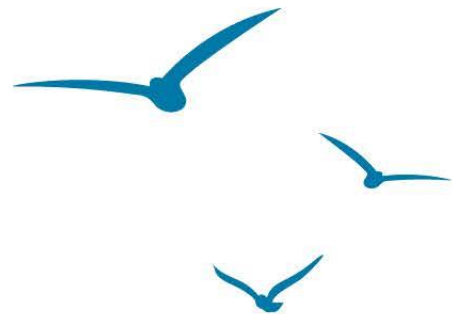


# Mid Murray Council Annual Report 2020-2021



2020-2021

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## ABOUT MID MURRAY COUNCIL

<b>Location:</b>	1 hour east of Adelaide CBD
<b>Population:</b>	9,143
<b>Rateable properties:</b>	10,530 (as at 30 June 2021)
<b>Area:</b>	6,266 square kilometres
<b>Operating Income:</b>	\$23.567m
<b>Operating Expenditure:</b>	\$24.054m
<b>Staff:</b>	92 (FTE)

Mid Murray Council is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2020/2021.

This report outlines Mid Murray Council's performance over the 2020/2021 financial year against the objectives of the [Annual Business Plan & Budget 2020/2021](#), Council's four year Strategic Plan, [Our Plan 2020-24](#), and the [Long Term Financial Plan](#).

This report is designed to meet Council's obligations under Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Council's website [mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://mid-murray.sa.gov.au) provides more information about Mid Murray Council's activities, policies and plans for the future.

If you would like more information about any item in this report, please visit [mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://mid-murray.sa.gov.au) or phone 08 8569 0100.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mid Murray Council would like acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land: the Ngadjuri, Ngaiawang, Ngangaruku, Ngarkat, Ngarrindjeri, and Peramangk Peoples of the Mid Murray lands and waters.

It is upon their ancestral areas that the Mid-Murray Council meets and operates, and Council pays respect to Elders, past and present, and their spiritual beliefs and connections to land and waters, which are of continuing importance to the living Ngadjuri, Ngaiawang, Ngangaruku, Ngarkat, Ngarrindjeri, and Peramangk Peoples.

Council further acknowledges the contributions and important role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples continue to play within its shared community, and to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples visiting or attending the Council area from other areas of South Australia and Australia.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Resilience and community spirit have been the common themes for the Mid Murray Council area during the 2020/21 financial year.

While the District has faced its share of uncertainty with the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic and periods of lockdown continuing to affect Mid Murray, there is still much to be proud of as our community continues to demonstrate its resilience, connection and passion for the area's future.

This Annual Report sets out Council's highlights and achievements for the 2020/21 financial year.

One of its biggest achievements has been in partnering closely with the Mid Murray community through increased consultation and engagement.

Our community's input has been instrumental in shaping a number of our plans and policies, most notably our strategic plan, *Our Plan 2020-2024*. This sets an exciting direction for Council as we work towards our purpose to '*work collaboratively to strengthen and enrich our community*'.

Council's other achievements over the past year include:

- Completion of Council's Rating and Representation reviews;
- Commencement of our Reconciliation Action Plan process;
- Creation of the *Mid Murray Our Town 10-year Mental Health Plan*;
- Implementation of actions within our *Disability Action & Inclusion Plan*;
- Delivery of the Cowirra CWMS project;
- Transition and implementation to the new *Planning & Design Code*;
- Construction of sections of the Murray Coorong Trail from Mannum to Kia Marina and progressing the planning for Swan Reach to Nildottie;
- Delivering 13 community projects supported by a \$1m Federal Government Drought Communities Fund grant across the District, and \$750K of projects funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program;
- Swan Reach Deep River Mooring facility and delivery of Stage 1 of the Swan Reach Master Plan for Len White Reserve;
- Mary Ann Reserve Stage 1 upgrade;
- Progression of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, including the development of an Astro tourism strategy and viewing platforms;
- Continuing the significant upgrading of Murraylands Road with construction underway on a \$3.1m project to seal an eight (8) kilometre section heading south from the end of the current seal 10 kilometres south of the Thiele Highway;
- Road sheeting improvements in the Cudlee Creek Bushfire affected zone including Gladigau, Hermanns, Harrogate and Pym Roads; and
- Planning, design and construction of new public amenities in Truro.

Through our recent Representation Review, our community provided important feedback that will change the structure of Council for the future. In response to this feedback, Council has retained the three-ward system, but will reduce the number of Elected Members by one.

Our community also had a strong say in our Rates Review process, which significantly streamlined Council's rating methods from a highly-complex system to one based on land use only as the differential. Council also adopted a new waste charge paid by properties that have access to the waste collection system. Both measures came into effect with the new financial year from 1 July 2021.

Investment in new and enhanced infrastructure has been a focus for Council during 2020/21. In addition to Council's capital expenditure program, through the injection of the \$1m Federal Government Drought Communities Grant and \$750K Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funding, Council has continued to work on delivering a number of projects across the District aimed at improving community facilities and increasing tourism, such as footpaths and stormwater works, Mannum Institute restoration, community hall upgrades and improved disability access.

Council has also undertaken to support open space and recreation planning projects, upgrade local roads, improve and expand critical infrastructure such as our Community Wastewater Management Schemes and stormwater management works, and support community wellbeing initiatives such as the development of the *Mid Murray Our Town 10-year Mental Health Plan*.

Our focus for the next 12 months will be on continuing to deliver the priorities our community has set for us in our Strategic Plan that build on our strengths of prosperity, liveability and sustainability.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Burgess".

Dave Burgess  
**Mayor**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Scales".

Ben Scales  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Mid Murray Council is committed to an integrated approach to strategic planning.

Council's Strategic Plan, [Our Plan 2020-24](#), outlines how it will implement its Purpose, Ambition, strategies and framework set out in the [Long Term Financial Plan](#), and informs the [Annual Business Plan & Budget](#) process.

Council's [Long Term Financial Plan](#) is used to guide the organisation's financial decision making to ensure Council remains financially sustainable in the medium to long term while still achieving the objectives detailed in Council's Strategic Plan.

The Council's Strategic Management Framework ensures:

- Accountability to the community;
- Effective use of existing resources to maximise economic, social, and environmental outcomes;
- Accurate measuring and reporting processes;
- A strong knowledge base for decision making;
- Clear strategic directions and corporate goals; and
- Effective administrative and governance procedures.

## COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN - *OUR PLAN 2020-24*

At its special meeting of 30 November 2020, Council adopted a new Four Year Strategic Plan – [Our Plan 2020-24](#).

*Our Plan 2020-24* builds on the foundations of the previous strategic plan, the [Community Plan 2016-2020](#), which was developed in partnership with the community by Council in 2016.

The community played a key component in the development of *Our Plan 2020-24* and a thorough community consultation process was undertaken to inform the direction of the plan.

*Our Plan 2020-24* sets the direction for the business for the next four (4) years, and covers the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024, and shapes the future of Council's operations.

Each Theme of *Our Plan 2020-24* has identified Strategic Goals, as well as key activities and measures to drive and deliver clear outcomes and accountability.

Yearly operational plans are developed for each 12-month period to guide operational deliverables.

*Our Plan 2020-24* is the key instrument for the delivery of programs and services to the community and the long-term financial sustainability of Council and guides the development of Council's [Annual Business Plan & Budget 2020/2021](#).

*Our Plan 2020-24* sets out Council's purpose, ambition and strategic goals of the organisation, as set out below:

## **Council's Purpose**

*Work collaboratively to strengthen and enrich our community*

## **Council's Ambition**

*Prosperity. Liveability. Sustainability*

### **Theme 1 - Our Business**

*Through effective leadership, our Council is sustainable, innovative and values our community and dedicated staff.*

#### **Strategic Goals**

1. We are customer focussed and deliver quality outcomes for our community
2. We are financially responsible, accountable and efficient with our community's money
3. Our processes and systems identify, prioritise and reduce risk to Council's operations.
4. Our team is valued and we are an employer of choice
5. Our Council is united and provides leadership to our community
6. Our Community is engaged and we consult and communicate effectively

### **Theme 2 - Our Community**

*Our community is healthy, engaged and connected with a strong sense of pride and belonging*

#### **Strategic Goals**

1. Our community is engaged, thriving, supported and connected
2. The significance of our volunteers and their contribution to the community is recognised
3. The health, wellbeing and resilience of our community is enhanced
4. Our region has appropriate open spaces and facilities to encourage sport, recreation and active lifestyles
5. We have thriving and welcoming community organisations and sporting clubs
6. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and culture is acknowledged, valued, preserved and celebrated
7. Our community connects with our region's heritage and charm

### **Theme 3 - Our Environment**

*Our unique environment is valued, preserved and protected for future generations*

#### **Strategic Goals**

1. Our natural environment and assets are preserved, protected and enhanced to ensure enjoyment by future generations

### Theme 3 - Our Environment Cont'd

2. Our reliance on water from the River Murray is reduced to ensure its protection and viability
3. Our townships and holiday home areas balance development with respect for the river and its ecology
4. Our Carbon footprint is reduced
5. Our community are adaptive to a changing climate
6. Our townships develop in a sustainable manner with less demand for resources
7. Our historical sites and buildings are fostered as key assets of community interest

### Theme 4 - Our Growth

*Our region is thriving through opportunities created by economic development, population growth and tourism.*

#### Strategic Goals

1. Support and encourage economic growth and the development of a diverse business sector
2. Build on our critical infrastructure and technology network
3. Grow our population
4. Develop our diverse tourism sector
5. Our cultural and natural environment assets are leveraged in a sustainable manner
6. Our historical sites and buildings are fostered as key assets of community interest

### Theme 5 - Our Lifestyle

*Our region is welcoming, vibrant and a sustainable place to live, work and play*

#### Strategic Goals

1. Our infrastructure is responsibly managed and our delivery is planned and sustainable
2. Our diverse community and region is supported by a quality, safe and sustainable public realm
3. Our townships and open spaces are vibrant and welcoming
4. Our infrastructure complements and reflects the character of our natural environment and heritage



## ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTING

The [Annual Business Plan 2020/2021](#) was prepared in accordance with the priorities of Council's [Long Term Financial Plan](#) and [Our Plan 2020-24](#), whilst ensuring the financial targets adopted by Council are met.

The key projects for 2020/2021 were as follows:

Our Business: Key Activities 2020/2021		
Key Activity	Status	Comment
Undertake a review of Council's Rating system	Completed	Rating review undertaken and new rating system implemented for 2021/22 Financial Year, including separate waste management charge.
Undertake a Representation review	Completed	Representation review completed and new composition and structure of Council will take effect from the November 2022 periodic election, once certified by the Electoral Commissioner.
Implement a "One number Customer Service System"	In progress	Review undertaken and business case developed. Implementation planned for Q3 2021/22.
Investigate replacement of the current payroll system.	In progress	Review undertaken. Resourcing allocation software used by Infrastructure & Field Services required to be replaced prior to implementation. Expressions of interest/tenders for Resource allocation software to be called between Q2 2021/22.
Implement on-ledger full cost attribution for all Financial reporting	In progress	Initial planning has occurred and required system changes identified.
Refine and further implement our strategic financial framework to deliver long-term financial sustainability	On going	Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan reviewed and updated. Draft <i>Building Asset Management Plan</i> developed.
Deliver business efficiencies through innovation and a culture of continuous improvement	On going	Payroll system review undertaken and draft <i>Building Asset Management Plan</i> developed. Waste review undertaken, with the implementation of a separate waste charge

## Our Business: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>COVID-19 Information Technology capacity and performance review</b>	Completed	Review of IT capacity and performance as result of COVID-19 undertaken. Improvements identified and implemented.
<b>Review Council's Business Continuity Plan</b>	Completed	Review of Council's <i>Business Continuity Plan</i> undertaken and plan updated.

## Our Community: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Review and update Council's Disability Action and Inclusion Plan</b>	Completed	Plan developed and adopted by Council. Priorities to be implemented from 2021/22.
<b>Implementation of the Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan priorities</b>	On going	Council has endorsed the <i>Regional Public Health Plan</i> for submission to the Minister for approval. A number of priorities have been implemented across the four (4) Goals, including the development of the <i>Disability Action &amp; Inclusion Plan</i> , bushfire resilience initiatives, support for the STARCLUB program, progression of the Murray Coorong Trail, implementation of the <i>Murraylands Mosquito Management Plan</i> , and supporting the School Immunisation Program.
<b>Deliver health and wellbeing programs and services</b>	On going	A number of health and wellbeing programs have been delivered across 2020/21 including Mid Murray Our Town initiative, with \$150,000 in additional funding secured for the project, Mid Murray Family Connections Collective Impact Initiative progressed including the Implementation of <i>Mid Murray Community Accountability Plan 2020-22</i> and advocacy and support for Medical services across the region. A community transport service review has commenced in the region, with further work to be progressed in the 2021-22 financial year.
<b>Delivery of the Community Grants program</b>	Completed	Community Grants to the value of \$50,807 were distributed for the 2020/21 financial year.

## Our Community: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Develop a Mid Murray Reconciliation Action Plan</b>	In progress	The development of a <i>Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan</i> has commenced. Cultural awareness training has been implemented for all staff and Elected Members, and an Acknowledgement of Country (created by a working group in partnership with our local Aboriginal Community) was designed and included on Council's electronic signatures.
<b>Complete Murray Coorong Trail section from Mannum to Kia Marina</b>	Completed	The 10 kilometre section of the Murray Coorong Trail from Mannum to Kia Marina has been completed. Design and planning for the construction of the 20 kilometres of trail from Nildottie to Swan Reach has commenced.

