for six of the local councils, including Berri Barmera Council.

Prior to the commencement of the season, SA Health indicated the annual subsidy funding could not be guaranteed. Due to this concern, and the short notice of the proposed changes to funding, the program was revised with the expectation of a funding gap. Rather than eleven sampling periods previously undertaken, monthly sampling was trialled with trips for each adult trap location undertaken by the field officer. It was fortunate that the winter 2018 produced little rain, and precipitation over the season was well below average along the river and lower lakes, in addition, no elevated river flows were expected. The lower resolution has the disadvantage and limitations regarding responsiveness to inundations and rain events.

During the eight sampling trips the field officer also undertook spot control of mosquito breeding sites. Larvae sites are identified and their location recorded enabling control to be conducted or engineering works when recommended.

The Healthy Environments, Healthy People Research Group use information obtained from the sampling (adult mosquito trapping), larval site monitoring, weather data, river flow data, arbovirus infection notification data, and arbovirus detection data, to forecast the likely

numbers of cases of arbovirus during the season.

Regular reports are provided to the EHO including arbovirus disease predictions, newsletters, and the annual report '*A survey of mosquitoes along the Murray River in South Australia*'. This information determines the level of health promotion activities and additional treatment undertaken by the EHO.

A total of 677 adult female mosquitoes were trapped. This is the seventh lowest collection on record. The types of mosquito species trapped was diverse with 13 species represented. The vector species *Cx. annulirostris* comprised 58.1% of the collections. The highest collections occurred in March 2019, following a period of low rainfall. The increase approximated the historic means for March. The presumed source of this increase is river environmental flow.

The work undertaken by Uni SA over the past 20 years, and information obtained from this program, has created a long term data set, allowing significant seasonal and regional trends to be identified thereby providing a perspective of the River Murray, not as a series of segments each governed by a separate Council, but as an ecological continuum.

Commencing in the year 2000, SA Health provided a funding subsidy program to assist Councils with the costs of administering their mosquito management activities. The funding provided a reimbursement of 50% of the costs associated with undertaking these activities. The funding model has been under review for several years, and has now been significantly reduced.

Due to the ongoing lack of certainty over the funding and the inability of the River Murray Councils to engage Uni SA in long term contracts, Uni SA have ceased providing this service. New models of surveillance and treatment are currently being developed by individual Councils to plan for the 2019-20 season and beyond. To assist with effective planning the EHOs from Berri Barmera Council and the District Council of Loxton Waikerie have drafted a regional/Riverland mosquito management plan.

During the mosquito season Council's EHO also:

- provides monthly reports to SA Health regarding mosquito surveillance, treatment and complaints.
- represents Council on the Arbovirus Response Cross Agency Group (ARCAG).
- investigates mosquito related complaints and conducts treatment or refers these to the contractor when necessary for surveillance and/or treatment..

School Immunisation Program

The school immunisation program was provided at Glossop High School middle school and senior school, Riverland Special School and Rivergum Christian College. Follow up clinics are provided at the schools approximately one week after each school clinic to ensure that all students are provided with adequate opportunities to attend.

2019 saw the school immunisation program for year 8 students remain unchanged, a single dose of Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) and 2 doses of the Gardasil vaccine.

Two clinics were conducted at each school - Glossop High School Middle school, Riverland Special School & Rivergum Christian College. Follow up clinics were held 1-2 weeks after each clinic at the schools.

Changes to the school program for 2019 included:

1. The state government funded Meningococcal B program

Students in years 10 and 11 were offered two doses of the Bexsero vaccine. The year 10 program will be ongoing, however the year 11 catch up program will end December 2019.

Two clinics were held at each school - Glossop High School Middle School (year 10), Riverland Special School (year 10 & 11), Rivergum Christian College (year 10) as well as the Glossop High School Senior School (year 11). Follow up clinics were held 1-2 weeks after each clinic at the schools.

2. The federal government funded Meningococcal A, C, W & Y program

This vaccine was provided at the year 10 Bexsero clinics.

Meningococcal is a rare but very serious infection that occurs when meningococcal bacteria from the throat or nose invades the body. In recent years there has been a rise in the number of invasive meningococcal disease cases in Australia. In 2017, there were 382 cases reported nationally, compared with 252 cases in 2016 and 182 cases in 2015. Deaths associated with meningococcal disease have also risen, with 28 deaths in 2017, compared with 11 deaths in 2016 and 12 deaths in 2015.

Over the last 18 years, invasive meningococcal B disease in South Australia has not declined, unlike in other states. Young children, particularly those less than 2 years of age, have the highest incidence of invasive meningococcal B disease. The second highest at risk group are those aged between 15 and 20 years.

Focus One Health provides registered nurses for the clinics and assists with continued improvement of the school immunisation program.

Dog and Cat Management

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 ownership, promote effective management and reduce the impact of dogs and cats on the public and environment. New dog and cat laws for mandatory microchipping, desexing of new generation animals and the breeding/selling of animals in South Australia began 1 July 2018.

Over the 2018/19 period there were 2630 dogs registered within the Berri Barmera Council area and 205 cats having their details recorded on the Dogs and Cats Online database.

Dogs and Cats Online

New laws for cat and dog owners came into effect on 1 July 2018

The laws and rules included;

- Mandatory microchipping of cats and dogs
- Desexing of dogs and cats born after the 1 July 2018
- New rules for breeders who sell dogs and cats
- Introduction of a statewide database, called Dogs and Cats Online

These new laws have simplified the registration process, making it easier to reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners. Approximately 40% of owners completed their registrations and maintained their personal information on the Dogs and Cats Online system without any Council assistance during the 2018/2019 financial year.

Since the mandatory microchipping of cats and dogs has come into effect from the 1st July 2018, Council has had a large increase of pet owners getting their animals microchipped and data entered into their Dogs and Cats Online Profiles. By the end of the 2018/2019 financial year around 85% of animal owners had their pets identified by a microchip. This has increased percentages of returned animals to their owners.

The first year of the Dogs and Cats Online registration process, two of our Environmental Services administration team provided two help sessions at the Berri Library and two at the Barmera Library and Customer service centre during the 2018/2019 registration period. This was a great opportunity to provide community service for those with questions or who were unsure about the systems new renewal and breeder registration processes.

Cat By-Law

The Cat By-Law was subsequently approved and gazetted in August 2018. The Cat-by Law has been created to try and prevent the breeding of feral cats. A cat trapping program has been introduced, with Council now offering a cat trap hire and collection service to try and decrease the amount of feral cats. Council works closely with reputable rescue groups around South Australia to rehome suitable or unclaimed cats. The community is encouraged to record their cats details on Dogs and Cats Online to reunite cats with their owners if they were to become lost or impounded.



Below are statistics from 2018/2019 financial year

Stats	2018/19	Results
Cat nuisance complaints	28	All complaints dealt with using education of Cat By-Law and Dog and Cat Management Act. No expiations were issued in the 2018-2019 period.
Cat trap hire requests	38	Feral cats euthanaised by a vet at a cost to Council. suitable cats rehomed through reputable rescue groups around South Australia at no cost to Council.

Animal Management Plan

Council's Animal Management Plan has been renewed until 2022. The plan provides Council with a sound basis and direction from which it can plan, co-ordinate and make future decisions to meet the needs of the community. It aims to establish management guidelines where people and their pets can integrate harmoniously within the Berri Barmera community.

During the reporting period 109 dogs were impounded, and Council's Compliance Officer's undertook the following duties;

Complaint	2018/19
Dog wandering at large	88
Dog impounded	109
Dog returned to owner	69
Dog attack	28
Dog harass	11
Noise complaint	17



All impounded dogs and cats that are not claimed by their owners are initially offered to reputable rescue groups who will de-sex, microchip and assess the animals prior to rehoming them. Animals that cannot be taken by rescue groups are transported to the Animal Welfare League in Adelaide. In the 2018/2019 period, a total of 27 cats and 13 dogs were rehomed through various rescue groups in South Australia. The Compliance Team are hopeful of expanding on the numbers of animals rehomed through reputable rescue groups over coming years which may result in financial savings to the Council.

Animal Management Officer of the Year Award 2019

Compliance Officer, Michael Murtagh started with Berri Barmera Council as a General Inspector, shared on a 0.05fte basis with Renmark Paringa Council. Michael was given the opportunity in November 2018 to be employed by Berri Barmera Council as the full time Compliance Officer. Over the past year Michael has been instrumental and passionate in providing a high level of service which exceeds the Council's expectations in the following areas;

- Cat Management – including trapping, impounding, rehoming, implementation of the newly established cat by-law Cats
- Dog Management – managing dog registrations, unregistered dogs, implementing new South Australian microchipping and desexing laws, with non compliance follow ups, dog attacks, management of animal detention facility, management and upgrades of off leash dog parks, providing advice and education

- Aiming to be a no kill Council, working with reputable external agencies to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals. All impounded animal notices and information are advertised via council's website and predominately our Facebook page – Berri Barmera Council Lost and Found Pets. Where animals are unable to be returned to owners or are abandoned, they are rehomed within the district where possible or transferred to external agencies for assessing and rehoming. A specially built trailer has been acquired for the transport of animals to external agencies, so as to not harm or stress the animal during the commute.
- Other Regulatory functions such as parking, fire prevention, camping, litter and nuisance control.
- Extensive out of hours services for animal management and other regulatory services.

Due to Michael's commitment to his role, Michael was nominated by his Environmental Services Team for the Animal Management Officer of the Year Award. Winners were announced at the Authorised Persons Association Conference in May 2019. Michael's hard work and dedication paid off, winning the award. Michael is attending the national Authorised Persons Association Awards in October 2019.



Parking Control

The Compliance Officers continue to enforce parking regulations within the Community. All expiation notices are issues under the Australian Road Rules for parking. In total, 36 parking expiation notices and 56 warnings were issued during 2018/2019.

Bushfire Prevention

In 2009/2010 following changes to regulations, the Berri Barmera Council District Bushfire Prevention Committee was replaced by the Regional Bushfire Prevention Committee.

The *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* stipulates that each rural council must appoint a Fire Prevention Officer for its area. The Fire Prevention Officers role includes the monitoring of residential and rural areas to ensure land owners take responsible steps to protect their property from fire, and to prevent the spread of fire through their land as required under the act. Inspections of every property within the Council area are conducted leading up to and during the Fire Danger Season to assess compliance.

Section 105F Notices are issued pursuant to the Act requiring landowners to maintain their properties to reduce the risk of fire. Council also has the responsibility to ensure that land under its care and control is maintained to fire prevention standards.

The Fire Prevention Officer will monitor all land within the Council area and issue clean up notices where required.

Section 105F Statistics		2018/2019
Section 105F notices issued	6	
Council action required	0	
Expiations issued	Nil	

In total the Council issued 56 permits under the Fire and Emergency Services Act to burn during the fire danger season. The type of activities that were allowed by these permits included outdoor cooking, training exercises, the disposal of drug crops by SA Police and hot works.

Corella Management

The over-abundance of Little Corellas can have many undesirable effects on communities and the environment. Little Corellas cause damage to built-infrastructure such as buildings, stobie poles, lights, timber structures and sporting equipment, they also cause significant damage to vegetation including trees and crops. The Council managed a Corella Control Program within the Berri Barmera district from September 2018 until April 2019.

A contractor was engaged for the destruction of corellas in public areas such as Lake Bonney and Berri riverfront precinct to help protect areas within our region. No Corella management was conducted during peak holiday periods to minimalise disruption to visitors.

Litter and Local Nuisance Control

Littering and activities that cause nuisance such as noise, smoke and dust impact on our enjoyment of local areas. The introduction of the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* will help communities resolve local environmental complaints more efficiently through their local council.

The Act gives councils increased powers to deal with issues in their areas, such as unsightly premises and illegal dumping. The Act formalises the role of local government in managing local nuisance issues to provide consistency of services across all councils, create better tools for enforcement and more

effectively deal with localised minor environmental complaints.

Since 1 July 2017, all local councils are responsible for responding to community complaints and enquiries regarding local nuisances in your area. The table (next column) shows the reported complaints for 2018/2019.

Litter and Local Nuisance Statistics		Local 2018/2019
Local nuisance complaints		19
Litter complaints		23
Expiations issued		7

The EPA remains the main contact for significant environment complaints.

