



Port Augusta

CITY COUNCIL

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022



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Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Report each year, in line with the provisions of Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999* including the information detailed in Schedule 4. Section 9 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* also requires Council to publish an Information Statement at intervals of not more than 12 months. The preparation and adoption of the 2021/2022 Annual Report ensures compliance with these legislative provisions. A hard copy of the Annual Report is available, free of charge, from the Council Office, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta, or alternatively can be viewed on Council's Website www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au

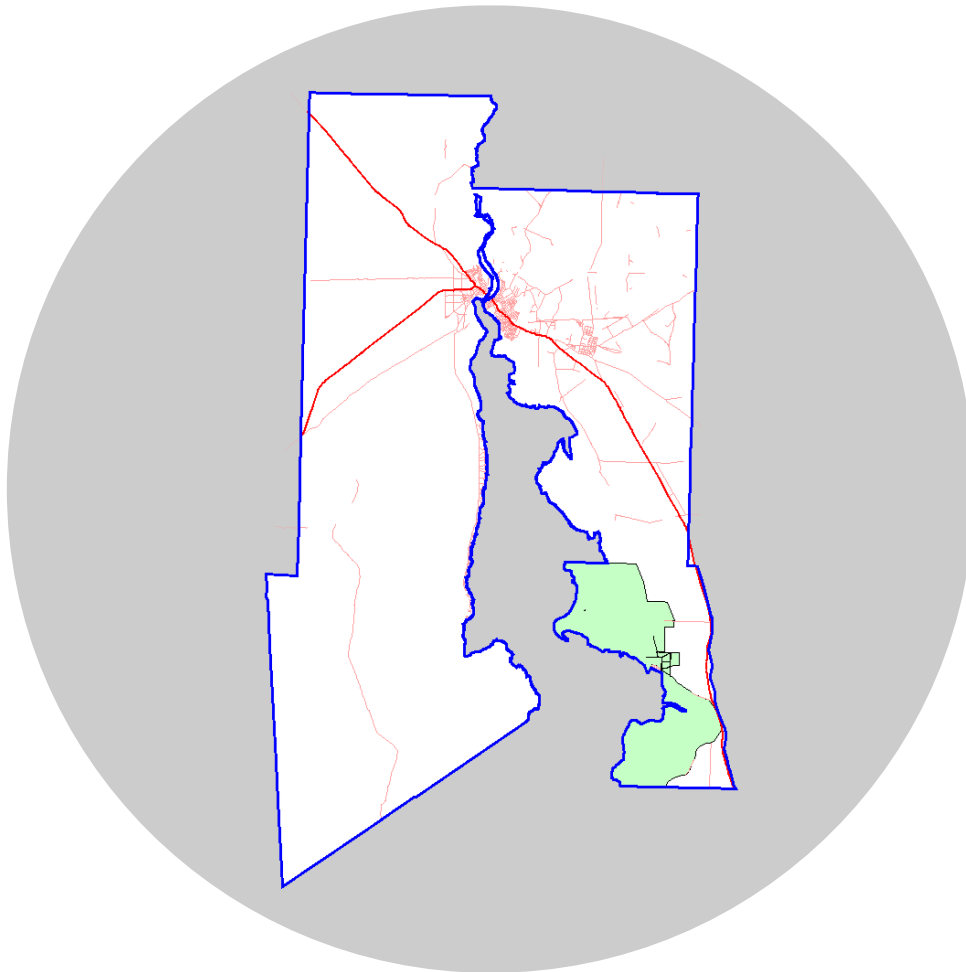
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SECTION ONE:

Introduction





Our Aspiration

Port Augusta is a growing service centre for the Outback regions of South Australia and a Place of Destination in its own right, supporting a proud and vibrant community. We are a City with a long history as a Regional Hub that is able to reinvent itself.

Our City

Port Augusta is the most uniquely located City in South Australia, sitting at and nestled around the top of Spencer Gulf, the heart of South Australia. This is a seaside City, yet it maintains its strong connections with the iconic Australian Outback. The stunning backdrop of the Flinders Ranges is a constant reminder of this link to the Australian bush.

The Port Augusta City Council area is 1,153.1km² and extends to the foothills of the Flinders Ranges in the east and to the Whyalla Council and Lincoln Gap in the west.

Our Values

The following outlines the qualities that underpin the way we treat each other, the natural and built environment and all of the resources and materials we use in our daily lives.



Respect and Social Cohesion

Respect is fundamental to building a strong, socially cohesive community. It is based on a fundamental belief in the worth and value of all living things. It informs the way we treat people and nature. It also includes the way we protect our built heritage.

We demonstrate respect when we include people in our conversations about what matters to us and listen with open hearts and minds to what they tell us. We value cultural diversity and encourage the expression of these different perspectives.

We nurture respect when we find ways to work together on particular actions that address our shared concerns.

Respect deepens when we take the time to learn more about each other through sharing our culture, our celebrations and our achievements.



Optimism and Confidence

We will face the future with a positive attitude drawing on our collective strengths and our shared history of struggle and triumph.

We are resilient people and Port Augusta is a resilient place. We know that we have succeeded at anything we have believed in.



Courage

We are not afraid to face the hard issues and work through them together. We are prepared to take calculated risks to move towards a better future. Those who speak up are not silenced. They are invited to contribute to the solutions.



Leadership

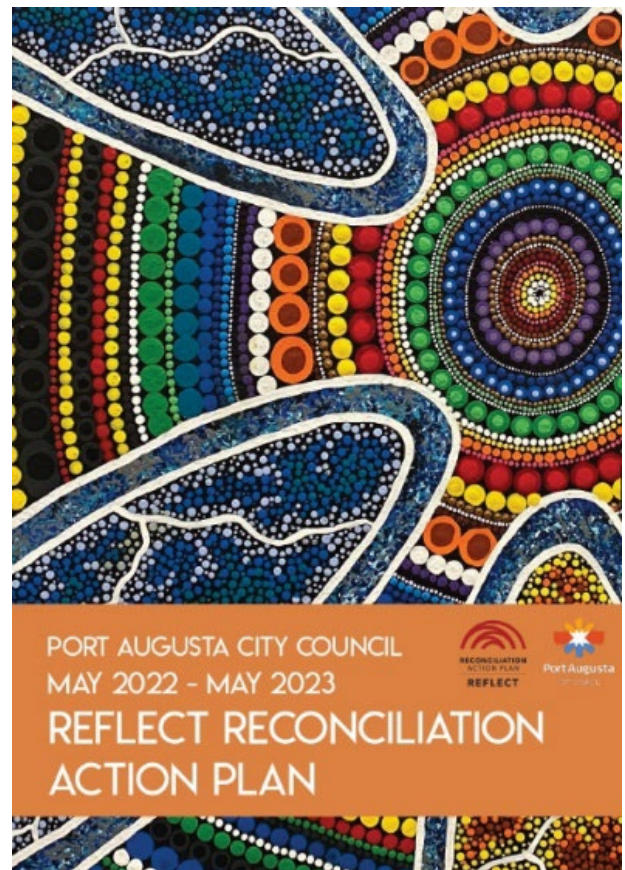
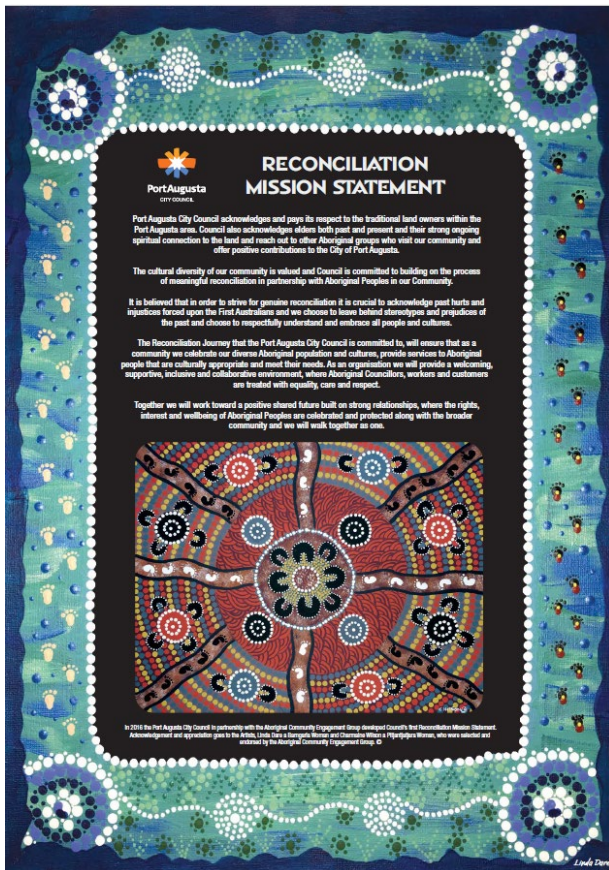
We commit ourselves to nurturing leadership in our children and young people, valuing their contributions as citizens of our City.

We develop opportunities for people to provide leadership within their communities, workplaces and places of learning.

We actively support those who accept leadership roles in the community, whether these are political, religious, recreational, business or civic.

Leaders have a passion and determination to succeed which means they are always prepared to try, to learn from their mistakes and try again. They are motivated by a desire to create a better world rather than the need to satisfy their own egos. We therefore value our leaders and recognise their contribution publicly.

Reconciliation Mission Statement and Reconciliation Action Plan



Port Augusta City Council launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of National Reconciliation Week on 2 June 2022, in Gladstone Square.

The RAP will pave the way for Council's Reconciliation journey and provide a framework to guide towards creating an inclusive and respectful environment in which the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are acknowledged, shared and celebrated. The objective of the document is to help to develop a community that accepts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We aim to develop strong relationships built on trust and respect, and that are free of racism.

The Plan has been developed with input from internal Staff and Management, the Aboriginal Community Working Group and the broader community. Information was collected through surveys, formal meetings, correspondence, formal and informal conversations and written feedback from internal Staff and external community members.

The RAP consolidates Council's longstanding commitment to driving positive change towards Reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the community. We are committed to working towards true and meaningful Reconciliation and will continue to build on the development of our RAP and embrace it as a "living document" that will be reviewed, changed and adapted over time.

SECTION TWO:

The Council



2.1 Elected Members

The Port Augusta City Council comprises a Mayor and nine Councillors. The Mayor is elected by the community, keeping with the fundamental principle of democracy and provides the community with an opportunity to express faith in a candidate on a four yearly basis. Elected Members are elected at large and represent the whole of the community and this structure ensures a community wide focus when debating and voting on issues within the Chamber.



Mayor Brett Benbow

Mayor: 2018 - current
Deputy Mayor: 2014 – 2018
Councillor: 2010 – 2018



Deputy Mayor Phillip Brown

Deputy Mayor: 2018 – 2020, 2021 – current
Councillor: 2010 – 2018, 2020 – 2021



Cr Matt Leonard

Councillor: 2018 – current



Cr Fran Paynter

Councillor: 2003 – current



Cr Louise Foote

Councillor: 2018 – current



Cr Maralyn Marsh

Councillor: 2018 – current



Cr Linley Shine

Councillor: 2018 – 2020, 2021 - current
Deputy Mayor: 2020 – 2021



Cr Ann Johnston

Councillor: 2014 – current



Cr John Naisbitt

Councillor: 1981-1983,
2018 – current



Cr Sunny Singh

Councillor: 2018 – current

2.2 Council and Committee Structure

Council adopted the following decision making structure following the November 2018 Council Election.

2.2.1 Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee

The Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee is established pursuant to Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, and fulfils the requirement of Section 101A of the *Development Act 1993*. As the *Development Act 1993* has now been repealed and replaced with the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, there is no longer a need for this committee, which will be formally reviewed following the 2022 Local Government Elections. The Committee did not meet in 2021/2022.

2.2.2 Council Meetings

Council meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.00pm (excluding January, where it was held on the third Tuesday). Agendas for Council Meetings are available on Council's Website on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday Meeting. The agenda and minutes are placed on Council's Website and are emailed to a public listing, for those who have registered an interest. Minutes are made available within 5 days following the meeting.

In accordance with amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999, Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents* and the *Code of Practice Meeting Procedures*, made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Councillors and the public were allowed to attend meetings electronically until 14 June 2022. Thereafter, all Councillors were required to attend meetings in person while Community members were able to view meetings electronically or in person.

2.2.3 Information Briefing Sessions

Information Briefing sessions are held as required and provide an opportunity to enhance the Council decision-making processes, by providing opportunities for Council to become better informed on issues and seek clarification. Notice of Briefing Sessions are published on Council's website, including the matters to be discussed and whether it is open to the public, or confidential. In 2021/2022 Council held 21 Briefing Sessions.

2.3 Council Meeting Attendance Records

The following table provides a record of attendance by Elected Members at the Council and Special Council meetings held during 2021/2022:

Elected Member	Council Meeting	Special Council Meeting	Total % Attendance
Total number of Meetings	12	12	
Mayor Benbow	12	12	100%
Deputy Mayor Brown	12	9	88%
Cr Shine	11	10	88%
Cr Foote	9	10	79%
Cr Johnston	8	7	63%
Cr Leonard	12	11	96%
Cr Marsh	11	11	92%
Cr Naisbitt	11	11	92%
Cr Paynter	11	11	92%
Cr Singh	9	11	83%

2.4 Council Committees

2.4.1 Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee is established pursuant to Sections 41 and 126 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. The Committee is responsible to report and provide advice to Council on its financial reporting and sustainability, internal controls and risk management systems, and internal and external auditing processes. Independent Members of the Committee are paid a Sitting Fee of \$400 for meetings they attend, and the Independent Chair is paid a Sitting Fee of \$1,200 per meeting. The Audit and Risk Committee met on 17 August 2021, 19 October 2021, 15 February 2022 and 17 May 2022.

2.4.2 Regional Assessment Panel (RAP)

The RAP was established by the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 84(1)(c) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* to replace the Council Assessment Panel to assist in facilitating the assessment of development applications made to the Councils. The RAP constitutes the areas of the following councils: City of Whyalla, Port Augusta City Council and Port Pirie Regional Council. The RAP meets on an as needs basis on the 1st Tuesday of the month commencing at 4:00pm. The RAP met on 5 July 2022.

2.4.3 Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee

The Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee was established pursuant to Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and is responsible for advising Council on all marine matters relating to the Upper Spencer Gulf. The Marine Advisory Committee meets on an as needs basis, and did not meet in 2021/2022.

2.4.4 Safety First Committee

Council's Health and Safety Committee known as the Safety First Committee, is established pursuant to Section 75 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* and incorporates the health and safety of all workers, contractors, volunteers and others in the work place. The Committee brings together workers and management to assist in the development and review of health and safety policies and procedures. The committee must meet at least once every three months and due to Council's diverse operations, the Committee aims to meet monthly at 9:00am on the third Thursday of each month. There were 11 meetings held during 2021/2022 and the minutes of meetings are presented to Management Group.

2.4.5 Building Fire Safety Committee

The Building Fire Safety Committee is established pursuant to Section 157 (16) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and plays an important role in protecting the on-going safety of building occupiers and users, by investigating whether building owners are maintaining proper levels of fire safety in their buildings. The Building Fire Safety Committee meets at a time and date that suits members, but a meeting must be held at least once every 3 months. Meeting frequencies were reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions. During the reporting period, the Committee met 13 October 2021 and 23 March 2022.

2.4.6 Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Advisory Committee

The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG) Advisory Committee is a Committee of Council established to monitor the implementation of the AALBG Strategic Plan and provide advice to Council on opportunities for the development of the AALBG to ensure that it becomes an internationally recognised Centre of Excellence for AridSmart Plants and Outback Visitor Experiences. Independent Members of the Committee are paid a Sitting Fee of \$170 for meetings they attend. This Committee meets at least twice a year, and during the reporting period met on 22 October 2021, 4 February 2022 and 20 May 2022.

2.4.7 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee

The purpose of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee is to report and provide advice to Council on the performance of the Chief Executive Officer in achieving the annual key performance indications, as determined by Council. The Committee meets annually to undertake the performance review, and a mid-term evaluation is also undertaken.