## Our Environment: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Transition and implement the new Planning &amp; Design Code under the Planning, Development &amp; Infrastructure Act 2016</b>	Completed	The <i>Planning &amp; Design Code</i> commenced in March 2021. Staff continue to work with new e-planning system.
<b>Deliver Cowirra CWMS project and finalise design and costing for Wongulla CWMS</b>	Completed	Cowirra CWMS project delivered and preliminary design and costings for Wongulla completed.
<b>Implementation of the Regional Public Health Plan</b>	In progress	<i>Regional Public Health Plan</i> developed in collaboration with regional stakeholders and endorsed by Council as suitable for submission to the Minister for approval.
<b>Implementation of new Animal Management Plan 2020-2025</b>	Completed	Endorsed for implementation by the Dog & Cat Management Board on 19 August 2020. Actions of Plan to be implemented over the next five (5) years.

## Our Environment: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Revision of Roadside Vegetation Management Plan</b>	In progress	Draft <i>Roadside Vegetation Management Plan</i> complete and to be presented to Council along with the accompanying <i>Vegetation Management Policy</i> .

## Our Growth: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Develop an Astro Tourism strategy</b>	Completed	Astro Tourism strategy completed, for implementation across 2021/22.
<b>Develop an Economic Development strategy</b>	In progress	Preliminary work has commenced on the strategy development, however progress impacted by COVID-19.
<b>Regional infrastructure advocacy</b>	On going	Secured funding commitment from State and Federal Governments for \$200M Truro bypass. Advocated for further spending on North-South freight network.
<b>Complete a land supply and housing option audit</b>	In progress	Project currently being scoped and costed and will be delivered in 2021/22.
<b>Streamline development processes through the implementation of the ePlanning portal</b>	Completed	Transition to e-planning portal occurred on 19 March 2021.
<b>Progress PS Canally restoration project</b>	In progress	Funding secured to complete the project, with works undertaken to progress the restoration around COVID-19 restrictions. Project scheduled for completion Q1 2022/23.
<b>Develop a brand strategy for the region</b>	Completed	Brand strategy developed.
<b>Deliver Mannum waterfalls open space plan</b>	In progress	Discussions are ongoing with landowners to developing the area for public activation.
<b>Partner with stakeholders to develop and deliver a Strategic plan for Ngaut Ngaut</b>	In progress	Work continues with stakeholders to develop a Strategic Plan, however delays have occurred due to the impact of COVID-19.

## Our Lifestyle: Key Activities 2020/2021

Key Activity	Status	Comment
<b>Deliver Stage 1 Mary Ann Reserve upgrade</b>	<b>Completed</b>	Project completed, including accessible playground upgrade, picnic tables and chairs and riverbank reclamation.
<b>Deliver Swan Reach Deep River Mooring facility and Morgan Boat ramp upgrade</b>	<b>Completed</b>	Projects completed.
<b>Develop Murraylands &amp; Riverland Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy</b>	<b>In progress</b>	MRLGA is leading project and work has progressed on aligning all member Councils road hierarchy to provide an overall uniform road network.
<b>Undertake a Waste Services Review</b>	<b>Completed</b>	Waste review completed across 2020/21, with strategies and recommendations to be implemented across 2021/22. Waste management charge implemented on 1 July 2021.
<b>Assessment of Cambrai landfill as regional landfill opportunity</b>	<b>In progress</b>	Assessment has commenced. Business case budgeted for development in 2021/22.
<b>Implementation of Town Plans - reseals and associated works</b>	<b>On going</b>	All works aligned and being delivered in line with Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan. Liaison occurring with community groups on various town projects as budgeted, with concept planning occurring as required.
<b>Swan Reach Riverfront Master Plan – delivery of initial stages of adopted master plan</b>	<b>In progress</b>	Consultation with Swan Reach Progress association commenced with the view to finalise design and tender the project.
<b>Review Infrastructure &amp; Transport and Plant &amp; Machinery Asset Management Plans</b>	<b>Completed</b>	Reviews undertaken and adopted by Council in July 2021.



## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council has received an independent audit report from its external auditors for Council's annual financial statements and an independent report for internal financial controls.

The Annual Financial Statements are attached at **Appendix 2**.

## OUR ORGANISATION

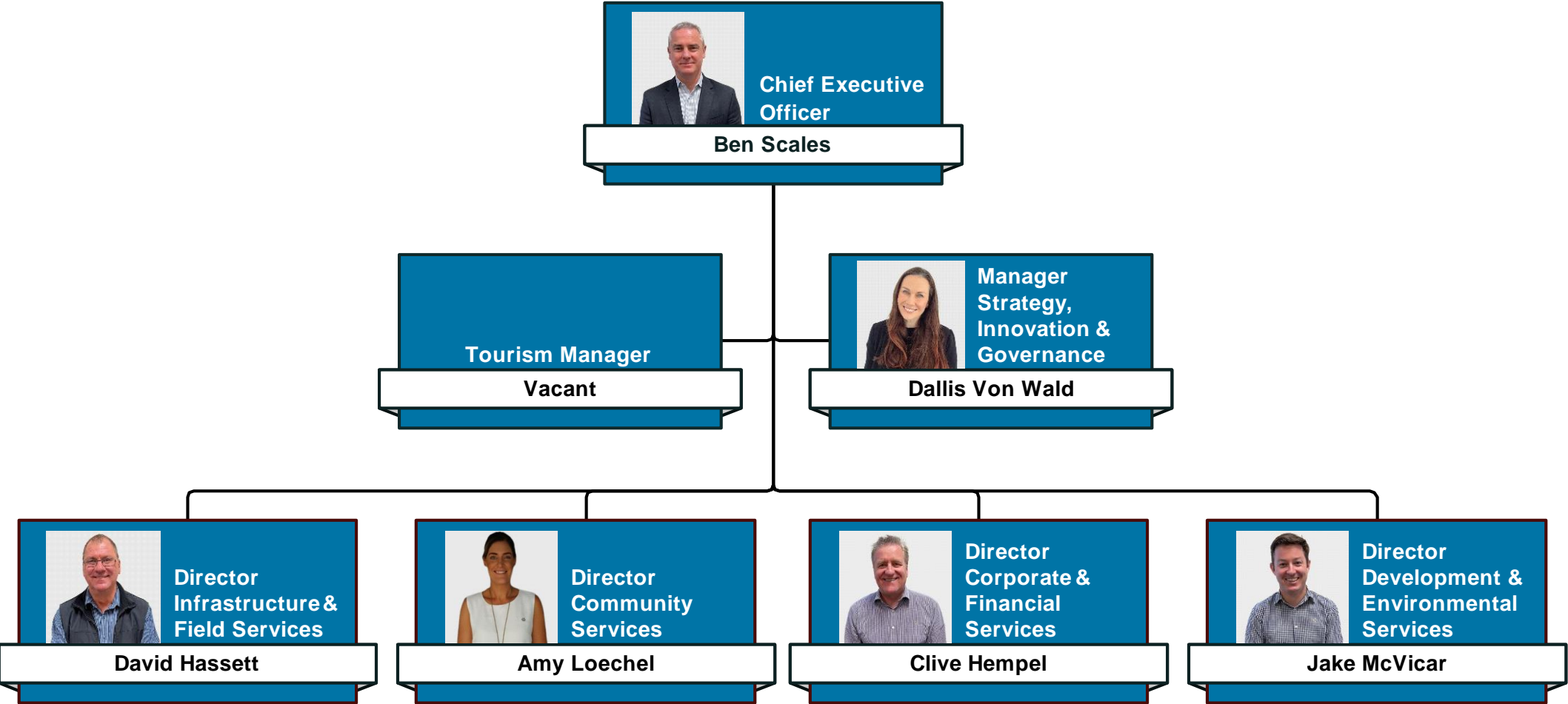
### Senior Management Team

Mid Murray Council's Senior Management Team (SMT) consists of the Chief Executive Officer, and four (4) Directors

The SMT is responsible for leading and developing the administration, as well as building the organisational capability and culture required to deliver the vision, strategies and framework set out in Council's [Our Plan 2020-24](#).

The members of the executive team are paid a salary package, which varies for each individual. These packages include 9.5 per cent compulsory superannuation and the provision of a motor vehicle for unrestricted private use, in lieu of overtime and in accordance with Council's [Motor Vehicle Policy](#)

Organisational Chart



## Staff Overview

Staff numbers as at 30 June 2021 are shown as Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) while the gender ratio is reflective of headcount, the difference in these figures reflects the number of part-time staff employed by Mid Murray Council; and highlights the flexible working conditions that are offered to employees.

DIVISION	STAFFING NUMBERS
Executive Services & Tourism	9.8
Community Services	8.1
Corporate & Financial Services	14.3
Development & Environmental Services	14.8
Infrastructure & Field Services	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92 FTE</b>

DIVISION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Executive Services & Tourism	10	2	12
Community Services	10	3	13
Corporate & Financial Services	15	3	18
Development & Environmental Services	8	8	16
Infrastructure & Field Services	3	42	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>104</b>

## Organisational Development

Mid Murray Council continues to deploy initiatives that impact on employee engagement, organisational performance, innovation in the work environment and most importantly, a positive experience for employees and customers when interacting with the Council.

Staff have undertaken training and development in the areas such as:

- Armed hold-up
- COVID-19 Marshall
- COVID-19 infection control
- Cultural Awareness
- Food Safety and Inspections
- Policy Preparation
- Policy and Procedure refreshers
- Public Interest Disclosure Act Module and refresher
- WHS and Task Specific Safety
- ICAC Awareness
- First Aid
- Child Safe Environment
- Sharps and Infectious Waste
- Health and Safety Representative
- WHS Incident Reporting
- Asbestos Awareness
- Emergency Evacuation Program

## **OUR COUNCIL**

### **Mid Murray Council Overview**

The Mid Murray Council was formed on 1 July 1997 through the amalgamation of the District Council of Mannum, District Council of Morgan, District Council of Ridley-Truro and part of the District Council of Mount Pleasant. The Council area comprises land within regions generally known as the Murraylands, Riverland and the eastern slopes of the Mount Lofty Ranges.

The Principal Office of Council is situated in Mannum. This is the site for Council's administration, infrastructure & field services, community services and finance functions.

The Cambrai Council office houses the planning, building control and maintenance, environmental health and regulatory services functions.

The Morgan & Districts and Blanchetown Community Hubs provide a Council office, customer service, libraries, Centrelink access points and community services.

The Mid Murray Council covers an area of 6,273 square kilometres.

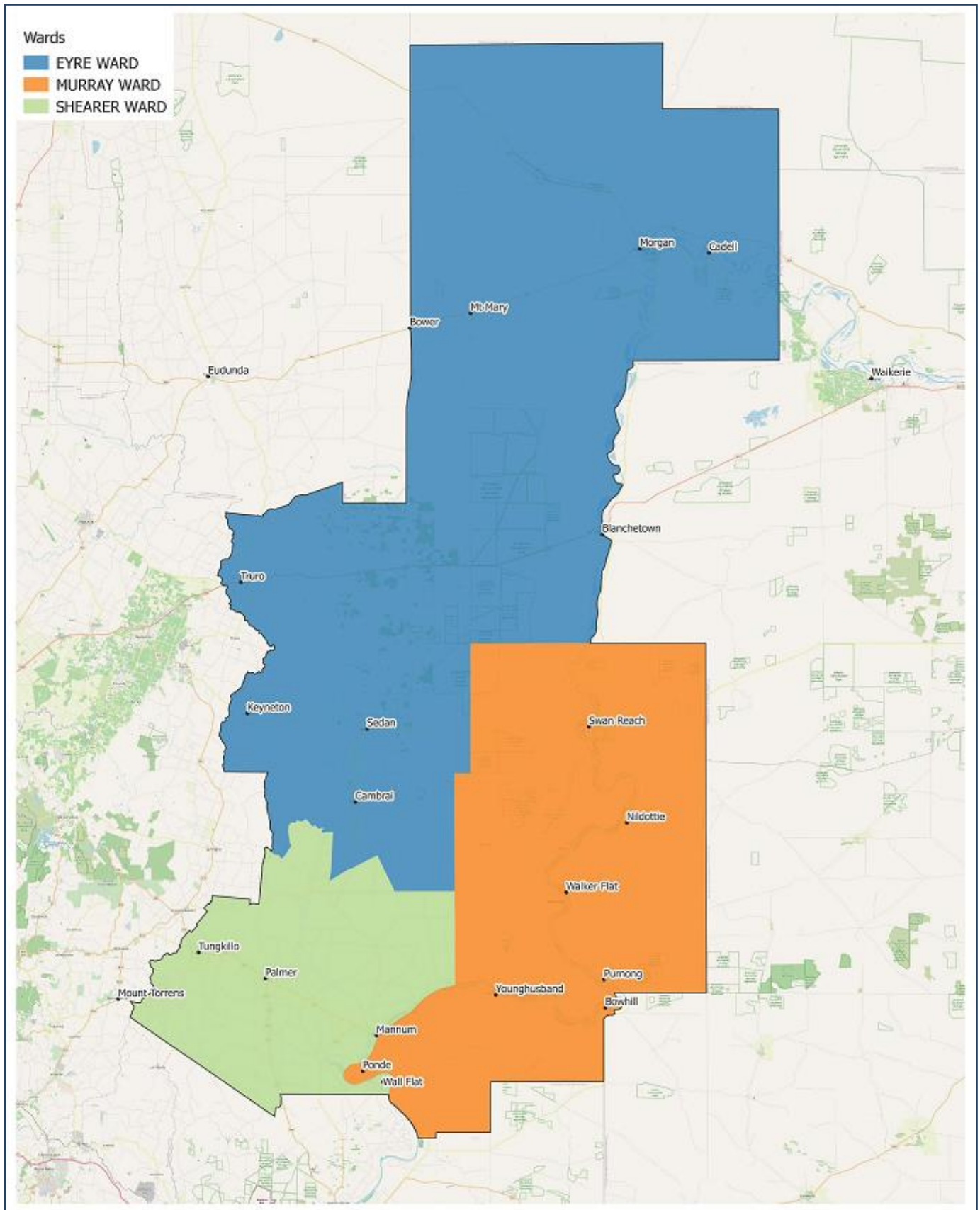
The township of Mannum is located 89 kilometres east of Adelaide on the banks of the Murray River.

