



PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021



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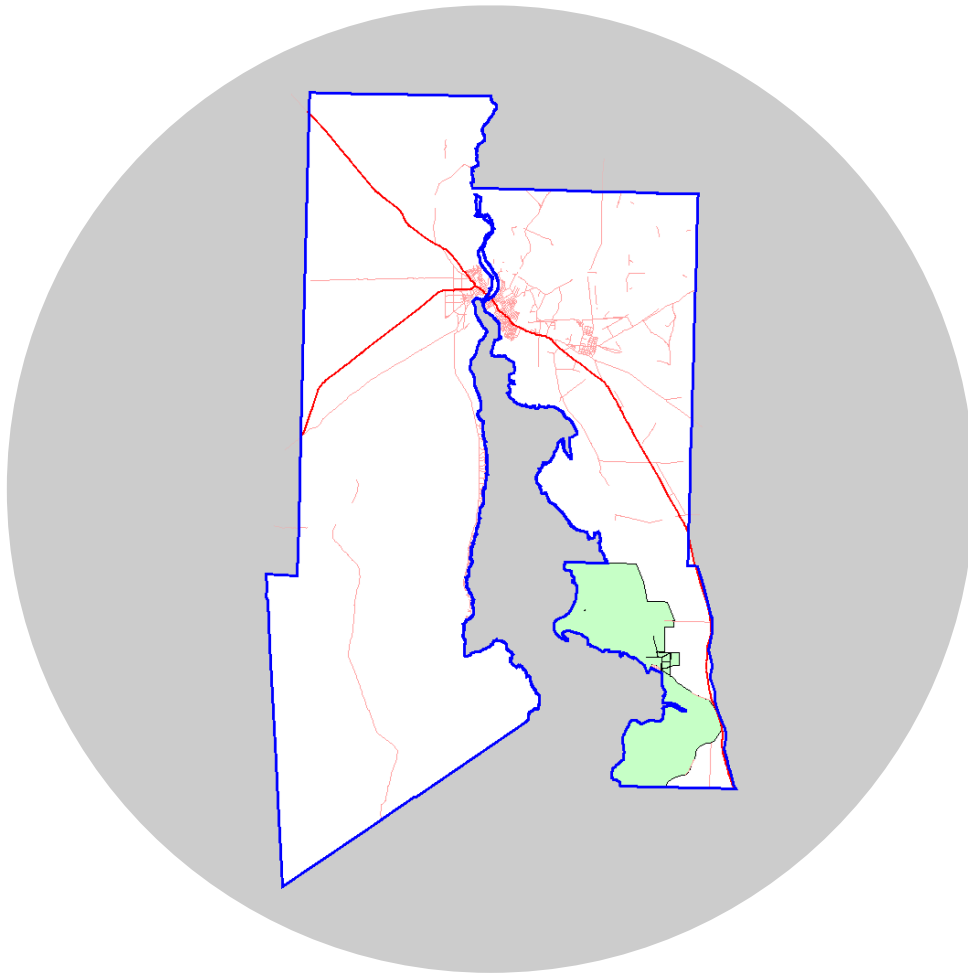
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SECTION ONE:

Introduction





Our Aspiration

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.



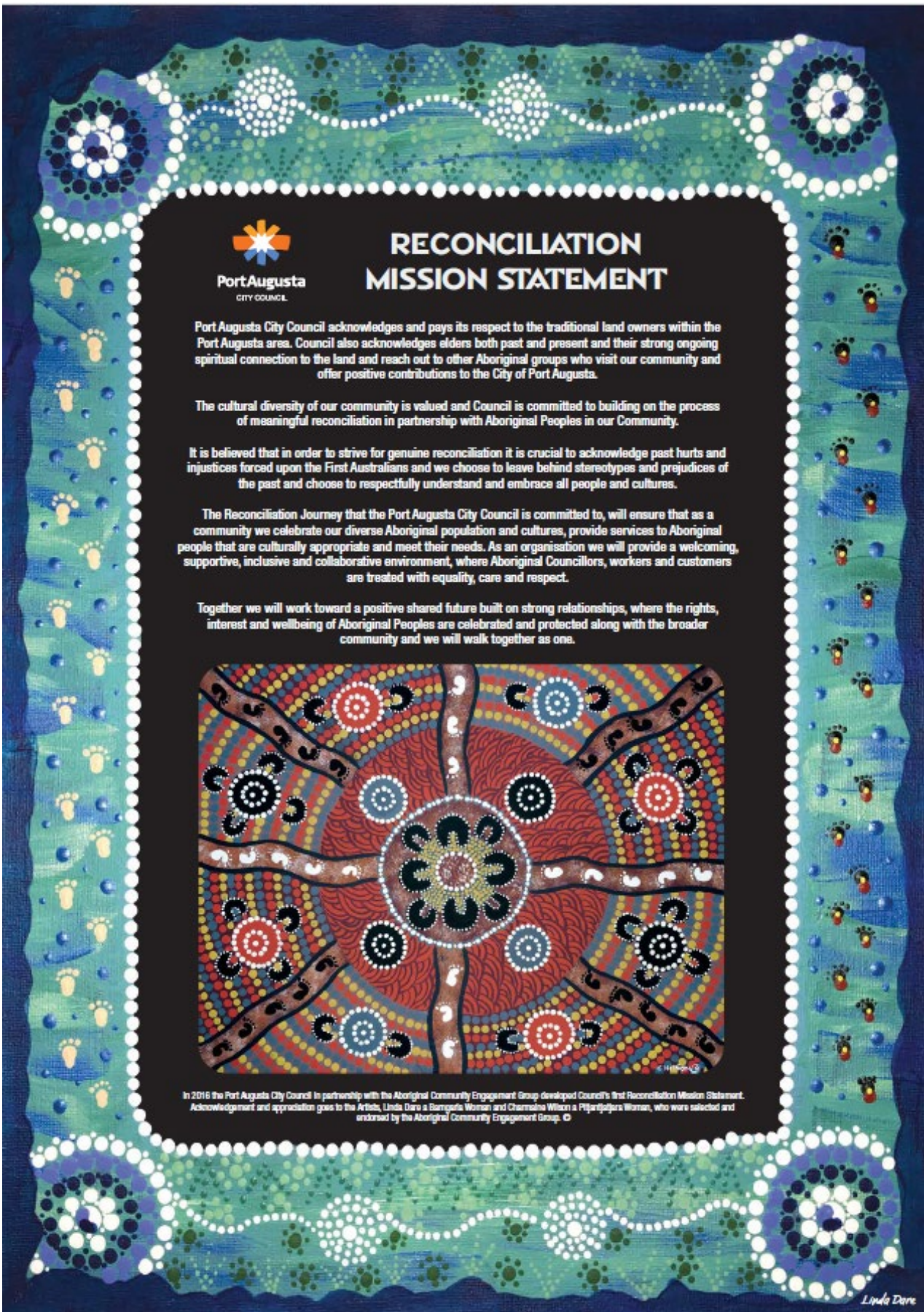
Leadership


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.

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




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RECONCILIATION MISSION STATEMENT


Port Augusta City Council acknowledges and pays its respect to the traditional land owners within the Port Augusta area. Council also acknowledges elders both past and present and their strong ongoing spiritual connection to the land and reach out to other Aboriginal groups who visit our community and offer positive contributions to the City of Port Augusta.

The cultural diversity of our community is valued and Council is committed to building on the process of meaningful reconciliation in partnership with Aboriginal Peoples in our Community.

It is believed that in order to strive for genuine reconciliation it is crucial to acknowledge past hurts and injustices forced upon the First Australians and we choose to leave behind stereotypes and prejudices of the past and choose to respectfully understand and embrace all people and cultures.

The Reconciliation Journey that the Port Augusta City Council is committed to, will ensure that as a community we celebrate our diverse Aboriginal population and cultures, provide services to Aboriginal people that are culturally appropriate and meet their needs. As an organisation we will provide a welcoming, supportive, inclusive and collaborative environment, where Aboriginal Councillors, workers and customers are treated with equality, care and respect.

Together we will work toward a positive shared future built on strong relationships, where the rights, interest and wellbeing of Aboriginal Peoples are celebrated and protected along with the broader community and we will walk together as one.



In 2016 the Port Augusta City Council in partnership with the Aboriginal Community Engagement Group developed Council's first Reconciliation Mission Statement. Acknowledgement and appreciation goes to the Artists, Linda Dore a Bardi/Djarl Woman and Charmaine Wilson a Pitjantjatjara Woman, who were selected and endorsed by the Aboriginal Community Engagement Group. ©

Linda Dore

SECTION TWO:

The Council



Mayor's Report

I am proud to provide you with Port Augusta City Council's 2020/2021 Annual Report.

Port Augusta City Council is working toward Port Augusta to be known as a "Regional Hub", which is aligned with the Strategic Directions Plan for the City.

Council continues to position Port Augusta itself to be a leader in renewable energy in South Australia.

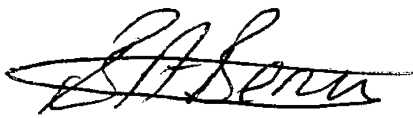
We continue to build relationships with the Local Government Association, State and Commonwealth Governments and the Upper Spencer Gulf Cities to seek support for key developments and projects.

Council will continue to improve the budget deficit and reduce its operational costs throughout 2021/2022. Borrowings are below \$5M, and a Council decision to move to Capital Value as its basis of rating for the 2021/2022 financial year, in line with majority of the other Councils in South Australia, was a major decision. Council has ensured approximately \$6.6M will still be spent on capital works within the City.

The Joy Baluch AM Bridge duplication is rapidly under construction and expected to be completed on time.

A number of renewable projects have commenced to the developing stage, including the DP Renewable Energy Park Stage 2 Nexif Energy and the Port Augusta Operations (Port) to mention a few which are providing a positive boost in the current economic climate.

Port Augusta is still moving forward and endeavouring to be a place to invest, work, live and visit!



Brett Benbow
Mayor



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 Linley Shine

Deputy Mayor: 2020 – current
Councillor: 2018 – 2020



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 Phillip Brown

Councillor: 2010 – 2018, 2020 – Current
Deputy Mayor: 2018 – 2020



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. The Committee is responsible for advising Council in relation to the Strategic Planning and Development Policy, and considering reports regarding Council's strategic direction and planning process. The membership of the committee includes the Mayor (ex-officio) and all Councillors. The Committee meets on an as needs basis, and did not meet in 2020/2021.

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 continued to be allowed to attend meetings electronically.

2.2.3 Informal Gatherings

Informal gatherings 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 Informal Gatherings are published on Council's website, including the matters to be discussed and whether it is open to the public, or confidential. In 2020/2021 Council held 29 Informal Gatherings.

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 2020/2021:

Elected Member	Council Meeting	Special Council Meeting	Total % Attendance
Total number of Meetings	12	7	
Mayor Benbow	12	6	95%
Deputy Mayor Shine	12	6	95%
Cr Brown	12	7	100%
Cr Foote	8	7	79%
Cr Johnston	9	7	84%
Cr Leonard	11	7	95%
Cr Marsh	12	7	100%
Cr Naisbitt	12	7	100%
Cr Paynter	12	7	100%
Cr Singh	11	7	95%

2.4 Council Committees

2.4.1 Audit Committee

The Audit 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 Committee met on 18 August 2020, 20 October 2020, 16 February 2021 and 31 May 2021.

2.4.2 Council Assessment Panel (CAP) and Regional Assessment Panel (RAP)

The CAP was established pursuant to Section 82 and 83 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and Section 56A of the *Development Act 1993* and assists in facilitating the assessment of development applications made to Council. The CAP meets on an as needs basis at 5.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, or as required. The CAP met on 28 October 2020, 9 December 2020 and 10 March 2021.

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 CAP 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 24 March 2021.

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 2020/2021.

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. An annual allowance is paid to Members of the Committee equivalent to a fixed amount of \$15 per week on a pro rata basis. The committee must meet at least once every three months and due to Council's diverse operations, the Committee aims to meet monthly at 10:00am on the 3rd Thursday of each month. There were 9 meetings held during 2020/2021 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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meeting frequency was significantly reduced during the reporting period, and the Committee met on 14 September 2020.

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 21 August 2020, 4 December 2020 and 14 May 2021.

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 Port Augusta Aboriginal Community Working Group

The Port Augusta 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 Port Augusta Aboriginal Community to ensure that positive outcomes are achieved that are consistent with cultural requirements of the diverse Aboriginal Community. The group meets on the 1st Monday of the month and minutes are presented to Council for adoption. The group met on 21 September 2020, 19 October 2020, 14 December 2020, 1 February 2021, 22 March 2021, 3 May 2021 and 7 June 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and availability of members, meetings were not always able to be held each month on the first Monday.

2.5.2 Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group

The Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group is 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 comprises of over 20 agencies and community representatives. The group meets on a bi-monthly basis and minutes are presented to Council for adoption, with the Group meeting on 11 August 2020, 1 December 2020, 9 February 2021 and 24 April 2021. Two meetings during this period were unable to proceed due to a lack of quorum.

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 30 October 2020, 11 May 2021 and 29 June 2021.

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 3 times per year, at a time agreed by the members. The first Group meeting was held on 17 March 2021, followed by 26 May 2021.

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
- Uni Hub Port Augusta Campus Working Group

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	9461	10	1:946
Port Lincoln	10675	10	1:1068
Loxton Waikerie	8214	11	1:747
Light Regional	10,522	11	1:957
Copper Coast	11,618	10	1:1162
Victor Harbor	12,755	10	1:1276
Port Pirie	12,894	10	1:1289
Whyalla	15,547	10	1:1555

The above data was sourced The Electoral Commission of SA (ECSA) and it is current as at 26/02/2021.

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 determined by the Remuneration Tribunal, 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 2020 the Remuneration Tribunal published the allowances applicable from November 2020 to November 2021. Elected Members' allowances are paid monthly in arrears.

Group 2 Council	November 2019 to November 2020	November 2020 to November 2021
Councillors Allowance	\$17,912	\$18,100
Deputy Mayor & Chairpersons of Council Key Committees (1.25 times Councillors Allowance)	\$22,390	\$22,625
Mayoral Allowance (4 times Councillors Allowance)	\$71,648	\$72,400

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, mobile phone, Council pool vehicle access, designated carpark at the Civic Centre, business cards and a name badge.
- Councillors – Laptop, iPad with keyboard, Council pool vehicle access, business cards and name badge.

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

The total expenditure for Elected Members' training and development during 2020/2021 was \$6,667.11, and Elected Members attended the following training and development seminars:

Date	Training/Development Session	Names of Elected Members attending
28/07/2020	LG Reform Briefing	Mayor Benbow, Crs Brown, Johnston, Leonard, Marsh, Naisbitt, Paynter, Shine, Singh.
15/12/2020	Cultural Awareness Training	Mayor Benbow, Crs Brown, Leonard, Naisbitt, Paynter, Shine, Singh.

SECTION THREE:

Strategic Plan and Performance



3.1 Strategic Directions 2019 – 2029

In 2019/2020 Council adopted a new strategic management plan: Strategic Directions 2019 – 2029. This document is supported by a Four Year Priority Action Plan. These documents also 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 continuously felt within South Australia and restrictions, legislative changes and mandatory directions remain imposed across various Council operations.

During the state-wide lockdown in November 2020, 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 Safe Plans, Covid Management Plans, QR Codes, 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 28 new citizens at eight Australian Citizenship ceremonies throughout the year. Ceremonies were held on 8 September 2020, 19 October 2020, 23 October 2020, 25 November 2020, 17 December 2020, 26 January 2021, 14 April 2021 and 4 June 2021. At the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony in Gladstone Square, 7 new citizens were welcomed, with migrants from four countries, including New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa and United Kingdom. Overall, we welcomed 14 women, 11 men and 3 children.

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

Australia Day Awards

Smiling locals came out to enjoy the 2021 Australia Day breakfast celebrations in Port Augusta's Gladstone Square for the 39th annual morning ceremony. The ceremony included annual traditions, such as the raising of the Australian flag by the 46th Army Cadet Unit and the cutting of the cake.

Chris Nayda - Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Chris is an avid supporter and life member of the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. At the garden Chris modifies and adapts tours and has been a tour guide for the past 24 years. She is also involved in other activities and groups within Port Augusta such as the Quilters Club. Chris enjoys her volunteering work in a quiet unassuming way and to a very high standard.

Nancy Palmer, Kate Fitzgerald and Cherrie Glasson received certificates of recognition.



Photos: Chris Nayda with Australia Day Ambassador Vicky Welgraven, Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP and Mayor Brett Benbow.



Perri Harvey and Mia Smith - Young Citizen of the Year.