Effluent Drainage | Management | Planning/Maintenance

Council has an agreement with Trility to operate and maintain infrastructure for waste water in the Berri Barmera Council Area. This facility produces on average 200-210 megalitres per year of water that will be available for use on public spaces in the towns of Berri and Barmera.

Regular meetings between Trility and representatives of Council occur to ensure effective communication between the parties.

Projects

Caring for Country Management Plan

River Murray and Mallee Region Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC) and Berri Barmera Council established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 23rd September 2014 providing a framework to guide administration of joint care, control and management arrangements of lands around Lake Bonney subject to the native title determination. In accordance with the MOU, relevant decisions require the authority of each party.

The Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan was out on public consultation in 2018 and subsequently adopted by RMMAC and the Council.

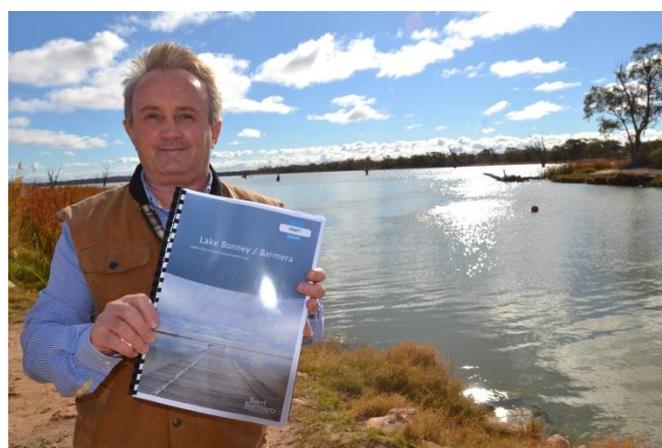
Council has been successful in gaining funding under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program. Works are scheduled to begin during September 2019 and will continue until 2022.

The works identified to be carried out over the next 2.5 years are as follows;

- Vegetation Management Planning
- Vegetation Management contract
- Signage
- Pest animal and Weed Management
- Indigenous Rangers
- Campground improvements
- Carpark Upgrades
- Track Rationalisation activities
- Tracks (cycling/walking)
- Day visitor areas
- Waste management

Town Entrance Signage

As part of the town entry signage project, town entrance signage has been installed at Monash, Cobdogla, Winkie, Glossop and Overland Corner.



Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct Air conditioning upgrade

The Riverland Regional Innovation Sports Precinct commenced in August 2016 and was completed in December 2017 and the associated clubs started holding sporting events.

After the conclusion of the first summer season it was determined that the air conditioning on the Netball and Basketball courts required upgrading to help provide comfortable conditions for both players and spectators. The upgrade has commenced and is due to be completed before the summer season.



Hawdon Chambers Refurbishment

After years of standing empty Hawdon Chamber in Barmera was refurbished with the intention of the Council leasing the building.



Above: Kirste Vandergiessen emerging artist
Below: The Pajama Hour



In January 2019 a lease was entered into between Council and Alysha Herrmann – Part of Things to occupy Hawdon Chambers. Part of Things is a gathering place and launch pad for creative leadership, community development projects and micro enterprise by young professionals and creatives in their 20s and 30s.

Part of Thing official launch took place in 2019 with the Pyjama Hour.



Toilet upgrades - Berri Town Hall and Barmera Recreation Centre

The toilets in the Berri Town Hall and the Barmera Recreation Centre underwent an upgrade. The upgrades see the facilities having new systems, tiles and accessories to make them more appealing to users.



Above: Ladies toilet – Berri Town Hall



Above: Mens toilet – Berri Town Hall

Berri Youth Club demolition

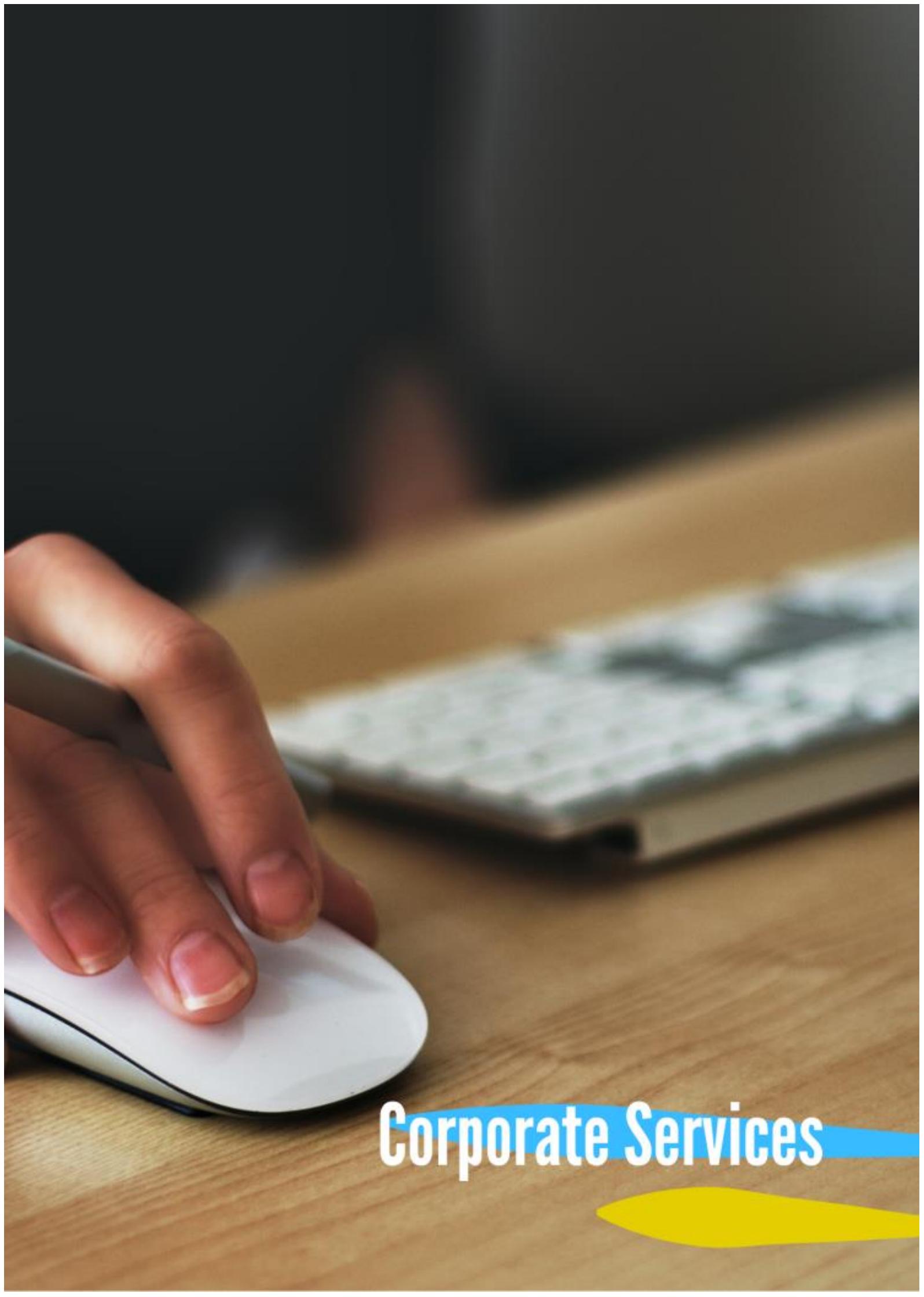
Demolition of the Berri Youth Club progressed significantly with the building demolished bar the steel frame by the end 2018. The steel framing was removed and the project completed in Jan 2019. The future of site and surrounds are to be subject of a Master Planning during 2019.



Community Land Management Plans

Pursuant to Section 196 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council is required to prepare, adopt and maintain management plans for all of the land classified as community land.

The Council has satisfied the provisions of the Act with the preparation and adoption of key Community Land Management Plans and conducts annual reviews and inspections. The relevance of the management plans is to ensure that the plans reflect the activities for which the Community Land facilities are used for.



Corporate Services



Rating



Rating Policy for the Year 2018/2019

This section sets out the policy of the Berri Barmera Council for setting and collecting rates from its Community for the 2018/2019 financial year. The Policy covers;

- Valuation used for rating
- Method used to value land
- Adoption of valuations
- Notional Values
- Councils revenue raising powers
- Deferential general rates
- Minimum rate
- Service Charge—Community Wastewater Management System
- Service Charge—Waste Management
- Natural resource management levy
- Payment of rates
- Late payment of rates
- Rebate of rates
- Rate Capping
- Remission and postponement of rates
- Sale of land for non-payment of rates
- Rate Impact Statement
- Application of the policy
- Disclaimer
- Adoption and review

Contact Details for Further Information

The Berri Barmera Council's principal office is located at 19 Wilson Street, Berri, South Australia. The office is open to the public between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Postal Address: PO Box 229, Berri SA 5343
Phone: (08) 8582 1922
Fax: (08) 8582 3029
Email: bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au
Web: www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au

For the convenience of ratepayers, an office is also located at the Barmera Library Barwell Avenue, Barmera, with opening hours being on Mondays from 9.30am to 1pm and Tuesday to Friday between 9.30am to 5.00pm.

Phone: (08) 8588 1477

Fax: (08) 8588 1243

Valuations Used For Rating

The following information relates to the valuation changes in each of the Land use Codes used by Council for rating purposes.

The valuations displayed are valuations used for rating purposes, that is non-rateable valuations are not included.

Land Use Code	Valuation 17/18	Valuation 18/19	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Residential	\$814,955,255	\$820,595,297	\$5,640,042	0.69%
Primary Production	\$214,187,782	\$214,131,405	(\$56,377)	-0.03%
Commercial (all categories)	\$129,122,539	\$132,758,117	\$3,635,578	2.82%
Industrial (all categories)	\$33,345,522	\$33,622,777	\$277,255	0.83%
Vacant	\$19,230,960	\$23,757,754	\$4,526,794	23.54%
Other	\$34,586,337	\$32,393,111	(\$2,193,226)	-6.34%
Total	\$1,245,428,395	\$1,257,258,461	\$11,830,066	0.95%

Method Used To Value Land

The Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area. They are:

- **Capital Value** - the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land.
- **Site Value** - the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity or use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- **Annual Value** - a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

The Council will continue to use **Capital Value** as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method 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.

Adoption of Valuations

The Council proposes to adopt the valuations made by the Valuer-General as provided to the Council for the financial year 2018/2019. If a ratepayer is dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then the ratepayer may object to the Valuer-General in writing, within 60 days of receiving the notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection, provided they have not:

- a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, 1999, in which case the objection period is sixty (60) days from the receipt of the first notice; or
- b) This 60 day objection period may be extended by the Valuer-General where it can be shown there is reasonable cause;
- c) you may not object to the valuation if the Valuer-General has already considered an objection by you to that valuation.

Objections are to be forwarded to:

State Valuation Office
GPO Box 1354
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Email: LSGObjections@sa.gov.au
Telephone: 1300 653 345.
Fax: (08) 8226 1428
Online: http://www.landservices.sa.gov.au/1Public/Property_Values_and_Sales/ValuationObjections.asp

Please note that the Council has no role in this process. It is also important to note that the lodgment of an objection does not change the due date for the payment of rates.

Notional Values

Certain properties may be eligible for a notional value under the Valuation of Land Act 1971 where the property is the principal place of residence of a ratepayer. This can relate to certain primary production land or where there is State heritage recognition. A notional value is generally less than the capital value and this will result in reduced rates, unless the minimum rate already applies. Application for a notional value must be made to the Office of the Valuer-General.

Council's Revenue Raising Powers

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. Crown Land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act 1999 – refer Section 147 of the Act), is rateable. The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties, or through differential general rates, which apply to classes of properties. In addition, Council can raise separate rates for specific areas of the Council, or service rates or charges for specific services.

The Council also raises revenue through fees and charges, which are set giving consideration to the cost of the service provided and any equity issues.

Differential General Rates

The Council has decided to impose differential general rates according to the land use of the property, pursuant to Section 156 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.

