



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Report *2015/2016*





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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I commend this annual report to you.

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is a regional subsidiary established under Clause 19, Part 2, Schedule 2 of the South Australian Local Government Act, 1999 to represent the interests of all Local Governments on Eyre Peninsula. All eligible Councils are members and maintain active participation.

This year's Annual Report details activities undertaken, financial accounts and collaborative partnerships.

Meetings are held quarterly with an annual conference rotated around Member Councils. The most recent conference was held at Ceduna and I thank and congratulate Ceduna Council for hosting a productive and enjoyable event.

Sadly, in June we lost former Mayor of Whyalla Jim Pollock, who passed away after having served his community as a Local Government representative with skill, compassion and vision for 19 years.

We continue to be supported by Local Government Association of South Australia via an Outreach Program that, in conjunction with Member Councils, underpins the position of Executive Officer Tony Irvine. Tony continues to be well supported by Member Councils and I am pleased to report that he has agreed to provide ongoing commitment to our organisation.

Some of the highlights of 2015/2016 have been:

- Development of the working group of Council CEOs, who meet regularly and work through current issues.
- Strong working relationship with Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc.
- Commissioning of a major Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Agreement of regional roads priorities and methodologies for future works.

My view is that pressure will continue to build on Local Government to deliver more services, more efficiently. Our organisation provides a platform for reform and will play an ever increasing part in the roll-out of training, procurement, regional planning, shared service delivery and member service delivery.

I take this opportunity to thank all Member Council Delegates, the Executive Committee of Mayor Low, Mayor Telfer, Port Lincoln CEO Rob Donaldson, all management and technical Council staff, who inform and guide our decisions, and to our support staff at RDAWEP. Special mention to Executive Officer Tony Irvine, who is always responsive to Member Council requests, builds relationships with relevant bodies, represents and advocates our position, and is totally focused on delivering effective and productive Local Government in our region.

MAYOR BRUCE GREEN



THE REGION

Regional Population and Local Government

The region has 11 Local Government Authorities (LGAs). The LGAs are: The City of Whyalla and City of Port Lincoln; and the District Councils of Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Franklin Harbour, Kimba, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, and Wudinna.

The regional population of 56,396 (ABS 2011 Census) comprises about 3.5% of the South Australian population. 98.7% of people reside in the eleven Council districts, which collectively occupy 43,779km² or about 19% of the regional land mass. Most of the population (64.1% or 36,174 people) live in the regional cities of Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION	
	Km ²	% of Region	No.	% of Region
Whyalla	1,032.5	0.44	22,088	39.16
Port Lincoln	30.4	0.01	14,086	24.98
Ceduna	5,427.1	2.33	3,480	6.17
Cleve	4,506.7	1.94	1,733	3.07
Elliston	6,500.0	2.79	1,046	1.85
Franklin Harbour	3,283.0	1.41	1,273	2.26
Kimba	3,986.2	1.71	1,088	1.93
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4,771.0	2.05	4,916	8.72
Streaky Bay	6,232.0	2.68	2,102	3.73
Tumby Bay	2,615.9	1.12	2,586	4.58
Wudinna	5,393.8	2.32	1,253	2.22
Collective Local Government (11 LGA's)	43,778.6	18.8	55,651	98.7

Table 1: RDAWP Local Government Land Areas and Population 2011.

It should be noted that the land areas and populations of Cleve and Franklin Harbour changed on 1st July 2014 due to an adjustment of the Council boundaries. An area of 492km² of land was transferred from Franklin Harbour to Cleve. Approximately 62 residents live in the area.

In 2011, the region had 3,225 Aboriginal people comprising 5.7% of the regional population. This was notably above the proportions in South Australia (1.9%) and Australia (2.6%). 80% of the region's Aboriginal people (2,572) live in the LGAs of Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna. The greatest concentration is in Ceduna, where Aboriginal people comprise 24.9% of the Council population



The regional population grew by 4.5% from 2001, but this was not consistent across the region as a whole. The District Councils of Elliston, Wudinna and Kimba experienced population decline of -15.2%, -13.7% and -8.5% respectively; but DC Lower Eyre Peninsula experienced growth of 17.2%. Population growth was also experienced in the coastal Councils of Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln.

The demographic change is caused by several factors, with the desire for a sea change lifestyle being a key reason. Streaky Bay and Tumby Bay are very desirable coastal locations and new estate developments have been established to cater for growing housing demand, notably by retirees from the agricultural sector. The higher population growth in the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula stems from several locational and lifestyle advantages, including proximity to numerous coastal townships, Port Lincoln and Port Lincoln Airport. Kimba and Wudinna are the only Councils in the region without a coastline, and this impacts their residential appeal and tourism development potential.

Population Ageing

The regional population is ageing. In 2011, the region's median age was 39, an increase from 38 in 2006. People aged 65 years and over comprised 15.5% of the regional population, which is above the 14.0% rate for Australia, but below the rate of 16.2% for South Australia.