Perri Harvey and Mia Smith were named dual recipients of the Young Citizen of the Year for Port Augusta.

Perri volunteered for an incredibly challenging deployment as part of the Commonwealth Government Covid-19 Victorian Aged Care Response. Perri and her team provided compassionate care and treatment in aged care facilities. The team was commended for their work and implemented new infection control processes.

Mia is commended for her leadership and responsibilities within both the Port Augusta Scout Group, World Scout Jamboree and Australian Jamboree. She has also been credited for her volunteer work for Clean Up Australia Day, McHappy Day, rubbish clean up at the Races and helping the Salvation Army, Lions Club and Headspace. Mia is also a great ambassador through her travel and is involved in many sports.

Grace Spencer received a certificate of recognition.

South Augusta Football Club 'Western Districts FC (KI) Bushfire Recovery' - Community Event of the Year.

South Augusta Football Club are commended for leading the way as a community minded club, supporting many causes and fundraisers. The Club is credited for their Bushfire Recovery fundraiser which raised significant funds to support the KI Western Districts Football Club which had extensive damage to their football/netball/cricket facilities.

Anderson Dancers 2020 Pantomime – Santa's Toyland received a certificate of recognition.



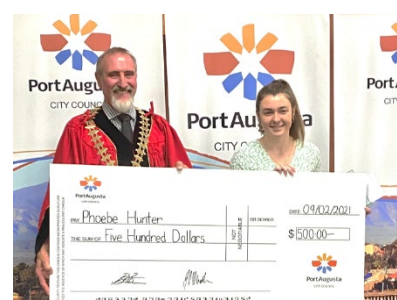
Photos: Australia Day Ambassador Vicky Welgraven, Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP and Mayor Brett Benbow with **(left)** Mia Smith and Perri Harvey **(right)** South Augusta Football Club representative Michael Kerin.

ANZAC DAY Celebrations

An ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held at Red Cliffs Lookout at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. The Port Augusta RSL also hosted a dawn service and commemorative service on ANZAC Day, which included their gunfire breakfast and activities at the RSL. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Council supported the RSL SA initiative "Light up the Dawn" for at home driveway tribute ANZAC Day services. The community was also able to visit or lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Gladstone Square or the Westside memorial.

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 \$500 donation, certificate and trophy. Phoebe Hunter of Caritas College was the 2020 Academic Achiever gaining her South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) with an outstanding ATAR score of 99.80. Phoebe applied to study Medicine at the University of Adelaide in 2021. **Photo:** Phoebe receiving her Award from Mayor Brett Benbow.



Oz Minerals Mural Project

Council received funding from Oz Minerals to complete public art projects. Expressions of Interest were conducted for two murals including one Local History and one Aboriginal Art piece.

The Garden Club were successful for the Local History piece and a Mural was painted by Joel Plevin on their building on Elizabeth Terrace. The Art depicts the history of the building with the current occupants being the Garden Club and Bird Society with a nod to the Girl Guides who previously occupied the building.

Ashawariya Designs were successful for the Aboriginal Art piece and painted their mural at the Eastside foreshore. This piece represents the meeting grounds of the tribes past and present that travelled to Port Augusta to connect with one another. Tribes would meet up for marriage, dance, and song ceremonies to celebrate culture as one, teaching the younger generations to keep their culture strong.



Photo: Local History mural on the Garden Club painted by Joel Plevin.



Photo: Aboriginal Art mural at the Eastside Foreshore painted by Ashawariya Designs.

SANAA Public Art

Council together with SANAA facilitated the installation of another public mural on a privately owned building on Commercial Road. The mural was completed by Artist Scott Rathman (Rusted Tin – Contemporary Aboriginal Arts) together with young artist Ashton Filmer who painted the birds at each end of the work. Scott provided the following description of the mural:

“My work represents Port Augusta as a resting place on peoples journey...the centre piece is framed by 2 boomerangs to represent people keep coming back. The flower in the centre is a symbol of hope and thriving which is aspirational for the future of Port Augusta. The blue flow through the whole wall represents the Spencer Gulf and also symbolises the journey to this place of rest.

The two top sections represent the Flinders Ranges and the lower sections symbolise the earth we travel on... the one in orange tones and red tones represent the red earth, as Port Augusta is the gateway to the outback and the other two represent the plains.

Two of the 4 large circles represent the places we travel from to be here and the two purple circles have people sitting with elders being the larger circles alongside other people”.



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 provides a range of group social support services for older adults in need of maintaining optimum levels of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional independence.

Health Focus is a Commonwealth Home Support Program funded by the Federal Department of Health and currently supports approximately 104 clients across a range of programs aimed at maintaining and improving wellbeing. The programs include Let's Keep Active Groups, Men's Group, Bizzi Bodies community-based exercise classes, and the Bizzi Walkers who increase their walk kilometres every week with the Heart Foundation. A monthly Health Focus newsletter has increased interest along with a television and radio advertisement campaign to increase My Aged Care client referrals for weekly sessions.



Photo: Health Focus staff member Janice Shiner presenting one of the program clients with a prize.

The wellness and reablement focus for 2020/2021 has seen increased site activities with outcomes in individual independence and physical activity. Forward planning continues by the Health Focus team to assist client's choice in activity engagement. Theme days continue as a source of skill learning opportunities and knowledge sharing amongst clients to strengthen relationships. Due to Covid-19, day trips were suspended until restrictions were lifted. Once restrictions eased, bus charters were sourced and commenced for out-of-town day excursions in March. During the COVID-19 shutdown, Health Focus continued to mail out newsletters and activity packs and made welfare check telephone calls to all clients which reduced social isolation. Health Focus 'Let's Keep Active' Groups and Men's Group clients remained 'falls free' during 2020/2021 following falls prevention training and support.

Far North Aged Care Collaborative Project

Council worked with the Department of Health to relinquish the Sector Support & Development funding through the Commonwealth Government's Home Support Program as at 30th June 2021 and transition this to a new service provider. The transition has successfully occurred and from 1st July 2021, Uniting Communities is now auspicing this funding. The COVID-19 pandemic and resultant Emergency Declarations impacted on the ability of the project to achieve all planned outcomes during the financial year. The Positive Ageing Expo planned for 2021/22 was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, however a smaller event was held in May 2021 at LG Riches Centre with 'Sprout' Cooking School providing a cooking demonstration and local service providers providing a 10-minute overview of their services. This event was very successful with positive feedback provided by attendees and service providers. Information has continued to be disseminated to Aged Care Providers to assist in providing quality care to clients.

2020/2021 Immunisation Programme

Port Augusta City Council ceased managing the school-based immunisation program for Port Augusta schools in 2021. The City of Playford is now managing the program in Port Augusta Schools. Due to the change of management, no statistics were accessible to Council.

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed program had to be altered during the 2020/2021 financial year to meet Covid Safe Plan requirements. Adhering to the Covid Safe Plan enabled the men to continue working on their projects and to maintain their socialisation. Projects of interest for the year include eight joey pouch stands for a wildlife rescue service, dog ramp, chair seats and many chair repairs. The group also pre-assembled small donkey and carts for clients with disabilities to complete, made two honour boards for a local CFS, refurbished a pew, and restored a meat safe. A bike rack for three children's bikes were also made and very much appreciated by the customer. A generous donation from the Stirling North Craft Group enabled the Shed to purchase a sander and an orbital sander which will be well used.



Photo: Men's Shed volunteers with restored meat safe

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 Services provide on the ground outcomes for our community, offering holistic support, assistance and case management for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our goal is to provide support to enable clients to enjoy wellbeing and sustainable living as well as provide education on the affects of drugs and alcohol on community members. In 2020/2021, our services were critical in supporting our most vulnerable community members through COVID-19. We work with multiple external agencies to enhance the living and wellbeing conditions of clients affected by Alcohol and other Drugs, and we provide external rehabilitation services.

Photo: Substance Misuse Service staff members; Corey McKenzie and Stefan Strangways with Port Augusta Secondary School Students after conducting a Clean-up.



STARCLUB

The Office for Sport, Recreation and Racing continues to fund Council to run the StarClub Development program. Council worked tirelessly with sporting clubs and associations in the region, with 43 registered clubs, to comply and adhere to COVID-19 requirements to ensure local sport could return safely in the community. Training was also delivered differently with a series of Zoom sessions offered to clubs which were facilitated by Sports Community.

Community Events and Committees

Council is represented at a variety of community forums by the Community Development Team, including the Homelessness and Violence Against Communities Collaboration, Suicide Intervention Life Promotion Advisory Group, Social Justice Interagency Meetings, the Port Augusta Liquor Licence Accord, Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group, the Next Steps AOD Outreach Team and the Country SA PHN National Suicide Prevention Steering Committee. Council also auspices the Commonwealth funding for the development of a new Aboriginal Leadership Group.

Council continues to provide the community with events, and support for events, within our city and region. In 2019/2020 there were 23 Events that received financial or in-kind support from Council, including Australia Day Citizenships and Awards Breakfast, Clean Up Australia Day, and the Community Christmas Festivities. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some events were unable to go ahead in 2020/2021, with some events rescheduled and others cancelled.

During the 2021 April school holidays, Cirkidz Workshops were held by the Cultural Centre in Gladstone Square. This allowed children from the ages 2-12 to learn circus and gymnastic skills by trained professionals.

Council provided support to successful organisations through the Community Sponsorship Program, with a variety of events and activities held in the community. Support was provided via sponsorship to the Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf Conference, Port Augusta Golf Club for Golf Week 2020, NAIDOC Week and the Kids Crabbing Day. Sponsorship was also provided to the Port Augusta Racing Club for the 2020 season.

Aboriginal Art and Culture

Yarta Purtli Gallery provides a range of activities throughout the year, with assistance provided to artists for grant applications, developing artist's CVs and Artist Statements and providing assistance and advice in relation to exhibitions and opportunities.

The Arid Sculpture Exhibition was unable to run in 2020 as it had in previous years. Council's Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Facilitator worked with Port Augusta Secondary School students to design native animal sculptures which were installed in the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Three workshops were also held at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, including Basket Weaving by Marli Macumba, Jewellery Making by Marika Davies, and Wood Carving by Roy Coulthard.



Photo: 2021 Kids Crabbing Day award

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was held on the 7 March 2021 with eight groups registering for the event in Port Augusta, cleaning the coastal areas and surrounds. Once again, Veolia provided four skip bins as sponsorship for the event, assisting participants in the safe disposal of their rubbish.

Photo: 2021 Clean Up Australia Day community participants



Christmas Lighting Festival

Council changed the Christmas Lighting format this year as part of the “Light Up & Shine” campaign. Residents were asked to install lights in their houses or businesses and register for the community map so others could enjoy. A total of 42 map registrations were received plus many other residents installing lights on their houses with some stunning displays.

**LIGHT UP & SHINE
THIS CHRISTMAS**
Register by Dec. 3
www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au

Rotary Christmas Pageant & Community Christmas Party

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither the Rotary Christmas Pageant nor the Community Christmas Party were able to run in 2020. Council was able to provide support to the MFS and Rotary Christmas Events.

With Christmas looking a little different due to COVID-19 Restrictions, Council proceeded with the Christmas banners in the CBD, installed lights in the Gladstone Square trees and put on a giant Christmas tree display and light show in the Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli Gallery which was well received by those who attended. These events were all part of the “Light Up & Shine” campaign which was developed so that the Spirit of Christmas could still be enjoyed.

Photo: Mayor Brett Benbow and Elected Members at the Christmas Tree display in the Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli Gallery



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

Airport Management

The Port Augusta Laurie Wallis Aerodrome (Port Augusta Airport) 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 and is well positioned to support further growth opportunities. Due to COVID-19, flight restrictions, the loss of regular passenger traffic to the City and closures of some operations in the mining sector, there was a reduction in flights and passenger numbers. Once restrictions eased, operations were resumed at capacity.

The Port Augusta Airport saw a decrease in flights to 4,659 for 2020/2021 down from 5,006 in 2019/2020. Despite the decrease, the Airport terminal processed 15,207 passengers inbound and outbound for mining operations alone, further strengthening the Port Augusta Airport as being a regional hub for FIFO workers and their families. This equated to 1,537 mining charter flights in and out from the Airport to various locations across the state, including Beverley Uranium Mine, Prominent Hill and Carrapateena.

A total of 1,503 flights were made up of commercial and private charter flights to Port Augusta.

RFDS flight numbers increased to 1,619 flights from the previous 2019/2020 financial year of 1,450, highlighting the importance of the RFDS at the Port Augusta Airport to the community and the State.

The Port Augusta Council were successful in receiving \$81,269 funding through the State Government's Support Regional Aviation Grant Fund. This funding was able to provide the Airport and the Royal Flying Doctors with a dedicated Helicopter Landing Area to support Medical and Patient Transport and diversifying the Airport for Commercial Helicopter Flights.



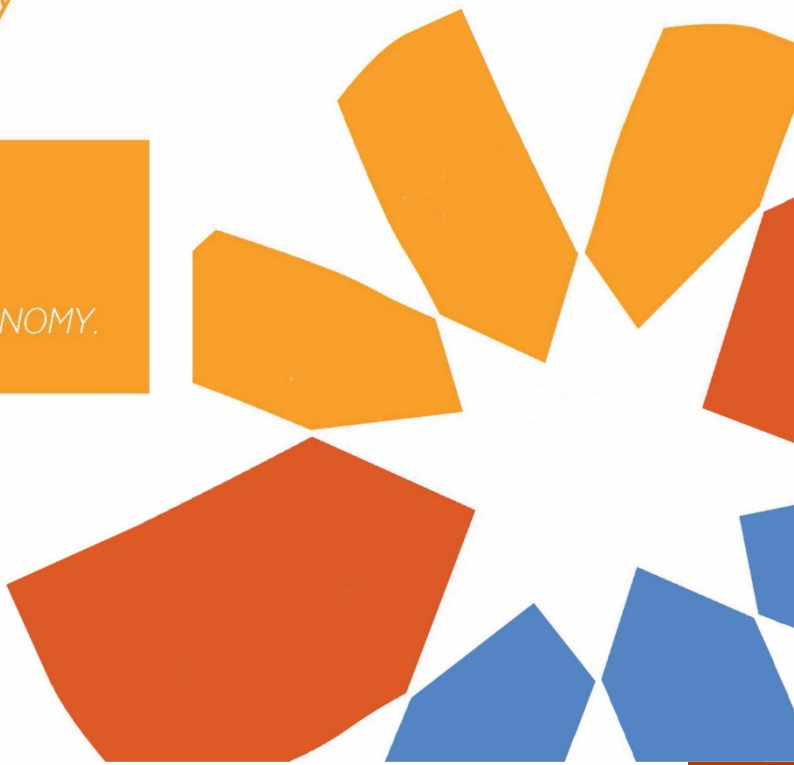
Photo: Mining Aviation utilizing Airport facilities



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.

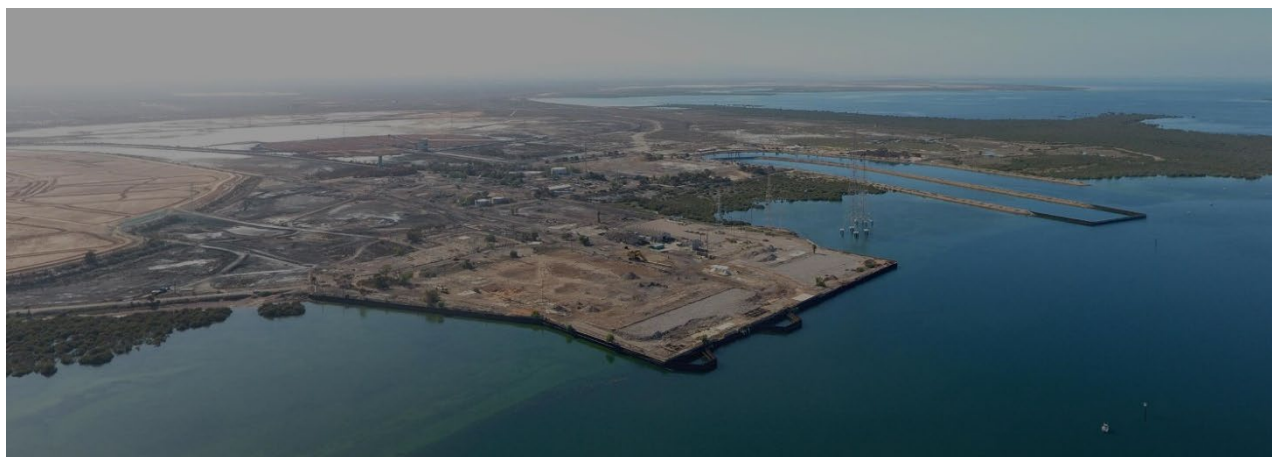
Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf Conference

The 2020 Conference was hosted in Port Augusta, with the Central Oval Facility able to meet all the Covid Management requirements. The event is held to link explorers, producers, processors, developers and South Australia's supply chain for the mining and resource sector. This event allows participants to explore business opportunities, develop business relationships and stimulates economic benefit for the region. The Mayor participated in a Panel Discussion with the other Upper Spencer Gulf Mayors.