The Mid Murray Council's road network is extensive and is the second largest of local government areas in South Australia totalling 3,383 kilometres.

Mid Murray Council shares boundaries with eight (8) other South Australian councils plus the Outback Areas Community Development Trust.

These are Rural City of Murray Bridge, Barossa Council, Regional Council of Goyder, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Hills Council, District Council of Mount Barker, District Council of Loxton Waikerie and District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

## Mid Murray Council Ward Boundary Map





## Elector Representation

The representation quota is the number of electors for the Council area divided by the number of Elected Members (including the Mayor).

Mid Murray's Council representation quota is 1:651 with 6,507 electors and compares with other similar councils.

Council	Total Electors	Quota
Berri Barmera	7,296	811
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	6,685	669
Naracoorte Lucindale	5,931	531
Renmark Paringa	6,585	732

Source: [Representation Quotas 2020-21 Local Government Association of SA.](#)

## Representation Review

Councils in South Australia are required to undertake a representation review in accordance with Section 12 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) at least once in each 'relevant period'. The 'relevant period' is a period set by the Minister responsible for the Act by notice in the Gazette.

At its meeting of 11 August 2020, Council appointed Norman Waterhouse Lawyers to commence and undertake the representation review in accordance with Section 12(5) of the Act

At its meeting of 9 March 2021, Council received and endorsed for public consultation, the *Representation Options Paper*. Public consultation was conducted for a period of six (6) weeks.

On 8 June 2021, Council resolved to receive and endorse the *Representation Review Report* for public consultation for a period of three (3) weeks.

The following matters were addressed in that *Representation Review Report*:

- the name of the Council (Mid Murray Council) will be retained;
- the Council will continue to be a district council;
- the Principal Member of the Council will continue to be a Mayor, elected by the community at Council-wide elections;
- the Council will continue to divide its area into three (3) wards, although with changes to current ward boundaries to ensure compliance with the ward quota tolerance limit;
- the current ward names be retained, namely:
  - Ward 1 – Shearer Ward;
  - Ward 2 – Eyre Ward;
  - Ward 3 – Murray Ward;
- Council will comprise eight (8) ward councillors (plus a popularly elected Mayor).

Following public consultation, Norman Waterhouse prepared and presented the *Representation Review Report to Electoral Commissioner* for referral to and certification by the Electoral Commissioner.

The representation review process has been completed and certified, with the proposed composition and structure to take effect from the November 2022 periodic election.

## Elected Members

Councils are part of the democratic framework of Australia and the community gets the chance to elect its Elected Members every four (4) years.

The most recent Council Elections were held in November 2018, with the next election scheduled for November 2022.

More information about Council elections is available on the [Electoral Commission South Australia](#).

Set out below are details of the Elected Members of Mid Murray Council:

<b>Mayor</b>	Dave Burgess
<b>Eyre Ward</b>	Cr Kevin Myers – Deputy Mayor 2020 Cr John Forrester Cr Dennis McCarthy
<b>Murray Ward</b>	Cr Jeff Hall Cr Steven Hennessy
<b>Shearer Ward</b>	Cr Simone Bailey – Deputy Mayor 2021 Cr Kirsty MacGregor Cr Peter Raison Cr Peter Smith OAM

## Elected Member Allowances & Benefits

Section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides that Elected Members are entitled to receive an allowance that is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia.

The remuneration is adjusted annually by a formula prescribed by the *Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010*.

Allowances & Benefits	
Mayoral Allowance	\$58,272 plus a fully maintained vehicle for Council related business
Elected Member Annual Allowance	\$14,568
Presiding Member Annual Allowance (includes Elected Member allowance)	\$18,212
Total amount paid to other Elected Members including	\$195,063

## Allowances & Benefits

presiding member allowances, and allowances for members of the Council Assessment Panel & Audit Committee	
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## Elected Member Training Seminars and Conferences

In accordance with the Mid Murray Council's Elected Member Training & Development Policy Council, members were provided with the opportunity to undertake training and development activities during 2020/2021, as per the table below:

Elected Member Training Seminars & Conferences		
Elected Member	Date	Details
Mayor Dave Burgess	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	14 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
Cr Kevin Myers	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	14 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
Cr John Forrester	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
Cr Dennis McCarthy	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	12 October 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
Cr Steven Hennessy	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
Cr Simone Bailey	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	15 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
	3 May 2021	Enhanced Public Speaking & Presenting for Elected Members
	3 June 2021	Prevention and Management of Bullying/Harassment In or Out of the Chamber
	20 June 2021 to 23 June 2021	ALGA National General Assembly
Cr Jeff Hall	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	24 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
	18 & 19 May 2021	MDA National Conference and AGM (virtual)

Elected Member Training Seminars & Conferences		
Elected Member	Date	Details
Cr Kirsty MacGregor	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	14 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
	3 May 2021	Enhanced Public Speaking and Presenting for Elected Members
	3 June 2021	Prevention and Management of Bullying/Harassment In or Out of the Chamber
Cr Peter Raison	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	16 to 19 May 2021	MDA National Conference and AGM
Cr Peter Smith OAM	8 December 2020	Elected Member Duties & Responsibilities
	14 September 2020	Cultural Awareness Training
	3 June 2021	Prevention and Management of Bullying/Harassment In or Out of the Chamber

## DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

The Local Government system is integral to the democratic system of government in Australia and provides vital infrastructure, social and environmental support for communities.

Mid Murray Council is responsible for providing strategic direction for the local area, planning and development control, setting policy, providing and maintaining infrastructure and services, and regulating activities whilst complying with and enforcing many diverse pieces of legislation.

Mid Murray Council operates autonomously within the framework of the *Local Government Act 1999*, and the elected body may delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with legislative requirements, budgets, strategic planning policy and corporate structure.

Mid Murray Council has a number of committees that assist in the decision-making process.

## Council Meetings

Council Meetings are an important part of the Mid Murray Council's operations.

The decisions made by the Elected Members at formal Council Meetings provide the direction and authority for the ongoing operation of the Council.

During the 2020/2021 financial year, Council meetings were held on the second Tuesday of

every month at 9:30am at the Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai, with appropriate adjustments to accommodate public holidays.

All Council Meetings were open to the public and were conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*; with the exception of items that were identified as falling within the provision of Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

These items were considered in confidence and members of the public were excluded from the meetings during those items.

## **Council Committees**

Under Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council has the power to establish committees that will assist Council in the performance of its functions. These committees make recommendations to the Council.

A brief summary of the functions, and membership for each committee is as follows.

More information on Council's committees may be obtained from Council's [website](#).

### **Audit Committee**

Mid Murray Council's Audit Committee is a statutory required committee, established under Section 126 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Committee is appointed by Council and is tasked with reviewing the annual financial statements and Business Plan, monitoring financial indicators and targets in the [Long Term Financial Plan](#), obtaining independent professional advice and liaising with the Council's auditor.

The Committee also has oversight of the Council's risk management and audit initiatives and is a source of advice to the Council and Chief Executive Officer.

Membership comprises of two (2) independent members and three (3) Elected Members:

- Mr David Whitbread – Presiding Member
- Mr Peter Fairlie – Jones – Deputy Presiding Member
- Cr Simone Bailey
- Cr Jeff Hall
- Cr Dennis McCarthy
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member \$688.00 per meeting attended
- Independent Member \$550.00 per meeting attended
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee are available on Council's [website](#).



## **Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee**

The Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee's is a statutory committee established pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Schedule 6 Clause 2(1) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The Committee's primary role is to provide advice to the Council in relation to the extent to which the Council's strategic planning and development policies accord with the Planning Strategy.

Membership comprises of three (3) Elected Members:

- Cr Kevin Myers – Presiding Member
- Cr Jeff Hall
- Cr Steve Hennessy
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a Prescribed Committee.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **CEO Performance Management Committee**

The purpose and function of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee is undertake the assessment of the Chief Executive Officer's performance with reference to the Strategic Goals and duties as outlined in their Employment Agreement.

Membership comprises of five (5) Elected Members:

- Mayor Dave Burgess– Presiding Member
- Cr Simone Bailey
- Cr Steve Hennessy
- Cr Kevin Myers
- Cr Peter Raison

No sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Community Grants Assessment Committee**

The purpose and function of the Community Grants Assessment Committee enable the efficient application of the Community Grants Policy to ensure Council's community grants are allocated in a consistent, fair and equitable manner.

Membership comprises of three (3) Elected Members:

- Cr Dennis McCarthy– Presiding Member
- Cr Jeff Hall
- Cr Peter Raison
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a non-prescribed Committee.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Grants Assessment Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

### **Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Advisory Committee**

The purpose and function of the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Advisory Committee is to provide support and oversight to Council in the management of the CWMS infrastructure; review the functions and operations of Council's CWMS infrastructure in line with the relevant Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan; and make recommendation to Council regarding significant financial or operational matters as deemed necessary by the Committee.

Membership comprises of four (4) Elected Members, and two (2) Property Owner Representatives:

- Cr Jeff Hall – Presiding Member
- Cr Peter Raison – Deputy Presiding Member
- Cr John Forrester
- *Elected Member Vacancy*
- Ms Dawn Prust
- Mr David Whitbread
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a non-prescribed Committee.
- Independent Member \$100.00 per meeting attended
- If Independent Members are required to attend formal Council training or workshops \$100.00 per workshop.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Wastewater Management System Advisory Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee**

The Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee is for the purposes of identifying opportunities to leverage Council assets, whilst forecasting infrastructure requirements, for developing strategies that support economic across the Council area.

Membership comprises of four (4) Elected Members:

- Mayor Dave Burgess– Presiding Member
- Cr Simone Bailey
- Cr Jeff Hall
- Cr Steve Hennessy

No sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Mannum Dock Museum of River History Board**

The purpose and function of the Mannum Dock Museum of River History Board is for the preservation, display and enjoyment by the public of artefacts and memorabilia of heritage significance to Mannum and the Murray River with special emphasis on the history of the Murray River, PS Marion, PW Mayflower and Shearer Steam Carriage; and the operation of the Visitor Information Centre.

Membership comprises of eight (8) community members, and two (2) Elected Members:

- Rob Bowring – Chair (until 27 February 2021)
- Peter Thomas – Deputy Chair, then Acting Chair from 18 May 2021.
- Cr Simone Bailey
- Cr Kevin Myers
- Les Penley – Community Member
- Holly Bousignac – Community Member
- Andrew Plumer – Community Member
- Warren Newton – Community Member
- Wally Meakins – Community Member
- Rob Ball – Community Member
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

No sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Mannum Dock Museum of River History Board are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Mannum Main Street Working Party**

Mannum Main Street Working Party is for the purposes of promoting Mannum Main Street's unique characteristics, its cultural traditions, historic character and events to shoppers, stakeholders, investors, and tourists.

Membership comprises of four (4) Elected Members from the Shearer Ward, two (2) Mannum shop business owners, and one (1) representative from the Mannum Progress Association:

- Cr Simone Bailey – Presiding Member
- Cr Kirsty MacGregor – Deputy Presiding Member
- Cr Peter Raison
- Cr Peter Smith
- Mr Rob Brown –Business Owner
- Mr David Hartley –Business Owner
- Mr Colin Vigar – Mannum Progress Association Representative
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

No sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Mannum Main Street Working Party are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Open Space & Recreation Committee**

The Open Space & Recreation Committee provides advice to Council regarding land dedications, the development of open space, recreation and reserve areas, and open space, recreation and reserve strategy development. The Committee monitors the use of open space, recreation and reserves. The Committee assists in the development and implementation of a Disability Discrimination Action Plan and ensures consideration is given to disability access for open space, recreation and reserve areas strategies and strategy development.

Membership comprises of one (1) Elected Member of each Ward, and a minimum of one (1) community member with relevant recreation/open space/reserve area background and a minimum of one (1) community member with a relevant background in disability access, to a maximum of four (4) community members:

- Cr Kevin Myers – Presiding Member
- Cr Steve Hennessy – Deputy Presiding Member
- Cr Kirsty MacGregor
- Mr Jim Moss – Community Member
- Ms Rohie Griffiths – Community Member
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a non-prescribed Committee.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Open Space & Recreation Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Port of Morgan Heritage & Tourism Board**

The purpose and function of the Port of Morgan Heritage & Tourism is for the preservation, display and enjoyment by the public of artefacts and memorabilia of heritage significance to Morgan and the Murray River with special emphasis on the history of the Murray River, the Morgan Riverfront Precinct, the Morgan Landseer Museum, the Stationmasters House, the Morgan Wharf, the Morgan Information Office, the PS Canally and Heritage Rail.

Membership comprises of two (2) Elected Members and three (3) Community Members:

- Cr John Forrester – Presiding Member
- Cr Kevin Myers – Deputy Presiding Member
- Mr Rod James – Community Member
- Mr Phil Reed – Community Member
- Mrs Diana Angel – Community Member
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a non-prescribed Committee.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Port of Morgan Heritage & Tourism are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Waste Management Advisory Committee**

The purpose and function of the Waste Management Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to Council for the purposes of waste services to the community; review the overall operations of waste services (including transfer stations and landfill) ; and recommend appropriate user service charges/fees.

Membership comprises of two (2) Elected Members from the Shearer Ward, one (1) Elected Member from the Murray Ward, and one (1) Elected Member from the Eyre.