2.5 Reference Groups/Working Parties

2.5.1 Aboriginal Community Working Group

The Aboriginal Community Working Group is a working group of the Council. The objective of the group is to provide advice and guidance to Council on the strategies and priorities that the Council should implement within the Community to ensure that positive outcomes are achieved that are consistent with cultural requirements of the diverse Aboriginal Community. The group meets on the first Monday of the month and minutes are presented to Council for adoption. The group met nine times during 2021/2022, due to COVID-19 restrictions and availability of members, meetings were not always able to be held on the first Monday.

2.5.2 Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group

The Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group was a multi-agency forum supported by Council, responsible for providing leadership in the planning, facilitation, implementation and monitoring of holistic and coordinated initiatives in response to alcohol misuse within the community. Membership of the committee comprised of over 20 agencies and community representatives. The group met bi-monthly and minutes were presented to Council for adoption. The Group met on 10 August 2021, 12 October 2021 and 8 February 2022. Several meetings were unable to proceed due to a lack of quorum. In accordance with a recommendation from the Group, at Council meeting held 8 March 2022, it was resolved to dissolve the group due to lack of attendance and lack of funded resourcing to deliver programs and outcomes.

2.5.3 Emergency Planning Committee

The Emergency Planning Committee is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring Council's emergency management activities and to ensure that staff are aware of emergency and continuity plans, policies and procedures. The Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis, with the committee meeting on 25 October 2021, 8 December 2021 and 7 June 2022.

2.5.4 Disability Reference Group

The Disability Reference Group is responsible for developing and implementing strategies which aim to ensure that the City of Port Augusta is an inclusive and accessible city for people with a disability now and into the future. The Group meets at least three times per year, at a time agreed by the members. The Group met on 18 August 2021, 20 October 2021 and 29 June 2022.

2.5.5 Finance Reference Group

The Finance Reference Group was established by Council Resolution on 8 February 2022, with the purpose of the group being to address financial issues. The Group meets at least three times per year, at a time agreed by the members. The Group met on 28 April 2022 and 25 May 2022. With the resignation of a community member on 14 June 2022, the group has been unable to meet due to insufficient member numbers.

2.6 External Committees, Boards and Associations

Council has formal representation on the following committees, boards and associations:

- Spencer Gulf Cities
- Regional Development Australia (Far North) Board
- SA Regional Organisations Committee (SAROC)
- Spencer Gulf Cities Zone Representative on the LGA Board
- Zone Emergency Management Committee
- Port Augusta Business Centre Board
- Port Augusta Roxby Downs and Woomera Health Advisory Council

2.7 Elector Representation Review

Section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires that a comprehensive review of the composition of the Council is completed at least once in every 8 years, with the last review completed during 2017/2018. The Council is next due for a representation review in 2025/2026. Council's representation consists of a Mayor and nine Area Councillors. The following chart makes comparisons with other comparable Councils.

Council	Number of Electors	Elected Members including Mayor and Area Councillors	Ratio Elected Members to Electors 1:00
PORT AUGUSTA	9,513	10	1:951
Port Lincoln	10,901	10	1:1090
Loxton Waikerie	8,408	11	1:764
Light Regional	11,165	11	1:1015
Copper Coast	12,151	10	1:1215
Victor Harbor	13,376	10	1:1338
Port Pirie	13,143	10	1:1314
Whyalla	15,680	10	1:1568

The above data was sourced The Electoral Commission of SA (ECSA) and it is current as at 19/07/2022.

2.8 Elected Members' Allowances and Benefits

2.8.1 Elected Members' Allowances

Pursuant to Section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* a member of Council is entitled to be paid an allowance to assist in covering costs associated with discharging their official functions and duties. The allowance is adjusted annually on the anniversaries of the periodic election, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. In July 2021 the Remuneration Tribunal published the allowances applicable from November 2021 to November 2022. Elected Members' allowances are paid monthly in arrears.

Group 2 Council	November 2020 - November 2021	November 2021 - November 2022
Councillors Allowance	\$18,100	\$18,552
Deputy Mayor & Chairperson Council Committee (1.25 times Councillors Allowance)	\$22,625	\$23,184
Mayoral Allowance (4 times Councillors Allowance)	\$72,400	\$74,208

2.8.2 Members' Reimbursement of Expenses

Elected Members are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses incurred while undertaking official functions and duties of the Council. The Elected Members' Allowances and Benefits Policy 1.1.04, outlines the expenses that will be reimbursed to assist Members in fulfilling their role.

2.8.3 Allowances and Benefits Register

Council maintains a register with details of all allowances and benefits paid to Elected Members throughout each financial year. The following benefits are issued to Elected Members to assist them in undertaking their roles and responsibilities:

- Mayor – Office computer and printer access, Laptop, iPad with keyboard, USB modem, mobile phone, Council pool vehicle access, Civic Centre designated carpark, business cards, name badge.
- Councillors – Laptop, iPad with keyboard, USB modem, Council pool vehicle access, business cards, name badge.

2.8.4 Elected Member Gifts

The following gifts were given to Councillors during the 2021/22 year, funded in whole or in part by the Council:

Gift	Amount
Floral Arrangement - Cr Naisbitt	\$115
Gift Basket – Cr Brown	\$85

2.8.5 Register of Interest

Elected Members are required to complete annually, and keep updated, a Register of Interest. The details of the Elected Members Registers of Interest are published on Council's website in accordance with Section 70 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, including the member's income sources or employer, the name of any political party, body or association formed for political purposes or any trade or professional organisation of which the member is a member, and certain gifts received by the member.

2.9 Elected Members' Training and Development

The Elected Members' Training and Development Policy 1.1.02 and Training Program allows members to maintain and improve their knowledge base to assist them in carrying out their official functions and duties.

xPursuant to Regulation 8AA of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, the Elected Members completed the 4 mandatory Training Modules within the first 12 months of their term of office.

The total expenditure for Elected Members' training and development during 2021/2022 was \$6,662.95, and Elected Members attended the following training and development seminars:

Date	Training/Development Session	Attendance
27/09/2021	Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct – Kelledy Jones Lawyers	Mayor Benbow, Deputy Mayor Shine, Crs Brown, Foote, Leonard, Marsh, Naisbitt, Paynter, Singh.
16/11/2021	Financial Stability and Long Term Financial Plans – Mark Booth	Mayor Benbow, Deputy Mayor Brown, Crs Foote, Leonard, Marsh, Naisbitt, Singh.
20/12/2021	Local Government Association Conference and Annual General Meeting	Mayor Benbow

SECTION THREE:



3.1 Strategic Directions 2019 – 2029

The Council's strategic management plan: Strategic Directions 2019 – 2029 is supported by a Four Year Priority Action Plan. These documents focus on the importance of Port Augusta as a Regional Hub in the areas of Education, Tourism, Transport, Recreation and Culture, Retail and Business, Government and Not-for-profit Services, Renewable Energy and Circular Economy, Mining Services and Defence.

The Strategic Directions document contains five themes for which Council has an overarching strategic goal, and a number of targeted outcomes. The performance against each of these outcomes is detailed in this section of the Annual Report.



Theme 1: Community



Theme 2: Economy



Theme 3: Environment



Theme 4: Infrastructure



Theme 5: Governance and Financial Sustainability



3.2 COVID-19 Impact on Service Delivery

The performance against each of the five themes and associated outcomes, as well as Council's overall service delivery has been impacted by the COVID-19 Global pandemic. The effects of COVID-19 are felt within South Australia and restrictions, legislative changes and mandatory directions continued to be varied across various Council operations.

There were further state-wide lockdowns in 2021, prior to the opening of borders in November and the introduction of COVID-19 to the general South Australian Community.

Some Council services were forced to close for a period of time, however, essential services continued at the Civic Centre Customer Service, Animal Control, Substance Misuse Services, Park and Works teams and Childcare Centre. Other services run by Council were forced to close for defined periods, or revise operations to different extents throughout the year, including Wadlata, the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Café and Visitor Centre, Central Oval Complex, Yarta Purtli Gallery, Health Focus, Men's Shed and theatres.

Throughout the various closures and restrictions, Council was able to adapt services in some areas, and continue to provide a modified service to the community. Council also provided support and education for the general community in a time of constant change.

To ensure the safety of all our staff and customers, heightened safety measures are continually practiced across Council venues, including the implementation of COVID-19 Face Mask and Rapid Antigen Test Guidelines and increased cleaning, sanitisation, and personal protective equipment.



Theme 1: Community

GOAL

WE ARE A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, REPRESENTS AND PRESERVES OUR UNIQUE SENSE OF PURPOSE AND PLACE.



3.3 Strategic Directions Theme 1 – Community

Outcome 1.1 – Our City has a sustainable growth in population

Australian Citizenship

Port Augusta City Council welcomed 31 new citizens at Australian Citizenship nine ceremonies throughout the year. Ceremonies were held on 1 September 2021, 10 September 2021, 17 September 2021, 29 September 2021, 8 October 2021 (two separate ceremonies), 5 November 2021, 26 January 2022 and 18 May 2022. At the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony in Gladstone Square, eight new citizens were welcomed, with migrants from five countries, including Pakistan, India, Philippines, Vietnam and Wales. Overall, we welcomed 16 women, 13 men and 2 children.

Outcome 1.2 – We are a resilient, inclusive, safe and a vibrant community where people feel proud to live.

Australia Day Awards

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2022 Australia Day Celebrations were held online. Australia Day Ambassador Mr Wayne Anthoney OAM extended his congratulations to the award recipients and presented a short speech on his career and affiliation with the local Community. The nominees of each category were provided a photo opportunity with Mayor Brett Benbow once COVID-19 restrictions permitted.

A separate Citizenship Ceremony was held online following the Awards. The conferees were invited to attend an affirmation Ceremony once restrictions permitted, where each attendee was re-presented with their Citizenship Certificate and provided a photo opportunity with the Mayor.



Shelley Ellis - Citizen of the Year Award

Shelley has been involved with the Scout Group for over 14 years. She has been the Group Leader for the past nine years, a member of the Parent Committee and Chairperson of the Committee. Shelley's continual support with various activities and events is highly valued, it is said that Scouting would not happen without the endless work and commitment that Shelley provides behind the scenes.

Ellen Ekberg received a certificate of recognition.

Phil Jones - Active Citizenship Award

Phil has been teaching Tai Chi for approximately 50 years. Through his patience and encouragement, he has and continues to inspire people to remain active, socially connected and stay fit both physically and mentally. Phil runs classes for all to enjoy and is well respected for his voluntary work with Families SA.

Dior May received a certificate of recognition.



Port Augusta Coast Care - Environmental Sustainability Award

The Coast Care group focuses on creating awareness in the Port Augusta Community to protect and maintain coastal biodiversity. During the year, the group held workshops and tours with the aim to educate participants on Environmental Sustainability. Coast Care are working on mapping stormwater outlets to find better solutions for waste catchment, improved water quality, to support blue carbon projects and address illegal dumping.

The Friends of the Arid Lands Botanic Garden received a certificate of recognition.



South Augusta Football Club 'Will Bolitho Recovery Fundraising' - Community Event of the Year

South Augusta Football Club are commended for their efforts in raising funds to support player Will Bolitho after he suffered a life changing spinal injury following a tackle on the field. The South Augusta Football Club members and wider community raised an amazing sum of money to assist Will with his rehabilitation.

The following events received a certificate of recognition: Ladies Who Lunch 2021, City of Port Augusta Cup, Pink Lady Mid-Summer Ball, South Augusta vs Emergency Services Footy Match, Show 'n' Shine, COVID-19 Vaccination program, Christmas Extravaganza and Outwit Your Outfit.



ANZAC DAY Celebrations

The Port Augusta RSL hosted a Dawn Service in Gladstone Square, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Clubrooms. Members of the Community were invited to join the traditional ANZAC Day March through the CBD to Gladstone Square. Following the march, a commemorative service was held in Gladstone Square where Mayor Benbow laid a wreath on behalf of Council.



Academic Achiever Award

Since 1991 Council has acknowledged the local Year 12 student who received the highest ATAR score with an Academic Achiever Award consisting of a \$200 donation, a trophy and recognition on the "Academic Achiever Award Honour Board". Ella Dixon of Caritas College was the 2022 Academic Achiever gaining her South Australian Certificate of Education with an outstanding ATAR score of 97.40. Ella has commenced a Bachelor of Arts at university in 2022. Ella hopes to go on to study Occupational Therapy to provide dance therapy to people living with disabilities.



Photo: Ella receiving her Award from CEO John Banks.

Connecting to Culture through Art Grant

Uniting Country SA provided the Port Augusta City Council with a \$20,000 grant to support Children aged 7-12 to *Connect to Culture through Art*. The funding allowed the Yarta Purtli Art Gallery to deliver 8 facilitated art workshops where children developed new skills and learnt about art mediums. The workshops allowed the children to connect in a creative way, embrace inclusivity and build resilience and confidence. The Children contributed their ideas for the design of two new Community Art Murals located at the Port Augusta Post Office and Maule Avenue Playground in Stirling North. Artist Joel Plevin invited the Children to help paint the murals.



Outcome 1.3 – People of all ages, cultures, abilities and interests have access to services, facilities and experiences that support their wellbeing.

Health Focus

Health Focus is externally funded by the Australian Government Department of Health through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). The organisation currently supports 85 clients in Port Augusta, providing a range of quality group activities to maintain and/or improve levels of physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional independence. The aim for local clients is to maximise wellbeing through social connections to enable independent living for as long as possible.

The program includes the Let's Keep Active Group, Men's Group, Bizzi Bodies Exercise Group and Bizzi Walkers. Throughout the year Theme Days were held with games and activities in line with specific themes, a footy tipping competition for clients and hosted guest speakers to provide information and support. COVID-19 has had impact on service delivery, with programs modified to ensure the safety of Staff, Volunteers and Clients. Whilst several events were cancelled, clients had trips to Quorn and Hawker, the Whyalla annual Christmas shopping trip and ETSA Bowling and Croquet Club for Come and Try Croquet Day.

In 2021 Health Focus was nominated a finalist for the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award and was honoured to be a part of the experience.



Men's Shed

In 2022 the Men's Shed completed a variety of projects including a plant stand, two rabbit hutches, mobile lamp stand, dolls stands, Nativity Scene Box, toy and chair repairs, cupboard refurbishment, 12 fish monitoring frames for National Parks, bee hotels and bird boxes for Augusta Park Kindergarten, a perpetual football tipping trophy for Health Focus, and Santa's chair, a child's sleigh stool and cave entrance for Santa's Magic Cave.

Events included a presentation from Australia Hearing and an outdoor BBQ lunch at the RSL Clubrooms. The Christmas closure was extended due to COVID-19 cases increasing in the Community. During this time staff maintained communication with the men weekly via phone, text message and email and increased monthly newsletters to two per month.

The Shed received a number of donations during the year including pallets from Creative Home Image, marine ply from the PW2PA Alliance, and \$500 from the Stirling North Craft Group donated \$500.

In March volunteer Neil Edwards retired after 22 years service. Neil brought many skills, knowledge and experience to the Shed and will be missed by all.



Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2020-2024

In 2018, the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA)* was passed because the South Australian Government recognised that a stronger commitment to access and inclusion planning for people living with disability was needed. As a result of Council's Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Council formed a Disability Reference Group with people with lived experience participating on the group. This group meets regularly throughout the year providing advice and support to Council on a range of issues that impact on people living with disability. An annual report is provided to the Department for Human Services on the progress of the actions within the DAIP.



Substance Misuse Services

Council is funded through the State and Commonwealth Governments to provide Substance Misuse Services to the Port Augusta Community. The programs include the Sobering Up Unit, Clean Needle Program, Mobile Assistance Patrol, Assertive Outreach Program and an Exceptional Needs Program. The Substance Misuse Service provides on the ground outcomes for our community, offering holistic support, assistance and case management for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Clients are supported by offering a sustainable living environment and education on the effects of drugs and alcohol. In 2021/2022 the need for our services increased for our most vulnerable community members with the presence of COVID-19. We work with multiple external agencies to enhance the living and wellbeing conditions of clients affected by alcohol and other drugs, and provide external rehabilitation services.