In applying Differential General Rates Council has considered and is satisfied that the rating system addresses the issue of consistency and comparability across all Council areas, particularly as it relates to the various sectors of the business and wider community. This satisfies the requirements of Section 153(2) of the Local Government Act 1999.

As an encouragement to have vacant land within townships developed, Council have recently reviewed and adopted its Business and Residential Development Support Policy where-

- 1) Council may support potential new residential development when a residential dwelling is proposed to be built on land vacant for a period of 2 years within the townships of Berri and Barmera.
- 2) Council may support new residential development in the following ways –
 - a. Place a freeze on Council rates to that of the minimum for 2 years;
 - b. Reduction of planning and/or building fees.

The differential general rates imposed by Council are separate and distinct from the service charges imposed for the Community Wastewater Management System and Waste Management. Details of the service charges are provided further in this document.

The Council is proposing to raise general rate revenue of \$7,927,233 (net of rebates) in a total revenue budget of \$16,893,004 and will continue to use the differential rating method as follows:

(1)	Land use as defined:				
(a)	Residential	0.6309	cents in the dollar on the capital value of such rateable property		
(b)	Commercial (all categories)	0.6536		“	“
(c)	Industrial (all categories)	0.7203		“	“
(d)	Primary Production	0.5676		“	“
(e)	Vacant Land	0.5219		“	“
(f)	Other	0.7479		“	“

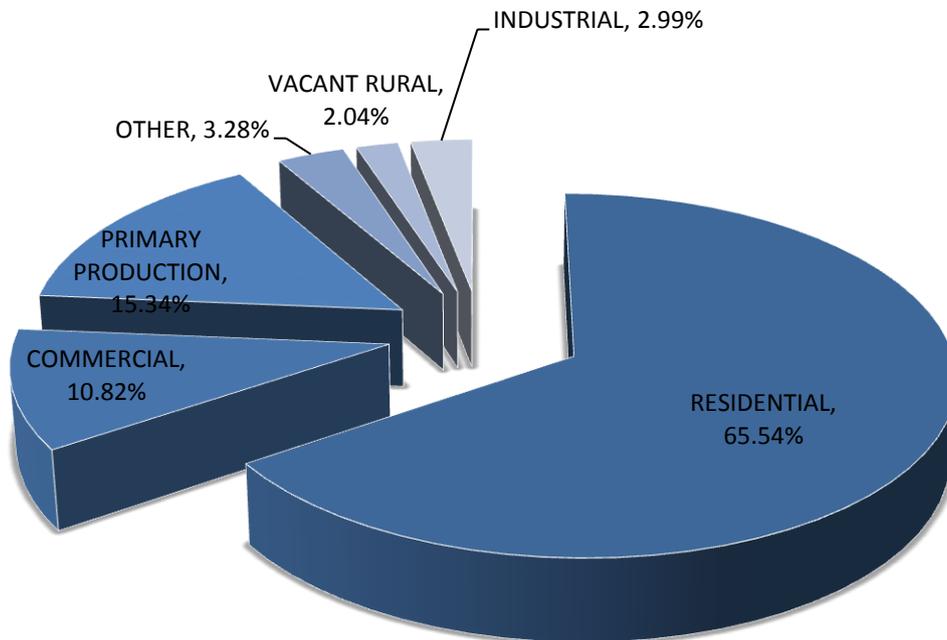
Land use is used as the factor to apply differential rates. If a ratepayer believes that a particular property has been wrongly classified as to its land use, then they may object to that land use within 60 days of receiving notice.

A ratepayer may discuss the matter with the Council's Rates Officer in the first instance and Council will provide a copy of Section 156 of the Local Government Act 1999 which sets out the rights and obligations of ratepayers in respect of objections to a land use.

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

Land Use	Capital Value	% of total CV	No. of Properties	% of total Properties	Proposed Rates	% of rates levied
Non Rateable	\$ 78,175,039	5.85%	480	7.17%	\$ -	0.00%
Residential	\$ 820,595,297	61.45%	4435	66.28%	\$5,277,118.90	65.55%
Primary Production	\$ 214,131,405	16.03%	924	13.81%	\$1,229,302.45	15.27%
Commercial (all categories)	\$ 132,758,117	9.94%	394	5.89%	\$ 885,601.20	11.00%
Industrial (all categories)	\$ 33,622,777	2.52%	89	1.33%	\$ 247,362.60	3.07%
Vacant	\$ 23,757,754	1.78%	292	4.36%	\$ 164,966.80	2.05%
Other	\$ 32,393,111	2.43%	77	1.15%	\$ 245,733.50	3.05%
	\$1,335,433,500	100.00%	6691	100.00%	\$8,050,085.45	100.00%

Percentage of total rates raised by land use



Minimum Rate

A Council may impose a minimum amount payable by way of rates, provided that it has not imposed a fixed charge. Where two or more adjoining properties have the same owner and are occupied by the same occupier, only one minimum rate is payable by the ratepayer. Where a Council imposes a minimum rate it must not apply to more than 35% of properties in the Council area.

The Council proposes to set a minimum rate of \$649 which shall be applied to all rateable properties within the Council District. This will affect 16.7% of rateable properties and will raise \$653,808 of rate revenue for the 2018/2019 financial year. The reasons for imposing a minimum rate are:

- The Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a base level contribution to the cost of administering the Council's activities;
- The cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property.

Service Charge – Community Wastewater Management System

Council may impose an annual service charge on rateable (and non rateable) land within its area for the provision of a prescribed service. A prescribed service is legislated as any of the following services:-

- The treatment or provision of water;
- The collection, treatment or disposal (including recycling) of waste;
- Any other service prescribed by the regulations (which includes the collection, treatment or disposal of wastewater or effluent).

The Council provides a Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) to properties in the townships of Barmera, Berri, Cobdogla, Glossop, Monash and Loveday.

The full cost of operating and maintaining the service for the financial year 2018/2019 is budgeted to be \$3,880,364. Capital expenditure of \$216,899 for the replacement and renewal of pumps and other equipment is proposed for 2018/2019.

The service charge for CWMS is calculated using the Code for Establishing and Applying Property Units for the Imposition of Annual Services Charges for CWMS. The Council will recover the operating cost through the imposition of a service charge of \$348.50 for each vacant land property unit and \$697 for each occupied property unit. This charge remains unchanged since 2016/2017.

Service Charge – Waste Management

Council provides a recycling and green waste collection service in its district. The service includes –

Weekly domestic collection in a smaller 140 litre bin for all properties

- Fortnightly recycling collection in a 240 litre bin for all properties
- Fortnightly green waste collection in a 240 litre bin for town residential properties.

Council's waste management contractors have notified Council that due to China's change in policy to reduce importation of recyclables an increase in costs associated with the disposal of recyclables is necessary. To recover the cost of collection including the increases, Council will set an annual service charge of \$216 for the three bin collection and \$183 for the two bin collection. This is a 3.5% increase on 2017/2018 charges.

Natural Resources Management Levy

The Natural Resources Management Act 2004 requires that the Berri Barmera Council collect on behalf of the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board a levy on all rateable properties within its Council area.

The SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board is responsible for distributing the levy collected by Council and is used to fund projects that are vital to the region to protect and manage precious natural resources such as water and soil and control pest plants and animals.

For the financial year 2018/2019 the Berri Barmera Council are required to make payable to the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board an amount of \$313,688.

Council proposes that in order to recover this amount a separate rate of .0254 cents in the dollar based on the capital value of all rateable land within the Council area along with a minimum separate rate of \$20.00 for such rateable land.

Payment Of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 requires that Council must provide an opportunity for all ratepayers to pay rates by quarterly instalments. These instalments are to be payable in the months of September, December, March and June. It is not mandatory for ratepayers to pay by quarterly instalments, however it is an option that Council must make available to all ratepayers.

The due dates for the quarterly instalments of Council rates for 2018/2019 are:

- 3rd September, 2018
- 3rd December, 2018
- 1st March 2019
- 3rd June, 2019

Council rates may be paid by:

- mail (cheque or money order)
- telephone, using a debit or credit card, phone (08) 8582 1922
- Bpay facility as detailed on the rate notice
- internet as detailed on the rate notice
- through Centrepay as detailed on the rate notice
- Australia Post billpay facility as detailed on the rate notice, or
- in person at the Council Office locations
 - EFTPOS facilities are available for payments.

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulties with meeting the standard payment arrangements should contact the Rates Officer on (08) 8582 1922 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such enquiries are treated confidentially.

Late Payment Of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that Councils impose a penalty of a 2% fine on any payment for rates, whether instalment or otherwise, that is not paid on or before the due date. A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate, set each year according to a formula in the Act, for each month it continues to be late.

The purpose of this penalty is to act as a deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time, to allow Councils to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates and to cover any interest cost the Council may meet because it has not received the rates on time.

When the Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money received as follows:

- first – to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
- second – to satisfy any interest costs;
- third – in payment of any fines imposed;
- fourth – in payment of rates, in chronological order (starting with the oldest account first).

Rebate Of Rates

The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community services, religious purposes, public cemeteries and educational institutions.

Discretionary rebates may be applied by the Council under Section 166 of the Act, upon receipt of applications in accordance with Council's Rate Rebate Policy that deem to satisfy the criteria specified within this section.

The Council under the discretionary rebate of rates, may grant a rebate in any of the following purposes and cases:

- Where the rebate is desirable for the purpose of securing the proper development of the area (or a part of the area).
- Where the rebate is desirable for the purpose of assisting or supporting a business in its area.
- Where the rebate will conduce to the preservation of buildings or places of historic significance.
- Where the land is being used for educational purposes.
- Where the land is being used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural exhibitions.
- Where the land is being used for hospital or health centre.

- Where the land is being used to provide facilities or services for children or young persons.
- Where the land is being used to provide accommodation for the aged or disabled.
- Where the land is being used for a residential aged care facility that is approved for Commonwealth funding under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwlth) or a day therapy centre
- Where the land is being used by an organisation which, in the opinion of the council, provides a benefit or service to the local community.
- Where the rebate relates to common property or land vested in a community corporation under the Community Titles Act 1996 over which the public has a free and unrestricted right of access and enjoyment.
- Where the rebate is considered by the council to be appropriate to provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates payable by a ratepayer due to –
 - A redistribution of the rates burden within the community arising from a change to the basis or structure of the council's rates, or
 - A change to the basis on which land is valued for the purpose of rating, rapid changes in valuation, or anomalies in valuations. Any rebate over and above the legislated percentage provided by the Act, for mandatory rebates or discretionary rebates, will need to be considered by Council upon written application and in conjunction with the Rate Rebate Policy adopted by Council on 26th July 2005. Applications for such additional rebates are required on an annual basis.

Rate Capping

To address any potential inequities in how the rates are levied across the district, Council has decided to provide relief by way of rate capping. Where a ratepayer is levied an increase in general rates greater than 12% a rate cap will be applied to ensure no ratepayer will pay any more than 12% on the previous year's general rates. This rebate will not apply where:

- Ownership of the rateable property has changed since 1 July, 2017;
- Any such increase in the capital value of the rateable property is a result of improvements made on the property since 1 July, 2017 with a value in excess of \$10,000;
- There has been a change of land use, or there have been zoning changes which have contributed to the increase in valuation.

A copy of Council's Rate Capping Policy is available from its offices or on Council's website.

Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section 182 of the Local Government Act permits the Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates, it is recommended to contact the Rates Officer on (08) 85821922 to discuss the matter.

A ratepayer may be required to submit evidence of the hardship being suffered to benefit from the application of Section 182. Such enquiries are treated confidentially by the Council.

For those ratepayers who are on fixed incomes such as pensioners and self funded retirees, we propose to remit a fixed amount of \$20 per annum of the general rates and \$20 per annum of the effluent drainage service charge as well as \$20 per annum of the waste management service charge to assist those ratepayers who may be experiencing hardship. To be eligible to receive the remission an application must be made to Council and is subject to the following criteria:

- The property is the principal residence of the ratepayer;
- The ratepayer is able to produce one of the following identification cards;
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Centrelink
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Veteran Affairs
 - T.P.I. Card – Veteran Affairs
 - Or they can demonstrate to Council that they are a self funded retiree with an income of less than \$35,000 per annum.