- Cr Peter Raison – Presiding Member
- Cr Simone Bailey
- Cr Jeff Hall

- Cr Dennis McCarthy
- Mayor Dave Burgess (ex officio)

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member per the Elected Member Allowance for a Prescribed Committee.
- No other sitting fees were received for this Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Waste Management Advisory Committee are available on Council's [website](#).

## **Council Assessment Panel**

The Council Assessment Panel (CAP) is established under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the PDI Act). The CAP is convened under the PDI Act and operates under the Terms of Reference derived from the legislation.

Membership comprises of four (4) Independent members, one (1) Elected Member, and an Acting Presiding Member:

- Mr Bruce Ballantyne – Presiding Member
- Ms Iris Iwanicki – Acting Presiding Member
- Mr David Altmann
- Mr Ross Bateman
- Cr Kevin Myers

The sitting fees were as follows:

- Presiding Member \$450.00 per meeting attended
- Independent Member \$350.00 per meeting attended
- Elected Members \$Nil per meeting attended
- If Independent Members are required to attend formal Council training or workshops these are held on the same day as a scheduled meeting and no additional sitting fees are paid.

More information on the Council Assessment Panel may be obtained from Council's [website](#).

## **Meeting Times, Dates, Agendas & Minutes**

Agendas and minutes for the Mid Murray Council and Committee meetings, and information regarding Elected Members Briefings are available at Council's [website](#).

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

In accordance with Section 90(1) of *the Local Government Act 1999* all Council and Committee meetings were conducted in a place open to the public.

On every occasion that the provision to exclude the public within Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* was utilised, the minutes included the proceedings for making a confidentiality order and the grounds on which the order was made.

The table below shows the number of confidentiality orders issued during the 2020/2021 financial year.

Section 91(7) & (9) 1 of the Local Government Act 1999	Number
Council	20
Audit Committee	1
Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee	
CEO Performance Management Committee	1
CWMS Advisory Committee	
Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee	1
Mannum Main Street Working Party	
Mannum Dock Museum of River History Board	
Open Space and Recreation Committee and Community Grants	
Port of Morgan Heritage & Tourism Board	
Waste Management Advisory Committee	1

The table below shows the confidentiality orders made during the financial year, the grounds for those orders, and on what date, if any, the order expired or was lifted.

Council/ Committee	Subject	Grounds	Period of Confidentiality/Revoked/Expired
Audit Committee 28 July 2020	9.1 – Appointment of External Auditor	90(3)(k)	Attachments remain confidential not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years. Minutes/Report (Item 9.1) revoked 28 July 2020
Council 11 August 2020	20.1.1 – Commercial Lease Relief COVID- 19	90(3)(a)	Remain confidential and not available for public inspection until COVID Direction implications expire.
Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee 20 August 2020	9.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Council 8 September 2020	20.1.1 – Economic Development and Commercial Enterprises Committee Minutes - 20 August 2020	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 8 September 2020	20.1.2 – Council Assessment Panel Member Appointments	90(3)(a)	Revoked 03/06/2021
Council 8 September 2020	20.2.1 – Mid Murray Council Water Usage 2019-20	90(3)(i)	Revoked 03/06/2021



<b>Council/ Committee</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Period of Confidentiality/Revoked/Expired</b>
Council 8 September 2020	20.2.2 – Mid Murray Support Services	90(3)(i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 8 September 2020	20.2.3 Confidential - Release of Confidential Investigation Report: Code of Conduct Investigation	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until consultation and agreement from the parties to release items is finalised, or following a period of two (2) years, whichever is sooner.
Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee 30 October 2020	6.1 – Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review report	90(3)(a)	Remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Council 10 November 2020	20.1.1 – Cowirra Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) – Variation of Contract	90(3)(k)	Revoked 03/06/2021
Council 10 November 2020	20.1.2 – Walker Avenue, Mannum Development Plan Amendment (DPA)	90(3)(d)(i) & (ii)	Revoked 03/06/2021
Council 10 November 2020	20.2.1 – Agreement for Variation of Lease COVID-19	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Council 10 November 2020	20.3.1 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee Minutes - 30 October 2020	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until 2 years after the cessation of employment.
Council 8 December 2020	20.1.1 2021 – Australia Day Awards	90(3)(a)	Revoked 13/01/2021
Council 19 January 2021	20.1.1 – Appointment of Independent Audit Committee Members	90(3)(a)	Minutes & Report Item 20.1.1 revoked 19/01/2021. Attachments & all discussions remain Confidential and not available to the public until the required Annual Review of confidential items on the basis their release would involve unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of Independent Audit Committee Member applicants.
Council 19 January 2021	20.2.1 Brenda Park Leaseholders Inc. – Intent to undertake works – Update	90(3)(g)	Revoked 03/06/2021
Council 9 February 2021	20.1.1 – Initial Assessment of Code of Conduct Complaint	90(3)(a)	Revoked 09/03/2021
Council 9 March 2021	20.1.1 – Advice on Leasing Arrangement	90(3)(h)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.

Council/ Committee	Subject	Grounds	Period of Confidentiality/Revoked/Expired
Council 13 April 2021	20.1.1 – Code of Conduct Matter	90(3)(a)	Revoked 13/04/2021
Waste Management Advisory Committee 1 June 2021	9.1.1 - Disposal at Cambrai	90(3)(b)	Not available for public inspection until the matter is resolved.
Council 8 June 2021	20.1.1 – Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes Disposal at Cambrai	90(3)(b)	Not available for public inspection until the matter is resolved.
Council 8 June 2021	20.2.1 – Walker Avenue, Mannum Development Plan Amendment (DPA) – Amendment to Infrastructure Agreement and Land Management Agreement	90(3)(d)	Not available for public inspection until the Infrastructure Deed is executed by all relevant parties.
Council 8 June 2021	20.3.1 ICAC Code of Conduct Response	90(3)(a)	Revoked 08/06/2021
Council 8 June 2021	20.3.2 Annual Review of Confidential items	90(3) (a) (b) (d) (g) (h) (i) (j) and (k)	Revoked 08/06/2021

A cumulative total of 44 confidentiality orders made by Council or its Committees under section 91(7) remained operative from the date the new reporting requirements under *Local Government (General) Regulation 22A* commenced.

The table below shows all items remaining in confidence from 13 September 2016 up to and including June 2021, the grounds for those orders and on what date, if any, the order expired or was lifted.

Council/ Committee	Subject	Grounds	Period of Confidentiality
Council 13 September 2016	9.5.18 – Morgan Railway Carriage Repair Works	90(3)(d)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 11 April 2017	9.2.3 – Morgan Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 13 June 2017	10.2.9 - Mannum Waters Development Update (Including Boat Ramp) Report – Legal Advice	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years.
Council 11 July 2017	9.2.5 - Mannum Waters Update – Legal Advice, Development Deed And Water Licensing	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years.

<b>Council/ Committee</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Period of Confidentiality</b>
Commercial Enterprises Working Party 31 August 2017	Item E – Morgan Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 12 September 2017	19.15 - Commercial Enterprises Working Party Minutes - Morgan Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 12 December 2017	16.1.1 – Mannum Waters Development Infrastructure and Water Allocation Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 13 February 2018	10.2.6 – Mannum Waters Water Allocation Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 10 April 2018	10.2.6 – Mannum Waters Water Allocation Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 10 July 2018	10.2.6 – Mannum Waters – Legal Advice	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 11 December 2018	20.2.1 – Township Roads, Dutton	90(3)(h)& (j)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5)years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 15 January 2019	Late Item - Legal Advice, Staffing Matter	90(3)(g) & (h)	In accordance with the legal advice received and that this order remain confidential and not available for public inspection until all parties are deceased .
Council 12 March 2019	20.1.1 – Mannum Waters – Legal Action Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years.
Council 9 April 2019	20.1.1 – Community Wastewater Management System Advisory Committee – Community Representation	90(3)(a)	Be retained in confidence and release at end of Term of Committee.
Council 14 May 2019	20.1.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available to the public for a period of 12 months.
Council 11 June 2019	20.1.1 – Confidential – Mannum Waters – Legal Action Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.

<b>Council/ Committee</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Period of Confidentiality</b>
Council 13 August 2019	20.1.1 – Mannum Waters – Legal Action Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 13 August 2019	20.2.1 – Dutton Township Roads	90(3)(h) & (j)	Not available for public inspection until the matter has been resolved and that this order be reviewed every five (5) years, or release once matter is finalised.
Council 10 September 2019	20 – Late Item - Mannum Waters – Legal Action Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years.
Council 8 October 2019	20.1.2 – Waste Collection / Disposal Service(s) for Pelican Point, Brenda Park & Scotts Creek – Legal Proceedings	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or release once matter is finalised.
Economic Development & Enterprises Committee 24 October 2019	9.1.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 12 November 2019	19.1.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 12 November 2019	19.1.2 – Mannum Waters – Legal Action Update	90(3)(h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 12 November 2019	19.2.2 - Evaporation Loss – Mannum Waters	90(3)(d), (h) & (i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 12 November 2019	19.3.1 – Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Probationary Performance Review	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until two (2) years after the cessation of employment.
Council 10 December 2019	19.2.1 - Request for Rebate – Closure of East Front Road	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until the sale of property, or five (5) years from date of report.
Economic Development & Enterprises Committee 26 May 2020	9.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.

<b>Council/ Committee</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Period of Confidentiality</b>
Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee 26 May 2020	7.1 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until two (2) years after the cessation of employment.
Council 9 June 2020	20.1.1 Confidential – Economic Development and Commercial Enterprises Committee Minutes – 26 May 2020	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 9 June 2020	20.3.1 Confidential – COVID-19 Individual Requests for Rate Rebate	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 9 June 2020	20.4.1 Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee Minutes – 26 May 2020	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until two (2) years after the cessation of employment.
Audit Committee 28 July 2020	9.1 Appointment of External Auditor	90(3)(k)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years.
Council 11 August 2020	20.1.1 – Commercial Lease Relief COVID- 19	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until COVID Direction implications expire.
Economic Development & Commercial Enterprises Committee 20 August 2020	9.1 – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 8 September 2020	20.1.1 – Economic Development and Commercial Enterprises Committee Minutes - 20 August 2020	90(3)(b)(i) & (ii)	Not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months.
Council 8 September 2020	20.2.2 – Mid Murray Support Services	90(3)(i)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 8 September 2020	20.2.3 – Confidential - Release of Confidential Investigation Report: Code of Conduct Investigation	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until consultation and agreement from the parties to release items is finalised, or following a period of two (2) years, whichever is sooner.

Council/ Committee	Subject	Grounds	Period of Confidentiality
Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee 30 October 2020	6.1 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review report	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Council 10 November 2020	20.2.1 – Agreement for Variation of Lease COVID-19	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until COVID Direction implications are expire.
Council 10 November 2020	20.3.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee Minutes - 30 October 2020	90(3)(a)	Not available for public inspection until two (2) years after the cessation of employment.
Council 19 January 2021	20.1.1 Appointment of Independent Audit Committee Members	90(3)(a)	Not available to the public until the required Annual Review of confidential items on the basis their release would involve unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of Independent Audit Committee Member applicants.
Council 9 March 2021	20.1.1 – Advice on Leasing Arrangement	90(3)(h)	Not available for public inspection for a period of five (5) years, or until the matter is finalised.
Council 8 June 2021	20.1.1 – Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes Disposal at Cambrai	90(3)(b)	Not available for public inspection until the matter is resolved.
Council 8 June 2021	20.2.1 – Walker Avenue, Mannum Development Plan Amendment (DPA) – Amendment to Infrastructure Agreement and Land Management Agreement	90(3)(d)	Not available for public inspection until the Infrastructure Deed is executed by all relevant parties.

The table below shows the number of confidential items dealt with by the Council Assessment Panel:

Regulation 13(2) Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General Regulations 2020/2021)	Number
Development Assessment	0

## COUNCIL REPORTING

### Internal Review Applications

During the 2020/2021 financial year there were no requests for internal review under s270 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Date Received	Matter	Decision	Closes
<i>Nil</i>	-	-	-

### Council By-Laws

Council has by-laws for:

- [By Law 1 Permits and Penalties](#)
- [By Law 2 Moveable Signs](#)
- [By Law 3 Roads](#)
- [By Law 4 Local Government Land](#)
- [By Law 5 Dogs](#)
- [By Law 6 Cats](#)
- [By Law 7 Camping and Mooring](#)

### Access to Council Documents

#### Documents Available for Inspection

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council offices free of charge. Members of the public may purchase copies of these documents in accordance with Council's fees and charges schedule.

- Council Meeting Agenda;
- Council Meeting Minutes;
- Section 41 Committee Agendas;
- Section 41 Committee Minutes;
- Policy Register;
- Strategic Plan;
- Budget Statement;
- Annual Report; By-laws;
- Annual Financial Statements;
- Development Plans;
- Development Applications by Consent;
- Development Application Register;
- Register of Council Members Allowances and Benefits;



- Register of Employees' Salaries;
- Register of Council Members' Interests;
- Assessment Book;
- Register of Fees and Charges;
- Delegations; and
- Confidential Items Register.

## **Freedom of Information Requests**

Requests for other information not included above will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. Under this legislation, an application fee must be forwarded with the completed request form as provided for in Section 13, unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

Should the applicant require copies of any documents inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, charges may apply.

Freedom of Information request forms should be addressed to:

The Freedom of Information  
Officer Mid Murray Council  
PO Box 28 MANNUM SA 5238

Forms are available at the Council office or via Council's [website](#). Applications will be responded to within the statutory 30 days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information request form, together with the application and fees.