STARCLUB

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing continues to fund Council to run the STARCLUB Development program. There are currently 53 clubs registered with the STARCLUB program; six have achieved full STARCLUB status, eight are in progress, and the remaining clubs are working through the program. Council supported workshops hosted by clubs, working closely with clubs in the region to identify and address any gaps in club governance. COVID-19 reduced participation within clubs and Council worked with stakeholders to provide educational sessions online, assisting with grant applications and offering help and support. Workshops resumed in person as restrictions eased. A six month funding extension has been provided to Council for the STARCLUB program prior to the implementation of a new 'Game On' initiative from the Office for Sport, Recreation and Racing.

Aboriginal Art and Culture

There is a direct link between Arts and Culture and attracting tourists to our region. Yarta Purtli Art Gallery is instrumental in allowing tourists to immerse themselves in Aboriginal Arts, culture and experiences. Council have sourced significant grant funding to work with the local and regional Aboriginal communities and extend the suite of products available to tourists. Council see this as a key driver to leverage local talent, improve opportunities for the community and showcase Port Augusta as an amazing place to explore and live. As part of the initiative to grow and develop local initiatives, Council have sourced major Arts partners.

Malka Aboriginal Art Prize

The Malka Aboriginal Art prize is in its thirteenth year. In 2022 Malka secured a major sustainability partner – Bungala Solar Farm, operated by Enel Green Power. The Malka Aboriginal Art Prize is well known across the region, and is also a major stepping-stone for Aboriginal artists to become discovered and showcased. Previous artists have gone on to feature at exhibitions in South Australia and Nationally. The exhibition is a chance for artists of all ages to be seen and to experience what it is like to have their artwork hanging in a regional art gallery. It also puts Port Augusta on the map.

Photos: Malka Art Prize 2022 Winner Kathryn Queama “Two Women”.



Native Title Determinations

Council attended the Barngarla Native Title Consent Determination Hearing on 24 September 2021 in Gladstone Square. The determination covers a large portion of the Eyre Peninsula and includes the regional townships of Port Lincoln and Whyalla.

The Nukunu Area 2 Native Title Claim Consent Determination Hearing was held on 3 February 2022. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the hearing was conducted remotely online.

Photo: Barngarla Determination Hearing



Community Events and Committees

Council provided both cash and in-kind support to successful organisations through the Community Sponsorship Program, including Port Augusta Golf Classic, Relay for Life and the Northern District Motorsport Association and local dance groups. Council has continued to provide support for a number of Community events including Clean Up Australia Day and The Christmas Extravaganza.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was held on the 6 March 2022 with five groups registering for the event in Port Augusta. The groups collected rubbish at Stirling North, Red Banks, Volunteer Park, Eyre Highway Westside, and the McDonalds area east side. Veolia and PW2PA Alliance sponsored the event and provided bins around Port Augusta to assist participants.



Christmas Events

Council encouraged local residents to participate in the “Light Up & Shine” competition during December 2021. Residents were asked to Christmas install lights at their houses or businesses and register for the Community Map. Council received a total of 29 map registrations with some stunning displays. Council hosted displays at the Yarta Purtli Gallery and Central Oval.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, local organisations hosted a Christmas Extravaganza event at Central Oval in lieu of the traditional Christmas Pageant. The event included a mini pageant around the oval, Christmas Carols, jumping castle, catering stalls and a Santa’s Cave. Unfortunately, an outdoor movie planned for the evening could not proceed due to weather conditions.



Outcome 1.4 – Aviation access to and from the City is easily accessible to all people.

Airport Management

The Port Augusta Laurie Wallis Aerodrome is a vital link between South Australia's regional and remote communities and cities across the State, delivering social and economic benefits. Port Augusta Airport is the transition hub for various Fly In Fly Out (FIFO) mining operations across the state including Beverly Uranium Mine, Prominent Hill, Carrapateena and Coober Pedy. RFDS flight numbers increased to 1,543 flights, highlighting the importance of the RFDS to the Community and the State.

Since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions flight operations have increased, particularly for FIFO Operations and Private Charters. The Port Augusta Airport saw 5189 flights and processed 17,020 passengers during 2021/2022. Council has contracted AvData Services from September 2021 to undertake the billing of all passenger operations.

Cobham Aviation continued to support the Region's FIFO operations with the introduction of 2 new De Havilland Canada Dash 8, Q400 Aircraft, which began service from the Airport on the 6th of June 2022.

Port Augusta Council were successful in receiving \$640,000 across 2 years in funding through the Regional Airports Program in 2020/2021. The funding has provided the Airport with new runway lighting, electrical cabling, line marking and resurfaced the apron area.

Council also received \$99,160 through the State Government's Support Regional Aviation Grant. This has provided new lighting for the unsealed Taxiway and a generator for the Fuel Depot. The generator has supported the Royal Flying Doctor Service and local operations during black outs and extreme weather events.





Theme 2: Economy

GOAL

WE CAPITALISE ON OUR REGIONAL HUB
ATTRIBUTES TO PURSUE A THRIVING ECONOMY.



3.4 Strategic Directions Theme 2 – Economy

Outcome 2.1 – Our region is widely recognised as a regional hub with increasing investment and strong industry sectors, a skilled workforce and local jobs.

Economic Development

Council maintains close working relationships with Regional Development Australia Far North, and the Spencer Gulf Cities to provide a coordinated approach to regional development and any issues that arise. RDA Far North developed a digital campaign featuring first person interviews with real residents across the region showcasing the abundant opportunities, to start a career, raise a family or launch a business, the region has plenty to offer.



Council has seen a number of major developments submitted and approved including Bentley's Cabin Park, Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park Stage 1 and 2, Port Augusta Operations, Bunnings and Port Playford.

Port Playford

Port Augusta Operations has proposed 'Port Playford' a \$40 million development to transform the former Port Augusta Power Station site into an export facility. The development will see the return of commercial shipping to Port Augusta, creating over 100 jobs during the construction phase and a smaller number to support the ongoing operations.

Hallett Group Green Cement

In 2022 the Hallett Group launched a green cement project worth \$125 million taking shape across Port Adelaide, Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Whyalla. The primary manufacturing operation will be based at Port Augusta, employing approximately 50 people in the region and will extract and process historic waste flyash from the previous Port Augusta power station operations. The operation is to be undertaken in a highly controlled process that is sensitive to community expectations and in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Uni Hub Spencer Gulf

Uni Hub helps to overcome many of the barriers to university study by providing a local campus to study, with support people in place and access to local industry tutors. Uni Hub will assist in providing Port Augusta and the Upper Spencer Gulf with a skilled workforce.

Council has been proud to support the development of this facility including promoting the program on Council's Social Media and Electronic Newsletter, providing in-kind support for recruitments, media and communications and information technology, and IT services via a shared services commercial arrangement.

Outcome 2.2 – Our City is known as a destination of choice where people come to stay awhile to experience our lifestyle and environment.

Wadlata Outback Centre

Wadlata Outback Centre continued to be impacted by COVID-19 during with the State border restrictions in place for the first half of the year. Visitor numbers were approximately 3,000 less than the previous financial year. Sales were lower for the first 3 quarters, but as borders opened sales grew, coach tours increased and tourists generally started moving around more.

48,465 people attended Wadlata Outback Centre in the 2021/22 year. Staff responded to 7,809 visitor information enquires, 28% being local, 71% interstate and 1% international travellers. A survey of visitor length of stay completed by 7,717 visitors showed that 31% were day visitors, 48% were overnight stays, 19% were longer stays and 2% were unknown at the time of completion of the survey.

Filming for promotional opportunities through Hello SA and the SA Tourism Commission (SATC) were undertaken in June 2022.

Photo: Adelady at the Tunnel of Time; **Credit:** Adelady



Film Friendly State

Port Augusta was featured in the SA Film Corporations 'Film Friendly State' brochure. Port Augusta has recently hosted productions including Stateless, The Rover and The Tourist.

Port Augusta

<p>MAIN LOCATIONS</p> <p>Port Augusta, Southern Flinders Ranges</p> <p>COUNCIL AREA</p> <p>Port Augusta City</p> <p>DISTANCE TO ADELAIDE</p> <p>308km / 3.5 hr drive / 1 hr flight</p>	<p>PRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Stateless</p> <p>The Rover</p> <p>The Tourist</p>
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Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG)

During 2021/2022 an agreement was entered into providing operational funding toward AALBG, \$750,000 for a four year period starting from 2022/23.

Visitor numbers to AALBG during the 2021/22 year were 110,157, slightly down from 2020/21. COVID-19 impacted the Visitor Centre throughout the year with closures, increased cleaning regimes and reduced density within the café and conference room. The Café had strong sales in comparison to pre-COVID years, with the highest ever sales in April, May and June 2022.

Nursery Sales started slow with strong sales in January and the April to June quarter. Nursery sales are used to offset nursery costs associated with propagation of plants for the garden. The nursery continues to focus on popular plants for sale in the Gift Shop, whilst also producing bulk orders, and have expanded the eremophila collection through grafting with 120 unique species.

The AALBG celebrated its 25th Birthday in 2021. Notable events and activities throughout the year included the 2021 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, Fathers Day and Mothers Day events, school holidays activities, school and kindergarten visits, a variety of workshops (photography, bush foods, table styling, bonsai) Valentines Day lunch, Easter scavenger hunt, Port Augusta Music club performances, and new aerial photography.

Promotion of the AALBG included 'Hello SA' filming in June 2022, 'Hello SA' magazine, 'SA Life' magazine, 'Due South' 2021 magazine and the South Australian Tourism Commission promotional filming June 2022. Advertising was obtained at the Visitor Information Boards at Lincoln Gap and the Discovery Park.

The upgrade of the Reflection Garden has been completed using funds donated by SILPAG and Friends of AALBG. AALBG is grateful for the support provided by the Friends of the AALBG through financial donations, and many volunteer hours in the garden as well as hosting of garden tours. Council made a donation of \$15,000 in 2021/2022.





Theme 3: Environment

GOAL

WE VALUE, RESPECT AND PROTECT OUR
NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS.



3.5 Strategic Directions Theme 3 – Environment

Outcome 3.1 – Our community reduces potable water and energy consumption.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

In 2021/2022 the Wastewater Treatment Plant saw an increase of algae bloom at our storage lagoon, this in turn required treatment, testing and monitoring of the lagoon. Council is investigating the use of aerators which will be a cost effective/efficient method of treating the lagoon water. This then will enhance the availability of water reducing the need of SA Water. Plant monitors and test on a daily schedule the water prior to usage at the central oval, east side foreshore and multiple sites.

	FY20	FY21	FY22
Treated water consumption	158,917	187,910	117,200
SA Water consumption	852	2,596	12,007
Total water use (kilolitres)	128,790	128,148	103,217
% Treated water use	81.05%	68.2%	88.09%

Port Augusta City Council Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) data over the past three years.

Outcome 3.2 – Improve energy efficiency and increase accessibility to renewable energy.

Renewable Energy

Port Augusta – and the Upper Spencer Gulf – is well placed to be a major part of the energy transformation from coal to renewables. Port Augusta is in close proximity to some of the best and most diverse renewable and low carbon energy resources in the world and has the infrastructure, skills, knowledge and community support to keep powering our state. Port Augusta is proud to be home to a number of new large-scale renewable energy initiatives that will help to secure the economic future of our region and energy security for South Australia. Council continues to build relationships with a number of organisations as they embark on their developments within our region.

Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park

The Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park progressed during 2021/2022 with the construction of the wind turbines. The Park is a unique hybrid renewable energy development integrating wind and solar PV technology. The \$500 million project will provide around 320 MW of power on land in Port Augusta. On completion, 20 ongoing full-time jobs will be created.



Outcome 3.3 – The amount of waste going to landfill is reduced by our community.

Waste Management

Council saw a consistent level of waste being sent to landfill during 2021/20212. With the introduction of FOGO and the Kitchen Caddy system to all households across the Community in early 2021 there has been an increase in the disposal of food waste and green garden organics. The waste is diverted from landfill and sent for processing into quality garden compost materials.

KESAB have assisted Council in promoting FOGO with 44 workshops across 7 schools, and a further 9 Community engagement workshops promoting food waste and recycling.



Replace the Waste

The State Government banned the use of single use plastics straws and cutlery from 1 March 2021. In support of this initiative, Council also passed a Single-Use Plastics on Council Controlled Land Policy on 9 February 2021.

Council wanted to lead by example by ceasing the purchase of single use plastic prohibited products across Council operated sites. The intention of the policy was to provide guidelines and support to the Community when conducting activities and events on Council land.

Across the Financial Year, Council have assisted the Community with cleaning up areas of illegal dumping including The Davenport Community and Yorkey's Crossing. Council and Community volunteers removed waste across several sites filling large skip bins that were disposed of at the Transfer Station.

Council continues to promote the State Government 'Which Bin?' campaign to encourage the appropriate recycling and waste disposal. www.whichbin.sa.gov.au/a-z-items.



Outcome 3.4 – The region’s unique natural resources and urban environment are recognised as a key element and high value asset in the City’s economic future.

Street Trees and Infrastructure Works

Council parks and garden staff conducted street tree maintenance to support the Annual Infrastructure Asset Management Program for resealing footpaths, kerb repair and upgrade road projects. To ensure clear access for machinery and equipment vegetation management works is required. This comprises of chemical treatment of weeds, road envelope clearance pruning for access, tree removals and root and stump grinding.

Street tree maintenance included:

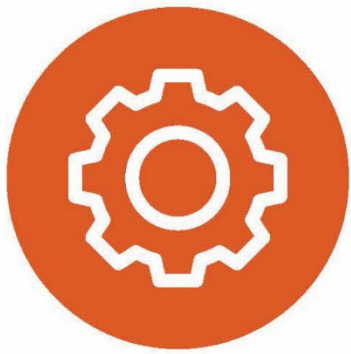
- 327 street tree trimming requests
- 96 Branch/litter collections
- 119 storm damaged trees
- 87 tree assessments
- 30 delegated tree removals
- 9 pest nuisance tree removals
- 45 dead tree removal
- 154 stump removals
- 9 termite treatments
- 50 street tree replacement plantings



40 new Bottlebrush (*Callistemon Harkness*) and Native Apricot (*Pittosporum angustifolium*) were planted in the empty spaces within the CBD along Young Street, Marryatt Street, Mackay Street and Gibson Street. Infill plantings were placed at ten locations along Wills Street and Thelma Street.



Photos: Replacement trees planted at Young Street.



Theme 4: Infrastructure

GOAL

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF OUR CITY.



3.6 Strategic Directions Theme 4 – Infrastructure

Outcome 4.1 – Our physical infrastructure meets our community needs.

Central Oval Community Hub

Central Oval experienced an increase in bookings and functions as the Community navigated its way through another year of COVID-19 restrictions, remaining a highly popular meeting, conference and function venue. The venue attracted over 290 bookings and was utilised by some groups for longer periods and was able to support SA Health as a Rapid Antigen Test Collection site for over 3 months.

Major events at Central Oval included sporting events/carnivals, school carnivals and graduations, conferences, SA Government training and the Port Augusta Christmas Extravaganza. Football, basketball, netball, futsal and soccer were all played at the Central Oval complex throughout the year. For the 12 month period Central Oval had 386 Indoor Court bookings and 107 Oval bookings by sporting clubs.

Sports Ovals and Reserve Turf Areas

Council's sports ovals and reserve turf areas have been maintained through a local mowing and landscape maintenance contract. A seasonal maintenance program promoting better quality turf performance is in place. Turf condition, soil chemistry and soil biology have been monitored throughout the year with field observations and soil sample testing. With the storm event this in turn reduced the growing capacity and a significant set back in the schedule oval maintenance due to repairs after storm damage. Continuing inspections were carried out to monitor the turf health. Parks and garden staff have supported turf management by maintaining and servicing the network of irrigation systems.

Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre season commenced on 11 October 2021 after undergoing repairs and maintenance during the winter months. General maintenance of the grounds, BBQ area, disability facilities, buildings and pools were undertaken throughout the year to keep the area in good condition.

In 2021/2022 the Swim Centre provided services including SOS (Sink or Swim) Classes, Aerobic in Water Sessions, School swimming and Splash Days, Vac Swim, Swimming Carnivals, Birthday Party Table Bookings (Pool grounds) and BBQ Area bookings.



The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre closed for the season on 3 April 2022.

The pool upgrade commenced in June 2022, and includes the replacement of existing pool pipework, a new plant room, main pool inclusive access ramp, main pool liner and refurbishments, new shade structures, and a new water splash pad. Works are due for completion in 2022/23.

As the pool is an outdoor facility, unseasonal weather and the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on gate attendance and levels, with 24,075 visitors, compared to 23,745 in 2020/2021 season.

Hancock Stadium

Hancock Stadium continues to be well utilised by the community with over 320 bookings for activities such as badminton, school sports programs, 'Health Focus Bizzi Bodies', specialised basketball programs, and basketball trainings.

Leases, Licences and Permits

Council continues to support Community Groups and Businesses by providing land, infrastructure and buildings by way of leases, licences and permits, with 24 arrangements formalised during 2021/2022.

Cemetery Management

Over the past 12 months, Council has conducted preparation works for 93 burials and interments at the Westside, Carlton Parade and Stirling North cemeteries. Capital works have been completed at Stirling North Cemetery which included the installation of additional concrete borders for burial sites and the sealing of the cemetery's carpark.

Venue Management

Council's venues have been used for a range of activities and events such as community functions, government meetings, commercial activities, exhibitions, shows, workshops, family celebrations and Community performances. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted these venues with a number of bookings having to be managed to comply with the specifications outlined in the Emergency Declarations.

The Barracks

The Barracks have been used for local corporate events, concerts, awards, training and weddings. The venue has been slow to recover from COVID-19 restrictions due to the nature of activities able to be booked. Additionally, the lack of access to a kitchen for events has impacted the desirability of the location.

Lea Memorial Theatre

The Lea Memorial Theatre has been hired for local events such as conferences, dance competitions, rehearsals and school graduations. The venue has returned to full capacity and is slowly attracting events and shows including Worlds of Musicals, Children's Shows and performing arts. There were a total of 63 bookings at Lea Memorial Theatre; 18 of these being event or performance bookings.

Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli

The Yarta Purtli Gallery offers regional Aboriginal Artists the opportunity to showcase their works in various exhibitions from major cultural institutions. The Gallery had received feedback from a number of interstate travellers wanting to purchase local authentic Aboriginal artwork. As a result, in 2022 the Gallery introduced a retail space for local artists to display and sell their work.

The Malka Aboriginal Art Prize funded by the Bungala Solar Farm ran during June/July 2022 and attracted over 40 artists. Over 100 guests attended the exhibition night where awards were presented to the winners of various categories and all artwork was auctioned to generate income for regional artists. Council has commenced negotiations with Burnside and Port Adelaide Councils to showcase our regional Aboriginal Art work in 2022.

Photos: Malka Aboriginal Art Prize Exhibition



Outcome 4.2 – We have safe, accessible and well-utilised CBD, public spaces and built environments that reflect the priorities of our community.

Parks and Gardens Management

The Port Augusta City Council area covers approximately 1152 square kilometres. The management and planning of parklands and sporting grounds are informed by the Open Space and Play Space Strategy 2016-2031 and Asset Management Plan principles. Open space areas, including 21 public playgrounds are maintained through a combination of internal staff and contractors. With major damage due to storm event in January has significantly hindered the normal day to day maintenance of general parks and gardens.

Parks Maintenance

Contractors provide the cleaning service for the maintenance of Council Park facilities through two contract agreements for the *Cleaning of Public Conveniences and other buildings*, and the *Cleaning of barbeques, parks and street furniture*. Contractors provide a range of daily, weekly, and monthly cleaning schedule requirements including rubbish collection, sanitising park furniture including playground equipment and reporting graffiti.

Playgrounds

In 2021/2022 Port Augusta City Council's 21 playgrounds were maintained by parks staff through routine visual and scheduled operation inspections. An emphasis has been to ensure suitable impact attenuation surfacing levels are maintained with staff topping up softfall woodchip mulch. Risk assessment reports were conducted for all playgrounds to ensure compliance with Australian Standards.



Outcome 4.3 – Our City develops and evolves in a planned way, improving the appearance of our City and making efficient use of infrastructure.

Infrastructure Asset Management

During the 2021/2022 financial year, Council's forward works programs were aligned to the recently revised suite of Asset Management Plans for the categories of: Transport, Stormwater, CWMS and Waste Water, Buildings and Open Spaces. The Asset Management Plans continue to inform an approach to sustainable infrastructure renewal and upgrades.

Roads

Guided by the Asset Management Plan for Transport, just over \$1 Million of capital road works were carried out on 29,000 square meters of bitumen surfaced roads and 36,000 square meters of sheeted unsealed roads. Roads included; Addison Road, Caroon Road, Dartmouth Street, Flinders Terrace, Fulham Road, Hobby Street, Tassie Street, Port Paterson Road, Miranda Road and Kittel Street. Council will continue its collaborative approach for the bitumen resealing contract with a joint tender process commencing for the 2022/23 – 2023/24 financial years.



Footpaths

In 2021/2022, over 3,800 square meters of footpath work was undertaken representing \$350,000 of capital expenditure upgrades at Corbett Street, Hartley Street, Hipwell Street, Power Crescent, Railway Parade, Seaview Road, Spencer Street, Withers Street, Simms Street, Elizabeth Terrace, Cummins Street, Murdock Street, Paterson Street and Barry Street. The footpath program is informed by the Asset Management Plan in conjunction with Council's connectivity program to ensure the construction of footpaths that provide network linkages for pedestrian traffic.



Park Garden Beds

The focus for the CBD has been beautification and enhanced vibrancy with seasonal annuals, as well as a rotational focus for the CBD, Council parks, reserves, and the Green Highway to enrich the roadways for travellers in the region. Parks staff have continued to propagate a selection of native wildflowers from seed collection for garden use. With special events at Gladstone Square including Naidoc Week and ANZAC Day, there has been a focus on presenting parklands to high standard. Some locations required additional irrigation repairs and planting as a result of vandalism. Gardens at the Airport and Cemeteries were damaged in the January storm event and repairs were completed to rectify these issues.



Community Waste Water Management System

During 2021/22, 250m of CWMS pipe network infrastructure within the Spencer Terrace and Mortlock Street Area was rehabilitated using a relining technique which eliminates the need to trench and remove sections of deteriorated pipework. Council will continue to program works in the coming years to address segments of the network as they fall due for repair.

Building Management - Council Owned Buildings

Council staff are responsible for arranging general maintenance on Council owned buildings to seek the best outcome in accordance with the Building Asset data. Council commenced a number of building and land improvement projects, including the replacement of the toilet block at Rotary Park and the renewal of the boardwalk at Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, both projects are set for completion in quarter three of 2022.

A major upgrade to the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre, funded jointly through the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program and Council, is set for completion during quarter four 2022.



Building Inspections

Council undertakes swimming pool inspections in accordance with legislative requirements. During the reporting period 21 swimming pool inspections and 48 building inspections were undertaken.

Development Applications

During the 2021/2022 financial year, 235 development applications were lodged with the Council through the PlanSA portal. Four major development applications have been approved in Planning Consent through the Regional Assessment Panel, namely two applications for Bunnings and two Petrol Stations.

Development Type	Number of Applications	Value
New Dwellings	38	\$12,855,804
Dwelling Extensions/Alterations	7	\$457,993
General Domestic (Sheds, Carport etc)	114	\$1,665,150
Swimming Pools/Spas	16	\$452,750
Commercial	43	\$11,661,437
Compliance	17	\$59,005
Total Development Applications	235	\$27,152,139
Public Notification	10	\$12,466,299
Crown Developments	5	\$112,770,000
Compliance Orders	10	N/A

Building Fire Safety Committee

The Building Fire Safety Committee ensure the safety of building occupants by performing inspections to ensure building owners are maintaining appropriate fire safety standards within their buildings. The Committee undertake inspections of buildings within the Council Region pursuant to the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*. Two meetings were held in 2022 in October 2021 and March 2022 with a full agenda with 20 different commercial buildings to be inspected, with three buildings removed from the agenda at the March meeting, which is a great progress for Port Augusta's fire safety.



Theme 5: Governance & Financial Sustainability

GOAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IMPROVES THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC,
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF OUR CITY.

3.7 Strategic Directions Theme 5 – Governance and Financial Sustainability

Outcome 5.1 – We are inclusive, engaged and open

Media and Communications

To cater for the broad range of communication needs in the Community, news and information continues to be delivered across a number of platforms. Media releases, Community E-Newsletters, television advertising, social media, website, newspaper and radio are all used to promote Council's assets and projects, Community consultation, advertising, promotion, Community engagement.

There were 83,545 visits to the Council website in 2021/2022 (increased from 79,874), the "Your Say" public consultation section of our website was visited 2,085 times (increased from 1,012), and Council Facebook page increased its followers from 5,017 to 5,613. The Council's monthly digital Community E-Newsletter continued to be distributed reaching approximately 12,600 people annually.

The COVID-19 information box on the homepage of Council's website continued to be active during this period to assist with relaying Federal and State Government updates. Local COVID-19 testing stations, vaccination information and health and safety marketing tools were made available for community groups and businesses to utilise.

Social posts continued to be added to all of Council's Social Media pages (12 in total) and featured information to assist the Community e.g. general business information, agenda and minutes information, public consultations, Community events, job opportunities, workshops and general Community information.

The Calendar of Events section on Council's website continued to populate local events, a new EVENTS PORT AUGUSTA Social Media page was introduced in 2021 to assist with sharing local and Council managed events and workshops.

Reconciliation Week 2022

Reconciliation Week was run from 27 May to 3 June 2022. The theme, "Be Brave. Make Change" challenged all Australians to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians. The Community Development Team partnered with Uniting Country SA to run a youth focused Reconciliation Week event. Organisations were invited to attend and set up an activity for a day of celebration in Gladstone Square.



NAIDOC Week 2022

NAIDOC Week was celebrated in conjunction with the MALKA Art Prize, with a strong focus on celebrating Aboriginal Arts and Culture. A number of Community events were held during the week, Council Staff across different services attended the Smoking Ceremony, Corporate Breakfast and other events.

Photo: Smoking Ceremony at Port Augusta Golf Club **Credit:** Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Association



Outcome 5.2 – We have positive relationships with other levels of government and partners that deliver great outcomes for the community.

Upper Spencer Gulf Cities

The Spencer Gulf Cities continued to strengthen their relationship with the South Australian Government, with the Mayors and CEO's of the Whyalla, Port Pirie and Port Augusta Councils meeting the Premier and key Ministers in 2020/2021 to discuss issues of regional significance, including the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication project and Anti-Social behaviour. The Spencer Gulf Cities commenced building relationships with the new SA Government after the March Election, with Port Augusta represented by two Members of Parliament for the first time, following an election boundary re-alignment in 2021.

Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication

Council has been working closely with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to develop opportunities for local business and outcomes for the local community as the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication project continues to progress. In 2021/2022 the Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Alliance (PW2PA) and DIT completed works on the new Bridge with an opening and bridge walk held on 14 May 2022.

The PW2PA Alliance team utilised Council's social media channels to promote information to the Community regarding the \$200m project. Elected Members also participated in site visits to inspect the progress of the project.

Community Placement Project

Council continues arrangements with the Department for Correctional Services for Community Services whereby criminal offenders provide basic services to Council including litter collection, weeding, landscaping, general maintenance and graffiti removal throughout the Council.

Aboriginal Community Engagement Group

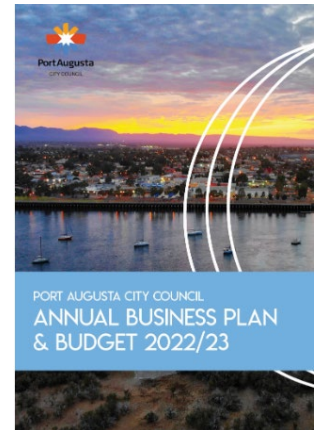
Council was provided with an additional year of funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to engage a consultant to facilitate the development of a future Aboriginal Leadership Group within Port Augusta.



Outcome 5.3 – We are in a surplus financial operating position.

Financial Management

Council's interim audit was conducted from 7 to 9 March 2022 by Council's Auditor, Galpins. The Interim Management Letter stated overall Council demonstrated a high level of compliance with the implementation of an internal control framework consistent with the principles within the Better Practice Model. During the interim visit, Galpins noted that 82 out of 84 of the key internal controls reviewed were in place and were operating effectively. The principles underpinning the model were used by the Council to identify its business cycles, establish its internal controls and implement its financial risk management processes. Galpins noted that the total number of effective controls improved from the prior year and there has been a good level of progress made towards addressing the identified control gaps since the prior period.



Long Term Financial Plan

The purpose of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is to express, in financial terms, the activities that the Council proposes to undertake over the medium to longer term to achieve its stated objectives. It is a guide for future action that requires Council to think about the longer-term impact of capital investment expenditure proposals. The aggregation of future intended outlays and anticipated revenues enables the accumulating overall financial implications to be identified and, if warranted, proposed future activities to be revised. The LTFP is critical for planning the renewal, replacement or upgrade of assets into the foreseeable future, in addition to managing service levels and maintaining rate rises to an acceptable level.



Council's LTFP was updated following the adoption of the 2021/2022 budget and completion of 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements. The revised plan is based on CPI at 2.5%, wage increases of 2.5% and general rate increases of 3.5% (ie CPI + 1%). Council's target is to achieve a break-even position by the end of 2031/2032. In order to achieve this, Council needs to reduce expenditure on average by \$272,000 per annum. Council's Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied that Council is heading in the right direction, however, recognises that the challenge that is before Council is not to be underestimated and will require substantial work to be undertaken.

Shared Services

In 2021/2022, there were Shared Services Agreements with the Mount Remarkable District Council and Port Pirie Regional Council and Uni Hub Upper Spencer Gulf for services including Building Officers, Planning Officers, Fire Safety, General Inspectors, Information Technology and Work, Health and Safety Services.

Outcome 5.4 – We put the customer first and give each customer a great experience of Council’s services.

Customer Services

The My Local Services App can link to web pages on the local SA Council website to inform you of upcoming events and other services your local council may be promoting including what bin to put out on what night, grants for sporting clubs and youth service activities.



Council’s Customer Service Charter focusses on providing a friendly, approachable, supportive and responsive service when dealing with customers’ needs. Requests for service are actioned through the Customer Request for Maintenance/Service (CRM) program. Requests can be lodged by staff and members of the community using Council’s website, the ‘MyLocal’ App, or by contacting Customer Service staff during working hours. Requests for support in relation to animals can be lodged with a CRM or by completing an Animal Nuisance Form.

During the 2021 calendar year 2,227 CRMs were processed with 60 remaining open at the end of December 2021, a completion rate of 95%. The largest number of requests for maintenance during 2021 were within the Parks area. These requests predominately related to branch removal and trimming of trees, irrigation, cemetery maintenance, storm damage and weed poisoning. The main requests made relating to works during the year were damaged footpaths, leveling of verges and road grading.

Port Augusta Public Library

COVID-19 continued to impact the Library service during 2021/22. Some services were not able to operate and others were modified, but by the end of the reporting period, all services had been reinstated and attendance numbers increased accordingly. The Drop and Wave service introduced at the beginning of the pandemic continues to allow us to provide resources to those unable to physically attend the library.

The One Card Network consortium of libraries continues to allow the Community to utilise the resources of the State. Free public access to computers is available with staff assisting with basic computer support. Digital sessions were introduced in May 2022 to provide assistance to the Community for the use of a range of digital technologies. In February a self-serve kiosk was installed for customers to issue items themselves.