Section 182A of the Local Government Act permits the Council, upon application by the ratepayer, to postpone payment of any amount of rates in excess of \$500.00 for the current or future financial year by:

- A (prescribed) ratepayer who holds a current State Seniors Card issued by the State Government, or spouse of a prescribed ratepayer; Where the rates are payable on the principal place of residence;

- Where the land is owned by the prescribed ratepayer, or the prescribed ratepayer and his or her spouse, and not other person has an interest, as owner, in the land.

Any rates that are postponed will become due and payable:

- When the title to the land is transferred to another person, or
- There is failure to comply with a condition of postponement.

Interest will accrue on the amount postponed at the prescribed rate per month until the full amount is paid. Postponement is available as a right and can only be refused when the applicant/s has less than 50% equity in the property.

Sale of Land for Non-Payment Of Rates

The Local Government Act (Section 184) provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of the land of its intention to sell the land, provide the owner with details of the outstanding amounts, and advise the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month.

Rate Impact Statement

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all classes of properties in its area.

In setting rates, Council has taken into account a number of factors including:

- The affects of the current economic climate.
- Imposed legislative changes.
- The need to manage, maintain and improve the community's infrastructure and other assets.

- The requirement to maintain current service levels to the community.
- The need to ensure long term financial sustainability of the Council.
- Cost increases that are over and above inflation.

Council takes into consideration the effect of rates on all ratepayers and is mindful of maintaining the balance between economic and community development.

Application of the Policy

Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this policy it should raise the matter with the Council. In the first instance contact should be made with the Manager of Corporate Services on (08) 8582 1922 to discuss the matter. If after the initial contact a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to the:

Chief Executive Officer,
Berri Barmera Council
PO Box 229
Berri SA 5343

Disclaimer

A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with the rating policy and must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

Adoption and Review

This policy was adopted at the Council meeting held on 26 June 2018, being resolution number 5012/18 of the Council meeting. The policy will be reviewed annually in May June to coincide with Council adopting its annual budget and declaring the annual rates.

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 advises as to the status of the projects as at 30th June 2019.

The status refers to whether the project was completed, deferred for future completion or carried forward for inclusion within the 2018/2019 year.

It is noted from the tables below and overleaf that there are a number of projects that have been carried forward to the 2019/2020 year, primarily due to the fact that either the projects are very large and 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.

Operating Projects	Status
Friends of Bonney Theatre	Ongoing
Barmera Cemetery Beams	Completed
Berri Cemetery Radar Grave Location	Completed
Regional Public Health Plan	Ongoing
Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee Projects	Completed
Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan	Ongoing
Berri and Barmera Town Beautification Committee Projects	Ongoing
Contribution Tennis Court Upgrade – Cobdogla	Completed
Contribution Barmera Sporting Hub	Completed
Artwork for Steps Berri Riverfront	Deleted
Developer Facilitation Fund	Ongoing
Planning and Design Code – Policy Review and Development	Ongoing
Joint Planning Board Implementation	Ongoing
Landfill Gas Monitoring – Monash	Completed
Stoney Ridge Quarry Rehabilitation	Ongoing
Green Waste Disposal Options	Ongoing
Tree Removal and Safety Martin Bend	Completed
Tree Planting (various locations)	Completed
Corella Management Plan	Ongoing
Removal of Asbestos Council Buildings	Completed
Berri Boat Ramp Bank Stabilisation	Completed
Stormwater Solutions – Berri Riverfront	Completed

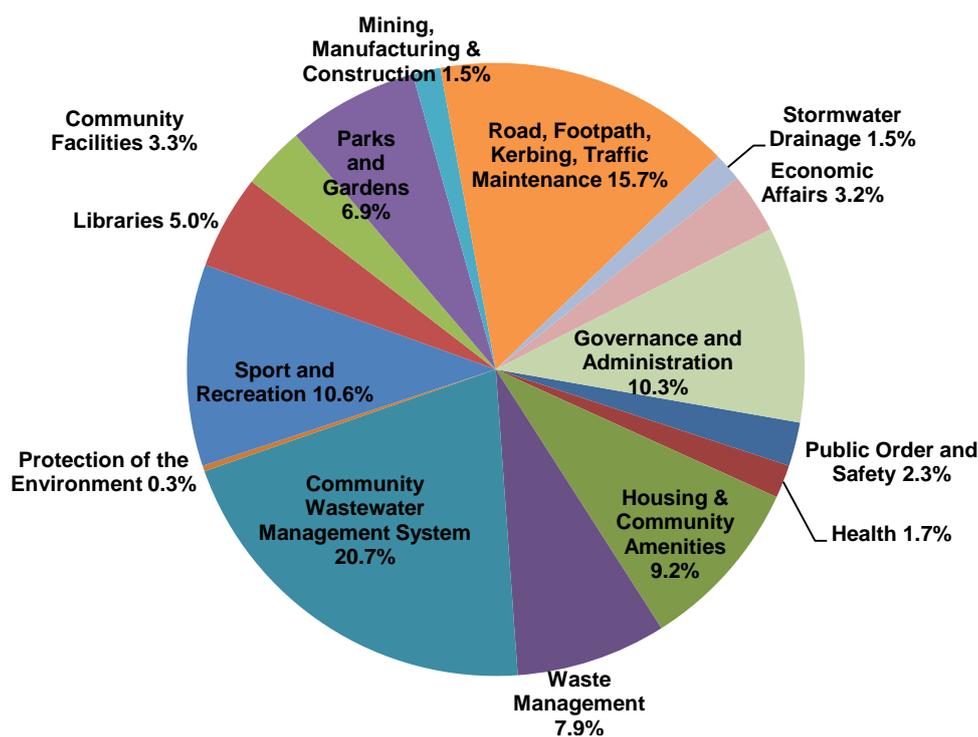
Berri Youth Club Demolition	Completed
Monash Median/Monash Hall Strip Landscaping	Completed
Glossop (Church to BP) Landscaping Project	Ongoing
Vaughan Terrace Median Improvements	Completed
Vaughan Terrace Power Upgrade	Completed
Removal of Water Meters	Completed
Riverland Resource Sharing	Ongoing
Planning Records Storage and Archiving	Ongoing
Community Land Management Plan	Completed
Future Project Planning	Completed
Economic Development and Corporate Services	
Berri Riverfront land Development	Ongoing
Berri Riverfront Project Planning – Stage 2	Ongoing
Places for People – Open Space (Berri Riverfront Precinct)	Completed
Berri Renewable Energy Solar Power Generation Facility	Ongoing
Motor Vehicle Changeover – Corporate	Completed
IT Plant and Equipment	Completed
Community Services	
River Walking Trail – Berri to Lock 4 (research and study)	Completed
Wilabalangaloo Walking Trail Extension	Ongoing
Barmera Recreation Centre Improvements	Completed
Berri Visitor Information Centre Facilities Improvements and Plant & Equipment	Completed
Swimming Centre Upgrade and Plant & Equipment	Completed
Town Signage	Completed
Berri and Barmera Libraries – Facilities Improvements and Plant & Equipment	Completed
Environmental Services	
Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct – final	Completed
Martin Bend Recreation Area Committee Project – Boardwalk	Deleted
Dog Parks and Pound Improvements	Completed
Motor Vehicle Changeover – General Inspection	Completed
Motor Vehicle Changeover - Regulatory	Completed
CWMS Infrastructure Renewal	Completed
Council Office Building Improvements	Completed
Bruce Oval Toilet Upgrade	Completed
Berri Town Hall Upgrade	Completed
Buildings & Structures Renewals per Asset Management Plan	Completed
Barmera VIC Pergola/bus stop remedial work	Completed
Bonney Theatre Complex – Solar Panels and Battery	Ongoing
Lake Bonney Caring for Country Management Plan	Ongoing

Infrastructure Services	
Cemetery Improvements	Completed
Seating for Towns	Completed
Water Fountain Barwell Avenue	Ongoing
Playground Replacements and Renewals	Completed
Monash Adventure Park Equipment and Surrounds Upgrade	Completed
Glassey Park Playground relocate and upgrade	Reallocated
Pram ramps – various locations	Completed
Street Lighting Upgrades	Ongoing
Renew Berri Barmera Town Entrance Signs	Completed
Irrigation Automation	Completed
Riverfront Pump Upgrades (Marina)	Completed
Glassey Park Public Toilet Construction	Reallocated
Road Reseals	Completed
Road Renewal – Heavy Vehicle Road Audit Outcomes	Ongoing
Road Construction – Moritz Road Berri	Ongoing
Road Construction – McIntosh Avenue Glossop	Ongoing
Unsealed Road Resheeting	Completed
Sealing Comley Road Loveday	Completed
Road Renewal – Crawford Terrace Berri	Ongoing
Road Renewal – Riverview Drive Berri	Completed
Road Renewal – Lock 3 Road Overland Corner	Completed
Road Reconstruction – Wade Street Berri	Ongoing
Road Upgrade – Jury Road Berri	Ongoing
Traffic Street Sign Renewal	Completed
Kerbing replacement and renewal per Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
Footpath Extension – Lakefront Barmera	Completed
Footpaths Renewal per Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
Footpath Upgrade – Ahern Street Berri	Ongoing
Paver Replacements Berri CBD	Completed
Paver Replacements Barmera CBD	Completed
Berri Oval Grandstand Viewing Mound	Ongoing
Lake Bonney Foreshore Reconstruction	Completed
Replacement Pine Posts around Parks	Completed
Stormwater Upgrade – Rosenthal/Service Road Berri	Ongoing
Stormwater Upgrade – Ahern Street Berri	Ongoing
Stormwater Renewal – Mahoney Street Berri	Ongoing
Stormwater Renewal – Worman Street Berri	Ongoing
Berri Marina Riverbank Stabilisation	Ongoing
Berri Riverfront Wharf Construction	Completed

Financial Management Statement

Functions	Operating Expenditure	
Public Order and Safety	\$389,454	2.3%
Health	\$293,733	1.7%
Housing & Community Amenities	\$1,541,666	9.2%
Waste Management	\$1,325,922	7.9%
Community Wastewater Management System	\$3,492,365	20.7%
Protection of the Environment	\$50,616	0.3%
Sport and Recreation	\$1,788,580	10.6%
Libraries	\$836,970	5.0%
Community Facilities	\$557,018	3.3%
Parks and Gardens	\$1,154,256	6.9%
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	\$245,329	1.5%
Road, Footpath, Kerbing, Traffic Maintenance	\$2,638,742	15.7%
Stormwater Drainage	\$251,297	1.5%
Economic Affairs	\$533,422	3.2%
Governance and Administration	\$1,738,895	10.3%
	\$16,838,265	100%

The following pie chart graphically presents a breakdown of operating expenditure by function for the Berri Barmera Council for 2018/2019.



The following financial indicators for 2018/2019 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 2018/2019 is 0.2%. In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants – the adjusted operating surplus ratio of -0.8% 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 meet its financial obligations from operating revenue is strengthening. The 2018/2019 ratio of 26% is within the adopted target.

Asset Sustainability 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 2018/2019 ratio is 46.6%.

Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Operating Surplus Ratio	0.2%	3.7%	14%	(3.0%)	15%
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	-0.8%	3.9%	7.0%	6.0%	7.0%
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	26%	26%	25%	40%	26%
Asset Sustainability Ratio	46.6%	78%	73%	36%	114%

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Annual Financial Statements

Berri Barmera Council
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2019

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Annual Financial Statements
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CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2019 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.