Port Playford

Port Augusta Operations is proposing to transform the former Port Augusta Power Station site into an export facility. The \$40 million proposed development will see the return of commercial shipping to Port Augusta for this first time in 50 years. This project will create over 100 jobs during the construction phase and a smaller number to support the ongoing operations. The development application was approved by the State Government.



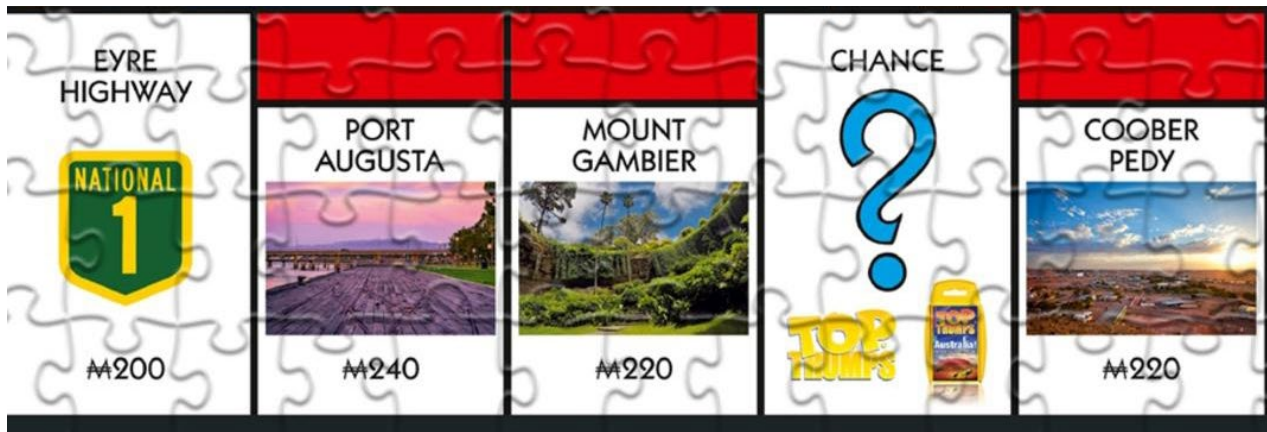
South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year

Port Augusta was nominated as a finalist for the South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year. Port Augusta is home to the first solar-powered facility for tomato farming in Australia. The \$200million hi-tech, capital-intensive system grows food sustainably and cleanly for Australians. Port Augusta is also home to a new world-leading national sterile insect technology Facility that was commissioned in 2016. When full production is reached, this high-tech facility will be able to produce up to 20 million sterile male Queensland fruit fly each week.



Monopoly – Australian Community Relief Edition

Port Augusta was featured in the Australian Community Relief Edition of the Monopoly Board Game, together with two other South Australian locations of Coober Pedy and Mount Gambier. This edition of the famous board game was released to raise much needed funds due to the impacts of various disasters including bushfires, floods and COVID-19. The game was created to highlight the community spirit and strength of the stunning locations. The game creators chose to showcase places above and beyond the usual cities or hotspots, capture the heart of Australia and shine a positive light on regions that otherwise may not normally receive such exposure. A puzzle of the board was also released.



Uni Hub Spencer Gulf

Uni Hub helps to overcome many of the barriers to university study by providing a local campus to study at, 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.

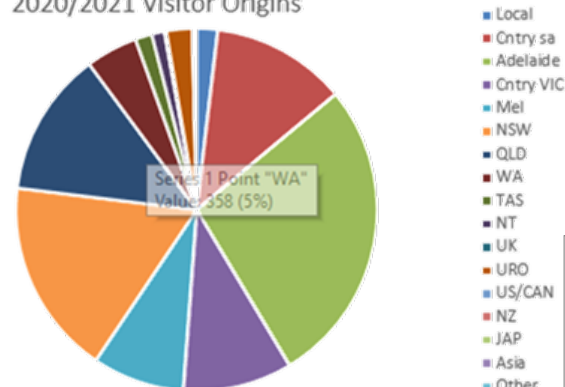
Council endorsed the relocation of the Uni Hub Spencer Gulf campus to the Institute Building on Commercial Road in 2020, with Uni Hub Spencer Gulf opening the doors to the new facility in 2021. Council has been proud to support the development of this facility including promoting the program on Council's Social Media and Electronic Newsletter, providing in-kind support for recruitments, media and communications and information technology, and through participation on the Uni Hub Port Augusta Campus Working Group.

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

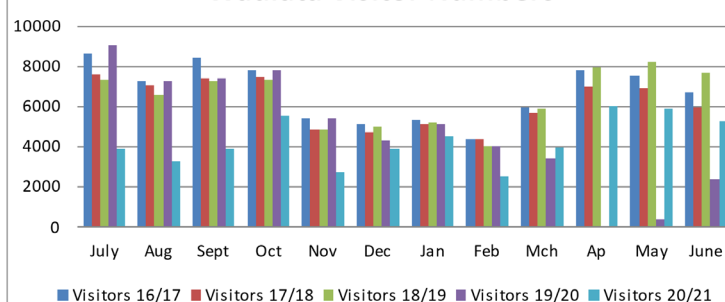
Wadlata Outback Centre

Visitor numbers continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with significant border restrictions in place during the 2020/21 financial year. Wadlata hosted 22 school groups and 70 coach tours through the Tunnel of Time over the 2020/2021 period. Cancelled coach tours due to the COVID-19 restrictions resulted in a loss of income of over \$41,000. Staff sent out 206 Port Augusta Visitor Packs to people requesting visitor information and 121 boxes of Port Augusta Visitor Guides were distributed in surrounding regions. Whilst international visitation has reduced dramatically due to the global pandemic, intrastate visitation has increased by 170% in comparison to the previous year. The majority of visitors to Wadlata in 2020/2021 were from metropolitan Adelaide.

2020/2021 Visitor Origins



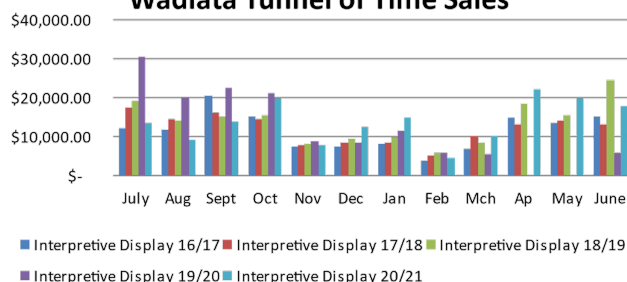
Wadlata Visitor Numbers



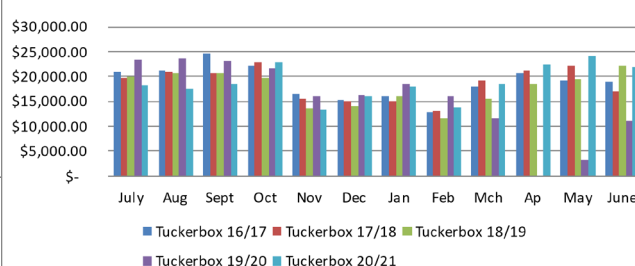
Whilst the period of State-wide lockdown in November 2020 impacted on travel, and visitor numbers were down on previous years, visitor spending was at a higher rate.

Wadlata 'Tunnel of Time' sales were approximately 18% higher in 2020/2021 than in 2019/2020 and higher than the 3 years prior to 2019/20, particularly in the March to June 2021 period. The Wadlata Outback Tuckerbox café sales were also higher in 2020/2021 than the previous 3 years. However, souvenir sales were approximately 5% lower than previous years. Marketing of the Wadlata Outback Centre was increased during 2020/2021 to maximise the advantage of intrastate visitors to the regions, with the Flinders Ranges being high on the list of travellers.

Wadlata Tunnel of Time Sales



Wadlata Tuckerbox Sales



Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG)

The AALBG Café achieved record sales in 2020/2021 despite the COVID-19 pandemic impacting on operations. A three day State-wide lockdown period occurred in November 2020 and various restrictions were imposed across the financial year, limiting the numbers of dining patrons and increasing the cleaning regimes. Sunset dinners were cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions on café numbers in place during the November/December period, making them unviable. Souvenir sales were higher than previous years as a consequence of the high level of intrastate travel to the region.

Whilst nursery sales were down slightly from the previous two years due to a slow start to the financial year, the result for the year was above the budgeted sales. Sales had been expected to be lower due to the impact of COVID-19. Nursery sales are used to offset the cost of the nursery which grows plants, including rare species for the garden. Monthly plant availability lists continue to be promoted through social media.

Improvements undertaken at the garden during the 2020/21 year included completion of the boundary fence upgrade, completion of the new wedding/function area within the garden, upgrade of the plant sales area adjacent the gift shop, screen plantings around the waste water treatment plant, new plantings around the carpark, mulching of various garden areas, installation of a new storage shed in the garden compound, preparation of an area for the Cochineal Breeding Nursery, continuation of replacement of plant labels throughout the garden and installation of monitoring cameras throughout the garden. The Friends of the AALBG continued to deliver valuable financial support during the year, providing \$46,987 in donations for materials and equipment.

AALBG featured in an article in RM Williams outback magazine (Dec/Jan 2021 edition). A Southern Cross Austereo television marketing package was 50% funded by the Friends of the AALBG.

Notable events at AALBG included:

- Arid Spring Celebrations – 28-29 August 2020
- Breakfast with the Birds event with Peter Langdon – 18 October 2020
- Hands-on art workshops organised by Yarta Purtli
- School holiday activities in the garden
- Year 10 Outdoor Education Students from Caritas College held an excursion at the Garden, including a guided tour of the AALBG with Chris and Robyn from the Friends
- Valentine's Day celebrations
- Presentation to the Eremophila Study Group SA in Kadina by Nursery Coordinator, Perry Jones – 27 March 2021
- National Eucalypt Day – 23 March 2021
- Easter Bilby Adventure – Easter Sunday 4 April 2021
- ANZAC Day dawn event arranged by 'Connected Beginnings' – 25 April 2021
- Mother's Day promotional sale of Boronia Crenulata, with specially designed labels for Mother's Day
- Mother's Day lunch in the Café – 9 May 2021
- Bonsai Workshops – 15 May 2021
- Botanic Gardens Day – 30 May 2021

Long-term volunteers Ronda and Peter Hall won awards at the Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens AGM for exceptional contribution by an individual member to their Botanic Garden, as did the Friends of the AALBG for their exceptional contribution of a member organisation to its Botanic Garden. Chris Nayda, another long-term volunteer and the Friends of the AALBG both received South Australian Premier's Volunteer Awards during National Volunteer Week.

AALBG Partnerships

The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden has continued to develop partnerships with state-wide and local organisations during the 2020/21 year. These partnerships include the establishment of a Memorandum of Agreement between Council and the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board for a Cochineal Nursery to be constructed in a designated area at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Cochineal are now being grown at the nursery and being used for pest plant eradication at selected areas in the SA Arid Lands Landscape Region. It is hoped that as the nursery develops, it can be incorporated into informative school tours in the future.

Work commenced on the enhancement of the Reflection Garden located in AALBG. The enhancements have been partly funded by the local Suicide Prevention Network 'SILPAG' through a State Government grant.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Council and the Geological Survey of South Australia (Department of Energy and Mining) for collection of plant reference material from the AALBG.

A Sciences Internship is being arranged for a student from the University of Adelaide to spend approximately 20 days working with AALBG on a project. Consideration is currently being given to a suitable project for the intern to complete whilst on site.

Garden staff worked with Port Augusta Secondary School's Inclusive Education Coordinator to host a small group of students at the nursery. The aim is for students to get a sense of different workplaces to help them make decisions for their own pathways post-school.



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 2020/2021 the Waste Water Treatment Plant saw a reduction in its total volume used due to a combination of controller issues encountered at central oval and the east side foreshore, resulting in interruptions to the automatic irrigation schedules, and a disrupted access to our lagoon storage water, due to algal issues. Council has made significant progress on these issues and moving forward, we should see a considerable increase in total water use next financial year.

	FY19	FY20	FY21
Treated water consumption	209,767	158,917	187,910
SA Water consumption	1,717.6	852	2,596
Total water use (kilolitres)	211,484.6	128,790	128,148
% Treated water use	99.19%	81.05%	68.2%

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.

Iberdrola Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park

The Chief Executive Officer and Mayor attended the official opening and turning of the sod for Stage 1 of Iberdrola's Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park, with official proceedings conducted by the State Premier Mr. Steven Marshall. The Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park is a unique hybrid renewable energy development integrating wind and solar PV technology. With a capex of \$500 million, the Renewable Energy Park project will provide around 320 MW of power on land in Port Augusta. Fifty wind turbines will take approximately 18 months to install with work on the 250,000 solar modules to start next year. 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 gradual decrease of 2% in the amount of waste being sent to landfill over the 2020/2021 financial year. With the introduction of FOGO and the Kitchen Caddy system to all households across Port Augusta and Stirling North, Council saw an increase in the disposal of food waste and green garden organics with a further 250 Tonnes being diverted from landfill and sent for processing into quality garden compost materials. This coincided with the roll out of education programs across schools and the local community by KESAB, who have assisted in promoting FOGO and reducing the waste to landfill message.

	FY21
Bins Lost/Stolen/Replaced	177

Kerbside Waste Disposal 2020/2021	Tonnes
Green Waste disposed	1239.56
Recycled Waste	970.11
Municipal Waste	2877.42
Municipal Waste Sent to Landfill %	60.32%

With the increase in recycling costs associated with China's National Sword policy ceasing acceptance of Recyclables, Council saw a steady increase in costs associated with the stream. Council was able to offset some of these costs through the grant funding provided by Green Industries SA through the Regional Transport Subsidies Grant to assist in reducing transport and processing costs.

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. This Policy was designed to have Council lead by example by ceasing the purchase of single use plastic prohibited products and to provide guidelines and support to the community conducting activities and events on Council land.

Food and Garden Organics

Council engaged Orana for the roll out of FOGO (Food and Garden Organics) Bins to all residents in Port Augusta. Port Augusta City Council is one of the first regional Councils to roll out this waste-reducing initiative. Residents are encouraged to use the FOGO (Food and Garden Organics) kitchen caddy system, to collect food scraps and other compostable materials before placing them into the green lidded food and garden organics bin. Compostable plant-based bin liners can be purchased from major supermarket chains.

Photo: Resident receiving their FOGO bin from Orana staff.



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, footpath and kerb repair and upgrade road projects. Vegetation management works comprised chemical treatment, road envelope clearance pruning for access, tree removals and root and stump grinding.

Street tree maintenance included:

- 242 street tree trimming
- 225 Branch/litter collections
- 67 dead tree removals
- 31 delegated tree removals
- 55 tree assessments
- 44 storm damaged trees
- 150 stump removals
- 10 termite treatments
- 138 street tree replacement plantings

Street tree planting was conducted to enhance the streetscape, focusing on replacement and infill plantings along Wills Street, Thelma Street, Davenport Street, Mildred Street and Kirwan Crescent.

Two independent arborist reports were commissioned in 2020 in response to health concerns with several of Council’s special feature trees. The three Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) at Gladstone Square were assessed for parrot damage at the branch unions, and the Broughton Willow (*Acacia salicina*) within the Barrack Courtyard was inspected for its structural integrity. In response to the visual tree assessment reports, Council undertook some initial tree maintenance works which was followed-up in Autumn by engagement of an arboriculture contractor with skilled climbers who could access hard to reach sections of the canopy to conduct the more specialised remediation work.



Photos: Street Tree planting on Davenport Street



Photo: Tree maintenance work by Parks staff at Gladstone Square.



Theme 4: Infrastructure

GOAL

WE PROVIDE AND ADVOCATE FOR FIT FOR PURPOSE
INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IMPROVES THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC,
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF OUR CITY.



3.6 Strategic Directions Theme 4 – Infrastructure

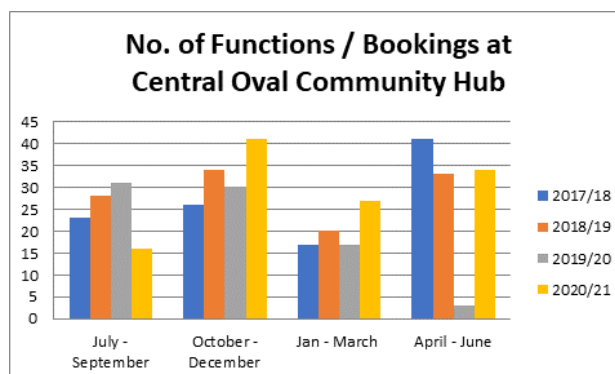
Outcome 4.1 – Our physical infrastructure meets our community needs.