Library volunteers have continued to provide valued services to the Community, including weekly JP service, family history and local history research. The commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers is essential to the Library providing these activities.

Grant funding from Communities for Children allowed for the continuation of Paint Port Augusta REaD, a national early literacy program for babies and pre-schoolers. The program has allowed the Library to build stronger relationships with local childcare facilities. The Library continues to partner with the community to support external events such as Pop Up Playgroups in addition to the regular range of programs including the Storytime, Knitting group, Chess and the Grave Matters cemetery talk in May 2022.

Photo: Christmas Extravaganza with Cando

Port Augusta Childcare Centre

The Port Augusta Childcare Centre has 86 families enrolled with 103 children attending in a casual, parttime and fulltime capacity during the year. The average full-time equivalent was 45.32 hours, as at March 2022.

In 2021, the Centre supported a student from Port Augusta Secondary School studying their Certificate 3 in Early Childhood, unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions prevented the same opportunity in 2022. COVID-19 has impacted the Childcare Industry, affecting the children, families, and employees. The educators have done a marvelous job keeping the Centre open for the community.

Improvements have been made to the Centre including the removal of some soft fall in the Kindy yard and the removal of green felt and addition of a timber reading hut for the babies yard. The Centre installed garden beds in all sections, replaced the carpet on the babies outdoor veranda area and installed new boundary fencing.

The Children attending Childcare have been involved in many cultural experiences including Australia Day, Harmony Week, Chinese New Year, Holi Day, Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and NAIDOC Week. The children develop many skills while at childcare and build lifelong relationships with their peers. Children learn to become independent, explore their curiosity, build and maintain friendships, develop self-help skills, cognitive skills, mathematical and literacy skills.



Outcome 5.5 – We meet or exceed legislative and accreditation requirements for all relevant programs.

Legislative Compliance Audit

In 2018 Council introduced a Legislative Compliance Framework including a Register to identify all the legislative provisions that Council must comply with under the 34 Acts and Regulations administered by Council. In June 2022, an internal legislative audit was undertaken using the 'Governance Legislation Self-Audit Tool' created by the Local Government Association. The results of the audit revealed that Council is compliant with the majority of the sections under the act and regulations. Council was deemed partially compliant with three sections of the *Local Government Act 1999*; no sections were non-compliant.

Fire Protection Services

Council conducts property inspections including vacant residential and commercial blocks. Council has a role in ensuring that potential bushfire fuel loads are reduced on private land to reduce bushfire risk as legislated under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*. Orders can be made for clean-up/slashing as required to ensure minimization of the threat of fires in and around our community. Annual fuel loading and curing inspections are conducted as required by the Country Fire Service, with the data being used to assess and schedule the start and end dates of the fire danger season.

Environmental Health

2021-2022 Financial year saw the formulation of the Council Regional Public Health Plan under the *South Australia Public Health Act 2011*. Council's Regional Public Health Plan was prepared by Council Staff endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer. The plan aims to improve the wellbeing and health of all members of Port Augusta community regardless of gender, race, age, culture and ability or faith. Implementation of the plan is set out for the next five years and will strengthen relationship with stakeholders, increase wellbeing and promote healthy living.

Immunisation

Each year Council staff assist with the school immunisation program. The program is available for Port Augusta Secondary School, Seaview Christian College and Caritas College.

Mosquito Control

In 2021/2022 within council jurisdiction there were two recorded cases of mosquito-borne disease by SA Health, with no fatalities. Heavy rainfall in the second half of the financial year caused flooding in some parts of Port Augusta, and increased mosquito breeding sites. Breeding sites were monitored during and post flood, and SA Health provided larvicide, which was applied to water by Council Staff to assist with larval eradication.



Food Safety

During 2021/2022, Council inspected 89 Food Business Premises. Most food business adhered to Council inspection comments, with only a few being sent warning letters or improvement notices to rectify food safety issues under the *Food Act 2001*. Events that attract neighbouring and local temporary food business stalls are also monitored for food handling to ensure food safety.

Council received seven complaints during the year, one claiming to be food poisoning that was not validated. Others included foreign matter, unclean premises, possible contamination, of which only three complaints could be justified. The relevant Food Business was advised accordingly.

High Risk Manufactured Water Systems

South Australian Public Health (Legionella) Regulations 2013 obliges institutions to inspect and report on the presence of legionella in high risk manufactured water systems (HRMWS), warm water systems and cooling water systems. Four institutions renewed their HRMWS registrations for 2021/2022. All Legionella tests recorded less than 10 cfu/ml, which complies with the regulations.

Public Swimming Pool Operation and Management

There are six public swimming pools registered with Council. The largest is the Ryan Mitchell Swimming Centre, and the other five are located at motels and caravan parks. Council continues to monitor compliance to *South Australia Public Health (General) Regulations 2013*.

Wastewater-Systems

As development in Port Augusta is expanding the safe disposal and reuse of wastewater is essential to protect public and environmental health, with 19 applications for new and altered wastewater systems were approved in 2021/2022. The PlanSA Portal plays a major role in the approval process with eight referrals successfully addressed via the portal in 2021/2022. The Septic Tank Desludging programme continued throughout the financial year and will be ongoing. The Stirling North Effluent Pond is continually monitored by Council. Microbiological testing is conducted every quarter to ensure disposed wastewater will not cause harm to the environment, and an annual report is sent to SA Health in September of every year.

Public Health

Nuisance reports in relation to illegal dumping, smoke nuisance and unsightly areas are investigated, and expiations issued where appropriate. Eighteen complaints were received and investigated. Most were justified, and the accused party were advised to address the concerns. Majority of the complaints were in contravention to the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*. There are nine Hair Dressing and Beauty salons within council area, which are annually inspected to ensure safe practise and adherence to Safety standards and codes.

Air Quality

Apart from a few dust complaints, Council received one complaint of wood heater smoke in 2021/2022 compared to six in the previous financial year. The homeowner was informed about the concern and provided a brochure "Burn Better for Good", to advise how to better manage their wood heater.

Building Rules Assessment

Council undertakes the assessment of development applications for compliance with the National Construction Code (NCC) and any relevant codes that form part of the development assessment process. The NCC covers areas including structural adequacy, health and amenity, access and egress and fire safety.

Community Safety Enforcement

Council enforced parking restrictions in the Community to improve traffic flow, ensure the safe and fair use of roads, and protect Council infrastructure. Areas of focus this year included school safety and access to the Central Business District. The restrictions are consistent across South Australia and the expiation fees are set in accordance with Regulation.

Council's snake catching service continues to be well utilised by residents.

Council inspectors patrol the city for breaches of the Australian Road Rules and the Parking Act. Due to COVID-19, patrols were minimised in the CBD during 2021/2022. Council inspectors have worked closely with MAPS and SAPOL to ensure illegal camping on public land is inspected. The areas are cleaned up once the campers have relocated, if required.

Dog and Cat Management

Council continued to implement the Animal Management Plan 2017 – 2021 with the new plan 2022 to 2026 about to commence. The Plan outlines the services required for the health, welfare and safety of animals and our community. In addition, the document outlines the work undertaken by our Animal Control Officers and their roles in the community to administer and oversee the Plan.

Dog & Cat Registrations
Have you completed your DACO Registrations?
Due by August 31st 2022

DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU



Online DACO registrations continue to increase each year, and Council continues to provide support to any Community members that requires assistance. Council provides free cat trap hire and options for owners looking to surrender their animals at a reduced and affordable cost. Council continues to work with Local Vets and other providers to support, promote and provide discounted desexing and microchipping. Council uses donations to provide Christmas animal support packages to the Salvation Army for families in need. Subsidised vaccinations are available for low-income earners to help curb the outbreak of Parvovirus.

Council's website and 'Lost and Found Animals' Facebook page continue to be great tools for dog owners to access information, uploaded photos of impounded animals and rehomed dogs and cats. Council continues to work with local shelters and the RSPCA and other rescues state-wide, to collect stray cats and dogs that are suitable to be rehomed. Council promotes and assists with the Last Litter scheme which allows animal owners to surrender unwanted litters and have their female(mother) desexed at no cost.

Records Management

Records Staff have completed remapping and resentencing Council's Electronic Document Records Management System (EDRMS) classification of over 25,000 files in line with new General Disposal Schedules GDS40 and GDS41. Staff resentenced a portion of archived records from the previous GDS20 to GDS40, which resulted in a large consignment of temporary value records that were approved for legal destruction and confidentially destroyed. Planning continues for relocation of Council's Records Storage Facility.

Information Technology

The top priority is cyber security with world-wide breaches becoming more frequent. During the year, Staff implemented upgraded firewall defences, greater intrusion monitoring, faster switches and increased staff remote accessibility, with corporate desktop and printing upgrades finalised. Council expanded its CCTV Camera Network and now provides services to the Uni Hub at three sites. Council is working to improve efficiency through the use of smart forms, digital signatures and integrated cloud based software.

Work Health and Safety

Council is committed to ensuring safe work practices for all persons who encounter Council by virtue of the provision of our services. Council commits to WHS considerations in all organisational plans, procedures, programs, and services. Council undertakes a systematic approach in identifying and managing risk across the organisation, ensuring all staff have the knowledge to understand and carry out their responsibilities and continue to drive a positive WHS culture. WHS is driven proactively throughout the business through hazard reporting to identify, minimise and reduce injuries to employees and members of the public.

COVID-19 restrictions provided significant challenges for WHS management with Council implementing strict guidelines regarding cleaning regimes, PPE, and reducing numbers of staff in offices and Council vehicles.

Council was issued one Improvement Notice by SafeWork SA after a workplace incident occurred resulting in an employee attending hospital for observation. Actions to improve operations within the business have been identified as an outcome of the investigation.

Outcome 5.6 – Council is a great place to work – we attract, develop and retain a skilled workforce to deliver our priorities.

Equity and Diversity

Council provides a workplace that is fair, equitable and inclusive. All recruitment and selection of staff is processed in accordance with the provisions of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*. Our commitment to fair treatment and equal employment opportunity is underpinned by the Fair Treatment Policy 3.1.12 and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2022-2024.

Volunteers

Council value and respect the role of volunteers. At 30 June 2022 Council had 42 registered volunteers contributing to the Men's Shed, Cultural Centre, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Childcare, Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre, Library and Health Focus. The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden host 26 regular volunteers. The work of the volunteers equate to 3 full time staff and includes gardening, minor construction projects, plant propagation and tours of the gardens. History volunteers assist Library staff to promote the collection of local history and family history research services. A voluntary Justice of the Peace service operates from the Library each week.



National Volunteer Week was held 17 to 23 May 2022. Council volunteers were recognised and thanked by the Mayor and CEO at a function held at the Yarta Purtli Gallery. Shirley Mundy was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Premier of South Australia for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Photos: Volunteers at Volunteer Week function

Human Resources – Workforce Development

All staff undertook the annual My Performance process and evaluated their performance against their KPI's and set new KPI's for 2022. KPI's are aligned to the Strategic and operational plans. Council have made a concerted effort to reduce the impact of long service and annual leave accruals across the organisation.

Voluntary Labour Turnover (LTO) for 2021/2022 equates to 10.7%. Involuntary and voluntary LTO (including funded facilities and Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre) is 17.9%. Relativities include ABS (all industries) 21.7% for the same period. Labour Turnover has continued to decrease year on year from 2010 to 2022. Council expect a greater increase in LTO over coming years due to its aging workforce, with the average age of workers now 44.6 years and 40% of staff are expected to retire within 1 to 7 years.

Employee Relations

The Operations Enterprise Agreement was unanimously voted successfully on 15 April 2022. The Municipal Salaried Officers Enterprise Bargaining Agreement was voted successfully on 18 August 2022.

Injury Management

During 2021/2022 there were three new Workers Compensation Claims. At 30 June 2021, two claims remained open. The value of Workers Compensation claims has increased. Proactive reporting, adequate resourcing, active management, hazard identification and preventative training are all factors, contributing to the improved results in the area of injury management.

Staffing levels at 30 June 2021

At 30 June 2022, Council had employed 183 staff. The following table provides an overview of the number of employees in each Directorate.

Directorate	Full Time	Part Time	Casual	Males	Females
City Management	8	-	-	2	6
City Services	15	7	18	16	24
Corporate and Community Services	18	28	62	15	93
Infrastructure	40	4	-	33	11
TOTAL	81	39	80	66	134
Combined Total and M/F Percentages				33%	67%

Trainees

Council embarked on a traineeship program across Council with trainees entering the workforce to offset LTO and provide opportunities for local Community members to upskill and gain employment. As one of the larger employers within our Community, Council takes its role seriously in offering opportunities to the youth of Port Augusta with six trainees in 2021/2022.

Organisational Structure

At 30 June 2022, Council had the following Organisational Structure:



Staff Remuneration and Benefits

Council maintains a 'Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits' Pursuant to Section 105 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. The register can be inspected at the Council Office and an extract from the register is available upon payment of a fee. At 30 June 2022, Council had a Management Group made up of the Chief Executive Officer, Director City Services, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Infrastructure. The Senior Executive Officers received the following allowances and benefits:

Position	5 Year Rolling Employment Contract	Senior Officer Level 8 Salary	5 Year Fixed Term Contract	Exclusive use of Council vehicle	Mobile Phone, Laptop and iPad	Professional Memberships Subscriptions
Chief Executive Officer John Banks	X			X	X	X
Director Corporate and Community Services Anne O'Reilly		X		X	X	
Director City Services Melissa Kretschmer		X	X	X	X	
Director Infrastructure Kevan Delaney		X	X	X	X	

Credit Card Expenditure

Regulation 35(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013* sets out the requirements to provide a statement of total expenditure incurred using credit cards for 2021/2022. During 2021/22 total credit card expenditure was \$74,347, as detailed below:

Card Holder	Total Expenditure	Expenditure details
Chief Executive Officer	\$3,955	Job advertisements, stationary, entry to training and development events (staff and Elected Members), memberships and Australia Day resources, travel and newspaper subscriptions.
Director City Services	\$16,954	Library materials, job advertisements, entry to training and development events, travel, registration searches, Citizenship Ceremony resources, business name renewals and marketing costs.
Director Corporate and Community Services	\$19,156	News subscriptions, Standards Board fees, entry to training and development events, Childcare equipment and resources, job advertisements, first aid equipment, subscriptions, planning applications, licenses and marketing costs.
Director Infrastructure	\$7,643	Registration searches, job advertisements, planning applications, plant and equipment repairs and maintenance and licenses.
Manager Information Systems	\$26,639	IT Equipment, software, licenses and subscriptions.

Employee Gifts

The following gifts were given to Council Employees the 2021/22 year funded in whole or in part by Council:

Gift	Amount
Floral Arrangement - M Jenkins	\$100
Farewell Morning Tea – Marie Storey (Provided by Arid Lands Café)	\$184
Farewell Morning Tea – Jayne Donnellan	\$85
Staff Service Awards – 10 Years - Marie Storey, Lisa Leonard, Amanda Miklavec, Barry Gourd, June Harbridge, Teresa Packard	\$100 each
Staff Service Award – 20 Years - Bronwyn Filsell, Andrew Ilich, Cynthia Collins	\$200 each

Employee Recognition

On a quarterly basis the Chief Executive Officer schedules a 'staff briefing' session with all staff, to provide an update on activities. The briefing sessions highlight the importance of Work, Health and Safety and specific activities that have occurred within the previous three month period. This process also celebrates the fantastic workers of Council, whose commitment and dedication allow the Council to be managed to the current high standards, giving all staff an appreciation of the achievements across the organisation.

Farewell to long term employees



Photo: Current and former staff celebrate together at a Farewell for Melanie Jenkins

Melanie Jenkins – City Management – 43 Years

Melanie commenced her employment as secretary for the late former Town Clerk William (Harry) Richards in the Old Town Hall. Melanie was an exceptional and dedicated employee of Council, highly valued and regarded by Staff. In total Melanie supported five Chief Executive Officers and six Mayors.