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KARYN BURTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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PETER HUNT
MAYOR

Date: 22 October 2019

Berri Barmera Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	12,086,272	11,815,231
Statutory charges	2	226,751	310,676
User charges	2	171,378	191,250
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,015,764	3,090,082
Investment income	2	153,514	50,945
Reimbursements	2	826,322	747,951
Other income	2	397,616	506,927
Total Income		<u>16,877,617</u>	<u>16,713,062</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	4,662,243	4,637,904
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,550,306	7,883,174
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,353,846	3,316,534
Finance costs	3	271,870	252,597
Total Expenses		<u>16,838,265</u>	<u>16,090,209</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>39,352</u>	<u>622,853</u>
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(207,772)	(667,232)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,340,784	2,398,168
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		<u>1,172,364</u>	<u>2,353,789</u>
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	277,982	3,341,409
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>277,982</u>	<u>3,341,409</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>1,450,346</u>	<u>5,695,198</u>

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

Berri Barmera Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,744,673	4,382,830
Trade & other receivables	5	2,880,708	2,284,666
Inventories	5	42,131	311,891
Total Current Assets		<u>6,667,512</u>	<u>6,979,387</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	1,768,140	968,828
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	128,602,121	127,958,744
Other non-current assets	6	2,598,156	1,471,595
Total Non-current Assets		<u>132,968,417</u>	<u>130,399,167</u>
Total Assets		<u>139,635,929</u>	<u>137,378,554</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	6,980,613	6,926,726
Borrowings	8	720,372	392,479
Provisions	8	1,134,748	1,210,735
Total Current Liabilities		<u>8,835,733</u>	<u>8,529,940</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	3,727,234	3,237,603
Provisions	8	215,601	203,998
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>3,942,835</u>	<u>3,441,601</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>12,778,568</u>	<u>11,971,541</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>126,857,361</u>	<u>125,407,013</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		27,314,299	25,640,503
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	97,176,294	96,898,310
Other Reserves	9	2,366,768	2,868,200
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>126,857,361</u>	<u>125,407,013</u>

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 2019

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2019	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		25,640,503	96,898,312	2,868,200	125,407,015
Restated opening balance		25,640,503	96,898,312	2,868,200	125,407,015
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,172,364			1,172,364
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			277,982		277,982
Transfers between reserves		501,432		(501,432)	-
Balance at end of period		27,314,299	97,176,294	2,366,768	126,857,361
2018	Notes				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		23,366,399	93,556,903	2,788,515	119,711,817
Restated opening balance		23,366,399	93,556,903	2,788,515	119,711,817
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,353,789			2,353,789
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			3,341,409		3,341,409
Transfers between reserves		(79,685)		79,685	-
Balance at end of period		25,640,503	96,898,312	2,868,200	125,407,015

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 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Rates - general & other		12,079,460	11,752,049
Fees & other charges		249,426	341,744
User charges		274,872	251,246
Investment receipts		153,514	50,945
Grants utilised for operating purposes		3,317,340	4,923,909
Reimbursements		822,426	607,452
Other revenues		1,471,290	1,349,183
<i>Payments:</i>			
Employee costs		(4,712,321)	(4,689,437)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(10,151,154)	(9,503,986)
Finance payments		(234,986)	(194,259)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11	<u>3,269,867</u>	<u>4,888,846</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,340,784	7,432,168
Sale of replaced assets		117,728	208,715
Sale of surplus assets		935,000	2,466,943
Sale of real estate developments		219,546	253,182
Repayments of loans by community groups		140,945	34,168
<i>Payments:</i>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,737,466)	(2,496,117)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(4,429,929)	(6,120,217)
Development of real estate for sale		(60,656)	(30,591)
Loans made to community groups		(1,251,500)	(1,050,000)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		<u>(4,725,548)</u>	<u>698,251</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Proceeds from borrowings		1,251,500	1,050,000
<i>Payments:</i>			
Repayments of borrowings		(433,976)	(2,802,766)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		<u>817,524</u>	<u>(1,752,766)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		<u>(638,157)</u>	<u>3,834,331</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>4,382,830</u>	<u>548,499</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	<u>3,744,673</u>	<u>4,382,830</u>

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

Berri Barmera Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The 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. These 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.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports.

3 Income recognition

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

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

In recent years the payment of untied financial assistance grants has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2016/17	\$3,943,746	\$2,604,043	+	\$1,339,703
2017/18	\$2,670,842	\$2,675,222	-	\$ 4,380
2018/19	\$2,828,957	\$2,662,978	+	\$ 165,979

Berri Barmera Council
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't)

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 and Net Liabilities Ratio disclosed in Note 15 have also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

The actual amounts of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

3.1 Construction Contracts

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

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues and expenses are recognised on a percentage of completion basis. Costs incurred in advance of a future claimed entitlement are classified as work in progress in inventory. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

AASB 7 Financial Instruments - Disclosures and AASB 9 Financial Instruments commenced from 1 July 2018 and have the effect that non-contractual receivables (e.g. rates & charges) are now treated as financial instruments. Although the disclosures made in Note 13 Financial Instruments have changed, there are no changes to the amounts disclosed.

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 Real Estate Assets Developments

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

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

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5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

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

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Land under roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads.

6.2 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.

6.3 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.

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.5 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

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6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets carried at fair value 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 assessed for impairment.

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 outflows 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.

6.7 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.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

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10 Leases

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

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

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

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, which are only recognised if material, are accounted for in accordance with AASB 128 and set out in detail in Note 19.

12 GST Implications

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

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

13 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2019 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers
AASB 16	Leases
AASB 1058	Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities commenced from 1 July 2019, affect the timing with which revenues, particularly special purpose grants, are recognised. Amounts received in relation to contracts with sufficiently specific performance obligations will in future only be recognised as these obligations are fulfilled. In these Statements, there has been no amount recognised as revenue, in accordance with the current Standards but would in future be recorded as a liability "Amounts in Advance" until the performance obligations have been fulfilled, however it is not expected there will be any material impact on the Council financial statements.

AASB 16 Leases, which will commence from 1 July 2019, requires that the right of use conveyed by leasing contracts - except leases with a maximum term of 12 months and leases for non-material amounts - be recognised as a form of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment, and that the lease liability be disclosed as a liability.

At 30 June 2019, Council has no leases to which this treatment will need to be applied.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		8,043,654	7,813,669
Less: Mandatory, Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(270,453)	(261,591)
		<u>7,773,201</u>	<u>7,552,078</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		322,683	324,320
Waste collection		1,094,071	1,050,929
Community wastewater management systems		2,777,372	2,772,345
		<u>4,194,126</u>	<u>4,147,594</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		118,945	115,559
		<u>118,945</u>	<u>115,559</u>
		<u>12,086,272</u>	<u>11,815,231</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		74,430	142,217
Town planning fees		15,928	26,100
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		-	20,545
Animal registration fees & fines		129,750	114,755
Parking fines / expiation fees		440	44
Other licences, fees, & fines		6,203	7,015
		<u>226,751</u>	<u>310,676</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		47,528	56,432
Septic Tank Fees		-	5,845
Commercial activity revenue		45,590	57,022
Hall & equipment hire		33,980	38,199
Parking fees		3,043	7,184
Sales - general		9,788	5,031
Sundry		31,449	21,537
		<u>171,378</u>	<u>191,250</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		67,197	35,457
Banks & other		11,809	13,028
Loans to community groups		74,508	2,460
		<u>153,514</u>	<u>50,945</u>

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- wastewater reuse scheme		362,811	410,288
- for private works		208,024	77,317
- by joint undertakings		192,601	192,106
- other		62,886	68,240
		<u>826,322</u>	<u>747,951</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		42,267	116,246
Rebates received		101,942	104,178
Sundry		253,407	286,503
		<u>397,616</u>	<u>506,927</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,340,784	2,398,168
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant (inc Supp Road)		2,828,957	2,702,281
Roads to Recovery		-	259,454
Library & Communications		70,844	69,694
Sundry		115,963	58,653
		<u>3,015,764</u>	<u>3,090,082</u>
		<u>4,356,548</u>	<u>5,488,250</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		-	1,670,208
State government		4,106,548	3,711,019
Other		250,000	107,023
		<u>4,356,548</u>	<u>5,488,250</u>

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

Conditions over grants & contributions	Notes	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<i>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:</i>			
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		-	-
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods:</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		-	-
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>		-	-
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure - Special Local Roads (Jury Road)</i>		497,000	-
<i>Subtotal</i>		497,000	-
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		497,000	-
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		497,000	-

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Note 3 - EXPENSE

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		3,926,776	4,077,787
Employee leave expense		518,464	442,292
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	315,001	317,526
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	106,881	109,755
Workers' Compensation Insurance		208,257	215,241
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(413,136)</u>	<u>(524,697)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>4,662,243</u>	<u>4,637,904</u>
Total Number of Employees		65	68
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		19,870	19,180
Bad and Doubtful Debts		14,051	-
Elected members' expenses		253,165	200,329
Operating Lease Rentals - cancellable leases		<u>11,938</u>	<u>16,285</u>
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>299,024</u>	<u>235,794</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,600,673	2,055,989
Trility - Wastewater Re- Use Scheme Availability and Volumetric Charge		2,599,800	2,694,393
Legal Expenses		63,493	14,745
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		330,377	332,131
Parts, accessories & consumables		1,501,512	1,478,581
Contribution to Sporting Groups		115,000	163,770
Sundry		<u>1,040,427</u>	<u>907,771</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>8,251,282</u>	<u>7,647,380</u>
		<u>8,550,306</u>	<u>7,883,174</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Structures		1,041,965	1,038,310
Infrastructure			
- Roads		932,369	901,314
- Footpaths		193,843	230,451
- Stormwater Drainage		164,570	157,179
- Effluent		296,917	296,191
- Kerbing		299,484	299,456
Other Assets		528,897	511,059
		3,458,045	3,433,960
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(104,199)	(117,426)
		3,353,846	3,316,534
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		250,647	226,802
Unwinding of present value discounts		21,223	25,795
		271,870	252,597

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		117,728	208,715
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		336,204	504,118
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(218,476)</u>	<u>(295,403)</u>
 <i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		935,000	2,467,130
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		880,807	2,889,761
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>54,193</u>	<u>(422,631)</u>
 REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSETS			
Proceeds from disposal		219,546	253,182
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		263,035	202,380
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(43,489)</u>	<u>50,802</u>
 NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		 <u>(207,772)</u>	 <u>(667,232)</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		80,245	150,368
Deposits at Call		<u>3,664,428</u>	<u>4,232,462</u>
		<u>3,744,673</u>	<u>4,382,830</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		1,393,640	1,387,756
Rates postponed for State Seniors		15,587	14,659
Debtors - general		886,893	643,661
GST Recoupment		173,324	120,856
Prepayments		14,719	18,381
Loans to community organisations		<u>410,596</u>	<u>99,353</u>
		<u>2,894,759</u>	<u>2,284,666</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>14,051</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,880,708</u>	<u>2,284,666</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		42,131	109,512
Real Estate Developments	6	<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
		<u>42,131</u>	<u>311,891</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>1,768,140</u>	<u>968,828</u>
		<u>1,768,140</u>	<u>968,828</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>1,768,140</u>	<u>968,828</u>
 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories			
Capital Works-in-Progress		<u>2,598,156</u>	<u>1,471,595</u>
		<u>2,598,156</u>	<u>1,471,595</u>
 Real Estate Developments - Current & Non-Current			
<i>(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)</i>			
<i>Residential</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
 <i>Represented by:</i>			
<i>Development Costs</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
 Apportionment of Real Estate Developments			
<i>Current Assets</i>	4	<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>202,379</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR										2019
	\$										\$
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	Carrying Amount	
New / Upgrade		Renewals	In				Out				
Land	21,658,793	-	10,807	(880,807)	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,788,793
Buildings	16,408,464	334,691	-	-	(513,836)	-	-	-	-	-	16,229,319
Structures	11,427,836	1,864,657	56,047	-	(528,129)	-	-	-	-	-	12,820,411
Roads	37,976,918	676,835	574,784	(134,062)	(932,369)	-	-	-	-	-	38,162,106
Footpaths	3,123,214	141,620	187,812	(24,029)	(193,843)	-	-	-	17,236	-	3,252,010
Stormwater Drainage	9,043,534	31,612	11,548	(824)	(164,570)	-	-	-	105,454	-	9,026,754
Effluent	11,670,572	-	256,956	(77,695)	(296,917)	-	-	-	155,292	-	11,708,208
Kerbing	13,802,073	31,529	232,073	(53,426)	(299,484)	-	-	-	-	-	13,712,765
Plant and Machinery	2,261,577	-	412,219	(46,168)	(371,262)	-	-	-	-	-	2,256,366
Minor Plant	413,460	-	93,245	-	(81,680)	-	-	-	-	-	425,025
Office Equipment	172,303	-	124,016	-	(75,955)	-	-	-	-	-	220,364
Total IPP&E	127,958,744	3,080,944	1,959,507	(1,217,011)	(3,458,045)	-	-	-	277,982	-	128,602,121
Comparatives	119,647,308	9,067,949	2,729,730	(3,393,692)	(3,433,960)	-	-	-	3,341,409	-	127,958,744

Note - Net Revaluation relates to assets that have been identified subsequent to previous valuations recorded which have been brought to account
This note continues on the following pages.