Central Oval Community Hub

Central Oval Community Hub experienced an increase in bookings and functions as the community navigated its way through another year of COVID-19 restrictions. Whilst restrictions impacted on the ability to host some events, Central Oval continued to receive bookings for private functions, meetings, training workshops and sport. The venue's ability to host functions for a wide range of attendees and user groups in a covid safe environment was a key part to attracting these bookings.

Major events at Central Oval Community Hub included:

- School sporting events/carnivals
- Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf Conference and Trade Expo
- Governess Ball
- School Graduations
- Port Augusta Junior Basketball Carnival
- Flinders Ranges & Outback Tourism Forum
- Far North Carbon Farming Forum
- Department for Correctional Services (8-week full time training block)



Sports returned to training and matches for the 2020/2021 season, including those who did not participate in 2020 from the pandemic. The Central Oval Turf Upgrade is now complete and has resulted in a premier level surface which complements the rest of the high standard facilities at the Central Oval Community Hub. These facilities will significantly increase our region's ability to attract major events and provide an excellent playing surface for local sporting groups.

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. Professional advice from an Adelaide-based turf science consultancy with expertise in agronomy has supported the seasonal maintenance program promoting better quality turf performance. Turf condition, soil chemistry and soil biology have been monitored throughout the year with field observations and soil sample testing. Findings from site inspections have been presented in reports that illustrate and guide the annual treatment programs. Aeravation, fertilising, scarification, top dressing, spreading of gypsum for soil structure, reseeding, pest and weed control, monitoring, maintenance of the irrigation systems and frequent mowing all also aid in upkeeping the turf conditions. Parks and garden staff have supported turf management by maintaining and servicing the network of irrigation systems.



Photos: ETSA Oval (left) and Chinnery Oval (middle) surface improving condition May 2020, image courtesy of Living Turf and Central Oval (right).

Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre opened for the summer season on 29 October 2020 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.

On 28 March 2021 the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre held its 50th birthday. The pool originally opened on 13 March 1971. This was celebrated with a \$2 entry fee, a celebratory cake cut by Deputy Mayor Shine, a jumping castle, and a sausage sizzle run by the Lions Club.



Photo: Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre 50th Birthday Celebrations

In 2020/2021 the Swim Centre provided the following services:

- SOS (Sink or Swim) Classes
- Aerobics in Water Sessions
- Education Department Swimming and School Splash Days
- OSHC events
- Vac Swim (Royal Life Saving)
- Swimming training clubs and carnivals
- Aussie Masters
- Sporting Clubs pre-season training
- local fitness and rehabilitation centres
- Birthday Party Table (pool grounds) and BBQ area bookings.



As the pool is an outdoor facility, the weather and the COVID-19 pandemic has had a big impact on gate attendance levels. During the reporting period, the swim centre attracted 23,745 through its gates, compared to 29,060 in 2019/2020 season, which was also impacted by COVID-19.

The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre closed for the season on 31 March 2021.

The Wave – Skate Park

Port Augusta's Skate Park remains popular amongst locals as well as attracting a number of visitors to Port Augusta to utilise this challenging park. The Skate Park was also recently featured on a popular Australian Youtube channel.

Hancock Stadium

Hancock Stadium continues to be well utilised with Badminton, School sports programs, Health Focus Bizz Bodies, specialised basketball programs, and basketball trainings.

In late 2020, minor works began on the Hancock Stadium upgrades, including the removal of non-compliant entrance and exit structures, emergency lighting alterations, minor electrical components and wet area upgrades. Design and tender documentation was undertaken in preparation for more significant future building repairs and upgrades.

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 29 arrangements formalised during 2020/2021.

Cemetery Management

Over the past 12 months, Council has conducted preparation works for 113 burials and interments at the Westside, Carlton Parade and Stirling North Garden cemeteries, consistent with numbers from the previous financial year. The Stirling North Cemetery has had a kangaroo problem due to drought conditions with damage to lawn, roses and irrigation and a kangaroo proof fence has been installed. New fencing is now completed for both Port Augusta and Port Augusta West Cemeteries.

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 had a negative impact on these venues with a number of bookings cancelled due to Emergency Declarations.

The Barracks and Lea Memorial Theatre

Both venues have been used for local events such as conferences, rehearsals, weddings and birthdays. The venues have been the slowest to recover from recent COVID-19 restrictions due to the nature of activities able to be booked. At the end of the reporting period venues were able to offer up to 75% capacity, which makes it more viable for visiting shows.

Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli

The Yarta Purtli Gallery offers local artists an exhibition space to showcase their works and hosts touring exhibitions from Country Arts SA and other major cultural institutions. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Galleries could not facilitate any touring exhibitions, and all 12 exhibitions featured during 2020/2021 were from local and surrounding artists including Curdnatta Artists, and Fran Cullen (Grindell's Hut Residency).

Gallery volunteers were also impacted by COVID-19 and when the Galleries reopened, our volunteers were only able to return with limited availability. The gallery volunteers meet and greet visitors in the Galleries, assist with the bump in and bump out of exhibitions, Exhibition Openings and other Cultural Centre Events.

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, the Malka Aboriginal Art Prize could not occur as normal in 2020. All artwork was photographed with the Artist and submitted through an online competition, with votes for the People's Choice Award coming from remote Australian communities as well as from overseas.



Photo: Malka Aboriginal Art Prize winning piece 'Emu Feather Weave' by Juanella McKenzie

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 the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan principles. Open space areas, including 21 public playgrounds are maintained through a combination of internal staff and contractors. General parks maintenance included a significant amount of tree trimming, mulching, pruning, weeding, irrigation replacement and repairs at various council sites.



Photos: Gladstone Square and the Foreshore showing the effect of continued maintenance

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.



Photo: Gladstone Square Play Space, BBQ and lawned area

Playgrounds

In 2020/2021 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. A comprehensive annual playground inspection was conducted in May 2021, with the risk assessment report used to assist in playground asset planning replacement and renewal.



Photo: The comprehensive annual playground inspection conducted by an independent auditor.

City Safe Program

The City Safe Program concluded on 30th September 2020 as per Council's resolution. Council has continued to advocate and liaise with the State Government to address anti-social behaviour, homelessness and substance misuse. The State Government has committed to establishing a committee, but this is yet to be formalised.

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 2020/2021 financial year, Council produced a 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, \$600,000 of capital road works was carried out including 5.3km of road reseals and intersection upgrades. The procurement process for the major contracts was a collaboration of Spencer Gulf Cities. Roads included; Fern Street, Shack Road, Caroon Road, Waters Crescent, Larkin Crescent, Addison Road, North Terrace, Flinders Terrace, Jervois Street, Footner Road, Whithall Street, Davenport Avenue, Short Street, Fulham Road and Old Tarcoola Road.



Photo: Fern Street Spray Seal



Photo: Flinders Terrace Asphalt Seal

Footpaths

In 2020/2021, over 1,500 square meters of footpath work was undertaken representing \$173,000 of capital expenditure upgrades at Bond Street, Hartley Street, Stuart Terrace, Jane Street and Augusta Terrace. 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.

Photo: Footpath construction on Augusta Terrace



Community Waste Water Management System

Council previously engaged a contractor to collect asset condition data on its CWMS pipe network, to identify specific sections of pipework that require repair. Council funded \$435,000 of relining works to restore damaged pipework in Elizabeth Terrace, Gunson Street, Holds Street and Railway Parade back to its original condition, providing in excess of 50 years of useful life to the relined sections. This process has collected valuable information on the network condition and the future budgetary requirements to improve conditions and maintain to agreed standards.

Park Garden Beds

Beautification and enhanced vibrancy of Port Augusta's public realm has been a focus for the CBD and in Council parks and reserves. The Commercial Road garden beds had new irrigation lines installed, a small retaining wall installed around the garden bed across from the old Town Hall and fresh nursery stock selected to ensure a colourful array of perennial and annual seasonal displays. Corner flowerbeds in the CBD were also planted with pansies, petunias, mini agapanthus, canna lilies and acacia mini cogs.

Parks staff have continued to propagate a selection of native wildflowers from seed and established annual garden bed displays at Apex Park, Mackay Street and Lions Jubilee Park as impact feature plantings visible from the Augusta Highway. The planter boxes on Mackay Street have been replanted, and additional planter boxes placed beside the Civic Centre, entrance to Wadlata Outback Centre and at Gladstone Square that display a selection of Australian native flowers including Sturt Desert Peas, Kangaroo Paw and Paper Daisies.

Council's park reserves were maintained with replacement plantings, fresh mulch and repairs to irrigation. At Lions Jubilee Park, new planting stock included a selection of native banksia species. At the Airport, replacement plantings were placed in the established gardens around the terminal and car park area. Winter pruning was conducted on the rose gardens at Gladstone Square and Fountain Gallery. Some locations required additional irrigation repairs as a result of vandalism.

Photo: Paper daisy –
Eastside Foreshore
Reserve



Photo: Native flower
plantings – Commercial
Road garden beds

Heritage Walk Signage Renewal Project

The new Heritage Walk signage was designed and installed by local contractors, completing the second stage of the Revitalising Port Augusta Project. This was a joint funded project agreement between Port Augusta City Council and the State Government. The Heritage Walk was upgraded and extended with 21 locations, which now includes Water Tower Park and Loudon Road Foreshore Reserve area in Port Augusta West.



Photo: Elected Members, contractors and community members at the Eastside Foreshore with one of the new Heritage Signs, and the new and old Heritage Walk signs side-by-side.

Jetty Timbers Repurposing Project

Council called for expressions of interest for the formation of an Eastside Mill Jetty Timbers Reference Group for ideas to repurpose the timber reclaimed from demolition of the Old Mill T-Jetty in recognition of its historical value and significance. The result was the installation of six signs at key locations comprising of the Eastside Foreshore Reserve, Lions Jubilee Park, Rotary Park, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, Civic Centre and Central Oval Community Hub.

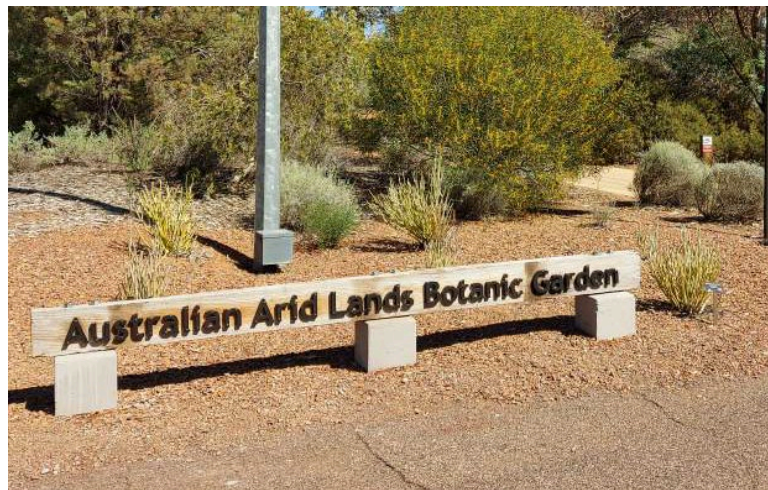


Photo: Sign made from Jetty Timbers

Building Inspections

Council has formulated a Building Inspection policy which incorporates the Swimming Pool inspection regime in accordance with State legislation. During the reporting period 25 Class 1A (dwellings and extensions) and Class 10B (Swimming pools/Spas) applications received approval.

Council building staff carried out inspections on 16 Class 1A's which were carried out at different stages of construction and the Class 1A buildings were found to be in accordance with the approved plans and did not require further action by Council. There were eight Swimming Pool inspections carried out and of those, five fully complied with the legislation and three had to carry out additional work to comply. There were no enforcement notices issued during the reporting period.

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. One of the main projects was the establishment of the Yarta Purtli Training Room. Located in the former 'Green Room' at the Cultural Centre, the room provides a versatile training/ meeting space which is also available for hire to the public.

Building Fire Safety Committee

Council has delegated its powers to the Building Fire Safety Committee to undertake inspections of buildings within the City. The Committee meets quarterly and has a full agenda on most occasions, although due to COVID-19, meetings have been occurring less frequently. There have been no further inspections since 2020. At November 2020, five properties were issued with notices, including one final notice. Most notices seek clarification of design criteria so the Committee can assess against the National Construction Code.

Development Services – Planning

During the 2020/2021 financial year, 190 development applications were lodged with the Council. This is lower than the five-year average of 224 applications and a decline of 15% compared to last financial year. The economic decline during this period is likely attributed to COVID-19.

During this period, the Council also engaged in a shared services arrangement with the Flinders Ranges Council. This involved the lodgement and assessment of 39 additional applications and the provision of professional planning advice to the communities of Quorn, Hawker, Craddock and surrounding areas. This resulted in 229 total development applications being lodged and assessed by the Planning Department and generated additional revenue for Council.



Theme 5: Governance & Financial Sustainability

GOAL

WE PROVIDE AND ADVOCATE FOR FIT FOR PURPOSE
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 79,874 visits to the Council website in 2020/2021, and the "Your Say" public consultation section of our website was visited 1,012 times. In 2020/2021 the Council Facebook page increased its followers from 4,508 to 5,017. Council's Twitter page increased to 279 followers.

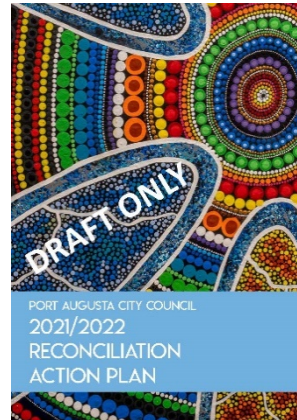
A new digital screen was introduced in the Civic Centre foyer, to relay information to the public. The Council's monthly Community E-Newsletters reaches approximately 12,200 people annually. A hard copy version of the Community E-Newsletter is distributed through the Public Library and some external agencies.

The COVID-19 information box on our 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 use. Daily Facebook posts continued to be added to our Social Media pages and feature links to the Council website for information on meetings, public consultations, community events, job opportunities and provide general information. In 2021 the Calendar of Events had a focus to feature more community events.

Reconciliation Action Plan

In 2020/2021 Council drafted a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which will be finalised 2021/2022. The RAP will address operational processes to ensure Council provides a welcoming, supportive, inclusive and collaborative environment, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councillors, Employees and Community are treated with equality, care and respect.

The RAP has been developed in partnership with staff, the Aboriginal Community Working Group and the broader community. A variety of methods have been used in its development including surveys, formal meetings, and formal and informal consultation, including conversations and written feedback.



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

Reconciliation Week 2021

Reconciliation Week was run from 27 May to 3 June 2021. The 2021 theme for reconciliation aims to share Aboriginal culture and their deep connection to land and water with the wider community. The Community Development Team facilitated a community meeting to plan and organise events for 2021. Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, there were limits placed on public functions, so a day of celebration was held in Gladstone Square. Organisations were invited to attend and set up an activity, and Council hosted a Yarning Circle. This proved very popular and many of the organisations involved have made the decision to hold one regularly.

NAIDOC Week 2020

NAIDOC Week was held in November 2020 (due to COVID-19) with the theme “Always Was, Always Will Be.” Council held an inhouse yarning circle for staff, with Council’s Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Facilitator leading the conversation and providing a reflection on why NAIDOC Week is celebrated and the importance to Aboriginal People. Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, some NAIDOC Events were by invitation only and others were held virtually.

Council provided support to the NAIDOC Committee to coordinate events being held at Council locations including the Flag Raising and Smoking Ceremony in Gladstone Square. Connected Beginnings organised the “One Community Together” event held at the Eastside Foreshore, with Kevin Kropinyeri as MC and Feature Artist and activities including a community BBQ, musical performances, a visit from the Army, a TikTok Challenge, the School Awards and the Aboriginal Elders Afternoon Tea.



As a part of the celebrations for NAIDOC week 2020, Illuminart lit up several buildings on Commercial Road with Aboriginal Artworks. This event was well attended by the community throughout the week.

Photos: NAIDOC Week 2020 events.



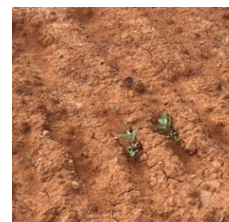
Outcome 5.2 – We have positive relationships with other levels of government and partners that deliver great outcomes for the community.

Upper Spencer Gulf Cities

The Spencer Gulf Cities continue 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 Premier's commitment to meeting regularly with the Mayor's highlights the importance of the region to the state's growth target.