Tina Dunemann – Library - 31 Years

Tina worked as the Public Library Manager for over 30 years, also taking responsibility for the Yarta Purtli Cultural Centre. Tina's commitment to the Council has been highly respected, and her wealth of local knowledge has been valued by many staff within the Organisation.

Alan Dowling – Works Depot – 28 Years

Alan spent 28 years at the Works Depot and worked his way up to Team Leader. He was a Health and Safety and Union Representative, member of the Enterprise Bargaining Committees and a competent operator of Council plant and machinery.

Stefan Strangways – Substance Misuse Service – 23 Years

Stefan worked across the Sobering Up Unit, Assertive Outreach Service and Mobile Assistance Patrol services, supporting and counselling many Alcohol or Other Drugs affected clients, improving health outcomes. Stefan was a quiet achiever with a caring nature and built exceptional relationships with clients.

David Stewart – Substance Misuse Service – 23 Years

David was committed to seeing the Alcohol and Other Drugs programs delivered to the Community, supporting many clients in the Exceptional Needs program during his time in Substance Misuse Services.

Mark Cooper – Substance Misuse Service – 23 Years

Mark throughout his time at Substance Misuse Services supported many clients through the Exceptional Needs program and was oversaw the delivery of Councils five Alcohol or Other Drugs programs as Team Leader.

Yantel Burns – Infrastructure – 20 Years

Yantel commenced at the Council as a trainee in Customer Services and Finance, she then moved into the position of Administration Assistant for Planning, Building and Environmental Health. Yantel undertook further study in Town Planning and became an Assistant Community Planner.

Lee-Anne Dalla Santa – Finance – 20 Years

Lee-Anne had a wealth of Council knowledge, and assisted with the implementation of the electronic records management system for Records Department and implementing the online timesheet program in Finance.

Jayne Donnellan – Childcare Centre – 17 Years

As Administration Officer at the Childcare Centre Jayne offered support to staff and families. Jayne had vast knowledge of the Spike System and was very organised with excellent time management skills.

Carlee Margitich – Finance – 15 Years

Carlee commenced as a trainee and held roles in Development Services, Human Resources and Finance. Carlee assisted with many projects and was valued by Customer Services with her friendly and calm nature.

Jo Newell – Substance Misuse Service – 11 Years

Jo was passionate about the local Community and managed Council's Sobering Up Unit, Exceptional Needs, Assertive Outreach, Needle Exchange and Mobile Assistance Programs liaised closely with funding bodies.

Barry Gourd – Childcare Centre – 11 Years

Barry worked as a cleaner and maintenance officer for the Childcare Centre and Miriam High Special Needs School. The children enjoyed his happy nature and often followed him in the yard to "help" him out.

Service Awards

The Chief Executive Officer annually acknowledges and congratulates staff who achieved a milestone in their employment.

20 Year Service Awards

- Bronwyn Filsell
- Andrew Ilich
- Cynthia Collins

10 Year Service Awards

- Marie Storey
- Lisa Leonard
- Amanda Miklavec
- Barry Gourd
- June Harbridge
- Teresa Packard



SECTION FOUR:

Compliance Report



4.1 Services for the Community

Council is required by legislation to provide a range of services. In addition to the mandatory services, other services and activities are provided by Council in response to local needs, interests and aspirations of the community, with Council providing a total of 45 services at 30 June 2022.

1	Aboriginal Community Development	24	Information Technology
2	Aerodrome	25	Infrastructure Technical Services
3	Asset Management	26	Library
4	Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden	27	Media and Communications
5	Building Services	28	Men's Shed
6	Cemeteries	29	Parks, Gardens, Ovals
7	Central Oval Community Hub	30	Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli
8	Childcare Centre	31	Procurement
9	Community Planning	32	Rates Administration
10	Community and Recreational Development	33	Roads, Bridges and Jetties
11	Corporate Services	34	Records Management
12	Customer Services	35	Retirement Accommodation (Poinsettia Village)
13	Disability Services	36	Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre
14	Economic Development	37	STARCLUB
15	Environmental Health	38	Street Lighting
16	Financial and Treasury Management	39	Substance Misuse Services
17	Footpaths	40	Venue and Event Management
18	Foreshore Development/Levee Banks	41	Wadlata Outback Centre
19	General Inspectorate	42	Waste Management
20	Governance/Compliance/Risk Management	43	Waste Water Treatment Plant
21	Health Focus	44	Work, Health and Safety
22	Horse Stables	45	Youth Services
23	Human Resources		

4.2 Public Participation

Council provides a range of opportunities for community members to voice their opinion and provide feedback including attendance at Council Meetings, contacting Elected Members directly, lodging customer requests or providing petitions or deputations directly to the Elected Council.

Council conducts a variety of processes to engage with the community including surveys, establishing working groups with community members, and conducting formal Community Consultation in accordance with Council's Public Consultation and Engagement Policy 1.1.08. These mechanisms allow Council to source community views about local issues, plans, events and activities to inform Council's decisions and ensure that services are tailored to best meet local requirements.

4.3 Internal Review of Council Actions

Council recognises the importance of transparency in decision making and the need to provide a fair procedure for the review of Council decisions, including matters relating to the impact of rates and service charges on ratepayers. In 2021/2022 there was one request received for an Internal Review under Section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, (compared to no requests in 2020/2021). The one request was declined on the basis that it was frivolous and vexatious, and the complainant did not have sufficient interest in the matter.

4.4 Community Consultation

Council consults and engages with its community on numerous issues throughout the year. During consultation processes, community members have an opportunity to comment and/or be heard by Council on issues that interest them. Submissions received as part of consultation processes are assessed and considered by Council as part of the decision-making process. Consultation Activities undertaken during 2021/2022 are listed below.

Month	Consultation Relating to
June 2022	Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/23
February 2022	Draft Port Augusta Sporting Facilities Master Plan
January 2022	Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre Renewal and Upgrade
December 2021	Draft Animal Management Plan 2022/2027
August 2021	Draft Reconciliation Action Plan
July 2021	Draft Revised Community Land Management Plans

Council advised the community of general information and public notices, through social media posts and some consultations had adverts in 'The Transcontinental Newspaper'.

4.5 Freedom of Information Requests

Requests for information not publicly available will be considered in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. Under this act, applicants seeking access to documents held by Council, need to provide sufficient information to enable the correct documents to be identified and must complete the application form and lodge it at the Council Office. All enquiries on Freedom of Information processes should be directed to Council's Freedom of Information Officers. In 2021/2022 Council received and resolved two Freedom of Information requests. One was granted in full and one partially granted.

4.6 Legal Expenditure

In accordance with Section 131(1a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, during 2021/2022 Council spent \$79,863 in legal costs.

4.7 Public Access to Council Documents

A significant amount of information and documentation held by Council is available for public viewing and is readily available without recourse to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* and we invite you to discuss your information needs with us. Council's Annual Report is available free of charge upon request at the Council Office and can be found on Council's website. The public also has access to the following documents, which are available free of charge on Council's website (unless indicated otherwise). Alternatively, copies may be obtained at a charge as outlined within Council's Fees and Charges Register.

4.7.1 Codes

- Elected Member Code of Conduct
- Code of Practice for Access to Meetings/Documents
- Council Staff Code of Conduct
- Code of Practice - Meeting Procedures

4.7.2 Policies

Refer to Council's website for a complete list of Council Policy documents.

4.7.3 Registers

- Register of Interests (Elected Members)
- Register of Allowances, Gifts and Benefits (Elected Members)
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits – council office only
- Register of Interests (Staff) – not for public inspection s116,117,118,119 *Local Government Act 1999*
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of By-Laws
- Register of Building Upgrade Agreements
- Register of Conflict of Interest
- Register of Fees and Charges
- Register of Sub-Delegations
- Register of Employees Gifts

4.7.4 By-Laws

A review of Council by-laws was last undertaken in 2019, and came into effect on 1 January 2020.

- By-Law No 1 – Permits and Penalties
- By-Law No 2 – Moveable Signs
- By-Law No 3 – Local Government Land
- By-Law No 4 – Roads
- By-Law No 5 – Dogs
- By-Law No 6 – Waste Management
- By-Law No 7 – Cats
- By-Law No 8 – Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

4.8 Community Land Management Plans

Community land management plans identify the purpose and objectives of land held for community use and operate in accordance with Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

As part of the annual review of the Community Land Management Plans and Register, Council undertook a public consultation process in June and July 2021 to ensure the community had an opportunity to consider the new revised draft Community Land Management Plans and to make comment on the Plans for Council consideration. The draft plans and register were updated with renewed dates of leases/licences/permits over community land and updated site plans and maps. Council endorsed the amendments in 2021.

4.9 Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act

In accordance with the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*, below is activities undertaken for the reporting period. There were four abatement notices issued, however, no prosecutions, civil penalties or court orders were pursued by the Council in relation to these complaints. Council received 163 complaints relating to anti-social behaviour during the year.

	Dust	Noise	Odour	Animals	Litter	Insanitary Conditions	Unsanitary Conditions
Complaints	6	9	2		5	11	26
Expiations					15		

4.10 Confidentiality Provisions

The table below lists the reasons that a matter may be considered by Council under the confidentiality provisions and the number of occasions during 2021/2022 that each of the provisions was used:

Section of the Local Government Act	Number of times used
Section 90(3)(a) – Personal affairs	3
Section 90(3)(b) – Commercial advantage	4
Section 90(3)(c) – Trade Secret	0
Section 90(3)(d) – Commercial information not a trade secret	0
Section 90(3)(e) – Security / Safety	0
Section 90(3)(f) – Maintenance of law	0
Section 90(3)(g) – Ensure Council does not breach a law	0
Section 90(3)(h) – Legal advice	2
Section 90(3)(i) – Information relating to litigation	1
Section 90(3)(j) – Confidential information of a Minister of the Crown	1
Section 90(3)(k) – Tenders for the supply of goods	2
Section 90(3)(m) – Development Plan Amendment	0
Section 90(3)(n) – <i>Freedom of Information Act 1991</i>	0

The matters considered by Council in Confidence are listed below. In 2021/2022 Council considered a total of 223 items, with 13 considered in confidence (6%). Of the 13 items placed under confidentiality provisions, four items were released during 2021/2022, and nine items remained in confidence at 30 June 2022.

No.	Topic & Confidential Provisions Used	Order Made	Period	Documents released
1	Report AR21/28002 – Carparking Contribution DA 660/206/2020 (b) – Commercial advantage	13/07/2021 AR21/33029	For 12 months or until development approval is issued and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
2	Report AR21/34189 – TTEG Claim (h) – Legal advice	13/07/2021 AR21/34191	For 12 months or until such time as the legal dispute has been resolved and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
3	Report AR21/39494 – Information Report – Mutual Liability Scheme Legal Matter (i) – Information relating to litigation	10/08/2021 AR21/39494	For 12 months or until such time as the matter has been resolved and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	30/06/2022
4	Report AR21/50416 – TTEG Claim – Next Steps (h) – Legal advice	12/10/2021 AR21/50420	For 12 months or until such time as the legal dispute has been resolved and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
5	Report AR21/56952 – Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre – Refurbishment and Upgrade Project (b) – Commercial advantage	09/11/2021 AR21/57748	For 12 months or until completion of the project and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	30/06/2022
6	Report AR21/52563 – Notice to Rescind a Motion – Mayor Benbow – Carparking Contribution – DA 660/206/2020 (b) – Commercial advantage	09/11/2021 AR21/52569	For 12 months or until development approval is issued and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
7	Report AR21/52534 – Carparking Contribution – Second Submission - DA 660/206/2020 (b) – Commercial advantage	09/11/2021 AR21/52310	For 12 months or until development approval is issued and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No

8	Report AR22/20598 – Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) Submission (j) – Confidential information of a Minister of the Crown	10/05/2022 AR22/21281	Until 30 June 2022 or until such time as the information is made publicly available by the LGA of SA and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	30/06/2022
9	Report AR22/19606 – Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre – Tender Update and Project Scope (k) – Tenders for the supply of goods	10/05/2022 AR22/21363	Until the contract is awarded for the upgrade to the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	30/06/2022
10	Report AR22/19606 – Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre – Tender Update and Project Scope (k) – Tenders for the supply of goods	20/05/2022 AR22/24940	Until the contract is awarded for the upgrade to the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	30/06/2022
11	Report AR22/29003 – Verbal Presentation – Recruitment (a) – Personal affairs	14/06/2022 AR22/29636	For 12 months or until development approval is issued and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
12	Report AR22/25642 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2020/2021 & Strategic Performance Objectives for 2022/2023 (a) – Personal affairs	31/05/2022 AR22/25639	Until further order of the Council and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No
13	Report AR22/25642 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2020/2021 & Strategic Performance Objectives for 2022/2023 (lift from the table) (a) – Personal affairs	26/06/2022 AR22/29842	Until further order of the Council and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.	No

Pursuant to Section 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, a review was undertaken of all confidential orders which have or will operate for a period exceeding 12 months (this includes items from previous financial years). On 14 June 2022, Council resolved to approve the nine remaining confidential items from 2021/2022 to remain under confidential provisions. The following table outlines the items under confidential orders from previous years, that were released during 2021/2022 or remained under confidential provisions following the 2022 review:

No.	Topic	Order Made	Date Expired and Released	Date Order was remade
1	AR17/32714, AR17/50517 and AR18/7073 CEO mid-year and 2017 Performance Evaluation – Items 6, 7 and 8	2017/2018	-	14/06/2021
2	AR18/32046 – Chief Executive Officer 2018 Performance Evaluation & Development – Item 5	2018/2019	-	14/06/2021
3	AR21/1201 – Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Assessment Panel and Assessment Manager Endorsement	2020/2021	-	14/06/2021
4	AR20/57599 – Scattering of Ashes on Private Land	2020/2021	-	14/06/2021
5	AR20/49011 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review for 2019/2020 & Strategic Performance Objectives for 2020/2021	2020/2021	-	14/06/2021
6	AR20/53079 – Unsolicited Proposal – Library Relocation	2020/2021	30/06/2022	-

4.11 Contracts with Confidentiality Clauses

Pursuant to Clause 13(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, Council may include a clause within a contract document outlining a schedule of confidentiality provisions within the contract. Council must report to the Minister administering the Act, the number of contracts containing confidentiality clauses. Council did not include these provisions within any contract documents during 2021/2022.

4.12 Competitive Tendering Statement

Council has a Purchasing, Contracts and Tendering Policy 1.1.09 which outlines the process to be undertaken when seeking the supply of services and goods from external parties. Council utilised a competitive tendering approach as detailed in the following table.

Tender	Value	Public or Selective
Cleaning of Council Buildings 2021-2024 (Civic Centre, Library, Cultural Centre, Institute, Works Depot, Fountain Gallery & LG Riches Centre)	\$231,660	Exemption
Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre Upgrade Stage 1 - Concept, Public Consultation, Design & Project Manage Construction	\$85,500	Public
Corporate Printer Upgrade (Fixed Lease Rental & Support Service) 2021-2024	\$92,196.00	Request for Quote
Cleaning of BBQ's Parks & Street Furniture 2021-2024	\$97,319.00	Public
Supply & Installation of Runway & Apron Ground Lighting Upgrade - Port Augusta Airport	\$340,000	Public
Installation of Footpath Pavers 2021/2022	\$143,264	Public
Kerbing Replacement Program 2021/2022	\$284,763	Public
Supply & Installation of Replacement Stormwater Switchboard	\$139,828	Public
Supply of Pavers 2021/2022	\$86,166	Public
Provision of Local Government Planning Services	\$45,000	Request for Quote
Supply & Delivery of Unsealed Road Material on Various Council Roads 2021/2022	\$465,353	Selective
Repairs to Boardwalk - Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden	\$174,444	Public
Provision of a Digital Terrain Model for the Port Augusta City Council Area	\$65,780	Public
Redesign & Upgrade Works of Public Toilet Facilities - Rotary Park & Civic Centre	\$172,000	Public
Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre – Construction Works	\$2,663,100	Public
Transportable Building Replacement - Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden	\$78,300	Request for Quote
Light Vehicle Replacement (3 x Vehicles)	\$131,519.02	Selective

4.13 National Competition Principles

Competitive neutrality is one of the key principles of the National Competition Policy. The principle is based on the concept of a level playing field for people competing for business and relates to any situation where there is, or there is the potential for, competition between the private and public sectors. Council applies cost effective pricing to its business activities to ensure competitive neutrality is achieved. Councils are required to identify their business activities and disclose those in Category One (annual gross operating income greater than \$2 million) and Category 2 (annual gross operating income less than \$2 million.) In 2021/2022 Council continued to maintain the following Category 2 significant business activities:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden | 5 Port Augusta Mens Shed |
| 2 Central Oval Community Hub | 6 Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre |
| 3 Port Augusta Childcare Centre | 7 Substance Misuse Services |
| 4 Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli | 8 Wadlata Outback Centre |

4.14 Auditor Independence

The *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* set out the requirements of Auditors to provide independent audit opinions of the accounts and annual financial reports, and internal financial controls of the Council. The audit must meet statutory requirements and Australian audit standards. Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants have been appointed for a period from 2020/2021 up to and including 2024/2025, at a contract price of \$99,139. During the 2021/2022 financial year, Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants were paid \$11,055 for undertaking the 2020/2021 final audit in September 2021 and \$9,900 for the interim audit in March 2022. A copy of Council's audited financial statement for 2021/2022 is provided on the following pages and is also available on Council's website.