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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.

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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
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

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

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

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 a number of 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.*

Infrastructure

Roads, footpaths and kerbing infrastructure are recognised at depreciated current replacement cost, deriving from a valuation at 1 July 2015. 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. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2019		2018	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		1,562,243		1,606,339	
Payments received in advance		5,039,183	-	5,043,309	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		33,861	-	35,382	-
Accrued expenses - other		345,326	-	241,696	-
		<u>6,980,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,926,726</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Loans		720,372	3,727,234	392,479	3,237,603
		<u>720,372</u>	<u>3,727,234</u>	<u>392,479</u>	<u>3,237,603</u>
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		1,134,748	15,601	1,210,735	3,998
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc		-	200,000	-	200,000
		<u>1,134,748</u>	<u>215,601</u>	<u>1,210,735</u>	<u>203,998</u>

Movements in Provisions - 2019 year only
(current & non-current)

Opening Balance	
Add Unwinding of present value discounts	
(Less) Payments	
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	
Closing Balance	

Future Landfill Reinstatement

200,000
3,000
21,513
<u>(24,513)</u>
<u>200,000</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2018	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2019
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	10,366,818	-	-	10,366,818
Structures	3,199,686	-	-	3,199,686
Infrastructure				
- Roads	33,711,113	-	-	33,711,113
- Footpaths	3,386,438	17,236	-	3,403,674
- Stormwater Drainage	10,053,490	105,454	-	10,158,944
- Effluent	13,078,737	155,292	-	13,234,029
- Kerbing	23,102,030	-	-	23,102,030
TOTAL	96,898,312	277,982	-	97,176,294
Comparatives	93,556,903	3,341,409	-	96,898,312

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2018	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2019
Land Development Reserve	1,683,038	225,986	(59,475)	1,849,549
District CWMS	865,570	3,144,869	(3,612,016)	398,423
Work in Progress	317,800	60,000	(260,800)	117,000
Open Space	1,792	4	-	1,796
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,868,200	3,430,859	(3,932,291)	2,366,768
Comparatives	2,788,515	3,603,571	(3,523,886)	2,868,200

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 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.

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government			
Unexpended amounts received from State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership (SLGIP) - Grant received for the construction of 10 megawatt solar generation facility		5,034,000	5,034,000
Unexpended amounts received from State Government Special Local Roads Grant - Jury Road reconstruction		497,000	-
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		5,531,000	5,034,000

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>3,744,673</u>	<u>4,382,830</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>3,744,673</u>	<u>4,382,830</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		1,172,364	2,353,789
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		3,353,846	3,316,534
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(84,126)	65,793
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound		21,223	25,795
Change in allowances for under-recovery		14,051	-
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(1,340,784)	(2,398,168)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>207,772</u>	<u>667,232</u>
		3,344,346	4,030,975
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(298,850)	1,403,191
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		67,381	9,984
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>135,477</u>	<u>4,478,696</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>3,269,867</u>	<u>9,922,846</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs		<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(58,750)</u>
		<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(58,750)</u>

(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		7,750,000	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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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

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

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2019	2018	2019	2018
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
Administration	10,623,193	10,411,635	19,443	17,368	10,603,750	10,394,267	2,465,527	2,528,630	30,075,315	26,012,335
Public Order & Safety	176,864	172,985	389,454	319,978	(212,590)	(146,993)	-	-	336,840	341,563
Health	53,185	41,271	293,733	256,631	(240,548)	(215,360)	-	-	24,318	29,346
Housing & Community Services	4,362,598	4,474,176	6,359,953	6,176,979	(1,997,355)	(1,702,803)	-	13,300	13,214,139	13,083,251
Sport Recreation & Culture	525,460	445,872	4,336,824	4,130,833	(3,811,364)	(3,684,961)	133,523	2,403,227	26,561,544	28,067,584
Mining & Manufacture	29,740	20,472	245,329	224,553	(215,589)	(204,081)	-	-	34,041	37,969
Transport & Communication	420,606	436,667	2,890,039	2,418,941	(2,469,433)	(1,982,274)	913,714	429,854	64,191,322	64,157,736
Economic Affairs	46,087	108,987	533,422	565,785	(487,335)	(456,798)	-	-	1,083,669	1,339,630
Other Purposes	631,317	592,782	1,719,452	1,948,750	(1,088,135)	(1,355,968)	-	-	4,057,141	4,251,118
Protection of the Environment	8,567	8,215	50,616	30,391	(42,049)	(22,176)	593,784	6,216	57,600	58,022
TOTALS	16,877,617	16,713,062	16,838,265	16,090,209	39,352	622,853	4,106,548	5,381,227	139,635,929	137,378,554

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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.

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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: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.25% and 2.35% (2018: 1.5% and 1.7%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 365 days and an average interest rates of 1.25% (2018: 365 days, 1.5%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legal & penalties for late payment)

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2018: 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: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

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: Carried at nominal value.

Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. 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)

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals

Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 3.35% and 7.5% (2018: 4% and 7.5%)

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Finance Leases

Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2019	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	3,744,673			3,744,673	3,744,673
Receivables	2,791,814	1,332,678	786,641	4,911,133	4,648,848
Total	6,536,487	1,332,678	786,641	8,655,806	3,744,673
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	6,601,426	-	-	6,601,426	6,601,426
Current Borrowings	944,024	-	-	944,024	720,372
Non-Current Borrowings	-	3,124,010	1,408,927	4,532,937	3,727,234
Total	7,545,450	3,124,010	1,408,927	12,078,387	11,049,032

2018	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	4,382,830			4,382,830	4,382,830
Receivables	2,210,256	697,782	475,144	3,383,182	1,851,079
Total	6,593,086	697,782	475,144	7,766,012	6,233,909
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,615,648	-	-	1,615,648	1,615,648
Current Borrowings	656,904	-	-	656,904	392,479
Non-Current Borrowings	-	3,290,830	1,963,131	5,253,961	3,237,603
Total	2,272,552	3,290,830	1,963,131	7,526,513	5,245,730

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

	30 June 2019		30 June 2018	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Other Variable Rates	variable	223,000	variable	-
Fixed Interest Rates	5.29	4,224,610	6.5	3,630,082
		4,447,610		3,630,082

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures:

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

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

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

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

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Other Expenditure Commitments			
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:			
Audit Services		18,009	35,493
Waste Management Services		1,185,189	1,167,721
Household Desludging Contract		120,000	153,700
Wastewater Reuse Scheme - operating			
availability charge		2,324,155	2,142,252
volumetric charge		325,845	260,676
Cleaning Services Contract		203,467	35,254
Public Convenience Maintenance		129,123	21,521
IT Support Contract		120,640	211,120
IT Transition to Cloud Project		468,359	-
		<u>4,894,787</u>	<u>4,027,737</u>
Not later than one year		4,330,661	3,889,088
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		564,126	138,649
Later than 5 years		-	-
Net Lease Liability		<u>4,894,787</u>	<u>4,027,737</u>

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2019	2018	2017
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	0.2%	3.7%	14.2%
Total Operating Income			

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

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	26.0%	26.0%	25.0%
Total Operating Income			

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

Adjustments to Ratios

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

<i>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</i>	-0.8%	3.9%	7.1%
<i>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</i>	25.2%	18.0%	19.0%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	46.6%	78.0%	73.0%
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.

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Income	16,877,617	16,713,062
Expenses	<u>(16,838,265)</u>	<u>(16,090,209)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	39,352	622,853
 Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(1,737,466)	(2,496,117)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3,353,846	3,316,534
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>117,728</u>	<u>208,715</u>
	1,734,108	1,029,132
 Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	(4,490,585)	(6,150,808)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	1,340,784	7,432,168
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>1,154,546</u>	<u>2,720,125</u>
	<u>(1,995,255)</u>	<u>4,001,485</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(221,795)</u>	<u>5,653,470</u>

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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

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

Investment Property:

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

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	61,787	42,428
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	2,299	21,312
Later than 5 years	-	504
	<u>64,086</u>	<u>64,244</u>

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

Contingent rental payments exist in relation to the lease of one grader if utilisation exceeds 250 hours during any month. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

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

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	8,952	9,005
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	14,387	7,216
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>23,339</u>	<u>16,221</u>

Berri Barmera Council
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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 2018-19; 9.50% in 2019-20). 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 2017-18) 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 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willie Towers Watson as at 30 June 2017. 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
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Note 19 - INTERESTS IN OTHER ENTITIES

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)

2019 - \$21,423 2018 - \$20,860

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 2018/2019 was:

Availability Charge - Annual Charge \$2,105,230

Volumetric Charge - Average annual charge \$276,494

Joint Use Library

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, cultural 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.

Berri Barmera Council
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Note 20 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE BALANCE SHEET

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet 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.

Berri Barmera Council
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Note 21 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	1,030,015	1,361,055
Post-employment benefits		
Long term benefits		
Termination benefits		
TOTAL	1,030,015	1,361,055

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	21,345	36,452
Planning and building applications fees		
Rentals for Council property		
TOTAL	21,345	36,452

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 \$52,071 in 2018/2019.

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 2018/2019 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.

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of one 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 \$1,695.

BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 22 - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE

1. BERRI RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITY

The Berri Barmera Council were successful in obtaining a grant of \$5,034,000 towards the construction of a 10 megawatt solar generation facility under the State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership (SLGIP). The commitment from the SLGIP was 20% of the total project cost being \$25,170,000 with Council requiring to borrow the remaining 80% at a discounted loan rate over 15 years via the Local Government Finance Authority.

During 2017 and 2018 independent financial modelling was completed along with a project risk management plan, independent costings, works schedules and expenditure plans along with regulatory applications and due diligence reviews.

The viability of the Solar Project has always been dependent upon an acceptable Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) being negotiated with a single high demand customer.

Since receiving the SLGIP grant funding, delays have occurred with changing requirements by the customer with ownership of the customer company being transferred. The company have advised Council they are undertaking alternative energy procurement options and no longer want to continue negotiating with Council the PPA and Solar Project.

At its meeting of 23rd July 2019 the Berri Barmera Council resolved to seek expressions of interest for the rights to develop the proposed 10 megawatt Solar Farm. This effectively means Council will not proceed with developing the facility but will sell the project in its 'shovel ready' form.

The SLGIP Grant received by Council has been included within Amounts Received in Advance at Note 8 of these accounts. Additionally, Note 10 of these accounts discloses that the SLGIP Grant received by Council is subject to restrictions in that funding will be required to be returned in the event that the power purchasing agreement with local industry is not finalised.

The funding deed for the SLGIP at clause 8 stipulates the requirements of the repayment of funding received by the Berri Barmera Council and discussions with the Minister have commenced regarding compliance with the Funding Deed.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT

To the members of the Berri Barmera Council

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Berri Barmera Council (the Council), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Council Certificate of Council.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*. This responsibility includes determining that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the need of the members. The Council's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

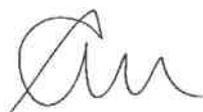
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that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

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

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

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

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



SAMANTHA CRETEN
PARTNER

Signed on the 15th day of November 2019,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

Opinion

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with Section 129(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Basis for opinion

We have audited the Internal Controls of the Berri Barmera Council (the Council) under the requirements of Section 129(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements *ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

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

The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

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

Our Independence and Quality Control

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

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 129(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

ASAE 3150 requires that we plan and performed our procedure to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the control objectives and the controls operating effectively through the period.

An assurance engagement to report on the designed and operating effectiveness of controls involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the control objectives and the operating effectiveness of the controls throughout the period. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks that the controls are not suitably designed or the controls did not operate effectively. Our procedures included testing the operating effectiveness to the controls that we consider necessary to achieve the control objectives identified. An Assurance engagement of this type also includes evaluating the suitability of the control objectives.

Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Limitations of Controls

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

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

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**



**SAMANTHA CRETEN
PARTNER**

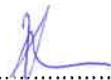
Signed on the 15th day of November 2019
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006

Berri Barmera Council
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Coalface SA Council for the year ended 30 June 2019, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery and Partners, have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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


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KARYN BURTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


.....
TIM MUHLHAUSLER
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 22nd October 2019

Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Berri Barmera Council for the year ended 30 June 2019, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



SAMANTHA CRETEN

Partner

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Dated this 15th day of November 2019



Regional Subsidiary Reports



Constituent Councils



Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

2018-19 Annual Report



The Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association

A regional subsidiary established under the
Local Government Act 1999

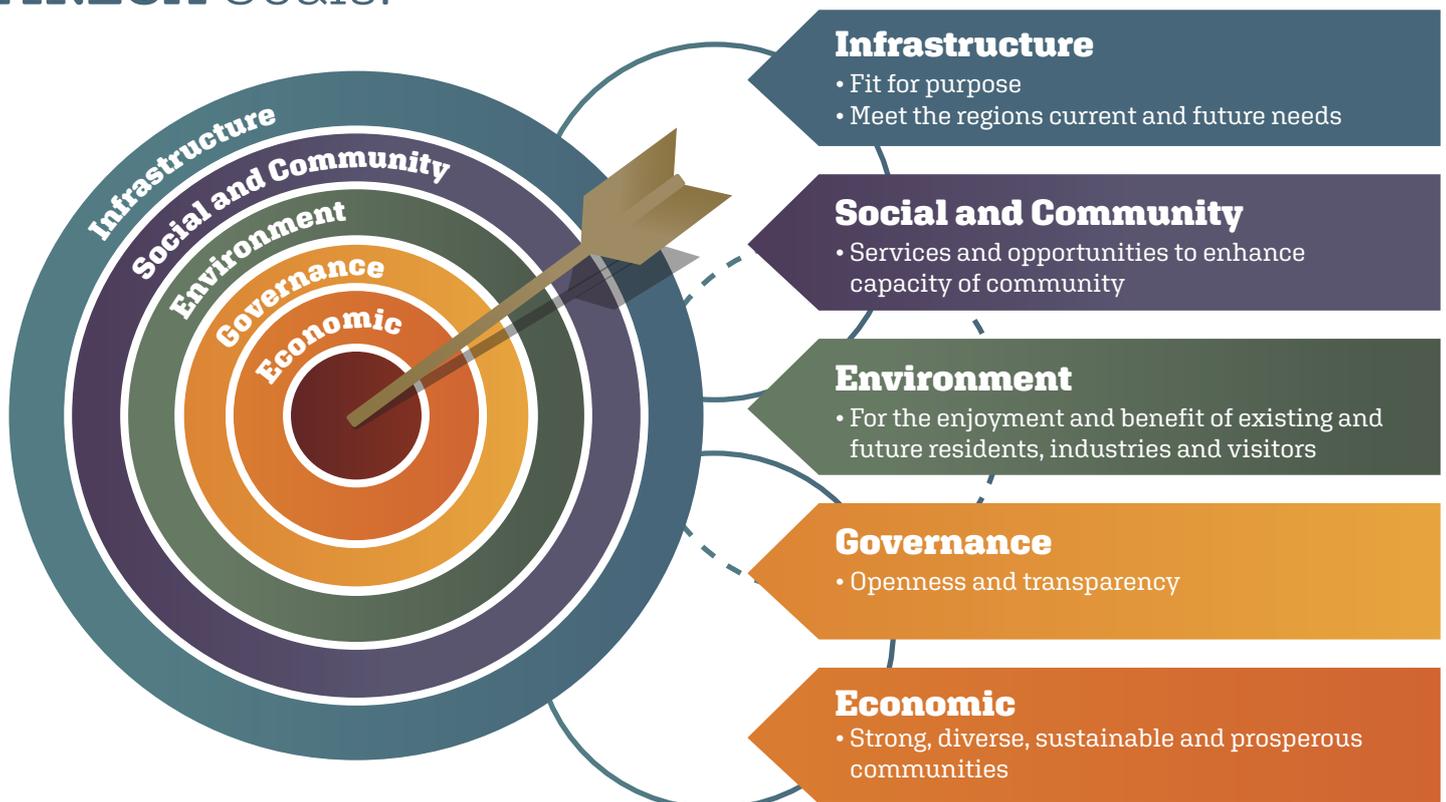
Murraylands Riverland Region

Important Statistics

NIEIR – National Institute of Industry
and Economic Research
*Largest industry by employment



MRLGA Goals:





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present and commend to you the 2018/2019 Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) Annual Report.

The report reflects a period of change within the Association.

From a personal perspective, I thank my fellow board members, the principal members of the constituent councils, for entrusting me with the role of President of the MRLGA at the Special General Meeting of the Association held on 5 December 2018.

I consider it a privilege to serve in the capacity of President of the MRLGA and acknowledge the leadership of the immediate past President, Mayor Dave Burgess whose commitment to the Association, regional South Australia and indeed the State has exemplified and promoted the very best of local government. I thank Mayor Burgess for his continued support as the Deputy President.

Of course, the significance of the Special General Meeting on 5 December 2018 was reflective of the fact that Local Government elections were held across the state in November 2018. It would be remiss of me not to thank former Mayors Kevin Burdett and Neville Jaensch for their contributions to MRLGA over numerous years; I note their continued commitment to the District Council of Karoonda East Murray and Coorong District Council respectively.

Importantly, change also presents an opportunity to welcome new people, embrace new perspectives and consider new approaches. On that note, MRLGA welcomed Mayor Caroline Phillips, District Council Karoonda East Murray and Mayor Paul Simmons, Coorong District Council.

The Board of the MRLGA provides oversight and the strategic impetus to a program of works delivered by a number of committees. The committees provide a platform for the combine capabilities that exists across our constituent councils to work collaboratively in the interests of the region. It is important to recognise the MRLGA CEO Network Group and the work they undertook throughout the year in providing advice on the review of the MRLGA Charter and the Subscription Model. Likewise, the outputs of the MRLGA Regional Transport and Asset Committee and the MRLGA Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee have allowed the Board to review, prioritise and access resources and implement projects on behalf of region.

MRLGA remains committed to the Murray River Alliance (MRA) which informally aligns the interests of the Association with those of Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland and the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board. Through involvement with the MRA, aspects of development planning and land use zones along the length of the Murray River in South Australia were identified as areas where a cohesive and coordinated regional response could unlock economic potential. Work in this area has placed the councils along the Murray River in a strong position to be able to respond to the South Australian Government's draft Planning and Design codes.

In reflecting on the change and the work MRLGA has undertaken in the last 12 months, it is clear that the local government sector must continue to articulate the key role we play in serving our communities, elevate our priorities and campaign for the necessary support required from other tiers of government. Collectively we need to focus the effective management of our resources and assets and provide the necessary services to create an environment for healthy and prosperous communities and associated industry.

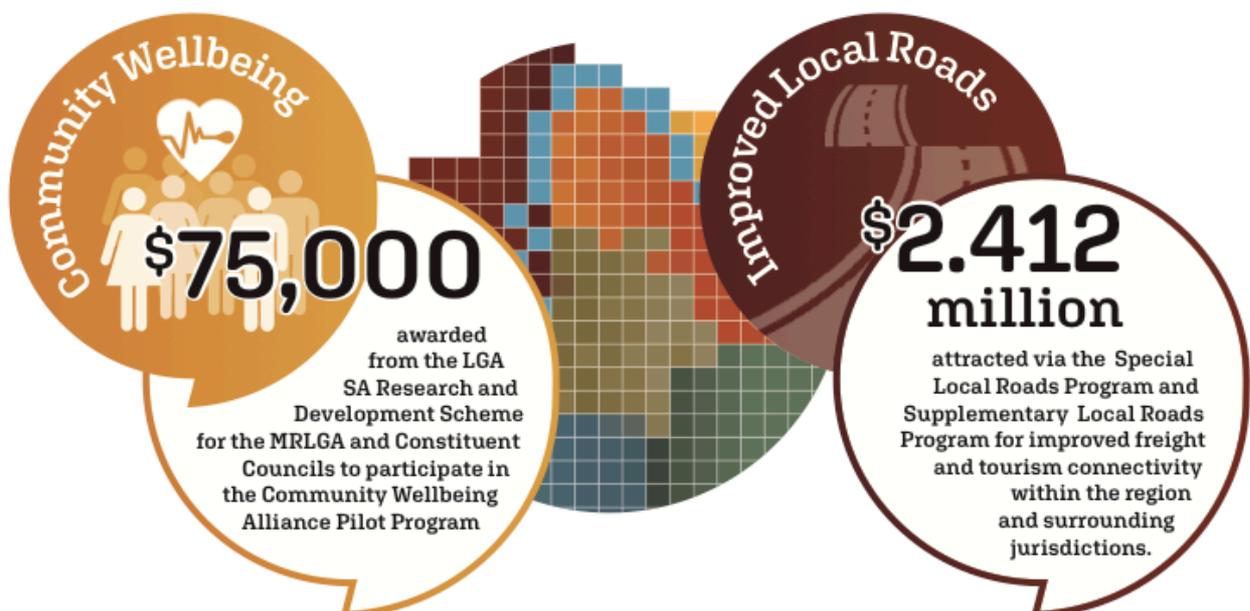
As much as we plan and as hard as we work, often there are circumstances that are beyond our control that can have a significant influence on our economies and communities. While we endeavour to build our capability and capacity in order to develop greater resilience as a region, the impacts of drought can leave us searching for answers nonetheless. In difficult times, strong partnerships often come to the fore and in this instance, it is important that we acknowledge the support received from the Australian Government via the Drought Communities Programme. The benefits of the two governments working together to assist local communities are immense and MRLGA are grateful for the opportunities it afforded.

In wrapping up, I finish where I started by noting that it has been a year of change. I wish to thank Peter Bond who, under contract to the Association, provided executive services and undertook the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Peter's final day with the Association was 28 June 2019. The strategic leadership he offered has been a real asset to MRLGA and he leaves the organisation well positioned for continuing success. I wish Peter all the best in his future endeavours and thank him in particular for the structural change he initiated during his tenure.

Furthermore, it gives me a great deal of pleasure, on behalf of the Board, to welcome Tim Smythe to the MRLGA and wish him all the best in the role of CEO.

Mayor Peter R. Hunt, Berri Barmera Council
President MRGLA

Key Outcomes



MRLGA BOARD AND DEPUTY MEMBERS

MRLGA Principal Members			
From December 2018		From July 2018 to November 2018	
*Mayor Peter Hunt (President)	Berri Barmera Council	Mayor Peter Hunt (Deputy President)	Berri Barmera Council
Mayor Paul Simmons	Coorong District Council	Mayor Neville Jaensch	Coorong District Council
Mayor Caroline Phillips	District Council Karoonda East Murray	Mayor Kevin Burdett	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Mayor Leon Stasinowsky	District Council Loxton Waikerie	Mayor Leon Stasinowsky	District Council Loxton Waikerie
*Mayor Dave Burgess (Deputy President)	Mid Murray Council	Mayor Dave Burgess (President)	Mid Murray Council
Mayor Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Council	Mayor Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Council
Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mayor Andrew Grieger	Southern Mallee District Council	Mayor Andrew Grieger	Southern Mallee District Council

**Member of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils; a committee of LGASA*

MRLGA Deputy Members			
From December 2018		From July 2018 to November 2018	
Cr Rhonda Centofanti	Berri Barmera Council	Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Ella Winnall	Berri Barmera Council		
Cr Jeff Arthor	Coorong District Council		
Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council	Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Cr Yvonne Smith	District Council Karoonda East Murray	Cr Caroline Phillips	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Cr Trevor Norton	District Council Loxton Waikerie	Cr Michael Vowles	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Cr Kevin Myers	Mid Murray Council	Cr Kelly Kuhn	Mid Murray Council
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council	Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Fred Toogood	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Cr Theo Weinmann	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr Neville Pfeiffer	Southern Mallee District Council	Cr Neville Pfeiffer	Southern Mallee District Council

MRLGA ACTIVITY

MRLGA Board:

The MRLGA Board exists as a means to coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the objective of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent councils. The Board held meetings in:

- 11 July 2018
- 12 October 2018
- 5 December 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 5 April 2019
- 24 May 2019

Meetings of the Board provide opportunity to hear from guest speakers on strategically aligned matters. Presentations on the following were delivered to the Board:

- Purpose, activities and initiatives of Small Business Commissioner
- LGA Constitutional review and ancillary documents
- SA Power Networks – vegetation management near powerlines
- Progress of the National Carp Control Program
- Brand SA initiatives
- SA MDB NRMB – Murray Darling Water Infrastructure Program

MRLGA COMMITTEES

CEO Network

The CEO Network is an advisory group that participates in priority identification for MRLGA Board and provides tactical advice on the pursuit of strategic outputs.