## **Freedom of Information Statement**

The Freedom of Information Statement is published annually by the Mid Murray Council in accordance with the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. An information document is available as a separate document in accordance with requirements and the contents are also included in this Annual Report. The Council is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries. An updated Information Statement will be published at least every 12 months.

During the 2020/2021 financial year Mid Murray Council received six (6) applications for information under the Freedom of Information legislation.

The statutory application fee charged per application was \$37.50.

## **Amendment of Council Records**

A member of the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the *Local Government Act 1999*. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

To gain access to these Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information request form as indicated above outlining the records that they wish to inspect.

## COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs) identify the purpose and objectives for each parcel of land contained within Mid Murray Council's Community Land Register.

These plans reflect existing policies and strategies and operate under Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, grouping parcels of land that have similar purposes, objectives, management policies, and performance targets.

The CLMPs updated over the 2020/2021 period are:

- Mannum Institute
- Morgan River Front Reserve
- Morgan Ferry Reserve
- Morgan Institute
- Rockleigh Tennis Courts
- Rockleigh School

## APPLICATION OF COMPETITION PRINCIPLES

Mid Murray Council's obligations under the National Competition Policy fall within two (2) principal categories: the identification of "significant business activities"; and, the application of Competitive Neutrality Principles to these activities.

Council carries out no commercial business activities with an annual revenue in excess of \$2 million, or employing assets in excess of \$20 million.

Mid Murray Council's [\*Procurement Policy\*](#) guides the practices and procedures for the acquiring of goods and services. It provides clear direction for procurement within the organisation to ensure consistency and control over procurement activities and to encourage best practice.

It also ensures that all procurement activities are conducted in accordance with five (5) key principles, which have a focus on:

- Council delivers value for money services to the community;
- Compliance with statutory obligations;
- Open and fair/effective competition;
- Professional integrity and ethical conduct;
- Risk management;
- Accountability, transparency and probity;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Local industry sourcing and local employment and training;
- Social sustainability.

The [Procurement Policy](#) guides the competitive tendering processes to ensure the Council obtains value for money when approaching the marketplace.

Mid Murray Council will, to the extent permitted by law, favour engagement of local suppliers and the use of South Australian made goods and suppliers whose activities contribute to the economic development of the region and/or provide local employment opportunities.

## RATING POLICY

Individual property rates are calculated by multiplying the property's capital valuation (as determined by the Valuer General) by a rate in the dollar that will be sufficient to achieve the amount of income required.

The total amount of income required to deliver the broad range of services provided by Council and achieve the outcomes in Council's Strategic Plan, [Our Plan 2020-24](#), is derived from a number of sources.

Rates provide the primary source of income but other income sources include statutory fees, user charges, grants and subsidies.

When Mid Murray Council establishes the level of income required from rates it considers the:

- Council's Strategic Plan – [Our Plan 2020-24](#)
- Current economic climate
- Funding needs to deliver the agreed service levels
- Savings identified through a service review program, and
- Specific issues and the impact of rates on the community.

## INCOME

During the 2020-21 financial year Mid Murray Council received income from:

• Rates	\$15.693m
• Statutory Charge	\$.439m
• User Charges	\$1.372m
• Operating Grants and Contributions	\$5.603m
• Investments	\$.003m
• Reimbursements	\$.221m
• Other	\$.236m

## SUBSIDIARY - MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Constituent Councils of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association (the Association) are Berri Barmera Council, Coorong District Council, District Council of

Karoonda East Murray, District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Mid Murray Council, Renmark Paringa Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge and Southern Mallee District Council.

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999* until December 2001; with a formal Charter, agreed to by the Constituent Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December 2001.

Further statutory reviews of the Charter have taken place and the most recent Charter was gazetted on 5 March 2020.

The principal purpose of the Board is to:

- work with the Local Government Association of South Australia in achieving its aims and objectives;
- provide strong advocacy speaking with one (1) voice on what matters most to the communities of the Constituent Councils;
- work together to make the best use of available resources;
- build partnerships with those who can contribute to stronger and more sustainable communities;
- develop and implement a robust Annual Business Plan consistent with the intent of the Strategic Plan;
- to undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its Constituent Councils at a regional level;
- to facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level on behalf of our Constituent Councils;
- to develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government;
- to develop further cooperation between its Constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region;
- to develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region;
- to undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities;
- to facilitate and coordinate collaborative procurement activities for the collective benefit of the Constituent Councils [and other non-Constituent Councils];
- to maximize the benefits of collaborative procurement through developing and implementing procurement policies and procedures; and
- to improve financial sustainability of the Constituent Councils by improvement of operational efficiency in procurement and process management.

From 1st January 2016, each Constituent Council has provided one (1) Delegate to the Association, along with up to two (2) proxy Delegates should they be required.

The current list of Constituent Council Delegates are:

- Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Vice President and Deputy Mayor Ella Winnall (proxy).
- Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Paul Simmons and Deputy Mayor Jeff Arthur

(proxy) and Cr. Sharon Bland, (proxy).

- District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Caroline Phillips and Deputy Mayor Yvonne Smith (proxy).
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Deputy Mayor Trevor Norton(proxy).
- Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor Dave Burgess, President, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers (proxy from 20 November 2018 to 10 November 2020), and Deputy Mayor Simone Bailey (proxy from 10 November 2020)
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Brenton Lewis and Deputy Mayor Wayne Thorley (proxy).
- District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson and Deputy Mayor Peter Hunter (proxy).
- Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Andrew Grieger and Deputy Mayor Paul Ireland (proxy)

The more information can be found at <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/murraylands-and-riverland-lga>

The Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association Board Annual Report is attached at **Appendix 2**.

## LIST OF REGISTERS & CODES

The following table provides a list of registers, policies, codes and other documents that legislation requires Council to make available for inspect on without charge. The documents listed below are available at Council's Administration Centres and most are on the Council's [website](#).

When a hard copy is requested a fee may apply or the item may be downloaded free of charge from the [mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

Document	Section of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Mandatory for public view	Website	Customer Service	Hard Copy
Annual Business Plan, Budget & Audited Financial Statements	123	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Annual Report	131	✓	✓	✓	Upon request
<b>Codes, Procedures, Agendas and Minutes</b>					
Code of Conduct for Council Employees	110	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Code of Conduct for Council Members	63	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents	92	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request

Document	Section of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Mandatory for public view	Website	Customer Service	Hard Copy
Code of Practice Meeting Procedures	Reg 6	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Complaint handling procedure under Council Members Code of Conduct	S63	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Council and Committee Agendas and Minutes	84 & 91(4)	✓	✓	✓	Upon request
<b>Development Act</b>					
Building Inspection and Swimming Pool Policy	71A(1)	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
<b>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act</b>					
Building Inspection and Swimming Pool Policy	S156(5)	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
<b>Policies</b>					
<b>Policies Cont'd</b>					
Caretaker Policy <i>Local Government (Elections) Act 1999</i>	91A	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Complaints Policy			✓	Upon Request	Upon Request
Council Members Allowances & Benefits Policy	76(2), 76(9) & 77		✓	Upon Request	Upon Request
Disposal of Land & Assets Policy	49		✓	Upon request	Upon Request
Procurement Policy	49	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Internal Financial Control Policy	125		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Internal Review of Council Decisions	270		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Mobile Food Vendor Location Rules	225A		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Order Making Policy	259	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Prudential Management Policy	48(aa1)		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Public Consultation Policy	50		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Requests for Services Policy	270(a1)		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Naming of Roads and Public Places Policy	219		✓	Upon request	Upon request

Document	Section of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Mandatory for public view	Website	Customer Service	Hard Copy
<b>Registers</b>					
By-Laws	252	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Community Land	207	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Delegations	44		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Gifts and Benefits - Council Employees	Code of Conduct		✓	Upon request	Upon request
Gifts and Benefits - Elected Members	Code of Conduct	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
List of Fees and Charges	188 (6)	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Land Management Agreements	196	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
<b>Registers Cont'd</b>					
Members' Allowances and Benefits	79	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Members' Interests	65 + 68	✓	✓	Upon request	Upon request
Rate Assessment	172 & 174			Upon request	Upon request
<b>Other Legislation</b>					
Freedom of Information Act 1991 – Annual Statement	9			Upon request	Upon request



## Appendix 1 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Mid Murray Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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*Prosperity, Liveability & Sustainability*



General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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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 2021 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year,
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year,
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Ben Scales  
Chief Executive Officer

26 October 2021



David Burgess  
Mayor

26 October 2021

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>			
Rates	2a	15,693	15,307
Statutory Charges	2b	439	365
User Charges	2c	1,372	1,158
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2g	5,603	5,998
Investment Income	2d	3	2
Reimbursements	2e	221	396
Other income	2f	236	667
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>23,567</b>	<b>23,893</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee costs	3a	8,012	8,276
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	3b	8,664	10,303
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3c	7,139	6,946
Finance Costs	3d	239	510
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>24,054</b>	<b>26,035</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(487)</b>	<b>(2,142)</b>
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(127)	(413)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2g	2,830	2,128
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>2,216</b>	<b>(427)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
<b>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</b>			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I, PP&E	9a	—	(845)
Impairment (Expense) / Recoupments Offset to Asset Revaluation Reserve	9a	—	(389)
Income Received in Advance		—	(76)
<b>Total Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>(1,310)</b>
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>(1,310)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>2,216</b>	<b>(1,737)</b>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position  
as at 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	5a	1,320	757
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	2,810	3,347
Inventories	5c	405	353
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>4,535</b>	<b>4,457</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Financial Assets	6	55	40
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a(i)	186,840	187,643
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>186,895</b>	<b>187,683</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>191,430</b>	<b>192,140</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	3,323	3,844
Borrowings	8b	735	764
Provisions	8c	1,842	1,937
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,900</b>	<b>6,545</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	8b	8,878	10,996
Provisions	8c	752	915
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>9,630</b>	<b>11,911</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>15,530</b>	<b>18,456</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>175,900</b>	<b>173,684</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus		20,945	18,786
Asset revaluation reserves	9a	153,667	153,667
Other reserves	9b	1,288	1,231
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>175,900</b>	<b>173,684</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>175,900</b>	<b>173,684</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
<b>2021</b>					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		18,786	153,667	1,231	173,684
<b>Restated opening balance</b>		<b>18,786</b>	<b>153,667</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>173,684</b>
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,216	—	—	2,216
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>2,216</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,216</b>
Transfers between Reserves		(57)	—	57	—
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>20,945</b>	<b>153,667</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>175,900</b>
<b>2020</b>					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		19,427	154,901	1,093	175,421
<b>Restated opening balance</b>		<b>19,427</b>	<b>154,901</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>175,421</b>
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(427)	—	—	(427)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
- Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	7a	—	(845)	—	(845)
- IPP&E Impairment (Expense) / Recoupments Offset to ARR	7a	—	(389)	—	(389)
- Income Received in Advance		(76)	—	—	(76)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>(76)</b>	<b>(1,234)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1,310)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>(503)</b>	<b>(1,234)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1,737)</b>
Transfers between Reserves		(138)	—	138	—
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>18,786</b>	<b>153,667</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>173,684</b>

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates Receipts		15,665	15,130
Statutory Charges		439	366
User Charges		1,509	1,273
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		5,846	6,644
Investment Receipts		3	2
Reimbursements		243	435
Other Receipts		2,612	1,544
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to Employees		(8,143)	(8,406)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(11,537)	(12,151)
Finance Payments		(322)	(482)
<b>Net cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11b	<u>6,315</u>	<u>4,355</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		2,866	3,297
Sale of Replaced Assets		259	175
Sale of Surplus Assets		114	38
Repayments of Loans by Community Groups		–	15
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(3,024)	(2,620)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(3,812)	(4,457)
Loans Made to Community Groups		(15)	–
<b>Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities</b>		<u>(3,612)</u>	<u>(3,552)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		–	552
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		7	–
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(2,147)	(856)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>(2,140)</u>	<u>(304)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<u>563</u>	<u>499</u>
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period		757	258
<b>Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period</b>	11a	<u>1,320</u>	<u>757</u>
Additional Information:			
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; Investments</b>		<u>1,320</u>	<u>757</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Notes to and forming part of the Principal Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### (1) Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* dated 26 October 2021

##### 1.2 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of these Notes.

##### 1.3 Estimates and assumptions

COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant financial impact on Council operations with the Council working to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow into the 2021/22 financial year but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2021/22. Whilst the budget assumptions for 2021/22 assume that no further harsh restrictions are put in place by the government, a deliberately conservative approach has been taken with income estimates. However, Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### 1.4 Rounding

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

#### (2) The Local Government Reporting Entity

Mid Murray Council is incorporated under the South Australian Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum SA. These consolidated financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### (3) Income Recognition

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

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

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

#### Financial Assistance Grants

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2018/19	\$3,959,604	\$3,829,002	- \$305,199
2019/20	\$3,965,599	\$3,936,939	+ \$28,660
2020/21	\$4,036,294	\$3,980,106	+ \$56,188

#### Supplementary Local Roads Grants

2018/19	\$982,389	\$327,466	\$654,923
2019/20	\$Nil	\$327,466	\$327,466
2020/21	\$Nil	\$327,467	\$327,467

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

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

#### Construction Contracts

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

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

#### (4) Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition, except for trade receivables from a contract with a customer, which are measured at the transaction price. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

#### (5) Inventories

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

#### 5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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.

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.