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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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PortAugusta
CITY COUNCIL



General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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 2022 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.



John Banks
Chief Executive Officer

28 October 2022



Brett Benbow
Mayor

01 November 2022

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$	Notes	2022	2021
Income			
Rates & Service Charges	2a	19,380,195	20,240,041
Statutory Charges	2b	324,530	413,835
User Charges	2c	3,957,827	3,519,939
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2g	7,765,673	8,412,425
Investment Income	2d	37,002	15,310
Reimbursements	2e	680,767	403,018
Other income	2f	792,266	767,749
Total Income		32,938,260	33,772,317
Expenses			
Employee costs	3a	11,719,484	11,385,309
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	3b	11,873,968	12,811,242
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	3c	7,671,327	7,889,278
Finance Costs	3d	133,162	202,746
Total Expenses		31,397,941	32,288,575
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		1,540,319	1,483,742
Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	2i	–	728,325
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(141,945)	(10,216)
Amounts Received or Returned Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2g	1,413,795	(291,631)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		2,812,169	1,910,220
Other Comprehensive Income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	8	1,561,065	45,654,926
Total Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result		1,561,065	45,654,926
Total Other Comprehensive Income		1,561,065	45,654,926
Total Comprehensive Income		4,373,234	47,565,146
Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation 22/23		(2,442,957)	–
Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation 21/22		1,599,250	(1,599,250)
Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation 20/21		–	1,575,847
Supplementary Road Funding Reallocation 20/21		–	141,579
Adjusted Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		696,612	1,601,917

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

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

\$	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	5a	10,591,069	3,816,981
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	1,896,007	2,255,475
Inventories	5c	143,008	172,410
<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>12,630,084</u>	<u>6,244,866</u>
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	17	253,276	—
<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>253,276</u>	<u>—</u>
Total current assets		<u>12,883,360</u>	<u>6,244,866</u>
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6a(i)	219,374,292	221,617,239
Total non-current assets		<u>219,374,292</u>	<u>221,617,239</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>232,257,652</u>	<u>227,862,105</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7a	4,659,205	3,759,574
Borrowings	7b	327,947	897,945
Provisions	7c	1,888,374	1,886,432
<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>6,875,526</u>	<u>6,543,951</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>6,875,526</u>	<u>6,543,951</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	7b	4,086,028	4,399,194
Provisions	7c	70,143	66,239
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>4,156,171</u>	<u>4,465,433</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,031,697</u>	<u>11,009,384</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>221,225,955</u>	<u>216,852,721</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		(2,011,006)	(4,823,175)
Asset revaluation reserves	8	223,236,961	221,675,896
Total Council Equity		<u>221,225,955</u>	<u>216,852,721</u>
<u>Total Equity</u>		<u>221,225,955</u>	<u>216,852,721</u>

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 2022

\$	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Total equity
2022				
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		(4,823,175)	221,675,896	216,852,721
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,812,169	–	2,812,169
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	6a(i)	–	1,561,065	1,561,065
Other comprehensive income		–	1,561,065	1,561,065
Total comprehensive income		2,812,169	1,561,065	4,373,234
Balance at the end of period		(2,011,006)	223,236,961	221,225,955
2021				
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		(6,733,395)	176,020,970	169,287,575
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,910,220	–	1,910,220
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	6a(i)	–	45,654,926	45,654,926
Other comprehensive income		–	45,654,926	45,654,926
Total comprehensive income		1,910,220	45,654,926	47,565,146
Balance at the end of period		(4,823,175)	221,675,896	216,852,721

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 2022

\$	Notes	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating Receipts		34,666,916	36,680,015
Investment Receipts		37,002	15,310
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(24,071,771)	(26,262,436)
Finance Payments		(133,162)	(240,496)
Net cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	9b	10,498,985	10,192,393
Cash flows from investing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		1,413,795	195,280
Sale of Replaced Assets		106,364	62,899
Sale of Surplus Assets		–	208,633
Sale of Non Current Assets "held for sale"		–	605,360
Repayments of Loans by Community Groups		7,008	15,438
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(3,287,788)	(2,009,401)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(1,054,328)	(668,037)
Return of amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		–	(486,911)
Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities		(2,814,949)	(2,076,739)
Cash flows from financing activities			
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Loans		(897,944)	(4,572,138)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities		(12,004)	–
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(909,948)	(4,572,138)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		6,774,088	3,543,516
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period		3,816,981	273,465
Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period	9a	10,591,069	3,816,981
Additional Information:			
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		10,591,069	3,816,981

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

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 01 November 2022.

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 Rounding

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

(2) The Local Government Reporting Entity

Port Augusta City Council is incorporated under the South Australian *Local Government Act 1999* and has its principal place of business at 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta, South Australia. 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.

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

(3) Income Recognition

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

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

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

In recent years the Commonwealth Government has paid amounts of untied financial assistance grants, which are recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation:

2019/20	2 quarters of the 2020/21 allocation	\$1,575,847
2020/21	2 quarters of the 2021/22 allocation	\$1,599,250
2021/22	3 quarters of the 2022/23 allocation	\$2,442,957

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

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".

(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 11.

(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.

(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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

6.2 Materiality

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

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

Buildings, Structures and Site Improvements	\$5,000
Road Construction/Reconstruction	\$5,000
CWMS, Waste Water and Stormwater	\$3,000
Paving, Footpaths, Kerb and Gutter	\$2,000
Plant, Contents and Vehicles	\$1,000

Assets which are not completed as at 30th June in any year will be shown as Capital Work in Progress on the Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Note. These assets will not attract depreciation until completion.

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 6.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

Plant, Contents and Vehicles

Furniture and Contents	3 to 20 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 20 years
Vehicles	10 to 20 years

Buildings, Structures and Site Improvements

Buildings — Structure	30 to 150 years
Buildings — Components	20 to 60 years
Park Furniture	7 to 30 years
Playground Equipment	15 to 30 years
Carparks, Pathways and Fencing	30 to 50 years
BMX Track	20 years
Board Walk	30 to 40 years
Monuments and Memorials	50 to 100 years
Shade Sails and Shelters	15 to 40 years
Swimming Pools	40 to 50 years
Marine Structures	25 to 80 years

CWMS, Waste Water and Stormwater

Stormwater Drains	60 to 100 years
Culverts	60 to 80 years
Flood Control Structures	50 to 100 years

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basins	50 years
Reticulation Pipes — PVC70	60 to 70 years
Reticulation Pipes — other25	50 to 70 years
Wastewater Irrigation	80 to 100 years
Pumps & Telemetry	25 to 50years
Reclaimed Water Plant & Irrigation System	25 to 50 years
CWMS – Pipe Assets & Node Assets	70 years
<i>Road Infrastructure</i>	
Sealed Roads — Surface Upper	10 to 70 years
Sealed Roads — Surface Lower	60 to 105 years
Sealed Roads — Pavement Upper	50 to 100 years
Sealed Roads — Pavement Sub Base	150 to 300 years
Unsealed Roads - Surface	10 to 25 years
Unsealed Roads – Base	45 to 60 years
Bridges — Concrete	50 to 85 years
Kerb and Gutter	60 to 65 years
Paving and Footpaths - Surface	10 to 45 years
Paving and Footpaths - Base	90 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.

(7) Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

(8) Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables".

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(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 the Hostplus Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 16.

(10) Leases

AASB 16 Leases, commenced from 1 July 2019 and requires that the right of use conveyed by leasing contracts - except leases with a maximum term of 12 months and leases for low-value assets - be recognised as a form of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment, and that the lease liability be disclosed as a liability. At 30 June 2022, Council has 1 lease to which this treatment has been applied.

(11) GST Implications

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

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

(12) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2022, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date.

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

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 (amended by AASB 2020-6)
- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates (amended by AASB 2021-6)

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10, AASB 2017-5 and AASB 2021-7)

(13) Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures following a General Ledger Restructure, 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.

(14) Disclaimer

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

(15) COVID-19 Pandemic

The 2020/2021 financial year experienced impacts from the global COVID-19 pandemic due to a mandatory shut down period in November 2020, restrictions on the number of people at certain Council sites and border closures. The net impact on 2020/2021 is estimated to be \$47,800.

2021/2022 was also impacted by a mandatory shut down period during July for South Australia and border restrictions interstate, impacting on tourism sites peak trading periods. The net impact on 2021/2022 is estimated to be \$98,000.

Council has considered the consequences of COVID-19 and other events and conditions, and it has determined that they do not create a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 2. Income

\$	2022	2021
(a) Rates & Service Charges		
General Rates		
General Rates	19,187,797	17,908,645
Less: Mandatory Rebates	(594,126)	(370,167)
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs	(2,391,333)	(410,887)
Total General Rates	16,202,338	17,127,591
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)		
Waste Collection	1,921,826	1,879,732
Community Wastewater Management Systems	810,492	783,711
Regional Landscape Levy	289,925	285,985
Total Other Rates (Including Service Charges)	3,022,243	2,949,428
Other Charges		
Penalties for Late Payment	97,985	91,324
Legal & Other Costs Recovered	57,629	71,698
Total Other Charges	155,614	163,022
Total Rates & Service Charges	19,380,195	20,240,041
(b) Statutory Charges		
Development Act Fees	106,196	92,735
Health & Septic Tank Inspection Fees	7,581	11,551
Animal Registration & Expiation Fees	155,332	262,680
Parking Expiation Fees	12,043	20,312
Other Licences, Fees & Fines	43,378	26,557
Total Statutory Charges	324,530	413,835
(c) User Charges		
Cemetery Fees	216,282	225,261
Hall & Equipment Hire	135,674	108,454
Sales - General	1,194,629	1,273,839
Other Fees	2,411,242	1,912,385
Total User Charges	3,957,827	3,519,939

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$	2022	2021
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(d) Investment Income

Interest on Investments

- Local Government Finance Authority

36,765

14,636

- Loans to Community Groups

237

674

Total Investment Income

37,002

15,310

(e) Reimbursements

Roadworks

187,940

—

Private Works

11,674

1,017

Other

481,153

402,001

Total Reimbursements

680,767

403,018

(f) Other income

Insurance & Other Recoupments - Infrastructure, IPP&E

706,105

633,803

Other

86,161

133,946

Total Other income

792,266

767,749

(g) Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets

1,413,795

195,280

Return of amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets

—

(486,911)

Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets

1,413,795

(291,631)

Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

7,765,673

8,412,425

Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

7,765,673

8,412,425

Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions

9,179,468

8,120,794

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 10.

(i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government

2,749,297

2,439,674

State Government

6,343,195

5,649,279

Other

86,976

31,841

Total

9,179,468

8,120,794

(ii) Individually Significant Items

In 2021/2022, the Commonwealth Government paid an advance of half of the Financial Assistance Grant for 2022/2023

(2,442,957)

—

In 2020/2021, the Commonwealth Government paid an advance of half of the Financial Assistance Grant for 2021/2022

1,599,250

(1,599,250)

In 2019/2020, the Commonwealth Government paid an advance of half of the Financial Assistance Grant for 2020/2021

—

1,575,847

In 2018/2019, the Commonwealth Government paid an advance of the Supplementary Road Funding for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021

—

141,579

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$	2022	2021
During 2020/21 Council returned unspent funds to the State Government relating to the Eastside Jetty. The funds were received by Council during the 2014/15 financial year and utilised to remove a portion of the Jetty following community consultation.	–	(486,911)

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$	2022	2021
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(h) Conditions over Grants & Contributions

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

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	1,840,217	1,793,252
Less:		
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
Other	(1,840,217)	(1,717,426)
Subtotal	(1,840,217)	(1,717,426)
Plus:		
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
Other	2,563,862	1,764,391
Subtotal	2,563,862	1,764,391
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	2,563,862	1,840,217
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period	723,645	46,965

(i) Physical Resources Received Free of Charge

Land	–	45,000
Buildings & Other Structures	–	683,325
Total Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	–	728,325

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 3. Expenses

\$	Notes	2022	2021
(a) Employee costs			
Salaries and Wages		9,574,864	9,278,156
Employee Leave Expense		1,015,925	976,420
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	16	883,615	806,542
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	16	101,981	125,820
Superannuation - Other	16	—	368
Workers' Compensation Insurance		260,907	321,686
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(117,808)	(123,683)
Total Operating Employee Costs		11,719,484	11,385,309
Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)			
		133	132
(b) Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
(i) Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		19,245	18,701
Bad and Doubtful Debts		60,801	—
Elected Members' Expenses		243,666	238,883
Lease Expense - Low Value Assets / Short Term Leases		56,833	81,272
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		380,545	338,856
(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses			
Contractors		4,953,821	6,219,872
Utilities		1,655,611	1,597,602
Legal Expenses		79,863	97,746
Levies Paid to Government - Regional Landscape Levy		289,540	286,673
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		1,286,178	1,366,298
Professional Services		192,281	140,141
Communications		130,834	137,189
Contributions & Donations		133,015	84,632
Insurances		565,100	498,986
Rates & Taxes		64,684	56,276
Travel & Accommodation		2,679	13,230
Advertising		64,826	56,904
Subscriptions		83,538	84,213
Training		139,323	135,498
Postage Printing Stationery		85,790	100,247
Plant Hire		690,650	589,604
Bank Charges		63,726	62,680
Sundry		1,011,964	944,595
Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts & Expenses		11,493,423	12,472,386
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		11,873,968	12,811,242

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$	2022	2021
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(c) Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment

(i) Depreciation and Amortisation

Buildings & Other Structures	3,236,075	3,246,992
Infrastructure	3,557,688	3,717,129
Right-of-use Assets	12,175	–
Plant & Equipment	600,650	659,707
Furniture & Fittings	264,739	265,450
Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,671,327	7,889,278

(d) Finance Costs

Interest on Loans	132,663	202,746
Interest on Leases	499	–
Total Finance Costs	133,162	202,746

Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

\$	2022	2021
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Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced

Proceeds from Disposal	106,364	62,899
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(248,309)	(146,588)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	(141,945)	(83,689)

(ii) Assets Surplus to Requirements

Proceeds from Disposal	–	208,633
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	–	(347,352)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal	–	(138,719)

Gain on the sale of held for sale assets

Proceeds From Sale of Assets	–	605,360
Carrying Value	–	(393,168)
Gain on the sale of Held for Sale Assets	–	212,192

Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets	(141,945)	(10,216)
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 5. Current Assets

\$	2022	2021
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(a) Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets

Cash on Hand at Bank	417,330	487,020
Deposits at Call	10,173,739	3,329,961
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	10,591,069	3,816,981