Meetings were held in:

- August 2018
- January 2019
- March 2019
- May 2019

The CEO Network provided a forum for the following presentations:

- LG Emergency Management Operations
- Office of Industry Advocate – Industry Participation Frameworks

The CEO Network have also played a significant role in developing recommendations to the MRLGA Board on:

- The MRLGA Subscription Model
- Charter review
- Policy development and review

MRLGA CEO Network Group	
Current 30 June 2019	
Karyn Burton	Berri Barmera Council
David Mosel (Acting)	Coorong District Council
Matthew Morgan	District Council Karoonda East Murray
David Beaton	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Ben Scales	Mid Murray Council
Tony Siviour	Renmark Paringa Council
Michael Sedgman	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Jason Taylor	Southern Mallee District Council

Regional Transport and Assets (RTA)

The RTA brings together council infrastructure managers and provides tactical and strategic response to infrastructure development and maintenance across the regions. Meetings of RTA were held in:

- October 2018
- February 2019
- April 2019

Outcomes derived from the activity of the RTA include:

- Identification and prioritisation of council managed regionally significant roads for investment via the Special Local Roads Program
- Development of project scope for the Regional Road Hierarchy Project
- Refinement of the freight intersection risk spreadsheet as part of the ongoing High-Risk Intersection Upgrade Project
- Updating Regional Road Action Plan
- Partial review of the 2030 Regional Transport Plan

MRLGA Regional Transport & Assets Committee	
Current 30 June 2019	
Mayor Neil Martinson Chair	
Mayor Peter Hunt (ex officio)	
Mayor Paul Simmons	
Harry Du	Berri Barmera Council
Dave Degraney	Berri Barmera Council
David Mosel	Coorong District Council
Jarrold Manuel	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
Tim Tol	Renmark Paringa Council
Geoff Meaney (proxy)	Renmark Paringa Council
Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Matt James (proxy)	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mathew Sherman	Southern Mallee District Council

Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee

The MRLGA Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Committee comprises of Staff and Senior Management representatives from each Council including but not limited to Environmental Health, Community Development, Infrastructure and Governance. The Committee held meetings in:

- 7 September 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 18 March 2019

Outputs from the Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee include:

- Murraylands and Riverland Regional Public Health Plan Report for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018 submitted pursuant to Section 52 of the *SA Public Health Act 2011*

MRLGA Regional Public Health & Wellbeing Committee	
Current 30 June 2019	
Mayor Peter Hunt (ex officio)	
Rebecca Burton	
Andrew Haigh	Berri Barmera Council
Myles Sommers	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Caroline Thomas	Coorong District Council
Dara Frankel	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Cheryl Pedler	District Council Loxton Waikerie
Thomas McKellar	Mid Murray Council
Kristy Morgan	Mid Murray Council
Julie Savill	Mid Murray Council
Stephanie Coughlin	Renmark Paringa Council
Katina Nikas	Renmark Paringa Council
Jeremy Byrnes	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Reg Budarick	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Geoff Parsons	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Shilo Wyatt	Southern Mallee District Council

- Expression of Interest successfully submitted to the LGA SA Research and Development Scheme and \$75,000 awarded for the region to participate in the Community Wellbeing Alliance Pilot project
- Advocacy, via correspondence to Hon Stephen Wade MLC, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, for the continuation of the Local Government Public Health Program

Social Issues Report

Emily Morgan, Pull Bang Enterprises, was engaged to conduct a survey of member Councils and prepared a "Social Issues Report" for the region. The final report uses quantitative and qualitative data to describe the headline social issues for each Council as well as describing current Local Government programs, projects and services employed to address these issues.

ALLIED ORGANISATIONS

Murray River Alliance (MRA)

MRA is an informal alliance between Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland, South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board and MRLGA. Meetings were held on:

- 21 September 2018
- 16 November 2018
- 8 March 2019
- 5 April 2019

Outcomes from the Murray River Alliance

- URPS (Urban and Regional Planning Solutions) were commissioned (RDA) and delivered the Murray River Corridor Policies -Transitioning to the Planning and Design Code project.
 - The project also looked a case study from Victoria where an Economic Growth Zone was established in the La Trobe Valley
- URPS have been commissioned (MRLGA) to deliver stage 2 the Murray River Corridor Policies project.
 - Myles Somers (BBC) and Geoff Parsons (RCMB) are the project leads
 - The project will position the region to respond to the South Australian Government's draft Planning and Design codes

Murray Darling Association (MDA)

The MRLGA provides a forum by which Constituent Councils can consider the activities of the MDA and coordinate responses to issues as they arise. MRLGA also provides a conduit by which oversight of appropriate local government representation can occur on the region 5 and 6 regional committees to the MDA. Key to the MRLGA involvement is a desire to see continued commitment to delivering the Murray Darling Basin Plan in full and on time.

The MRLGA CEO in fulfilling his duties to the Advisory Committee attended a Strategic Planning Workshop in Echuca/Moama from 1 to 4 February 2019 and the Annual Conference in Leeton on 29 and 30 August 2018.

Regional Organisation Executive Officers

The Regional Organisations Executive Officers from the six regional local government associations have formed a Working Group. Meetings were held on:

- 22 August 2018
- 4 December 2018
- 20 March 2019
- 15 May 2019

Outputs have included:

- Contribution to the SAROC Business Plan and the Agenda
- A stronger working relationship with the LGA Management team
- Provision of regional intelligence to sector wide issues
- Advocating on behalf of the regions
- Identification of priority issues



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The Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2019**

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income			
M&M LGA Contributions	2	143,436	158,665
Other Grants & Contributions	2	367,234	257,518
Interest Revenue	2	9,961	4,689
Total Revenue		<u>520,631</u>	<u>420,872</u>
Operating Expenses	3	(190,302)	(277,094)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		<u>330,329</u>	<u>143,778</u>
Total Comprehensive Profit (Loss)		<u><u>330,329</u></u>	<u><u>143,778</u></u>

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	902,359	435,692
Trade and other receivables	5	750	148,706
Total Current Assets		903,109	584,398
Total Assets		903,109	584,398
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	2,766	14,384
Total Current Liabilities		2,766	14,384
Total Liabilities		2,766	14,384
Net Assets		900,343	570,014
Member's Funds			
Unspent funds reserve	7	-	-
Accumulated surplus	7	900,343	570,014
Total Members Funds		900,343	570,014

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S FUNDS
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019**

	Note	Accumulated Surplus \$	Unspent funds reserve \$	Total \$
2019				
Balance at the beginning of the year	7	570,014	-	570,014
Surplus for the year		330,329	-	330,329
Balance at the end of year		<u>900,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900,343</u>
2018				
Balance at the beginning of the year	7	502,456	(76,220)	426,236
Surplus for the year		143,778	-	143,778
Transfers		(76,220)	76,220	-
Balance at the end of year		<u>570,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570,014</u>

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash from operating activities			
Receipts from grants		367,234	257,518
Receipts from members		143,436	158,665
Interest received		9,961	4,689
less: increase/(decrease) in debtors		147,956	(136,977)
Payments to suppliers		(190,302)	(277,094)
add: increase/(decrease) in payables		(11,618)	2,066
Net cash provided from operating activities	8	466,667	8,867
Net increase in cash held		466,667	8,867
Cash at beginning of financial year		435,692	426,825
Cash at end of financial year	4	902,359	435,692

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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.

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(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 belongs.

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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

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied. When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

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).

(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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2: Revenue

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
M&M LGA Contributions		
Berri Barmera	21,319	20,860
Coorong District Council	14,120	13,816
DC of Karoonda East Murray	7,476	7,315
DC of Loxton Waikerie	27,566	22,080
Mid Murray Council	16,889	16,525
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	28,241	27,633
Renmark Paringa Council	18,965	18,557
Southern Mallee DC	8,860	8,669
SLRP surcharge	-	23,210
	143,436	158,665
Other Grants & Contributions		
Other Grants	-	3,450
Rubble Royalties	194,542	164,291
Regional Capacity Buildings	40,692	39,777
Community Wellbeing Alliance	75,000	-
Out Reach Program Income	25,000	50,000
Riverland Social Indicators	32,000	50,000
	367,234	307,518
Interest Revenue	9,961	4,689
Total Revenue	520,631	470,872

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Note 3: Other Operating Expenses

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Allowances	2,862	3,000
Accounting software	50	276
Audit fees	3,050	3,300
Executive officer contract services	121,393	115,520
Insurance	4,325	7,208
Meeting expenses	4,615	2,221
President's travelling allowance	-	649
SAROC regional meeting costs	-	1,115
Sundry expenses	-	1,200
SLRP Priority Setting	-	14,099
Administration Support	18,273	10,680
Legal Charter Review	490	-
CEO Succession Planning / Recruitment	7,302	-
MDB Social Planning Forum	2,618	-
Project Expenditure:		
Discretionary Projects	1,192	18,700
Strategic ICT Projects	-	15,000
Commodity Route Assessment	-	16,960
Murray River Alliance Projects	-	11,022
Regional Freight Movement Study	-	29,735
Regional Waste Strategy	900	2,500
Sport and Recreation Facilities Needs Review	-	23,909
Riverland Social Indicators	23,232	-
	<u>190,302</u>	<u>277,094</u>

Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	136,180	279,473
LGFA Investment	766,080	156,119
	<u>902,359</u>	<u>435,692</u>

Note 5: Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Trade Debtors	-	140,408
GST receivable / (payable)	-	8,298
Prepayments	750	-
	<u>750</u>	<u>148,706</u>

Note 6: Trade and other Payables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Payables	-	14,384
GST receivable / (payable)	2,766	-
	<u>2,766</u>	<u>14,384</u>

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Note 7: Accumulated Surplus

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	570,014	426,236
Surplus for the year	330,329	143,778
	900,343	570,014
Net transfers (to)/from reserves:		
Unspent funds reserve	-	76,220
Net transfers (to)/from accumulated surplus:	-	(76,220)
Net Transfers (to)/from reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at year end	<u>900,343</u>	<u>570,014</u>

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

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Net surplus for the year	330,329	143,778
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	147,956	(136,978)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(11,618)	2,067
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>466,667</u>	<u>8,867</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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

	Note	2019		2018	
		Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial liabilities		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other Payables	6	-	-	14,384	14,384
Total Financial liabilities		-	-	14,384	14,384
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	4	902,360	902,360	435,692	435,692
Trade and other Receivables	5	-	-	140,408	140,408
Total Financial Assets		902,360	902,360	435,692	435,692

Receivable and payable amounts disclosed exclude amounts relating to statutory receivables and payables.

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.

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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.

	2019		2018	
	% Weighted Average Interest rate	Carrying Value	% Weighted Average Interest rate	Carrying Value
Financial liabilities	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other Payables	0%	-	0%	14,384
Financial Assets				
Cash at bank	0%	136,180	0%	279,473
LGFA Investment	1.8%	766,080	1.8%	156,119
Cash on hand	0%	100	0%	100

Note 10: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2019, 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 2019, 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

Since the reporting date, there have been no events that would materially impact on the contents of this report.

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Note 13: Economic Dependence

Murray and Mallee 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 Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated during the year was as follows:

	2019
	\$
Chief Executive Officer Contract Services	121,393

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;

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association
PO Box 236
Victor Harbor SA 5211

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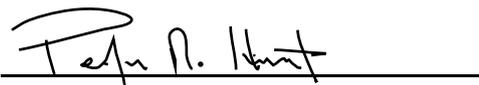
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

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 Murray and Mallee Local Government Association as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Murray and Mallee 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: Mayor Peter Hunt
Position: President
Date: 11/10/19



Name: Tim Smythe
Position: Chief Executive
Date: 11/10/19