#### 5.2 Other Real Estate Held for Resale

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

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

### (6) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

#### 6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

#### 6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life.

Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Buildings & Structures	\$15,000
Infrastructure	\$10,000
Major Plant & Equipment	\$15,000
Minor Plant	\$5,000
IT Equipment	\$3,000
Furniture & Fittings	\$5,000
Heritage Tourism Assets	\$10,000

#### 6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

#### 6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

#### *Infrastructure*

Bridges & Major Culverts	50 to 80 years
Landfill Cells	10 years
Effluent Drainage	5 to 100 years
Footpaths	10 to 87 years
Kerbs	67 to 70 years
Roads	18 to 75 years
Roads Earthworks	500 years
Stormwater Drainage	50 to 90 years
Street Furniture	5 to 30 years
Water Supply	5 to 100 years

#### *Plant & Equipment*

Major Plant & Equipment	5 to 25 years
Minor Plant	2 to 15 years
IT Equipment	2 to 15 years

Buildings & Structures	10 to 100 years
Furniture & Fittings	2 to 20 years
Heritage Tourism Assets	50 years
Marine Facilities	25 to 100 years

#### 6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

#### 6.6 Borrowing Costs

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

### (7) Payables

#### 7.1 Goods & Services

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

#### (8) Borrowings

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

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are 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 oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 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 various funds under the "choice of fund" legislation. The majority of employees are members of the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

#### (10) Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation

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

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

#### (11) Leases

##### Accounting policy applicable from 01 July 2019

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

##### 11.1 Council as a lessee

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### i) Right-of-Use-Assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Plant and equipment	2 to 15 years
Computers	2 to 5 years
Other	4 to 10 years

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies above - Impairment of non-financial assets.

#### ii) Lease Liabilities

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

#### iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

### (12) GST Implications

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

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

### (13) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

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

#### Amendments to AASB 101 and AASB 108 Definition of Material

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

#### Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASBs - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under IFRS

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

16, if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2021, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Councils.

#### Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10 and AASB 2017-5)

#### Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and associated standards.

#### (14) Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

#### (15) COVID-19 Impact

Council continues to monitor the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on our community, organisation, services and service delivery. Demand for some services has steadily returned since the re-opening of services, however some have yet to return to pre Covid-19 levels of demand. This will impact on Council revenue projections in the short term. Council also has a number of additional costs due to Covid-19. These include cleaning, personal protective equipment and ICT related costs. The Council has worked to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. Any further restrictions may impact on Council's revenue and expenditure. Council has also put in place a number of arrangements to provide relief by postponing the due date of ratepayers who are suffering hardship and foregoing some interest on overdue payments.

#### (16) Disclaimer

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



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(a) Rates</b>		
<b>General Rates</b>		
General Rates	14,315	13,819
Less: Mandatory Rebates	(180)	(174)
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs	(72)	(65)
<b>Total General Rates</b>	<b>14,063</b>	<b>13,580</b>
<b>Other Rates (Including Service Charges)</b>		
Natural Resource Management Levy	565	551
Water Supply	59	57
Community Wastewater Management Systems	680	754
TV Transmission	20	20
Waste Recycling	195	194
<b>Total Other Rates (Including Service Charges)</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>1,576</b>
<b>Other Charges</b>		
Penalties for Late Payment	110	128
Legal & Other Costs Recovered	1	23
<b>Total Other Charges</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Total Rates</b>	<b>15,693</b>	<b>15,307</b>
<b>(b) Statutory Charges</b>		
Building Fees	52	35
Town Planning Fees	190	168
Health & Septic Tank Inspection Fees	33	28
Animal Registration Fees & Fines	112	103
Other Licences, Fees & Fines	52	31
<b>Total Statutory Charges</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>(c) User Charges</b>		
Cemetery Fees	71	63
Admission Charges - Pools	2	2
Hall & Equipment Hire	16	18
Property Lease	25	24
Sundry	47	63
Caravan Park Revenue	264	252
Mannum Dock & Morgan Museum	283	190
Mannum Leisure Centre	73	43
Waste Management Fees	582	494
Other	9	9
<b>Total User Charges</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,158</b>

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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
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### (d) Investment Income

Interest on Investments		
- Local Government Finance Authority	3	1
- Banks & Other	–	1
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

### (e) Reimbursements

Private Works	17	50
Expense Payments	204	346
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>396</b>

### (f) Other income

Insurance & Other Recoupments	67	352
Rebates & Bonus Received	105	170
Sundry	–	1
Donations	35	40
Other	29	104
<b>Total Other income</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>667</b>

### (g) Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2,830	2,128
<b>Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>2,128</b>
Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	554	1,022
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	4,036	3,966
Roads to Recovery	995	995
Library and Communications	18	15
<b>Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>5,998</b>
<b>Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions</b>	<b>8,433</b>	<b>8,126</b>

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.

### (i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government	2,530	1,958
State Government	5,262	5,465
Other	641	703
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,433</b>	<b>8,126</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>(h) Conditions over Grants &amp; Contributions</b>		
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:		
<b>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</b>	307	982
<b>Less:</b>		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Roads Infrastructure	—	(386)
Federal Infrastructure Projects	(228)	(388)
State Infrastructure Projects	—	(80)
Heritage & Cultural Services	—	—
Healthy Communities	—	—
Other	(36)	(51)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(905)</b>
<b>Plus:</b>		
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
Federal Infrastructure Projects	—	228
State Infrastructure Projects	—	—
Other	—	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(675)</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>(a) Employee costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages		6,489	6,807
Employee Leave Expense		973	977
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	18	585	616
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	18	94	105
Workers' Compensation Insurance		204	144
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(333)	(373)
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>8,012</b>	<b>8,276</b>
Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		96	100
<b>(b) Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>			
<b>(i) Prescribed Expenses</b>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		18	11
Bad and Doubtful Debts		21	4
Elected Members' Expenses		259	291
<b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>306</b>
<b>(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses</b>			
Contractors		5,368	6,526
Parts, Accessories & Other Materials		1,267	1,478
Purchase major Plant & Equipment		1,266	1,098
Rubbish Collection Contractor		906	950
Sundry		797	714
Maintenance		794	863
Computer Hardware, Software & Support		703	906
Insurances		607	595
Natural Resources Levy (NRM)		559	553
Fuel & Oils		494	605
Energy		383	439
Other Government Levies		352	327
Professional Services		346	522
Water & Sewer		260	343
Donations & Contributions		239	237
Telephone		157	181
Waste Services		157	144
Vehicle Registration & TPI		120	125
Legal Expenses		87	76
Freight		12	18
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(6,508)	(6,703)
<b>Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>8,366</b>	<b>9,997</b>
<b>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>		<b>8,664</b>	<b>10,303</b>

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## Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
<b>(c) Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</b>			
<b>(i) Depreciation and Amortisation</b>			
Buildings & Other Structures		1,600	1,579
Infrastructure			
- Roads		3,122	3,166
- Bridges		97	89
- Stormwater Drainage		92	92
- Road Earthworks		97	97
- Footpaths		80	73
- Kerbing		82	81
- Water Licences & Supply		8	8
- Effluent Drainage		415	408
- Capping and Reinstatement		254	136
- Marine Facilities		132	111
Plant & Equipment		835	766
Furniture & Fittings		316	331
Heritage Tourism Assets		9	9
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,139</b>	<b>6,946</b>
<b>(ii) Impairment</b>			
Marine Facilities		—	389
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>389</b>
Less: Impairment Expense Offset to Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	—	(389)
<b>Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</b>		<b>7,139</b>	<b>6,946</b>
<b>(d) Finance Costs</b>			
Interest on Loans		295	438
Unwinding of Present Value Discounts		(56)	72
<b>Total Finance Costs</b>		<b>239</b>	<b>510</b>

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Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
<b>(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced</b>		
Proceeds from Disposal	259	175
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(469)	(427)
<b>Gain (Loss) on Disposal</b>	<b>(210)</b>	<b>(252)</b>
<b>(ii) Assets Surplus to Requirements</b>		
Proceeds from Disposal	114	38
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(31)	(199)
<b>Gain (Loss) on Disposal</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(161)</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets</b>	<b>(127)</b>	<b>(413)</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 5. Current Assets

\$ '000	2021	2020
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#### (a) Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets

Cash on Hand at Bank	142	7
Deposits at Call	1,178	750
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalent Assets</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>757</b>

#### (b) Trade & Other Receivables

Rates - General & Other	2,200	2,175
Council Rates Postponement Scheme	48	41
Accrued Revenues	6	9
Debtors - General	429	931
GST Recoupment	40	146
Prepayments	124	71
Loans to Community Organisations	20	20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>3,393</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(57)	(46)
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>3,347</b>

#### (c) Inventories

Stores & Materials	373	316
Trading Stock	32	37
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>353</b>

### Note 6. Non-Current Assets

\$ '000	2021	2020
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#### Financial Assets

##### Receivables

Loans to Community Organisations	55	40
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>

##### Total Receivables

<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>
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### Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

#### (a(i)) Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	Fair Value Level	as at 30/06/20				Asset movements during the reporting period							as at 30/06/21			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount	Asset Additions New / Upgrades	Asset Additions Renewals	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	WIP Transfers	Adjustments & Transfers	Revaluation Decrements to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount
Capital Work in Progress	2	—	3,510	—	3,510	—	—	—	—	(1,113)	(4)	—	—	2,393	—	2,393
Land	2	5,877	—	—	5,877	—	—	(31)	—	—	—	—	5,846	—	—	5,846
Land	3	17,795	—	—	17,795	40	—	—	—	(2)	—	—	17,795	39	—	17,834
Buildings & Other Structures	2	5,957	—	(4,052)	1,915	—	—	—	(147)	—	—	—	5,672	—	(3,904)	1,768
Buildings & Other Structures Infrastructure	3	56,037	—	(31,043)	24,994	572	125	(22)	(1,453)	516	(474)	—	55,947	739	(32,429)	24,257
- Roads	2	83,012	10,848	(48,512)	47,348	829	1,397	(217)	(3,122)	(751)	25	—	82,220	12,348	(49,059)	45,509
- Bridges	3	4,496	1,309	(2,369)	3,435	8	—	—	(97)	—	—	—	4,496	1,317	(2,466)	3,347
- Stormwater Drainage	2	8,101	—	(2,624)	5,477	32	—	—	(92)	(32)	—	—	8,101	—	(2,716)	5,385
- Effluent Drainage	3	19,863	37	(7,172)	12,728	1,442	—	—	(415)	704	(25)	—	19,863	2,150	(7,588)	14,433
- Capping and Reinstatement	3	2,079	—	(1,173)	906	—	—	—	(254)	—	—	—	2,079	—	(1,426)	653
- Road Earthworks	3	48,583	32	(164)	48,431	—	—	—	(97)	—	—	—	48,583	32	(292)	48,333
- Footpaths	3	2,126	810	(1,072)	1,864	484	130	—	(80)	36	259	—	2,126	1,718	(1,152)	2,692
- Kerbing	3	5,360	262	(3,140)	2,612	—	44	(8)	(82)	—	—	—	5,367	407	(3,207)	2,567
- Water Licences & Supply	3	345	—	(85)	250	—	29	—	(8)	(26)	—	—	345	—	(103)	242
- Marine Facilities	3	2,208	3,558	(1,352)	4,412	381	—	—	(132)	724	215	—	2,208	4,875	(1,484)	5,599
Plant & Equipment	3	—	11,348	(6,434)	4,912	15	1,351	(222)	(635)	—	—	—	—	11,421	(6,301)	5,120
Furniture & Fittings	3	—	4,322	(3,362)	960	—	—	—	(316)	—	—	—	—	4,322	(3,678)	644
Heritage Tourism Assets	3	—	451	(24)	417	9	56	—	(9)	(56)	—	—	—	481	(43)	418
<b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		<b>261,888</b>	<b>38,583</b>	<b>(110,828)</b>	<b>187,643</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>(7,139)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>260,458</b>	<b>42,230</b>	<b>(115,848)</b>	<b>188,640</b>
Comperatives		260,063	34,065	(104,756)	189,372	4,457	2,619	(1,015)	(6,946)	—	—	(845)	261,688	36,583	(110,628)	187,643

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

#### (b) Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

##### Valuation of Assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Refer to Note 7a for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets.

##### Information on Valuations

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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

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

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

##### Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels

In the course of revaluing (nil in 2020-21), the nature of the inputs applied was reviewed in detail for each asset and where necessary, the asset reassigned to the appropriate fair value hierarchy level. Such transfers take effect as at the date of the revaluation.

##### Other Information

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.D5 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent addition at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

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, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

#### Highest and best use

All of Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

#### Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

#### Land

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value / Market Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Marsh Pty Ltd T/as AssetVal

#### Land Improvements

- Basis of valuation: Recognised at Cost

#### Buildings & Other Structures

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value / Market Value
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Marsh Pty Ltd T/as AssetVal

Mid Murray Council have identified assets which are required to be valued under a market approach, in accordance with AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement. The assets were subsequently revalued by Marsh Pty Ltd as at 1 July 2019. The balance of the assets were valued at Depreciated Replacement Cost.

#### Infrastructure

##### Roads

- Basis of valuation: Replacement Cost. Additions at cost.
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2016.
- Valuer: Council valuation using unit rates

##### Effluent Drainage

- Basis of valuation: Written Down Replacement Cost. Additions at cost.
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2017.
- Valuer: Gayler Professional Engineering

##### Stormwater Drainage

- Basis of valuation: Written Down Replacement Cost. Additions at cost
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2019
- Valuer: Gayler Professional Engineering Pty Ltd

##### Bridges and Major Culverts

- Basis of valuation: Written Down Replacement Cost. Additions at cost.
- Date of valuation: 1 July 2017.
- Valuer: Tonkins Consultancy

#### Other

Council plans to undertake a full revaluation that will include condition based assessments and review of unit rates of its assets on a five-yearly rolling program according to the following schedule in consultation with its external asset management consultants.