(b) Trade & Other Receivables

Rates - General & Other	1,145,690	1,296,480
Accrued Revenues	176,226	160,219
Debtors - General	237,490	283,244
Other Levels of Government	49,486	254,462
GST Recoupment	370,008	284,715
Prepayments	38,219	82,568
Loans to Community Organisations	–	7,008
Subtotal	2,017,119	2,368,696
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(121,112)	(113,221)
Total Trade & Other Receivables	1,896,007	2,255,475

(c) Inventories

Stores & Materials	70,644	74,182
Trading Stock	72,364	98,228
Total Inventories	143,008	172,410

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

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

\$	Fair Value Level	as at 30/06/21				Asset movements during the reporting period							as at 30/06/22			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount	Asset Additions New / Upgrade	Asset Additions Renewals	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	WIP Transfers	Tfrs from/(to) "Held for Sale" category	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 8)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount
Capital Work in Progress		–	285,951	–	285,951	–	882,889	–	–	(273,338)	–	–	–	895,502	–	895,502
Land - Other	2	1,715,500	–	–	1,715,500	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,715,500	–	–	1,715,500
Land - Other	3	11,573,000	–	–	11,573,000	–	–	–	–	–	(95,000)	–	11,478,000	–	–	11,478,000
Buildings & Other Structures	2	1,623,000	–	(1,365,926)	257,074	–	–	–	(57,926)	–	–	–	1,623,000	–	(1,423,852)	199,148
Buildings & Other Structures	3	133,015,170	256,612	(57,884,672)	75,387,110	487,176	507,678	–	(3,178,149)	75,676	(158,276)	–	132,877,782	1,070,529	(60,827,096)	73,121,215
Infrastructure	3	199,148,005	1,962,797	(73,128,190)	127,982,612	370,670	1,599,008	(144,817)	(3,557,688)	197,662	–	1,561,065	202,837,322	2,943,360	(77,772,170)	128,008,512
Right-of-Use Assets		–	–	–	–	26,784	–	–	(12,175)	–	–	–	26,784	–	(12,175)	14,609
Plant & Equipment	2	8,236,918	49,537	(4,917,878)	3,368,577	173,064	298,213	(103,491)	(600,650)	–	–	–	8,330,668	173,064	(5,368,019)	3,135,713
Furniture & Fittings	2	4,421,731	207,888	(3,582,204)	1,047,415	23,417	–	–	(264,739)	–	–	–	4,629,619	23,417	(3,846,943)	806,093
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		359,733,324	2,762,785	(140,878,870)	221,617,239	1,081,111	3,287,788	(248,308)	(7,671,327)	–	(253,276)	1,561,065	363,518,675	5,105,872	(149,250,255)	219,374,292
Comparatives		287,449,027	12,683,746	(118,838,792)	181,293,981	1,037,861	1,727,740	(493,940)	(7,889,278)	–	–	45,654,924	359,733,324	2,762,785	(140,878,870)	221,617,239

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

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

Valuation of Assets

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 additions at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

The requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013.

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.

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.

Land

Land assets were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Public Sector Valuations Pty Ltd (JLL) as at 1 July 2020.

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

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

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

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Note 6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings & Other Structures were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Public Sector Valuations Pty Ltd (JLL) as at 1 July 2020.

The land and building associated 20 Jervois Street was transferred and re-classified as "Non Current Assets Held for Sale" as at 30 June 2022. Settlement of this property is due to occur on 7 October 2022.

Infrastructure

Community waste water management systems, waste water and stormwater drainage assets were valued by Tonkins Consulting as at 1 July 2021. Road assets were valued by Tonkins Consulting as at 1 July 2020.

Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Public Sector Valuations Pty Ltd (JLL) as at 1 July 2020.

Furniture & Fittings

Furniture & Fittings were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Public Sector Valuations Pty Ltd (JLL) as at 1 July 2020.

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Note 7. Liabilities

	2022 Current	2022 Non Current	2021 Current	2021 Non Current
\$				
(a) Trade and Other Payables				
Goods & Services	2,662,642	—	2,003,967	—
Payments Received in Advance	1,165,960	—	1,062,055	—
Accrued Expenses - Other	830,603	—	693,552	—
Total Trade and Other Payables	4,659,205	—	3,759,574	—

	Notes	2022 Current	2022 Non Current	2021 Current	2021 Non Current
\$					
(b) Borrowings					
Loans		313,167	4,086,028	897,945	4,399,194
Lease Liabilities	15b	14,780	—	—	—
Total Borrowings		327,947	4,086,028	897,945	4,399,194

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

(c) Provisions

Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)	1,888,374	70,143	1,886,432	66,239
Total Provisions	1,888,374	70,143	1,886,432	66,239

Amounts included in provisions that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date

1,171,093	—	1,074,206	—
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 8. Reserves

	as at 30/06/21				as at 30/06/22
\$	Opening Balance	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Land	14,912,106	—	—	—	14,912,106
Buildings & Other Structures	65,837,272	—	—	—	65,837,272
Infrastructure	135,106,950	1,561,065	—	—	136,668,015
Plant & Equipment	3,393,936	—	—	—	3,393,936
Furniture & Fittings	2,425,632	—	—	—	2,425,632
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	221,675,896	1,561,065	—	—	223,236,961
Comparatives	176,020,971	45,654,926	—	—	221,675,897

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).

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 9. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$	Notes	2022	2021
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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 Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	10,591,069	3,816,981
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		10,591,069	3,816,981

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

Net Surplus/(Deficit)		2,812,169	1,910,220
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		7,671,327	7,889,278
Non-Cash Asset Acquisitions		–	(728,325)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(1,413,795)	291,631
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		141,945	10,216
		9,211,646	9,373,020
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		360,351	817,822
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		(7,891)	6,397
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		29,402	11,408
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		899,631	226,428
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits		5,846	(242,681)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		10,498,985	10,192,394

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	2i	–	728,325
Amounts recognised in Income Statement		–	728,325
Total Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities		–	728,325

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	700,000	700,000
Corporate Credit Cards	43,000	43,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture Facility	13,350,000	16,350,000

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 10(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities.
Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 10(b).

		INCOME		EXPENSES	OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
\$	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Functions/Activities										
Business Undertakings	810,492	783,711	1,154,368	851,103	(343,876)	(67,392)	—	—	7,642,593	7,650,700
Community Services	4,131,909	5,830,561	6,932,980	8,512,027	(2,801,071)	(2,681,466)	3,228,561	4,940,493	13,929,855	14,307,731
Culture	194,806	162,401	1,126,564	1,166,235	(931,758)	(1,003,834)	93,643	47,031	6,810,266	7,199,549
Economic Development	485,666	529,632	1,253,704	1,211,159	(768,038)	(681,527)	—	—	—	—
Environment	2,901,783	2,981,036	5,121,302	4,932,228	(2,219,519)	(1,951,192)	—	18,236	11,747,370	10,315,030
Recreation	577,506	659,601	6,083,398	5,913,356	(5,505,892)	(5,253,755)	28,409	28,409	46,030,561	47,198,081
Regulatory Services	305,160	415,277	900,786	992,251	(595,626)	(576,974)	—	7,258	345,064	390,871
Transport	1,652,354	922,165	6,947,462	6,693,117	(5,295,108)	(5,770,952)	424,224	286,925	129,717,677	131,235,063
Plant Hire & Depot	767,886	663,843	—	—	767,886	663,843	23,855	28,617	3,299,341	3,484,836
Council Administration	21,110,698	20,824,091	1,877,377	2,017,099	19,233,321	18,806,992	3,966,981	3,055,455	12,734,923	6,080,247
Total Functions/Activities	32,938,260	33,772,318	31,397,941	32,288,575	1,540,319	1,483,743	7,765,673	8,412,426	232,257,652	227,862,105

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 10(b). Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Community Wastewater Management Schemes, Wastewater

Community Services

Sobering Up and Substance Misuse Services, Community Buildings, Services for the Aged and Disabled, Childcare Centre, Community Support, Cemeteries, Public Conveniences, Other Public Amenities

Culture

Library, Cultural Centre, Art Gallery

Economic Development

Regional Development, Tourism and Regional Promotion, Wadlata Outback Centre

Environment

Landcare, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Waste Management, Stormwater Management, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting

Recreation

Marine and Boating Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Sporting Facilities, Swimming Centre, Sport and Recreation Programs

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Parking Inspection, Building and Planning, Environmental Health

Transport

Airport, Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads

Plant Hire & Depot

Engineering, Works and Parks Depot, Plant and Machinery

Council Administration

Governance (City Management, Elected Members), Human Resources, Finance and Customer Services, Information Communications Technology, Records Management, Work Health Safety and Risk Management, Treasury Management, Rate Revenue and Local Government Grants Commission Financial Assistance Grants

*Expenses includes Depreciation, and Full Cost Attribution which re-allocates a portion of Council Administration (not including Governance) and Plant Hire & Depot expenses.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 11. Financial Instruments

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.29% and 3.95% dependant on the fixed period (2021: 0.30% and 0.85%) and variable interest rates of 1.5% (2021: 0.30%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

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*.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

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

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Other Levels of Government

Accounting Policy:

Carried at nominal value.

Terms & Conditions:

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

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 11. Financial Instruments (continued)

Terms & Conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy:

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

Terms & Conditions:

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal & interest; interest is charged at fixed rates between 3.05% and 4.20% dependant on the fixed period (2021: 2.8% and 5.05%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Leases

Accounting Policy:

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 16.

\$	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
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Financial Assets and Liabilities

2022

Financial Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	10,591,069	—	—	10,591,069	10,591,069
Receivables	1,857,788	—	—	1,857,788	1,857,788
Total Financial Assets	12,448,857	—	—	12,448,857	12,448,857

Financial Liabilities

Payables	3,493,245	—	—	3,493,245	3,493,245
Current Borrowings	434,168	—	—	434,168	313,167
Non-Current Borrowings	—	4,301,289	—	4,301,289	4,086,028
Leases	—	—	—	—	14,780
Total Financial Liabilities	3,927,413	4,301,289	—	8,228,702	7,907,220

2021

Financial Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,816,981	—	—	3,816,981	3,816,981
Receivables	2,173,144	—	—	2,173,144	2,173,144
Other Financial Assets	7,008	—	—	7,008	7,008
Total Financial Assets	5,997,133	—	—	5,997,133	5,997,133

Financial Liabilities

Payables	2,003,967	—	—	2,003,967	2,003,967
Current Borrowings	1,043,102	—	—	1,043,102	897,945
Non-Current Borrowings	—	5,169,623	—	5,169,623	4,399,194
Total Financial Liabilities	3,047,069	5,169,623	—	8,216,692	7,301,106

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 11. Financial Instruments (continued)

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

\$	2022		2021	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Fixed Interest Rates	2.80%	4,399,195	2.99%	5,297,139
		<u>4,399,195</u>		<u>5,297,139</u>

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

Note 12. Capital Expenditure Commitments

\$	2022	2021
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Capital Commitments

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre Upgrade	2,975,881	—
	<u>2,975,881</u>	<u>—</u>

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	2,975,881	—
	<u>2,975,881</u>	<u>—</u>

During 2021/2022 Port Augusta City Council resolved to undertake an upgrade to the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre. A contract was entered into, with work commencing in 2022/2023. Government grant revenue of \$1,749,600 has been committed for this project.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 13. Financial Indicators

	Amounts 2022	Indicator 2022	Indicator 2021
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.

1. Operating Surplus Ratio

Operating Surplus	1,540,319	4.7%	4.4%
Total Operating Income	32,938,260		

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

2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities	(1,455,379)	(4.4)%	14.6%
Total Operating Income	32,938,260		

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.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio

Operating Surplus	696,612	2.2%	4.7%
Total Operating Income	32,094,553		

Adjustments to Ratios

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

Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities	987,578	3.1%	20.2%
Total Operating Income	32,094,553		

3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

Asset Renewals	3,225,278	82.2%	68.6%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure	3,924,000		

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 14. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$	2022	2021
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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	32,938,260	33,772,317
less Expenses	(31,397,941)	(32,288,575)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,540,319	1,483,742

Net Outlays on Existing Assets

Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	(3,287,788)	(2,009,401)
add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,671,327	7,889,278
add back Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	106,364	62,899
	4,489,903	5,942,776

Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets

Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including Investment Property & Real Estate Developments)	(1,054,328)	(668,037)
add back Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	1,413,795	195,280
add back Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property, real estate developments & non-current assets held for resale)	—	208,633
	359,467	(264,124)

Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	6,389,689	7,162,394
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 15. Leases

(i) Council as a lessee

Terms and conditions of leases

Plant & Equipment

During 2021/2022 Port Augusta City Council entered into a lease for a vehicle for the Exceptional Needs Unit Program. The Lease period is September 2021 to June 2023, with fixed monthly payment amounts. The fixed interest rate applicable to the lease is 2.80%.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised within Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment and the movements during the period:

(a) Right of use assets

\$	Right-Of-Use	Total
2022		
Opening balance	—	—
Additions to right-of-use assets	26,784	26,784
Depreciation charge	(12,175)	(12,175)
Balance at 30 June	14,609	14,609
2021		
Opening balance	—	—
Additions to right-of-use assets	—	—
Depreciation charge	—	—
Balance at 30 June	—	—

(b) Lease liabilities

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

\$	2022	2021
At 1 July 2021		
Additions	26,784	—
Accretion of interest	499	—
Payments	(12,504)	—
At 30 June 2022	14,779	—
Current	14,779	—

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is included in Note 13.
The Council had total cash outflows for leases of \$12,504.

The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:

Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	12,175	—
Interest expense on lease liabilities	499	—
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	12,674	—

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 16. Superannuation

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (10.00% in 2021/22; 9.50% in 2020/21). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2020/21) 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 2021. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 17. Non-Current Assets Held for Sale & Discontinued Operations

Details of Assets & Disposal Groups

20 Jervois Street

During 2020/21, Port Augusta City Council resolved to place this property on the market.

The balances of the Land and Building associated with this property were re-classified and transferred to "Non Current Assets Held for Sale" as at 30 June 2022.

The property settlement date is 7 October 2022.

\$	2022	2021
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(ii). Carrying Amounts of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

Total Assets

Net Assets

253,276	—
<u>253,276</u>	<u>—</u>
<u>253,276</u>	<u>—</u>

Note 18. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, 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 **410** 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 19. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2022, 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 not aware of any "non adjusting events" that merit disclosure.

Note 20. 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, 18 persons were paid the following total compensation.

\$	2022	2021
The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:		
Short-Term Employee Benefits	1,384,055	1,243,536
Post-Employment Benefits	111,315	95,936
Long-Term Benefits	20,725	—
Termination Benefits	21,501	—
Total	1,537,596	1,339,472

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	2,077	521
Freedom of Information Requests	72	—
Total	2,149	521

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of four planning and building applications during the year.

Three close family members of the key management personnel are employed by Council in accordance with the terms of the Award, and as recorded in the public Register of Salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the Local Government Act 1999.

An Elected Member is a member of the management committee for an organisation which received a rate rebate of \$1,477.

An Elected Member is involved in a company which paid Council \$395.

An Elected Member is involved in an organisation which received \$4,717 from Council.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, these persons declare a conflict of interest and leave the meeting environs when any matter affecting the organisation is discussed or voted upon.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Council Certificate of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, *Local Government Act 1999* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Basis for opinion

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

Council's responsibility for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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

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

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS



Tim Muhlhausler CA, Registered Company Auditor
Partner

2 November 2022



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To the members of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta (the Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

In our opinion, Corporation of the City of Port Augusta has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagement ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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

The Council's responsibility for internal controls

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

Our independence and quality control

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

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information* and ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the internal controls specified above for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Limitations of controls

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

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

Limitation of use

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

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

Tim Muhlhausler CA, Registered Company Auditor
Partner

2 November 2022

General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Certification of Auditor Independence

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Port Augusta City Council for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Galpins, 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*.



John Banks
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 01 November 2022



Alan Rushbrook
Presiding Member, Audit Committee



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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement by Auditor

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Corporation of the City of Port Augusta for the year ended 30 June 2022, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)*, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

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