Bird Lake Rehabilitation

Council was provided with a grant from the State Government to undertake rehabilitation works on Bird Lake. Contractors completed the project in 2020/2021 with the movement of soil to the perimeter of Bird Lake, which was seeded with native vegetation to stop the stench and improve the amenity of the area.



Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication

Council has been working closely with the Department for Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to develop opportunities for local business and outcomes for the local community as the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication project continues to progress. In 2020/2021 the Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Alliance (PW2PA) and DPTI commenced substantial work on the project, with the new bridge construction well underway.



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

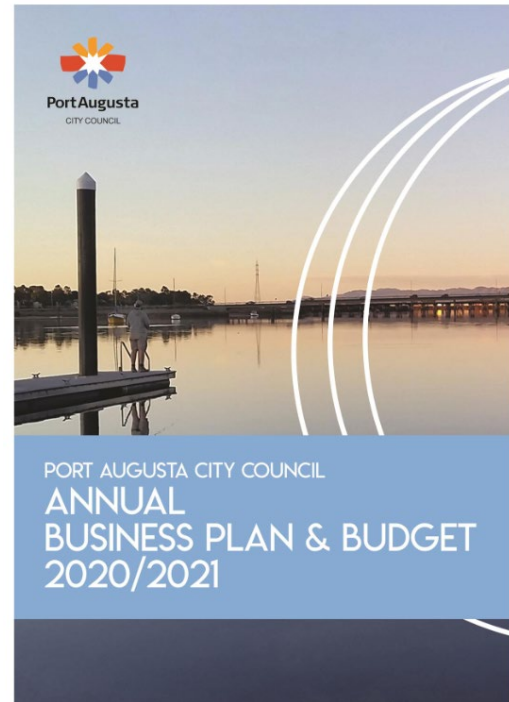
Council was provided with an additional year of funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to engage a consultant to facilitate the development of a future Aboriginal Leadership Group within Port Augusta. Community Members have been involved in the development of the concept, with Governance arrangements to be finalised later in 2021.

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

Financial Management

Council's interim audit was conducted from 10 to 12 March 2021 by Council's Auditor, Galpins. The Interim Management Letter stated that 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 in the identification of its business cycles, the establishment of its internal controls and the implementation of 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 2020/2021 budget and completion of 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements. The revised plan is based on CPI at 1.7%, wage increases of 2% and general rate increases of 2.7% (ie CPI + 1%). Council's target is to achieve a break-even position by the end of 2027/2028. In order to achieve this, Council needs to reduce expenditure on average by \$276,000 per annum. Council's Audit 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 2020/2021, there were Shared Services Agreements with the Flinders Ranges Council, Mount Remarkable District Council, Port Pirie Regional Council, and Whyalla City Council for services including Building Officers, Planning Officers, Fire Safety, General Inspectors 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.

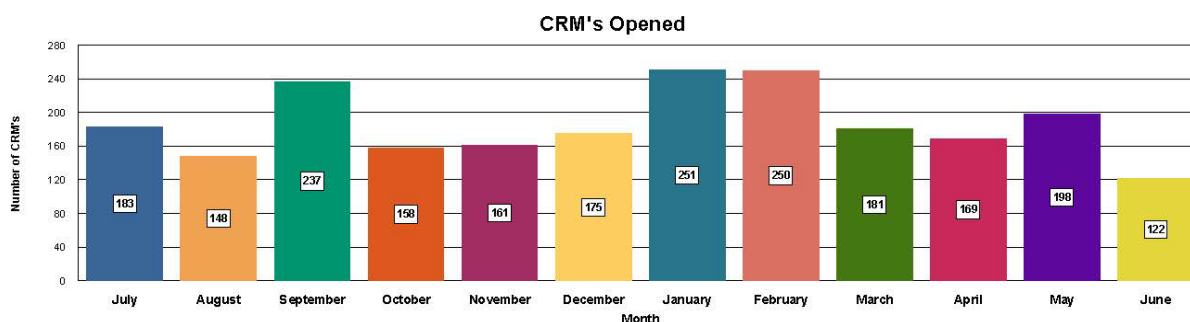
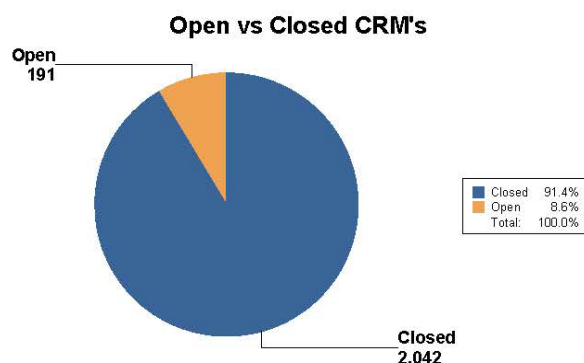


Council's Customer Service Charter focusses on providing a friendly, approachable, supportive and responsive service when dealing with customers' needs. Requests for service are actioned through the Customer Request for Maintenance/Service (CRM) program. Requests can be lodged by staff and members of 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. The following graphs provide an overview of requests received during 2020/2021.



CRM Statistics For Period 1/07/2020 to 30/06/2021

Total CRM's Opened: 2,233
Total CRM's Closed: 2,042
Total Closure Rate: 91%



Port Augusta Public Library

The Library service continued to be impacted due to COVID-19 restrictions during this period. Some services such as the Toy Library have not operated, while other services have been modified. The Library was able to return to regular opening hours on 3 August 2020 and was closed during a COVID-19 lockdown on 19 and 20 November 2020.

The One Card Network consortium of libraries across South Australia, continues to allow the community to utilise the resources of the State. Free public access to computers was reduced to accommodate social distancing, with staff assisting with basic computer support as part of the daily Library operations.

Grant funding from Communities for Children allowed for the introduction of Paint Port Augusta REaD, a national early literacy program for babies and pre-schoolers. Launched in February 2021, Library staff regularly visited eight early childhood centres with the growing reading egg to promote the program. The Library continues to partner with the community to support events outside the Library such as Pop Up Playgroups and the National Simultaneous Storytime in May 2021. The Library held a range of programs including the regular Storytime sessions, the introduction of Chess on Sunday afternoons and the Grave Matters cemetery tour with Desert Voices on 22 May 2021.



The author event in January was very well supported with over 75 people attending to hear past local doctor Dr Ramdyhl Bhola discuss his autobiography 'Brainwashed' at the Central Oval Augusta Room.

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



Photos: Desert Voices and Library volunteer at Grave Matters Cemetery Tour May 2021

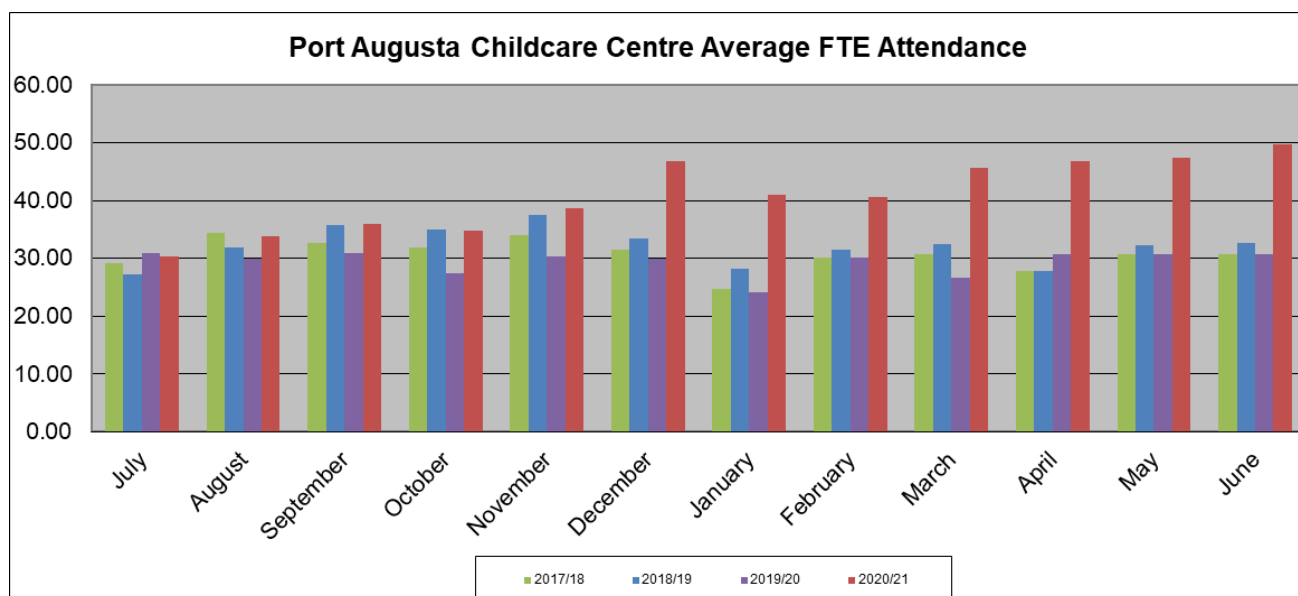
Port Augusta Childcare Centre

The Port Augusta Childcare Centre has approximately 115 children enrolled, with the average full time equivalent attendance increasing in 2021.

Once again, the Centre has supported external students through placements including University, Diploma and Certificate III study placements as well as supporting the Centre's educators to further their studies.

Covid-19 has impacted the ability of the Centre to host visitors and undertake excursions in the community during the 2020/21 year. The centre took the children on an excursion to the local foreshore to attend the launch of "Paint the Town REaD" which the children have really enjoyed. The Public Library have also been bringing the Reading Egg to the centre for visits, allowing the children to read to the egg to help make it grow.

The Centre has celebrated many cultural days, including HOLI Day, an Indian celebration of fun and colour. The children really enjoyed this celebration which was hosted by one of the Centre's Team Leaders and her Husband. Other celebrations have also included Chinese New Year, where Golden Pearl donated some traditional Custard Buns for the children to enjoy, National Tree Day, National Sorry Day, Harmony Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothers and Fathers Day, just to name a few.



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 2019/2020 Council engaged an independent auditor to undertake the legislative compliance audit. The Legislative Compliance Audit Report was provided to the Audit Committee in February 2020 and Council developed a 12-month Action Plan to address the findings of the report, which was prioritised in accordance with their risk rating. At the end of June 2021, Council had completed the 12-month Action Plan and the final report was submitted to Audit Committee in August 2021.

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

Under the provisions of the *SA Public Health Act 2011*, Council received nine complaints that required inspections due to insanitary conditions. Additional inspections were also conducted for lower grade unsightly properties by either the Environmental Health Officer or General Inspector. The septic tank desludging program operates over a four-year cycle with approximately a quarter of properties completed each financial year, with year one and some year two properties serviced in 2020/2021. 15 Development applications required Environmental Health Officer referral for comment, compared with five in 2019/2020. Onsite wastewater approvals totalled 29 during 2020/2021 compared to 22 in the previous year. A total of nine skin penetration, beauty and hair dressing clinics were inspected, and six public swimming pools including those found in caravan parks and accommodation were inspected for water quality requirements.

Air Quality

During the reporting period there were six complaints of wood heater smoke, compared to seven in the previous financial year. An education-based approach informing residents of management and maintenance of their heaters was typically adopted.

Food Act

In 2020/2021 there were a combined total of 87 commercial and home-based food outlets in operation within the city. Food premises are inspected on a routine basis, with some receiving more inspections based on their risk factors, as set out by the South Australian Food Business Risk Classification Guidelines. A total of 91 inspections took place over the financial year. There were five food related complaints received during the reporting period which were investigated and satisfactorily resolved.

Liquid Waste Facility

Council's liquid waste facility was closed in May 2015 as a result of nearing its capacity. Testing of the facility is ongoing and maintenance at the pond is continuing in line with the conditions of the EPA licence.

Asbestos registers

Council maintains the asbestos registers for all Council buildings with the assistance of an external company.

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.

Dog and Cat Management

Council continued to implement the Animal Management Plan 2017 – 2021 and has now completed drafting the new 5-year plan for 2022 to 2026. The Plan outlines the services required for the health, welfare and safety of animals and our community.

Council continues to provide support to residents to access the online DACO registration system, with online registrations continuing to increase each year. Council provides a range of services including free cat trap hire and options for owners looking to surrender their animals. Council provided discounted desexing and microchipping days in collaboration with local vets, with subsidised vaccinations available for low income earners.

Council's Lost and Found Animals Facebook page continues to be a great tool for dog owners to access the latest dog and cat information and photos of impounded animals. Council continues to work with local shelters to rehome abandoned dogs, as well as continuing to work closely with the RSPCA, who collect stray cats and dogs that are suitable to be rehomed.

Council's snake catching service continues to be well utilised by residents. Council's Inspectors continue to Patrol the city for breaches of the Australian Road Rules any investigates any reports from the community relating to breaches of the Parking Act. Council's inspectors have also been working closely with MAPS and SAPOL to ensure that any illegal camping on Public land is Inspected and the areas are cleaned up if required, once the campers have relocated.



When you own a dog it is your responsibility to clean up after it.

It's a fun activity walking your dog, however sometimes our Animal Control Officers notice or receive complaints about pet waste on our public footpaths

Early morning patrols have been implemented to reduce the amount of dog waste in public areas.

Did you know?

Failure to clean up after your dog can result in an on-the-spot fine of \$210.00.

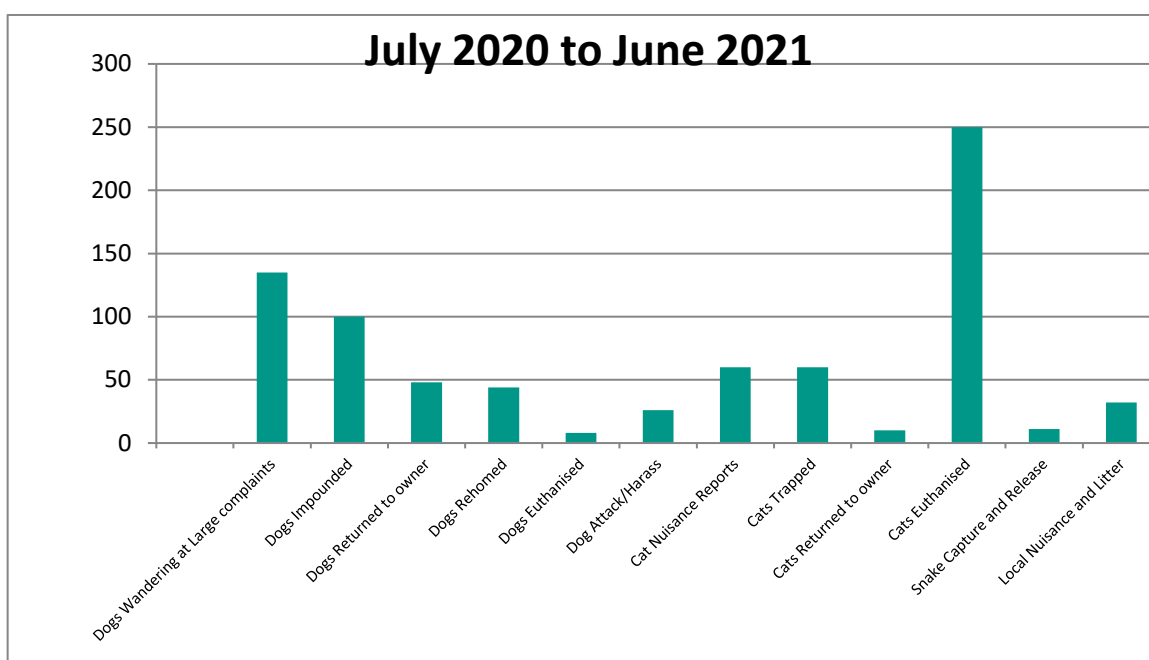
How you can be a responsible dog owner:

- Always carry a bag which is suitable to collect your pet waste.
- Entice your dog to 'go' at home before walking.
- Dispose of your pet waste in red lidded bins.

Fun Fact!

Port Augusta City Council provides free dog litter bags at the Eastside Foreshore in dispensers- keep your eye

Our footpaths are for everyone to use, please clean up after your pet.



Community Safety Enforcement

Council enforced parking restrictions in the community to improve traffic flow, ensure the safe and fair use of roads within the community, and protect Council infrastructure. Areas of focus included school safety and access to the Central Business District. The Road Rules are consistent across South Australia and the expiation fees are set in accordance with Regulations. Litter and Nuisance reports in relation to illegal dumping, smoke nuisance and unsightly areas are investigated and expiations issued where appropriate.