Stormwater	2024/25
Land, Buildings & Assoc Structures	2024/25
Footpaths & Kerbing	2021/22
CWMS & Water Supply	2022/23
Bridges & Major Culverts	2022/23
Roads	2021/22

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## Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	2021 Current	2021 Non Current	2020 Current	2020 Non Current
<b>(a) Trade and Other Payables</b>				
Goods & Services	1,001	—	1,624	—
Payments Received in Advance				
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions - Operating	841	—	680	—
- Grants & Contributions - Capital	1,247	—	1,211	—
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	139	—	214	—
Accrued Expenses - Finance Costs	70	—	97	—
Accrued Expenses - Other	13	—	13	—
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	12	—	5	—
<b><u>TOTAL Trade and Other Payables</u></b>	<b><u>3,323</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>3,844</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>

## (b) Borrowings

Loans	735	8,878	764	10,996
<b><u>TOTAL Borrowings</u></b>	<b><u>735</u></b>	<b><u>8,878</u></b>	<b><u>764</u></b>	<b><u>10,996</u></b>

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

## (c) Provisions

Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)	1,831	133	1,914	106
Future Reinstatement / Restoration, etc	11	619	23	809
<b><u>TOTAL Provisions</u></b>	<b><u>1,842</u></b>	<b><u>752</u></b>	<b><u>1,937</u></b>	<b><u>915</u></b>

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### Note 9. Reserves

	as at 30/06/20				as at 30/06/21
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
<b>(a) Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>					
Land	6,597	—	—	—	6,597
Land - Other	11,566	—	—	—	11,566
Buildings & Other Structures	21,011	—	—	—	21,011
Infrastructure					
- Roads	54,423	—	—	—	54,423
- Bridges	429	—	—	—	429
- Stormwater Drainage	3,576	—	—	—	3,576
- Road Earthworks	48,593	—	—	—	48,593
- Effluent Drainage	6,895	—	—	—	6,895
- Capping and Reinstatement	577	—	—	—	577
<b>Total Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>	<b>153,667</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>153,667</b>
Comparatives	154,901	(845)	—	(389)	153,667

	as at 30/06/20				as at 30/06/21
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	Closing Balance
<b>(b) Other Reserves</b>					
Effluent Drainage Reserve	1,231	57	—	—	1,288
<b>Total Other Reserves</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,288</b>
Comparatives	1,093	138	—	—	1,231

### PURPOSES OF RESERVES

#### Asset Revaluation Reserves

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

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### Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

\$ '000	2021	2020
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.		
<b>Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>		
Open Space Contributions - Federal	403	—
Women of the River Exhibition Grant - Federal	—	34
Drought Funding - Federal	—	—
Open Space Contributions - State	—	42
Special Local Road Grant (Murraylands Road) - State	—	—
Other - State	—	—
Other - Non Government	208	3
Bushfire Recovery Grant	—	225
Federal	564	3
<b>Total Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
PW Mayflower	250	—
<b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>307</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2021	2020
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#### (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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5a	1,320	757
<b>Balances per Statement of Cash Flows</b>		<b>1,320</b>	<b>757</b>

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

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	2,216	(427)
<b>Non-Cash Items in Income Statements</b>		
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	7,139	6,946
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(2,830)	(2,128)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	127	413
	<b>6,652</b>	<b>4,804</b>
<b>Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets</b>		
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	526	(535)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables	(11)	(5)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(52)	(89)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	22	10
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables	(564)	16
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits	(56)	83
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions	(202)	71
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>4,355</b>

#### (c) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	50	50
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture Facility	27,000	27,000

The Cash advance facilities have the following expiry dates:

Debenture	Limit	Expiry Date
M83	\$5,000,000	16/03/2025
M84	\$5,000,000	15/06/2026
M85	\$12,000,000	16/04/2028
M86	\$5,000,000	15/06/2035

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#### Note 12(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).										
	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
\$ '000	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Functions/Activities</b>										
CEO	5	545	642	661	(637)	(116)	5	225	4,591	4,496
People & Culture	1	43	742	779	(741)	(736)	—	—	—	—
Corporate Services	3,327	3,363	601	597	2,726	2,766	3,299	3,271	201	176
Financial Services	68	48	1,130	1,266	(1,062)	(1,218)	—	—	—	—
Funding	14,744	14,287	676	684	14,068	13,603	—	—	—	—
Information Management	1	7	1,494	1,695	(1,493)	(1,688)	—	—	542	825
Libraries	19	16	205	172	(186)	(156)	18	15	—	—
Community Care	25	27	780	1,031	(755)	(1,004)	5	3	538	549
Community Transport	1	—	—	1	1	(1)	—	—	—	—
Cultural Services	54	46	206	197	(152)	(151)	—	6	1,521	1,581
Tourism and Development	418	894	766	1,596	(348)	(702)	126	693	901	940
Council Properties	484	376	2,174	1,998	(1,690)	(1,622)	126	37	22,264	23,323
Regulatory Services	128	115	345	341	(217)	(226)	—	—	—	—
Health Services	41	37	208	215	(167)	(178)	—	—	—	—
Environment Services	83	85	94	94	(11)	(9)	—	1	—	—
Development Services	246	233	1,138	1,169	(892)	(936)	—	—	—	—
Waste Management	788	706	2,437	2,609	(1,649)	(1,903)	—	—	2,293	2,568
Marine Facilities	13	—	213	162	(200)	(162)	—	—	6,036	6,000
Sport and Recreation	94	94	704	732	(610)	(638)	—	27	6,452	6,932
Open Space	35	52	869	897	(834)	(845)	27	29	16,251	15,588
Footpaths and Cycle Tracks	225	—	122	109	103	(109)	225	—	2,692	1,899
Stormwater	—	—	157	132	(157)	(132)	—	—	5,605	5,665
Cemeteries	71	63	95	112	(24)	(49)	—	—	473	475
Roads	1	95	6,218	6,245	(6,217)	(6,150)	—	—	100,896	102,214
Infrastructure Services	1,812	1,747	820	1,310	992	437	1,772	1,691	25	—
Works Overheads	34	50	20	48	14	2	—	—	8	—
Plant and Machinery	84	123	134	129	(50)	(6)	—	—	5,110	4,909
Water Supply	59	57	11	14	48	43	—	—	351	359
Community Wastewater Management Schemes	706	784	1,053	1,040	(347)	(256)	—	—	14,680	13,640
<b>Total Functions/Activities</b>	<b>23,567</b>	<b>23,893</b>	<b>24,054</b>	<b>26,035</b>	<b>(487)</b>	<b>(2,142)</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>5,998</b>	<b>191,430</b>	<b>192,139</b>

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.



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### Note 12(b). Components of Functions

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The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**CEO**

Chief Executive's office.

**PEOPLE & CULTURE**

Elected Members, Governance, Business Improvement and Human Resources.

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

Corporate Services and Risk Management.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Financial Services, Audit Function, Revenue Collection, Procurement, Loans and Investments.

**FUNDING**

Rates General, Rates Other and Grants Commission.

**INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Customer Service, Information Technology and Records Management.

**LIBRARIES**

All Libraries including Mannum and Morgan.

**COMMUNITY CARE**

Community Services including Morgan Activity Centre and Hub, Blanchetown Community Centre, Aged/Disabled/Disadvantaged Homes, Family Connections, Suicide Prevention Network and Health Centres.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Community Transport and Community Passenger Network.

**CULTURAL SERVICES**

Cultural Services including Port of Morgan Heritage Centre.

**TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT**

Tourism, Economic Development and Mannum Dock.

**COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

Including Admin Buildings, Public Conveniences, Mannum Caravan Park, Television Services, Licenses and Leases.

**REGULATORY SERVICES**

Includes Dog and Cat Control, Parking, Camping Sites and Other General Inspection, Fire Prevention/Protection and Illegal Developments.

**HEALTH SERVICES**

Environmental Health Services and Health Prevention Services.

**ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Natural Resources Management and Environmental General Services.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Includes Development General Services, Building Assessments and Planning Assessments.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Collections, Disposal Facility Cambrai, Transfer Stations, Recycling and Organics Waste Management and General Waste Management Services.

**MARINE FACILITIES**

Mannum and Morgan Wharf Precincts and Other Marine Facilities.

**SPORT AND RECREATION**

Mannum Leisure Centre, Mannum and Cambrai Swimming Pools.

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Note 12(b). Components of Functions (continued)

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**OPEN SPACE**

Includes Mary Ann, Morgan Riverfront, Pioneer Park, Graeme Claxton and other open spaces.

**FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS**

Footpaths and Cycle Tracks.

**STORMWATER**

Stormwater services.

**CEMETERIES**

Cemeteries services.

**ROADS**

Sealed and Unsealed Roads, Road Reserves, Bridges, Kerbs and Gutters, Street Lighting and Traffic Control.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

Infrastructure, Asset Management & GIS Services and Emergency Responses.

**WORKS OVERHEADS**

Works Depot and Private Works services.

**PLANT AND MACHINERY**

Plant and Machinery Services for Capital and Operations.

**WATER SUPPLY**

Water Supply service for Bowhill.

**COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

Provision of Community Wastewater Management Schemes for various private-owned shacks and townships.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments

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**Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost; interest is recognised when earned.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Deposits at call are returning interest rates between 0.0% and 0.45% (2020: 0.1% and 0.5%). All Council deposits are held in at call accounts.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.2% (2020: 6.35%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Fees & Other Charges**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Other Levels of Government**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value.

**Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

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**Terms & Conditions:**

Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**

**Accounting Policy:**

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

**Terms & Conditions:**

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings**

**Accounting Policy:**

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 1.3% and % (2020: 2.2% and 6.7%). 5.9

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Leases**

**Accounting Policy:**

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 16 as stated in Note 17.

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## Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
<b>2021</b>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,318	—	—	1,318	1,320
Receivables	2,811	34	22	2,867	2,865
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>4,185</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,096	—	—	1,096	1,096
Current Borrowings	901	—	—	901	735
Non-Current Borrowings	123	4,139	5,479	9,741	8,878
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>10,709</b>
<b>2020</b>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	757	—	—	757	757
Receivables	3,673	420	783	4,876	3,387
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>5,633</b>	<b>4,144</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	3,474	4,850	—	8,324	1,739
Current Borrowings	901	—	—	901	764
Non-Current Borrowings	175	7,705	4,425	12,305	10,996
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>21,530</b>	<b>13,499</b>

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

\$ '000	2021		2020	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Other Variable Rates	1.68%	7,339	2.61%	8,723
Fixed Interest Rates	4.15%	2,274	4.36%	3,037
		<b>9,613</b>		<b>11,760</b>

### 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.

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### Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

#### Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

### Note 14. Capital Expenditure and Investment Property Commitments

\$ '000	2021	2020
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#### Other Expenditure Commitments

Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Audit Services	67	19
Waste Management services	3,945	4,895
Maintenance Contracts on Investment Properties	991	1,557
Banking Services	11	33
Administration Services	217	81
	<b>5,231</b>	<b>6,585</b>

#### These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	1,788	1,735
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	3,443	4,850
	<b>5,231</b>	<b>6,585</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

## Note 15. Financial Indicators

\$ '000	Indicator 2021	Indicators 2020	Indicators 2019
Financial Indicators overview			
<i>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.</i>			
<b>1. Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
Operating Surplus			
Total Operating Income	<b>(2.1)%</b>	(9.0)%	(6.7)%
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i>			
<b>2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
Total Operating Income	<b>48%</b>	60%	61%
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i>			
<b>Adjustments to Ratios</b>			
<i>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.</i>			
<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
Operating Surplus			
Total Operating Income	<b>(2.3)%</b>	(9.7)%	(10.3)%
<b>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
Total Operating Income	<b>48%</b>	56%	63%
<b>3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio</b>			
Net Asset Renewals			
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure	<b>120%</b>	103%	82%
<i>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.</i>			

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 16. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$ '000	2021	2020
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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.

Income	23,567	23,893
less Expenses	(24,054)	(26,035)
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(487)</b>	<b>(2,142)</b>

#### Net Outlays on Existing Assets

Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	(3,024)	(2,620)
add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,139	6,946
add back Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	259	175
	<b>4,374</b>	<b>4,501</b>

#### Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets

Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including Investment Property & Real Estate Developments)	(3,812)	(4,457)
add back Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	2,866	3,297
add back Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property, real estate developments & non-current assets held for resale)	114	38
	<b>(832)</b>	<b>(1,122)</b>

#### Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year

	<b>3,055</b>	<b>1,237</b>
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### Note 17. Leases

#### Council as a lessor

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as Property Lease and Caravan Park Revenue.

#### (i) 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.

\$ '000	2021	2020
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#### Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June, are as follows:

Not later than one year	145	12
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	303	15
Later than 5 years	685	—
	<b>1,133</b>	<b>27</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 18. Superannuation

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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 2020/21; 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 2019/20) of "superannuation" salary.

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

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

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2020. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

#### Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

### Note 19. Interests in Other Entities

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Council has no interest in any Equity Accounted Businesses such as Joint Ventures, Associates & Joint Operations.

### Note 20. Non-Current Assets Held for Sale & Discontinued Operations

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#### Details of Assets & Disposal Groups

Council does not have any Non-Current Assets held for sale or any Discontinued Operations.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 21. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet

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The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but knowledge is considered relevant to the users of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

#### 1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported in the Financial 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 the 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 **3536** km of road reserves of average width **20** metres.

#### 2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

#### 3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of 3 appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

### Note 22. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

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Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2021, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Note 23. Related Party Transactions

#### Key Management Personnel

##### Transactions with 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, 17 persons were paid the following total compensation.

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:</b>		
Short-Term Employee Benefits	1,000	961
Post-Employment Benefits	54	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,028</b>

Amounts paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above.