PEOPLE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER	Region	%	South Australia	%	Australia	%
2006 ABS Census	7,758	14.3	233,127	15.4	2,644,374	13.3
2006 Median Age	38		39		37	
2011 ABS Census	8,727	15.5	257,551	16.2	3,012,289	14.0
2011 Median Age	39		39		37	

Table 2: People 65 Years of Age and Over. (ABS Census 2006 & 2011).

The population 65 years and over grew by 1.2% from 2006, exceeding the growth rate of 0.8% for South Australia and 0.7% for Australia.

Almost half of the regional population (49.6%) was 40 years of age and over in 2011 with 21.5% over 60 years of age. The District Council of Tumby Bay has the oldest population profile with 60.1% over the age of 40 and 32.1% over 60 years of age. Similar results for the over 40 age sector were recorded for Kimba (55.9%), Franklin Harbour (55.7%), Cleve (55.3%) and Elliston (54.5%).

Conversely, young people 15-24 years of age comprise the smallest sector of the regional population at 12.1% and this is consistent in all local government areas.

Tumby Bay (8.0%), Kimba (8.5%), Cleve (9.1%), Wudinna (9.3%) and Streaky Bay (9.9%) have the smallest proportion of 15-24 year olds, whereas Whyalla (13.4%), Port Lincoln (13.2%) and Ceduna (12.4%) are the only areas where the 15-24 aged sector exceeds the regional average.

Projections indicate that South Australia's population aged 65 and over will increase to 22.6% in 2020 and to 25.7% by 2030. It is also known that approximately 30% of young people leave the region each year for employment and study in metropolitan Adelaide. The combination of a growing aged sector and diminishing numbers of young people is not sustainable, and has serious implications for future workforce provision.

Pending Baby Boomer retirements will diminish the labour force of skilled and experienced labour and create employment openings for young people. It is estimated that over 11,000 workers (about 40% of the regional workforce) will leave their jobs within 20 years if they all retire at 65 years of age. But there will be limited choice with the provision of a capable replacement pool.

The regional population is too small to provide the workforce for anticipated future development needs, with the consequence that approximately 3,800 workers may need to be recruited from elsewhere by 2020.



Regional Economic Snapshot

The regional economy is extremely diverse. The key industries include manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture; however tourism and mining are fast emerging industries with substantial potential for future growth. Industrial diversity is one of the region's greatest attributes, and underpins its comparative advantage and business competitiveness. Diversity is important for economic growth and sustainability, because it provides resilience through not being reliant on a single industry or product for prosperity.

However, industrial diversity is not evenly spread across the region. Manufacturing and steel processing is focused in Whyalla. Agriculture is the key industry in lower Eyre Peninsula, Tumby Bay, Cleve, Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay, Franklin Harbour and Wudinna. Nearly all (96%) of the region's aquaculture jobs are provided in Port Lincoln, lower Eyre Peninsula, Cleve, Ceduna and Franklin Harbour. Most of the region's fishing jobs (76%) are based in Port Lincoln. Tourism activity is predominantly focussed in coastal areas. The region's industries and economy have also changed since 2001. Agriculture has been the primary economic driver in many Council districts. However, larger farming properties, smarter management practices, and new technologies have reduced employment opportunities in agri-businesses, which saw agricultural employment decline by 16.8% between 2001 and 2011.

In the same period, employment in the health care and social assistance industry grew by 29.5%; largely due to the ageing of the regional population and increased demand for aged care services. Employment in the mining industry grew by a significant 79.2%, as a result of unprecedented resource exploration activity on the Eyre Peninsula – Table 3.

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT 2001	EMPLOYMENT 2011	% CHANGE
Agriculture, Fishing & Forestry	4,012	3,338	-16.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,111	2,996	29.5
Manufacturing	2,786	2,890	3.6
Retail Trade	2,481	2,669	7.0
Education & Training	1,764	1,967	10.3
Construction	1,340	1,813	26.1
Accommodation & Food Services	1,356	1,595	15.0
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	999	1,260	20.7
Public Administration & Safety	1,152	1,172	1.7
Mining	199	957	79.2
TOTAL	18,200	20,657	11.9%

Table 3: RDAWP Top Ten Employing Industries and Employment Change 2001-2011. (ABS Census 2001 and 2011).

Regional Employment by Industry

Based on the number of jobs generated, the region's top 5 employing industries in 2013-14 were (in ranked order): health care and social assistance (health and community services), manufacturing, agriculture, retail trade and construction.

These industries collectively provided 13,542 (52.0%) of the region's 25,951 jobs in 2013-14. (EconSearch Pty Ltd, RDAWP Regional and Council Economic Data 2013-14, RDAWP and EPLGA, December 2015).