Records Management

Council commenced a new project for remapping and resentencing Council's EDRMS CM (TRIM) system's classification on files and records to the new State Records SA LG General Disposal Schedules GDS40 and GDS41 (burial and cremation records).

Planning is also underway for the proposed relocation of Council's Records Storage Facility, due to the impending sale of the property where it is currently situated. IT/Records Staff collaborated with Finance/HR Staff to set up a new file type structure within Council's EDRMS to allow new software to be rolled out which integrates records within CM (TRIM) and Authority systems. The Records Department also participated in a physical records survey conducted by State Records SA.

In August 2020, Council's Records Co-ordinator, Melody Poole was awarded 'runner-up' for the annual 'South Australian Bernadette Bean SA Records Management Service Excellence Award'. The award recognises and celebrates demonstrated records management service excellence.

Information Technology

Cyber security continues to remain a high priority for the Council's IT Department with new core network equipment being deployed to bolster all defences. Key projects included prioritising cyber security in ICT environments and completing audit recommendations. Ongoing projects include updating and deploying updated desktop equipment and corporate printers, shifting to select cloud-based office products, the relocation of the Council's backup server to an alternative location and installation of public Wi-Fi.

Work Health and Safety

Council is committed to ensuring our work practices guarantee the health and safety of all persons who encounter Council by virtue of the provision of our services and products. To achieve this, 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. Council now support Mt Remarkable Council through a shared services agreement, providing WHS Support 2 days per week.

COVID-19 Restrictions provided significant challenges for the management of staff safety and hygiene. Council implemented strict guidelines in regards to cleaning regimes, PPE and masks, and reducing capacities for staff in offices and Council vehicles. This ensured a suitable level of safety standards was complied with.

Council was issued with two Safety Improvement Notices by SafeWork SA after two workplace incidents occurred. Actions to improve operations have been identified as an outcome of both investigations.

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 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy 3.1.01.

Volunteers

Council values and respects the role of volunteers. At 30 June 2021, Council had 50 registered volunteers contributing to various sites and services, including the Men's Shed, Cultural Centre, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Childcare, Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre, Yarta Purtli Gallery, Public Library and Health Focus.

The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden hosts 31 regular volunteers from all ages, backgrounds and abilities. The work of the volunteers is equivalent to at least 3 full time staff and includes gardening, minor construction projects, plant propagation and tours of the AALBG. The library hosts Local history volunteers to promote the local history collection and family history research services and a volunteer Justice of the Peace provides a free service.

National Volunteer Week was held during from 17 to 23 May 2021. During National Volunteer Week, the team of volunteers who assist Council with various events and business activities were recognised and thanked by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer at a thank you function held at the Yarta Purtli Gallery. Two Premier's Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service were also presented to Volunteer Chris Nayda and the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden.

Photos: (Below) Council volunteers, Mayor Brett Benbow, and CEO John Banks at Thank you Function **(Right)** Chris Nayda and Brian Reichelt with Premier's Certificates of Recognition



Human Resources – Workforce Development

Council's new performance appraisal system was implemented in 2020/2021. Council was awarded the LG Professionals SA Leadership Award in the People and Culture category for the development and implementation of the *My Success @PACC program* which cascades actions from the Strategic Plan into Key Performance Indicators for every staff member. The new appraisal system also allowed the development of a succession plan for identified critical roles, and for the identification of appropriate training and development for all staff.



Photo:
Council staff involved in the development of the *My Success @PACC program* with the LG Professionals SA Award.

Employee Relations

The Australian Workers Union Enterprise Bargain Agreement 2017/2020 was confirmed in April. The Municipal Salaried Officers Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2019 was signed off by the South Australian Employment Tribunal on November 2018. Both Enterprise Bargaining Agreements continued to operate throughout 2020/2021, while negotiations remain ongoing.

Injury Management

During 2020/2021 there were six new Workers Compensation Claims. At 30 June 2020, two claims remained open. The value of Workers Compensation claims over a four-year period has reduced. The Loss Ratio decreased from 2019/20 to 2020/21 by 6.99%, with the Rebate Entitlement increasing by 3.85%. 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 2021, Council employed 183 staff compared to 181 in the previous year. The following table provides an overview of the number of employees in each Directorate.

Directorate	Full Time	Part Time	Casual	Males	Females
City Management	7	-	-	1	6
City Services	22	4	16	18	24
Corporate and Community Services	16	24	54	15	79
Infrastructure	37	3	-	31	9
TOTAL	82	31	70	70	111
Combined Total and M/F Percentages		183		35%	65%

Trainees

Traineeships provide an opportunity for younger members of our community to enter the workforce combining study and on the job learning. As one of the larger employers within our community, Council takes its role seriously in offering opportunities to the youth of Port Augusta. During 2020/2021 seven trainee positions were included within Council's Organisational Structure.

Organisational Structure

At 30 June 2021, 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 2021, 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	Personal Vehicle Allowance, Reimbursement of km travelled for work purposes
Chief Executive Officer John Banks	X			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 Stan Robb (26/08/2020 – 05/03/2021)		X	X	X	X		
Director Infrastructure Kevan Delaney (01/06/2021 - present)		X	X	X	X		

*The Chief Executive Officer transitioned from vehicle allowances to exclusive use of a Council vehicle in October 2020.

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 – Statement from Managers

Marlene Foote – Customer Service – 40 Years

Having worked for Council for over 43 years, with a short break for parental leave. Marlene witnessed many changes in the Local Government sector and had a wealth of knowledge providing high level support across many areas of Council. Marlene regularly took on new challenges and was always willing to step up.

Brenton Daw – Infrastructure – 38 Years

During Brenton's career within the Infrastructure department he was involved with numerous infrastructure projects that have shaped Port Augusta including the CBD Road Upgrades and the Foreshore, Airport and Central Oval redevelopments. Brenton held a wealth of knowledge that was highly valued across Council.

Judith Jones – Wadlata Outback Centre – 20 Years

Over the last 20 years, Judy has made countless coffees, batches of scones, cakes and other goodies, and served many tourists, visitors and locals at the Outback Café at Wadlata.

Anne Baker – Childcare Centre – 19 Years

Anne commenced at the Miriam High Special Needs Centre before transferring to the Port Augusta Childcare Centre where she worked as an educator and Team Leader. Anne provided curriculum support to the Centre and was popular with the children, families and her peers, bringing some great initiatives to the Centre.

Andrew Klee – Library/Pool/Wadlata – 16 Years

Drew was very flexible in his working arrangements and supported Council across a number of roles within the organisation at the Library, Cultural Centre and Swimming Pool. Drew developed a great deal of knowledge and met many locals and visitors to Port Augusta during his employment.

Wayne McKerlie – Animal Control – 16 Years

Wayne was dedicated to his role as a General Inspector and Fire Prevention Officer to ensure the safety of the community and welfare of the cities animals. Wayne also assisted with the implementation of the new Dog and Cat Management system in 2018.

Craig Dearlove – Central Oval – 14 Years

Craig commenced in a Sport and Recreation Officer role and took new opportunities as they arose, culminating in his appointment as Manager Sport and Recreation. Craig was heavily involved in the project management of Central Oval Complex construction and was passionate in his endeavours to see it succeed.

Robert Tancock – Works/Parks Depot – 14 Years

Robert (Bob), through his dedicated service to the maintenance of community assets, ensured that assets including buildings, stormwater and community waste-water were kept in optimal condition for operational and community use.

Bernadette Reichstein – Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – 13 Years

Bernie commenced at the Civic Centre as an Administration Officer before moving over to Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Visitor Centre, where she was a dedicated to providing local history and knowledge to visitors, overseeing the gift shop where she was frequently acknowledged by visitors to the garden.

Mitchell Foote – Infrastructure – 12 Years

Mitchell, during his career with Council has been involved in numerous infrastructure projects contributing to concept, design, survey and project management across many aspects of public works. His knowledge and skills within the Technical Services and Operations Teams were highly valued across Council.

Rodger Carpenter – Works/Parks Depot – 12 Years

Rodger was a member of the Civic Works Depot team and played a vital role in maintaining our road network through his skilful use of the grader and other Council road plant. This contribution to civic works was greatly appreciated.

Shane Saal – WHS/Airport – 10 Years

Shane was responsible for the day to day management of the airport, and worked very closely with DPTI to securing the full funding for the PAPI light system. In the WHS space, Shane played a major role with the implementation of an entirely new WHS system, following the introduction of new WHS legislation in 2012.

Tiffany Davies – Corporate and Community Services – 10 Years

Tiffany worked in a variety of roles within Council including events, the arts, and finishing with the HACC Aged Care Collaborative Project role. Tiffany's quiet demeanour and supportive attitude made her popular with community groups that she worked with.

Staff Service Awards

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

40 Year Service Awards

- Marlene Foote

30 Year Service Awards

- Tina Dunemann

20 Year Service Awards

- Justin Copley
- Mark Sims
- Judy Jones

10 Year Service Awards

- Brooke Mundy
- Amanda Hockey
- Casey O'Dea
- Janelle Brittain
- Rebecca McCarthy
- Katie Grantham
- Mikaela Rose
- Jo Newell



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 47 services at 30 June 2021.

1	Aboriginal Community Development	26	Human Resources
2	Aerodrome	27	Immunisation (ceased 2020)
3	Asset Management	28	Information Technology
4	Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden	29	Infrastructure Technical Services
5	Building Services	30	Library and Community Information
6	Cemeteries	31	Media and Communications
7	Central Oval Community Hub	32	Men's Shed
8	Childcare Centre	33	Parks, Gardens, Ovals
9	City Management	34	Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli
10	City Safe Patrol (ceased 30/09/2020)	35	Procurement
11	Community Planning	36	Rates Administration
12	Community and Recreational Development	37	Roads, Bridges and Jetties
13	Corporate Services	38	Records Management
14	Customer Services	39	Retirement Accommodation (Poinsettia Village)
15	Disability Services	40	Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre
16	Economic Development	41	STARCLUB
17	Environmental Health	42	Street Lighting
18	Far North HACC Project (ceased 30/06/21)	43	Substance Misuse Services
19	Financial and Treasury Management	44	Venue and Event Management
20	Footpaths	45	Wadlata Outback Centre
21	Foreshore Development/Levee Banks	46	Waste Management
22	General Inspectorate	47	Waste Water Treatment Plant
23	Governance/Compliance/Risk Management	48	Work, Health and Safety
24	Health Focus	49	Youth Services
25	Horse Stables		

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 also 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 2020/2021 there were no requests received for an Internal Review under Section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, this is the same as the 2019/2020 reporting year.

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 2020/2021 are listed below.

Month	Consultation Relating to
August 2020	Rates Review
August 2020	Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
February 2021	Asset Management Plans
March 2021	Regional Public Health Plan
May 2021	2021/2022 Budget and Annual Business Plan
June 2021	Community Land Management Plans

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

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 2020/2021 Council received and resolved 14 Freedom of Information requests. Of these 14, three were granted in full, five partially granted, four were refused under Sections 13(d) and 18(2a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, one was refused as the information was freely available on Council's website and Council does not hold any documents relating to the remaining request.

4.6 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.

4.6.1 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 Conflict of Interest
- Register of Fees and Charges
- Register of Sub-Delegations
- Register of Employees Gifts

4.6.2 Codes

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

4.6.3 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

4.6.4 Policies

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

4.7 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. The main purpose of the public consultation process, however, was to seek community feedback on the proposal to remove the 'Community Land' classification applicable to five allotments across two separate areas of land. The annual review public consultation process will be finalised in late 2021.

4.8 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 two abatement notices issued, however, no prosecutions, civil penalties or court orders were pursued by the Council in relation to these complaints.

	Dust	Noise	Odour	Animals	Litter	Insanitary Conditions	Unsanitary Conditions
Complaints	9	10	5	3	107	3	22
Expiations					10		

4.9 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 2020/2021 that each of the provisions was used:

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

The matters considered by Council in Confidence are listed below. In 2020/2021 Council considered a total of 204 items, with nine considered in confidence (4%). Of the nine items placed under confidential provisions, five items were released during 2020/2021, and four items remained in confidence at 30 June 2021.

No.	Topic & Confidential Provisions Used	Order Made	Period	Documents released
1	Report AR20/36002 – Auditor General Cyber Security Draft Report (j) – Confidential information of a Minister of the Crown	08/09/2020 AR20/41550	12 months or until the Auditor General advises that the information can be released	03/02/2021
2	Report AR20/46899 – Unsolicited Proposal – New City Safe Program (g) – Ensure Council does not breach a law	25/09/2020 AR20/47121	Confidential provisions were not retained in relation to this Agenda Item.	25/09/2020
3	Report AR20/42451 – Election of LGA President 2020-2022 (a) – Personal affairs	13/10/2020 AR20/49153	Until the appointment has been finalised and announced	23/11/2020
4	Report AR20/43838 – Elections for the Positions of Representative Members of the LGFA of SA Board of Trustees (g) – Ensure Council does not breach a law	13/10/2020 AR20/49153	Until the announcement of the outcome of the Elections	23/11/2020
5	Report AR20/49011 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review for 2019/2020 & Strategic Performance Objectives for 2020/2021 (a) Personal affairs	27/10/2020 AR20/52281	Until further order of the Council	No
6	Report AR20/51060 – Cyber Security Work Plan (j) – Confidential information of a Minister of the Crown	20/10/2020 AR20/51199	12 months or until the Auditor General advises that the information can be released	03/02/2021
7	Report AR20/57599 – Scattering of Ashes on Private Land (a) – Personal affairs	08/12/2020 AR20/60701	For 12 months or until such time as the request has been resolved	No
8	Report AR21/1201 - Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Assessment Panel and Assessment Manager Endorsement (a) – Personal affairs	19/01/2021 AR21/2129	The period of the appointment of the panel or up to and including 19 January 2023	No
9	Report AR20/53079 – Unsolicited Proposal – Library Relocation (d) – Commercial information not a trade secret	19/01/2021 AR21/2129	12 months (attachment only)	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 8 June 2021, Council resolved to approve the four remaining confidential items from 2020/2021 to remain under confidential provisions. The following table outlines the items under confidential orders from previous years, that were released during 2020/2021 or remained under confidential provisions following the 2021 review:

No.	Topic	Order Made	Date Expired and Released	Date Order was remade
1	AR15/32190 Central Oval Redevelopment Defects Period – Item 1	2016/2016	30/06/2021	-
2	AR17/32714, AR17/50517 and AR18/7073 CEO mid-year and 2017 Performance Evaluation – Items 6, 7 and 8	2017/2018	-	08/06/2021
3	AR18/35255 – Miriam High Special Needs Centre Divestment Process – Item 4	2018/2019	30/06/2021	-
4	AR18/32046 – Chief Executive Officer 2018 Performance Evaluation & Development – Item 5	2018/2019	-	08/06/2021
5	AR18/35255, AR18/51370 and AR19/16978 – Miriam High Special Needs Centre Divestment Process – Item 5, 4 and 3	2018/2019	30/06/2021	-
6	AR19/32841 – Miriam High Special Needs Centre – Future of Building (resolution released 08/10/2019, report remains in confidence) – Item 2	2019/2020	30/06/2021	-
7	Report AR19/44926 – 2020 Green Power Festival Sponsorship (report not confidential – Business Plan and discussion only) – Item 1	2019/2020	30/06/2021	-
8	AR20/1643 – Information Report – Auditor General Cyber Security Audit	2019/2020	03/02/2021	-
9	AR20/20999 – Information Report – Auditor General Cyber Security Audit Update	2019/2020	03/02/2021	-

4.9.1 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 2020/2021.

4.10 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 Details	Value	Public or Selective
Design Tender Documentation for Building Repairs & Minor Upgrade - Hancock Stadium	\$15,630	Request for Quote
Supply & Delivery of Gravel on Various Roads - 2021	\$447,189.98	Selective
Bitumen Surfacing 2020-2022	\$1,626,000.00	Public
Tourism Facilities Consultant	\$13,000	Exemption
Septic Tank Pump-out & Disposal of Associated Sludge/Bio Solids	\$247,940	Public
Cleaning of Council Buildings 2021-2024 (AALBG, Wadlata, Central Oval, Childcare Centre)	\$767,631.00	Public
Cleaning of Council Buildings 2021-2024 (Window Cleaning)	\$42,468.00	Public
Installation of Footpath Paving 2020/2021	\$35.60 per m2	Request for Quote
Supply of Pavers 2020/2021	\$28.75 per m2	Request for Quote
Digital Radio Network Upgrade	\$126,169	Public
CWMS Drain Replacement CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe) 2020/2021	\$401,793.00	Exemption
Tree Maintenance, Remediation & Removal Works	\$42,949	Request for Quote

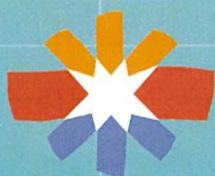
4.11 National Competition Principles

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. 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 2020/2021 Council continued to maintain the following 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

4.12 Auditor Independence

The Local Government Act 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 \$99,139.00. During the 2020/21 financial year, Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants were paid \$11,550.00 for undertaking the 2019/20 final audit in September 2020 and \$9,900.00 for the interim audit in February 2021. A copy of Council's audited financial statement for 2020/2021 is provided on the following pages and is also available on Council's website.