##### Receipts from Key Management Personnel comprise:

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

Planning and Building Application Fees	1	—
Purchases on Normal Trading Terms	5	—
Reserve Hire	—	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

##### Key Management Personnel and/or close family members where committee members of the following Not for Profit organisations that during the year received Community Grants :

Sedan Progress association \$2,000

One close family member of Key Management Personnel was employed by the Council in accordance with the terms of the appropriate Award, and recorded in the public Register of Salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Key Management Personnel and/or close family members are committee members of the following Not for Profit organisations that had interest free or subsidized interest rate Community Loans during the financial year :

- Swan Reach Golf Club made repayments of \$2,000. Loan balance 30 June 2021 \$44,000
- Mannum Golf Club made repayments of \$10,000. Loan balance 30 June 2021 \$15,000
- Mannum Netball Club made repayments of \$1,250 loan balance as at 30 June 2021 \$Nil

Key Management Personnel and/or close family members are committee members of the following Not for Profit organisations that were paid the following amounts during the financial year :

- Nildottie Progress & Soldiers memorial Hall Association (Toilet Cleaning) \$2,600
- Mid Murray Landcare (Community Grants & Consultancy) \$8,500
- Cadell Community & Tourism Association (Annual Contribution) \$16,588
- Destination Riverland Inc. (Annual Contribution & Advertising) \$35,776
- Palmer Collier Park (Sponsorship) \$2,100
- Mannum Progress Association (New Years Donation) \$2,000

One close family member of a Key Management Personnel is a member of the management committee of the Mannum Netball Club that hired the Mannum Leisure Centre, total amount paid during the financial year \$329

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Note 23. Related Party Transactions (continued)

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Payments between Council and Key Management Personnel and/or close family members during the financial year :-  
-Management/Consultancy Fees \$91,773



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MID MURRAY COUNCIL**

### **Opinion**

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

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Mid Murray Council as of 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Act 1999 and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

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

#### **BENTLEYS SA AUDIT PARTNERSHIP**



DAVID FRANCIS  
PARTNER

Dated at Adelaide this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021



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## **INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS OF MID MURRAY COUNCIL**

### **Opinion**

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

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

### **Limitation on Use**

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

### **Limitations of Controls**

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

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

### **Independence**

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



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### **The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls**

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

### **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagement on Controls, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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

### **BENTLEYS SA AUDIT PARTNERSHIP**



DAVID FRANCIS  
PARTNER

Dated at Adelaide this 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**General Purpose Financial Statements**  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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**Certification of Auditor Independence**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Mid Murray Council for the year ended 30 June 2021, the Council's Auditor, Bentleys has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



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Ben Scales  
Chief Executive Officer



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David Whitbread  
Presiding Member, Audit Committee

Date: 26 October 2021



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**Certification of Auditor Independence**

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Mid Murray Council for the year ended 30 June 2021, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards), Part 4A published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

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

**Bentleys SA Audit Partnership**

David Francis  
Partner

**Dated at Adelaide this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021**



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## Appendix 2 - MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT



# Annual Report

2020/21

A regional subsidiary established under the  
Local Government Act 1999

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## Constituent Councils



MRLGA is a Section 43 regional subsidiary established under the *Local Government Act 1999*.



# About the Region

## Key Statistics

**Regional Area:** 36,000km<sup>2</sup>  
**Median Age:** 45 yrs  
**Largest Industry:** Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing Jobs: 6,344 (NIEIR 2019)

NIEIR – National Institute of Industry and Economic Research



## 2020-2025 MRLGA Strategic Plan *in brief*

### VALUES

Integrity

Leadership

Collaboration

Credibility

Unity

### VISION

Attractive, Liveable Region  
 – Prosperous Communities.

### MISSION

To be a unified local government sector working in the best interest of the region and our communities.

### LINKS WITH OUR CHARTER

Speaking with one voice  
 Building partnerships  
 Working with the LGA  
 Planning for and with the region  
 Coordinating resources and representation  
 Enhancing efficiencies

### Connected Region

1. Improve transport movement, efficiency and safety (L & P)
2. Attract funding for 'fit for purpose' transport infrastructure (P)
3. Support big data analytics that increase efficiencies (S)
4. Improve internet, mobile coverage (S)
5. Increase uptake of digital collaboration platforms and information sharing across councils (L)

### Resilient Communities

1. Improve social connectedness, especially across priority groups (P)
2. Further improve service delivery (S)
3. Support 'Ageing well' practices/planning (P)
4. Apply evidence-based research to improve housing options (S)
5. Improve access to skills development programs (P)

### Healthy Environment

1. Plan for changing water security and stewardship (S)
2. Create sustainable region waste management (L)
3. Improve climate change adaptation (P)
4. Sustainable management of natural environments & systems (S)

### Economic Opportunity

1. Initiate place-based economic development (RDA lead) (P)
2. Attract investment for enabling infrastructure (P)
3. Coordinate effort to improve MRLGA councils' shared services (initially concentrating on 1 or 2 areas) (L)
4. Attract and develop skills to grow the region (S)

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

# President's Report



**Mayor  
Peter Hunt**

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

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

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

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

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

The committees and working groups are a coming together of the eight constituent councils; a coalescing of the right expertise and skills to engage or work on the issues, opportunities and challenges that local government face in the region. Indeed,

I was privileged to see the Information Technology staff from across councils come together and guide the Association through a process that contributed to establishing a cloud-based framework for secure file storage and sharing. While I confess to finding it difficult to understand what they were proposing (and am still none the wiser), I found it interesting that some of the staff had never had cause to interact with each other before.

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

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

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



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and Productivity Program.

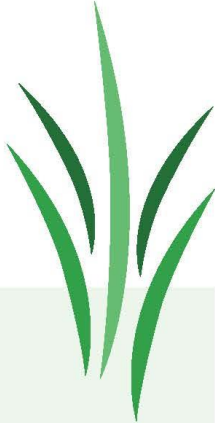
From an asset management perspective there is merit in the constituent councils working together to develop hierarchies and fit for purpose standards. To this end, the region has benefited from the continued progress of the Regional Road Hierarchy Plan which uses an adapted Austroads system of classification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

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

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

I note also that the Association continues

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



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

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

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

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

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## Key Outcomes

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**\$2.58mil**

attracted via the Special Local Roads Program and Supplementary Local Roads Program for improved freight and tourism connectivity within the region and surrounds

Individual constituent councils pursued the work completed under the High-Risk Intersection Project and submitted funding application for safety upgrades to a number of the intersections.

Regional Road Hierarchy Plan developed and regional road classifications endorsed.



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



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

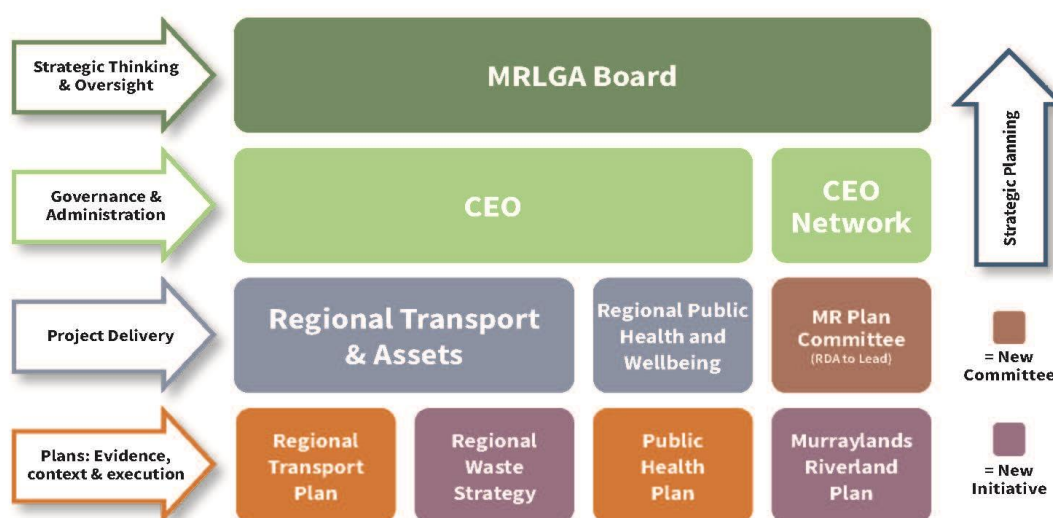


A connected council working group was formed, via nominations from the CEO Network, and guided MRLGA's transition to a cloud-based operating system.



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

# MRLGA Structure



## MRLGA Board and Committees

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

\* Replaced Cr Andrew Grieger as of November 2020

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

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

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## MRLGA Committees

<b>CEO Network</b>	
<i>Current June 2021</i>	
<i>Mayor Peter Hunt (ex officio)</i>	
Karyn Burton	Berri Barmera Council
Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council
Martin Borgas*	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
Tim Smythe	MRLGA

\* Matthew Morgan - DCKEM representative until September 2020

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

\* David Mosel – CDC representative until November 2020

\*\* Jarrod Manuel – DCKEM representative until February 2021

\*\*\* Tim Tol – RPC representative until June 2021

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



## MRLGA Committees

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

\* Jarrod Manuel – DCKEM representative until February 2021

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

\* Matt Morgan – DCKEM representative until September 2020

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

# MRLGA Activities

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## MRLGA Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CEO Network

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

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

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

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

## MRLGA Activities *continued*

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### **Regional Transport and Assets (RTA) Committee**

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

Meetings of the RTA Committee were held on:

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

Key activities of the committee included:

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

### **Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Committee**

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

Meetings of the Committee were held on:

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

Key activities of the committee included:

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



## MRLGA Activities *continued*

### Regional Organisation Executive Officers

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

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

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

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

#### Functions of the Management Group include:

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

### SA Regional Organisation of Councils

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

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

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

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

### Government Engagement and Advocacy

The following engagement has occurred with Government

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Murraylands and Riverland Government Association ("the Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by the Executive Officer and the Chairperson.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, *Local Government Act 1999* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

#### Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

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

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

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

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

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

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## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS

### To the members of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association

#### Opinion

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

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

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagement ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Association has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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

#### The Association's responsibility for internal controls

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

#### Our independence and quality control

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

**Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Association's compliance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls established by the Association to ensure that financial transactions relating to receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Association has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

**Limitations of controls**

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

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

**Limitation of use**

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

**GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS**

**Tim Muhlhausler** CA, Registered Company Auditor  
Partner



**Murraylands and Riverland  
Local Government Association**

## **Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 June 2021**

## **Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

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**Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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

*The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements*

**Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	1,030,339	945,263
Trade and Other Receivables	5	9,154	20,585
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>1,039,493</u>	<u>965,848</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>1,039,493</u>	<u>965,848</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	6	68,550	3,567
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>68,550</u>	<u>3,567</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>68,550</u>	<u>3,567</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>970,943</u>	<u>962,281</u>
<b>Member's Funds</b>			
Accumulated Surplus	7	970,943	962,281
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<u>970,943</u>	<u>962,281</u>

*The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements*

**Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S FUNDS  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

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

*The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements*

**Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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

*The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements*

**Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association**

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

**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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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### New Accounting Standards Implemented:

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

#### (h) Trade and other payables

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

#### (i) Trade and other receivables

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

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

#### (j) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

##### Key estimates

##### *(i) Impairment - general*

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

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Note 2: Revenue

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

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Note 3: Other Operating Expenses

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Allowances	3,155	3,032
Accounting software	4,079	50
Audit fees	3,100	3,100
Executive officer contract services	119,296	118,500
Insurance	7,701	5,922
Meeting expenses	1,122	1,780
Sundry expenses & fees	946	382
Strategic Planning	-	12,210
Administration Support	11,473	20,240
Legal Charter Review	-	1,741
CEO Succession Planning / Recruitment	-	-
MDB Social Planning Forum	-	-
<b>Project Expenditure:</b>		
Transport of Roads Projects	20,660	66,222
Community Wellbeing Initiative	13,805	55,812
Connected Councils	5,950	
SLRP Priority Setting	425	
Regional Capacity - Rubble Royalty Project	-	6,000
Regional Joint Planning Board	-	12,005
Regional Road Hierarchy Plan	6,421	
Regional Waste Strategy	94,797	-
Riverland Social Indicators	-	131,648
	<u>292,930</u>	<u>438,644</u>

Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	145,832	67,311
LGFA Investment	884,407	877,852
	<u>1,030,339</u>	<u>945,263</u>

Note 5: Trade and other receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Trade Debtors	1,298	3,396
GST receivable / (payable)	7,856	17,189
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>9,154</u>	<u>20,585</u>

Note 6: Trade and other Payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Payables	28,550	3,567
Revenue in Advance - Regional Public Health Plan	40,000	-
	<u>68,550</u>	<u>3,567</u>

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Note 7: Accumulated Surplus

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	962,281	900,343
Surplus for the year	8,662	61,938
<b>Balance at year end</b>	<b>970,943</b>	<b>962,281</b>

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

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

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



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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	2021		2020	
		Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other Payables	6 (i)	28,550	28,550	3,567	3,567
<b>Total Financial liabilities</b>		<b>28,550</b>	<b>28,550</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>3,567</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,030,339	1,030,339	945,263	902,360
Trade and other Receivables	5	9,154	9,154	20,585	20,585
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>1,030,339</b>	<b>1,030,339</b>	<b>945,263</b>	<b>902,360</b>

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.

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

#### Note 10: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

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

#### Note 11: Capital Commitments

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

#### Note 12: Events after the end of the reporting period

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

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#### **Note 13: Economic Dependence**

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

#### **Note 14: Related Party Transactions**

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

	2021
	\$
Chief Executive Officer Contract Services	119,296

Key management personnel include the CEO and President.

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

#### **Note 15: Capital Management**

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

#### **Note 16: Association details**

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

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

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

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

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



Name: PETER HUNT  
Position: President  
Date: 13/08/21



Name: TIM SMYTHE  
Position: Chief Executive  
Date: 13/08/21