Port Augusta

CITY COUNCIL

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

ABN: 73 625 993 182

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CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- The accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- The financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls implemented by the Council provide 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.



J BANKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 19/10/2021



B BENBOW
MAYOR

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Rates	3	20,240,041	19,865,613
Statutory charges	3	360,429	329,470
User charges	3	3,226,377	2,616,268
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	3	8,412,426	6,844,084
Investment Income	3	15,310	18,695
Reimbursements	3	393,730	485,352
Other Income	3	1,124,003	1,281,234
TOTAL INCOME		33,772,316	31,440,716
EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	4	11,387,291	11,533,397
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	4	12,809,260	13,079,450
Finance Costs	4	202,746	397,736
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4	7,889,278	6,682,078
TOTAL EXPENSES		32,288,575	31,692,661
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,483,741	(251,945)
Asset disposal and fair value adjustments	5	(222,408)	(248,797)
Gain on the sale of held for sale assets	17	212,192	-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	3	195,280	544,522
Return of amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	3	(486,911)	-
Physical resources received free of charge	3	728,325	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		1,910,219	43,780
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		45,654,926	-
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		45,654,926	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		47,565,145	43,780

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

Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation	19/20	-	1,557,484
Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation	20/21	1,575,847	(1,575,847)
Financial Assistance Grant Payment Reallocation	21/22	(1,599,250)	-
Supplementary Road Funding Reallocation	19/20	-	141,579
Supplementary Road Funding Reallocation	20/21	141,579	-
Adjusted Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		1,601,917	(128,729)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	3,816,981	273,465
Trade & other receivables	6	2,255,475	3,088,125
Inventories	6	172,410	183,818
		<u>6,244,866</u>	<u>3,545,408</u>
Non Current Assets held for Sale	17	-	393,168
Total Current Assets		<u>6,244,866</u>	<u>3,938,576</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	7	-	7,008
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	8	221,331,288	181,293,981
Other Non-current Assets	7	285,951	4,125
		<u>221,617,239</u>	<u>181,305,114</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>221,617,239</u>	<u>181,305,114</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>227,862,105</u>	<u>185,243,690</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	9	3,759,574	3,891,484
Borrowings	9	897,945	1,409,242
Provisions	9	1,886,432	2,067,721
		<u>6,543,951</u>	<u>7,368,447</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>6,543,951</u>	<u>7,368,447</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	9	4,399,194	8,460,036
Provisions	9	66,239	127,631
		<u>4,465,433</u>	<u>8,587,667</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>4,465,433</u>	<u>8,587,667</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,009,384</u>	<u>15,956,114</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>216,852,721</u>	<u>169,287,576</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus(Deficit)		(4,823,176)	(6,733,395)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	221,675,897	176,020,971
		<u>216,852,721</u>	<u>169,287,576</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>216,852,721</u>	<u>169,287,576</u>

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	TOTAL EQUITY
2021			
Balance at end of previous reporting period	(6,733,395)	176,020,971	169,287,576
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	1,910,219		1,910,219
Other Comprehensive Income			
Gain/ (Loss) on revaluation of property, plant & equipment		45,654,926	45,654,926
Balance at end of period	<u>(4,823,176)</u>	<u>221,675,897</u>	<u>216,852,721</u>
2020			
Balance at end of previous reporting period	(6,777,175)	176,020,971	169,243,796
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	<u>43,780</u>		<u>43,780</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>(6,733,395)</u>	<u>176,020,971</u>	<u>169,287,576</u>

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Operating Receipts	36,680,015	30,653,792
Investment Receipts	15,310	18,695
<u>Payments</u>		
Operating Payments to suppliers & employees	(26,262,436)	(24,662,927)
Finance Payments	(240,496)	(517,521)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	10,192,393	5,492,039
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	195,280	544,522
Sale of replaced assets	62,899	106,727
Sale of surplus assets	208,633	44,491
Sale of non-current assets held for sale	605,360	-
Repayments of loans by community groups	15,438	20,403
<u>Payments</u>		
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	(2,009,401)	(2,106,349)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	(668,037)	(2,167,789)
Return of amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	(486,911)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	(2,076,739)	(3,557,995)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	5,000,000
<u>Payments</u>		
Repayments of Borrowings	(4,572,138)	(7,259,169)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities	(4,572,138)	(2,259,169)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	3,543,516	(325,125)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	273,465	598,590
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	3,816,981	273,465

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

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 Basis of Preparation

1.1.1 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.

1.1.2 Authorisation for Issue

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 dated 19/10/2021.

1.1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar (\$0).

2.0 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Port Augusta City Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta, South Australia. These financial statements include the consolidated fund 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.

3.0 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 the month of June in recent years the Federal Government has paid amounts of untied financial assistance grants, which are recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation:

June 2015	2 quarters of the 2015/16 allocation	\$1,505,972
June 2016	No advance paid	
June 2017	2 quarters of the 2017/18 allocation	\$1,510,089
June 2018	2 quarters of the 2018/19 allocation	\$1,525,808
June 2019	2 quarters of the 2019/20 allocation	\$1,557,484
June 2020	2 quarters of the 2020/21 allocation	\$1,575,847
June 2021	2 quarters of the 2021/22 allocation	\$1,599,250

In June 2019, the Commonwealth Government also paid an advance of the Supplementary Road Funding for 2019/20 and 2020/21 of \$141,579 for each year.

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

4.0 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. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to the Financial Instruments forms part of Note 12.

5.0 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.

6.0 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**6.1 Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are 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 in the Statement of Financial Position as 'Other Non Current Assets'. 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. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and values are provided in Note 8.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure and property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which 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 15 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Vehicles	5 to 15 years

Buildings, Structures and Site Improvements

Buildings – Structure	50 to 120 years
Buildings – Components	15 to 40 years
Park Furniture	5 to 20 years
Playground Equipment	20 to 30 years
Carparks, Pathways and Fencing	30 to 50 years
Monuments and Memorials	50 to 100 years
Shade Sails and Shelters	15 to 30 years
Swimming Pools	40 to 50 years
Marine Structures	60 to 150 years

CWMS, Waste Water and Stormwater

Stormwater Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 80 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC70	60 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other25	50 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Reclaimed Water Plant & Irrigation System	20 to 50 years
CWMS	50 to 80 years

Road Infrastructure

Sealed Roads – Surface Upper	15 to 35 years
Sealed Roads – Surface Lower	45 to 75 years
Sealed Roads – Pavement Upper	50 to 80 years
Sealed Roads – Pavement Sub Base	150 to 300 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 15 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Kerb and Gutter	60 to 80 years
Paving and Footpaths	15 to 45 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.

7.0 Payables**7.1 Goods & Services**

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8.0 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".

9.0 Employee Benefits**9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms. No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme and to a number of other super funds as chosen by the employee. The Statewide Superannuation 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 15.

10.0 Construction Contracts

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

11.0 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 2021, Council has no leases to which this treatment will need to be applied.

12.0 GST Implications

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

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

13.0 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2021 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

Council is of the view that none of the new standards or interpretations will materially affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

14.0 COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the 2019/2020 financial statements, which may impact on the comparability of some line items and amounts reported in this financial report.

The financial impacts were a direct result of either Council's response to the pandemic or due to the mandatory shut downs as directed by the Australian Government and the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and SA Health.

The impacts on the Council's 2019/2020 financial performance and financial position are outlined below:

- Decreases in user charges and other revenue of approximately \$425,000 due to closures or reductions in programs or services, including sporting facilities, childcare, public and tourism facilities.
- Decreases in employee costs and materials, contracts and other expenses of approximately \$525,000 due to closures or reductions in programs or services as described above.
- Additional costs of approximately \$43,000 associated with changes to Council operations and increased public health activities (e.g. cleaning, preparing Council's facilities to respond to COVID-19, health and safety initiatives, PPE etc)

Council estimates that overall the reduction in revenue and expenditure resulted in a decrease of approximately \$57,000 in the 2019/2020 operating deficit.

2020/2021 also experienced impacts from the 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 has already been impacted by a mandatory shut down period during July. The estimated impact to 2021/22 year-to-date is \$58,000.

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.

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

	REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES									
	INCOME		EXPENSES*		SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Administration										
City Management & Economic Development	3,055,623	3,038,029	923,328	838,806	2,132,295	2,199,223	3,055,455	3,025,341	94,545	47,378
Human Resource Management	114,832	89,629	47,284	42,732	67,548	46,897			22,850	14,506
Records Management			15,874	15,506	(15,874)	(15,506)			967	715
Financial & Customer Services	17,603,571	17,515,429	923,727	914,937	16,679,844	16,600,492			1,522,710	1,819,944
Information Technology	7,013		300,070	210,045	(293,057)	(210,045)			614,813	542,787
Work Health & Safety	92,529	96,583	33,256	56,612	59,273	39,971				
Public Order & Safety										
General Inspection	300,242	329,535	252,118	376,868	48,124	(47,333)			387,392	328,918
Other General Services	16,367	47,734	16,748	48,021	(381)	(287)				
Health Services										
Substance Misuse Service	780,347	623,693	748,544	650,053	31,803	(26,360)	780,000	623,693	25,714	35,531
Sobering Up Unit	946,077	753,337	987,566	781,460	(41,489)	(28,123)	946,000	751,819	14,000	12,721
Aged Care Programs				7,781		(7,781)			1,996	4,788
Environmental Health	19,382	25,758	124,736	194,413	(105,354)	(168,655)	7,258	16,290	2,229	2,999
Social Security & Welfare										
Health Focus	273,926	264,931	234,888	237,644	39,038	27,287	249,455	245,769	5,957	
Childcare Service	1,153,044	803,262	1,152,106	1,035,879	938	(232,617)	759,744	570,982	788,357	738,557
Special Needs Program		27,171	24,829	144,146	(24,829)	(116,975)			18,727	361,486
Mens Shed Program	55,380	53,915	54,156	57,528	1,224	(3,613)	45,154	44,486	3,174	2,971
HACC Project	83,311	73,787	102,950	66,209	(19,639)	7,578	73,311	72,227		
Service Reviews			5,715	58,870	(5,715)	(58,870)				
Senior Citizens Centre			44,506	46,063	(44,506)	(46,063)			400,448	293,348
Housing & Community Amenities										
City Planning	84,080	64,116	365,658	360,918	(281,578)	(296,802)				221
Venues & Events		2,500	203,433	210,063	(203,433)	(207,563)			200	148
Community Harmony Program	392,260	250,269	253,808	364,203	138,452	(113,934)	392,260	250,269	290,469	87,674
Community Safety Program			69,407	284,469	(69,407)	(284,469)				219,301
Civic Centre		1,198	387,601	369,147	(387,601)	(367,949)			2,412,962	2,192,103
Housing	35,981	53,664	96,625	108,948	(60,644)	(55,284)			642,587	1,059,465
Cemeteries	225,261	229,114	318,810	333,031	(93,549)	(103,917)			363,453	284,346
Sanitation & Garbage	1,949,951	1,667,561	1,730,917	1,756,250	219,034	(88,689)	18,236			
Foreshores	390		35,929	155,320	(35,539)	(155,320)			1,440,199	4,919,939
Public Conveniences			110,685	108,255	(110,685)	(108,255)				
Street Lighting			299,030	315,432	(299,030)	(315,432)				
Lakes Management	1,694,571	809,000	1,874,382	944,564	(179,811)	(135,564)	1,694,571	809,000	38,213	926,271
Other Property & Services	75,971	253,768	680,387	463,922	(604,416)	(210,154)		19,957	20,989,143	9,376,548
Stormwater Drainage			326,569	327,093	(326,569)	(327,093)			7,762,391	7,925,922
Waste Water Treatment Plant			269,047	298,835	(269,047)	(298,835)			2,762,716	2,786,192
Effluent Drainage	783,711	761,635	444,009	763,756	339,702	(2,121)			4,887,984	4,601,174
Recreation & Culture										
Library & Information Service	82,467	59,967	701,889	679,678	(619,422)	(619,711)	47,031	47,684	44,848	35,645
Cultural Centre	103,593	96,538	522,333	745,010	(418,740)	(648,472)			3,802,763	3,880,577
Ryan Mitchell Swimming Centre	165,993	195,231	605,194	636,700	(439,201)	(441,469)			825,039	822,093
Parks & Gardens & Playgrounds	140,142	6,875	1,288,967	1,339,175	(1,148,825)	(1,332,300)			10,346,044	5,011,622
Ovals	18,514	63,395	862,716	835,835	(844,202)	(772,440)			3,472,843	805,959
ETSA Oval Complex			138,076	167,113	(138,076)	(167,113)			972,379	239,445
Central Oval Community Hub	306,543	312,468	1,473,996	1,728,603	(1,167,453)	(1,416,135)		28,409	17,479,294	17,385,727
Sport & Recreation	28,409		133,233		(104,824)		28,409		20,805	
Mining Manufacturing & Construction										
Building Act	10,720	16,298	153,544	223,373	(142,824)	(207,075)			1,250	859
Transport & Communication										
Aerodromes	634,221	465,066	716,160	723,127	(81,939)	(258,061)			13,601,332	12,943,615
Maintenance of Roads, Bridges	287,943	291,436	4,854,346	4,182,111	(4,566,403)	(3,890,675)	286,925	286,925	117,583,076	95,082,659
Street Sweeping			398,073	192,204	(398,073)	(192,204)				
Footpaths			350,240	381,637	(350,240)	(381,637)				
Parking			4,651	6,283	(4,651)	(6,283)				
Economic Affairs										
Economic Development	11,335	25,043	264,454	248,190	(253,119)	(223,147)				
Wadlata Outback Centre	529,666	483,813	1,056,423	1,143,689	(526,757)	(659,876)			4,380,851	4,077,735
Aust.Arid Lands Botanic Garden	1,031,085	800,255	1,775,710	1,703,353	(744,625)	(903,098)			2,554,739	2,566,127
Information Bays			1,929	3,016	(1,929)	(3,016)				
Public Debt Transactions										
Treasury - Debt Servicing	15,310	18,695	218,842	426,673	(203,532)	(407,978)			3,816,538	295,985
Other Purposes										
Machinery Operating	662,555	770,018	461,505	521,425	201,050	248,593	28,617	32,506	1,850	3,111
Depot & Nursery			1,835,959	1,760,056	(1,835,959)	(1,760,056)			3,399,591	3,413,478
Engineering Services			1,011,637	1,097,631	(1,011,637)	(1,097,631)			83,393	93,100
TOTALS	33,772,316	31,440,716	32,288,575	31,692,661	1,483,741	(251,945)	8,412,426	6,844,084	227,862,105	185,243,690

*Expenses includes depreciation and full cost attribution

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCILNOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**NOTE 3 INCOME**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
RATES REVENUES		
GENERAL RATES		
General Rates	17,902,346	17,843,890
Less Mandatory Rebates	370,166	371,232
Less Discretionary Rebates, remissions & write offs	404,589	491,358
	<u>17,127,591</u>	<u>16,981,300</u>
OTHER RATES (INCLUDING SERVICE CHARGES)		
Regional Landscape Levy	285,985	283,442
Community Waste Water Management Systems	783,711	761,635
Waste Management Levy	1,879,732	1,617,796
	<u>2,949,428</u>	<u>2,662,873</u>
OTHER CHARGES		
Penalties for late payment	91,324	123,523
Legal & other costs recovered	71,698	97,917
	<u>163,022</u>	<u>221,440</u>
	<u>20,240,041</u>	<u>19,865,613</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**NOTE 3 INCOME (CONTINUED)**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
STATUTORY CHARGES		
Development Act Fees	44,809	24,178
Town Planning Fees	58,867	51,613
Animal Registration & Expiation Fees	210,276	186,441
Parking Expiation Fees	22,670	50,860
Sundry	23,807	16,378
	<u>360,429</u>	<u>329,470</u>
 USER CHARGES		
Cemetery Fees	225,261	229,114
Halls Hire	3,642	3,267
Sales - General	1,065,620	846,796
Rentals	35,981	51,614
Childcare Fees	383,375	219,752
Swimming Pool Fees	155,799	180,636
Wadlata Fees	160,127	142,124
Arid Lands Fees	228,832	185,061
Other Fees	967,478	757,364
Sundry	262	540
	<u>3,226,377</u>	<u>2,616,268</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on Investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	14,636	17,384
Loans to community groups	674	1,311
	<u>15,310</u>	<u>18,695</u>
 REIMBURSEMENTS		
For Roadworks	150	215
For Private Works	200	4,296
Other	393,380	480,841
	<u>393,730</u>	<u>485,352</u>
 OTHER INCOME		
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure	759,421	881,546
Sundry	364,582	399,688
	<u>1,124,003</u>	<u>1,281,234</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 INCOME (CONTINUED)

	2021 \$	2020 \$
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	195,280	544,522
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	<u>8,412,426</u>	<u>6,844,084</u>
	<u>8,607,706</u>	<u>7,388,606</u>

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.

Sources of grants

Commonwealth government	2,439,674	1,864,882
State government	6,136,190	5,523,724
Other	<u>31,842</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,607,706</u>	<u>7,388,606</u>

INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

During 2020/21 Council returned unspent funds to the State Government relating to the Eastside Jetty. The grant 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) -

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

(1,599,250) -

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

1,575,847 (1,575,847)

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

- 1,557,484

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

141,579 141,579

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	1,793,252	1,840,642
Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods	<u>1,717,426</u>	<u>1,840,642</u>
Subtotal	<u>75,826</u>	<u>-</u>
Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions	<u>1,764,391</u>	<u>1,793,252</u>
Subtotal	<u>1,764,391</u>	<u>1,793,252</u>
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and held as restricted assets	<u>1,840,217</u>	<u>1,793,252</u>
Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period	<u>46,965</u>	<u>(47,390)</u>

PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE

Land	45,000	-
Buildings & Other Structures	<u>683,325</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>728,325</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTE 4 EXPENSES

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		9,280,139	9,368,021
Employee Leave Expenses		976,419	1,166,897
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	15	806,542	800,174
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	15	125,820	155,272
Superannuation - Other	15	368	-
Workers Compensation Insurance		321,686	271,414
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(123,683)	(228,381)
Total Operating Employee Costs		11,387,291	11,533,397
Total Number of Employees			
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		132.2	124.0
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & EXPENSES			
Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		18,700	28,250
Elected members' expenses		301,316	321,130
Election Expenses		-	616
Lease expense – low value assets/short term leases		72,494	102,530
Sub Total Prescribed Expenses		392,510	452,526
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses			
Contractors		6,805,539	6,383,594
Utilities		1,524,503	2,080,210
Legal Expenses		107,575	104,198
Levies paid to government - Regional Landscape Levy		286,673	281,328
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		1,425,401	1,382,262
Professional Services		1,298	4,576
Communications		140,426	153,742
Contributions & Donations		95,085	82,971
Insurances		498,986	504,683
Rates & Taxes		55,534	59,691
Travel & Accommodation		14,561	31,792
Advertising		44,619	64,100
Subscriptions		51,029	68,349
Training		93,592	84,413
Postage Printing Stationery		88,658	87,275
Plant Hire		585,195	647,668
Bank Charges		62,680	60,782
Sundry		535,396	545,290
Sub Total Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		12,416,750	12,626,924
TOTAL MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & EXPENSES		12,809,260	13,079,450

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NOTE 4 EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		<u>202,746</u>	<u>397,736</u>
		<u>202,746</u>	<u>397,736</u>
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		3,246,992	2,581,391
Infrastructure		3,717,129	3,213,228
Plant & Equipment		659,707	546,759
Furniture & Equipment		<u>265,450</u>	<u>340,700</u>
		<u>7,889,278</u>	<u>6,682,078</u>

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCILNOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**NOTE 5 ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	62,899	106,727
Less: Carrying amount of assets disposed	<u>146,588</u>	<u>357,434</u>
Gain / (Loss) on disposal	<u>(83,689)</u>	<u>(250,707)</u>
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	208,633	44,491
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>347,352</u>	<u>42,581</u>
Gain / (Loss) on disposal	<u>(138,719)</u>	<u>1,910</u>
NET GAIN(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>(222,408)</u>	<u>(248,797)</u>

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCILNOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	487,020	84,689
Deposits at Call	<u>3,329,961</u>	<u>188,776</u>
	<u>3,816,981</u>	<u>273,465</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	1,296,480	1,557,052
Accrued Revenues	160,219	8,996
Debtors - General	283,244	284,094
Other levels of Government	254,462	1,031,248
GST Recoupment	284,715	298,120
Prepayments	82,568	-
Loans to community organisations	<u>7,008</u>	<u>15,438</u>
	<u>2,368,696</u>	<u>3,194,948</u>
 Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	<u>113,221</u>	<u>106,823</u>
	<u>2,255,475</u>	<u>3,088,125</u>
 INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	74,182	60,488
Trading Stock	<u>98,228</u>	<u>123,330</u>
	<u>172,410</u>	<u>183,818</u>

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NOTE 7 NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2021 \$	2020 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Receivables		
Loans to community organisations	<u>-</u>	<u>7,008</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>-</u>	<u>7,008</u>
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Works-in-Progress	<u>285,951</u>	<u>4,125</u>
TOTAL OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>285,951</u>	<u>4,125</u>

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NOTE 8 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	FAIR VALUE LEVEL	2020 \$				2021 \$			
		AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	2	1,736,934	-	-	1,736,934	1,715,500	-	-	1,715,500
Land	3	11,210,640	-	-	11,210,640	11,573,000	-	-	11,573,000
Buildings & Other Structures	2	2,155,143	293,065	(1,315,520)	1,132,689	1,623,000	-	(1,365,926)	257,074
Buildings & Other Structures	3	92,003,937	1,563,256	(41,165,109)	52,402,083	133,015,170	256,612	(57,884,672)	75,387,110
Infrastructure	3	169,922,713	8,559,908	(68,096,324)	110,386,297	199,148,005	1,962,797	(73,128,190)	127,982,612
Plant & Equipment	2	5,534,235	2,206,298	(4,080,001)	3,660,532	8,236,918	49,537	(4,917,878)	3,368,577
Furniture & Fittings	2	4,885,425	61,219	(4,181,838)	764,806	4,421,731	207,888	(3,582,204)	1,047,415
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		287,449,027	12,683,746	(118,838,792)	181,293,981	359,733,324	2,476,834	(140,878,870)	221,331,288
2020 Totals		287,677,537	10,306,635	(113,472,745)	184,511,427	287,449,027	12,683,746	(118,838,792)	181,293,981

	FAIR VALUE LEVEL	2020 \$							2021 \$
		CARRYING AMOUNT	ADDITIONS		DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	IMPAIRMENT	TRANSFER	NET REVALUATION
			NEW/UPGRADE	RENEWALS					
Land	2	1,736,934	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,434)
Land	3	11,210,640	45,000	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	367,360
Buildings & Other Structures	2	1,132,689	-	-	-	(57,926)	-	-	(817,689)
Buildings & Other Structures	3	52,402,083	735,436	204,501	(290,727)	(3,189,066)	-	-	25,524,882
Infrastructure	3	110,386,297	-	1,271,607	(61,493)	(3,717,129)	-	-	20,103,330
Plant & Equipment	2	3,660,532	49,537	250,505	(91,590)	(659,707)	-	-	159,301
Furniture & Fittings	2	764,806	207,888	1,126	(129)	(265,450)	-	-	339,174
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		181,293,981	1,037,861	1,727,740	(493,940)	(7,889,278)	-	-	45,654,924
2020 Totals		184,511,427	1,418,952	2,838,862	(400,015)	(6,682,077)	-	(393,167)	-

NOTE 8 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

Valuation of Assets

At July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.D5 to retain 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 these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

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

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels

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

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.

Buildings & Other Structures

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

Julia Lodge assets were transferred and re-classified as "Non Current Assets Held for Sale" as at 30 June 2020. Settlement of this property occurred on 2 November 2020.

Settlement of the property at 1 High Street (previously the Miriam High Special Needs Centre) occurred on 28 April 2021.

During the revaluation process for this asset class, it was identified that some Council assets had not previously been captured on Council's asset registers. As a result, JLL valued these items and included them in the revaluation for 1 July 2020. This included Levee Banks and Caroon Road Bridges. The expected future increase to Depreciation is \$367,700. The total combined value of these assets is shown below –

Replacement Value	\$21,058,471
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$3,645,302)
Written Down Value	\$17,413,169

A revaluation adjustment occurred for 2019/2020 to remove the Wharf from Council's asset register.

Infrastructure

Community waste water management systems and stormwater drainage assets were valued by Tonkins Consulting as at 1 July 2015. 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 9 LIABILITIES

	2021 Current \$	2021 Non-Current \$	2020 Current \$	2020 Non-Current \$
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES				
Goods & Services	2,003,967	-	2,382,004	-
Payments received in advance	1,062,055	-	1,156,875	-
Accrued expenses - other	693,552	-	352,605	-
	<u>3,759,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,891,484</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS				
Loans - LGFA	897,945	4,399,194	1,409,242	8,460,036
	<u>897,945</u>	<u>4,399,194</u>	<u>1,409,242</u>	<u>8,460,036</u>

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

PROVISIONS

Provision for Annual Leave	900,862	-	974,530	-
Provision for Long Service Leave	985,570	66,239	1,093,191	127,631
	<u>1,886,432</u>	<u>66,239</u>	<u>2,067,721</u>	<u>127,631</u>

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

	1,074,206	-	1,262,434	-
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NOTE 10 RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	30/06/2020	Net Increments (Decrements)	30/06/2021
	\$	\$	\$
Land	14,566,180	345,926	14,912,106
Buildings & Other Structures	41,130,077	24,707,195	65,837,272
Infrastructure	115,003,620	20,103,330	135,106,950
Plant & Equipment	3,234,635	159,301	3,393,936
Furniture & Fittings	2,086,459	339,174	2,425,633
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	176,020,971	45,654,926	221,675,897

PURPOSES OF RESERVES**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non current assets and available-for-sale financial assets.

NOTE 11 RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	6	<u>3,816,981</u>	<u>273,465</u>
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		<u>3,816,981</u>	<u>273,465</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,910,219	43,780
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	7,889,278	6,682,077
Change in allowances for under-recovery	6,397	(302,440)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as investing activity	(195,280)	(544,522)
Return of capital grants treated as investing activity	486,911	-
Physical assets received free of charge	(728,325)	-
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(242,681)	32,150
Net (Gain) Loss on sale of non-current assets held for sale	(212,192)	-
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<u>222,408</u>	<u>248,797</u>
	<u>9,136,735</u>	<u>6,159,842</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	817,822	(1,622,664)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	11,408	(9,456)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<u>226,428</u>	<u>964,317</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>10,192,393</u>	<u>5,492,039</u>

(c) 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	16,350,000	17,037,104

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

NOTE 12 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 of between 0.30% and 0.85% (2020: 1.5%) and variable interest rates of 0.30% (2020: 0.45%).

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

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

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

Terms & conditions: 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. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - other levels of government

Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.

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

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals

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

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

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans

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

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal & interest; interest is charged at fixed rates between 2.8% and 5.05% (2020: 2.8% and 6.7%)

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Finance Leases

Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 16.

NOTE 12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Liquidity Analysis	Due	Due	Due	Total	Carrying
2021	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≤ 5 years	> 5 years	Contractual Cash Flows	Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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	5,997,133	-	-	5,997,133	5,997,133
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,003,967	-	-	2,003,967	2,003,967
Borrowings	1,043,102	5,169,623	-	6,212,725	5,297,139
Total	3,047,069	5,169,623	-	8,216,692	7,301,106
2020	Due ≤ 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	273,465	-	-	273,465	273,465
Receivables	3,088,798	237	-	3,089,035	3,089,035
Other Financial Assets	15,440	7008	-	22,448	22,448
Total	3,377,703	7,245	-	3,384,948	3,384,948
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,382,004	-	-	2,382,004	2,382,004
Borrowings	1,612,972	5,675,467	-	7,288,439	9,869,278
Total	3,994,976	5,675,467	-	9,670,443	12,251,282

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's borrowings at balance day.

	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate %	Carrying Value
Overdraft		-		-
Other Variable Rates	2.05	-	2.20	3,162,897
Fixed Interest Rates	2.99	5,297,139	3.26	6,706,381
		<u>5,297,139</u>		<u>9,869,278</u>

NET FAIR VALUE

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. With the exception of investments, there is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

RISK EXPOSURES

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 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 value 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 or 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 Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and short-term draw down 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 13 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	2021	2020
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus Ratio	4.4%	(0.8%)
<u>Operating Surplus</u>		
Total Operating Revenue		

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

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	4.7%	(0.4%)
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The 2020 and 2021 Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio has been adjusted to account for the advance payments of the Financial Assistance Grant and the Supplementary Road Funding.

Net Financial Liabilities	4,936,928	12,587,516
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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

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	14.6%	40.0%
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>		
Total Operating Revenue		

Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	20.2%	44.9%
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The 2020 and 2021 Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio has been adjusted to account for the advance payments of the Financial Assistance Grant and the Supplementary Road Funding.

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio		
<u>Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets</u>	68.6%	109.5%
Optimal level of such expenditure per I&		

This ratio indicates the extent to which existing non-financial assets are being renewed and replaced, compared with the asset renewal and replacement expenditure identified as warranted in a Council's asset management plans.

Council adopted asset management plans in April 2021, comprising of Transport, Building and Land Improvements, Stormwater and CWMS and Wastewater.

Contents, Plant and Vehicles asset class are excluded from this ratio as there is no asset management plan for this class of assets.

NOTE 14 UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a uniform and consistent 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.

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income	33,772,316	31,440,716
less Expenses	<u>32,288,575</u>	<u>31,692,661</u>
	<u>1,483,741</u>	<u>(251,945)</u>
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	2,009,401	2,106,349
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	<u>(7,889,278)</u>	<u>(6,682,078)</u>
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(62,899)</u>	<u>(106,727)</u>
	<u>(5,942,776)</u>	<u>(4,682,456)</u>
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (<i>Including investment property & real estate developments</i>)	668,037	2,167,789
less Amounts specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	<u>(195,280)</u>	<u>(544,522)</u>
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	<u>(208,633)</u>	<u>(44,491)</u>
	<u>264,124</u>	<u>1,578,776</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>7,162,393</u>	<u>2,851,735</u>

NOTE 15 SUPERANNUATION

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

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

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

Salarylink (Defined Benefit) 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 Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2019/20) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

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

Contributions to other 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 employees are represented by their share of net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

NOTE 16 CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 410km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

Council may recognise 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.

NOTE 17 NON CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE & DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**Julia Lodge**

During 2019/2020, Port Augusta City Council resolved to place this property on the market.

The balances of these Assets were re-classified and transferred to "Non Current Assets Held for Sale" as at 30 June 2020.

The property was sold on 2 November 2020.

Financial Performance

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Revenue	-	36,468
Expenses (excluding depreciation)	-	22,876
Depreciation expense	-	23,150
Operating Result of discontinued operations	-	(9,558)

Carrying Amount of Assets and Liabilities

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	-	393,168
Total Assets	-	393,168

Gain on the sale of held for sale assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Proceeds From Sale of Assets	605,360	-
Carrying Value	(393,168)	-
Gain on the sale of Held for Sale Assets	212,192	-

NOTE 18 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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:

	2021
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	\$ 1,243,536
Post-employment benefits	\$ -
Long term benefits	\$ -
Termination benefits	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,243,536

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

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

	2021
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	\$ -
Planning & building application fees	\$ 521
Rentals for Council property	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 521

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of two 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.

A Deputy Mayor is involved in a company which paid Council \$648.

An Elected Member is a member of the management committee for an organisation which received a rate rebate of \$1,340.

An Elected Member is involved in a company which paid Council \$1,350.

An Elected Member is involved in a business with total purchases amounting to \$149. This business also paid Council \$1,257.

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.

NOTE 19 EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE

COVID-19 has been classified as a global pandemic by the World Health. Measures taken by the Federal and State governments have affected South Australia's economic activity and Council's operations.

At this stage, the financial impacts on Council's operations have not been significant and Council does not expect that further financial impacts to flow into the 2021/2022 financial year to be significant. Note 1 discloses the financial impacts caused by COVID-19 during 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 year-to-date.

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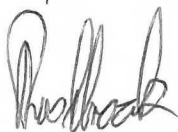
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Port Augusta City Council for the year ended 30 June 2021, the Council's Auditor, Galpins, have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

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



JOHN BANKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ALAN RUSHBROOK
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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 2021, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)*, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

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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 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the 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 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, *Local Government Act 1999* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the 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.

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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 2020 to 30 June 2021 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 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Basis for opinion

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

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 2020 to 30 June 2021. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Limitations of controls

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

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

Limitation of use

This report has been prepared for the members of the 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.

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