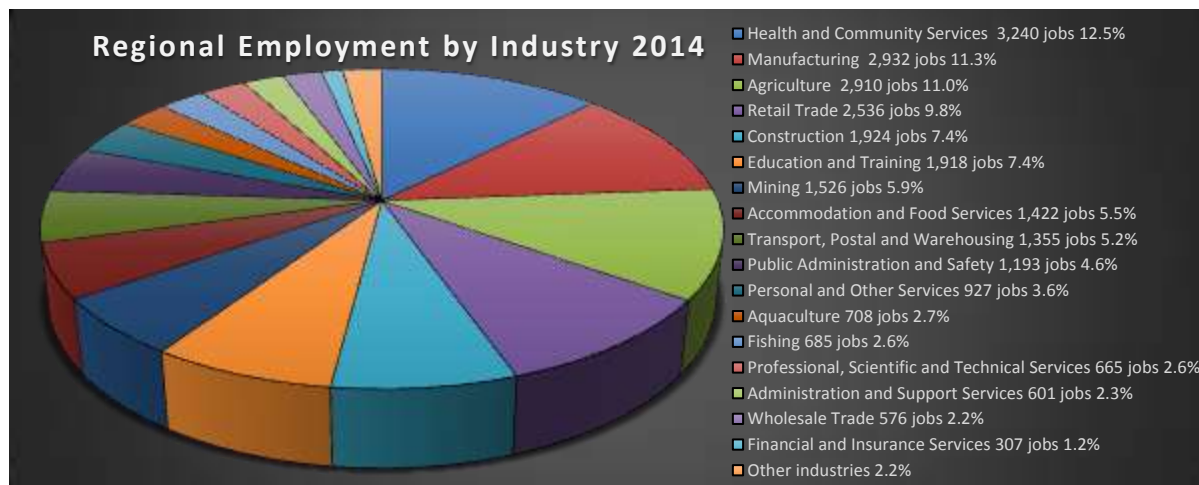


Figure 2: RDAWP Regional Employment by Industry 2013-14.

Health and Community Services

A health and community service is the largest employing industry in South Australia, and was the largest industry in the region in 2013-14. Health and community services provided 3,240 jobs and 12.5% of regional employment. Due to population ageing and increasing demand for aged care services, the health and community services industry is expected to grow markedly in future years. This will provide one of the best opportunities for employment and business growth. However the aged care sector has considerable difficulty attracting and retaining aged care workers.

Manufacturing

The manufacturing industry, which includes the production of metal products and food processing, was the region's second largest employer, providing 2,932 jobs and 11.3% of regional employment. The industry experienced modest employment growth of 3.6% from 2001.

Whyalla is the largest industrial city in regional South Australia and the principal centre for manufacturing, steel production and resources processing in the Upper Spencer Gulf. Manufacturing was the biggest employer in Whyalla providing 2,027 jobs, and over two-thirds (69%) of the region's manufacturing employment. Most of Whyalla's manufacturing jobs (87%, 1,755 jobs) were provided in the iron and steel production sector.

Agriculture

Agriculture was the third largest employer in 2013-14, providing 2,910 jobs and 11.0% of regional employment. The main agricultural sectors are grain production (wheat, barley, canola, oil seed and pulses), sheep, and beef cattle. The grain sector was the largest agricultural employer providing 1,483 jobs and 50.1% of agricultural employment; compared with 827 jobs (28.4%) for sheep, and 437 (15.0%) for beef cattle.

Agriculture was the largest employer in Lower Eyre Peninsula (538 jobs); Tumby Bay (410); Cleve (378); Elliston (332); Kimba (306); Streaky Bay (279); Wudinna (275) and Franklin Harbour (118).

Retail Trade

Retail trade was the fourth largest industry, providing 2,536 jobs and 9.8% of regional employment. Retail trade is an integral part of the Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) sector in all regional townships, i.e. businesses employing less than 200 people. In 2013-14, most of the region's retail trade employees were based in Whyalla (941 - 37% of jobs) and Port Lincoln (919 - 36% of retail jobs).

Retail trade had employment growth of 7.0% between 2001 and 2011. The sustainability of retail trade is largely reliant on the success of the region's larger industries, e.g. agriculture, manufacturing, mining and tourism. Many SMEs have been established to directly service and support these sectors.

Construction

The construction industry incorporates residential and non-residential building construction, and civil and heavy engineering services. Building and engineering companies are based in most regional towns, with concentration in the larger regional centres of Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna. These companies provide construction services locally and across the broader region. Construction is a large regional employer, providing 1,924 jobs and 7.4% of employment in 2013-14.



Mining

Mining is the region's fastest growing industry, but is a relatively small employer in comparison with other industries. In 2012-13, mining did not rank among the top 10 regional employers; however this changed in 2013-14. Mining ranked as the region's seventh largest employer providing 1,526 jobs and 5.9% of employment. This can be attributed to high levels of exploration activity on the Eyre Peninsula at this time by companies such as Centrex Metals/Eyre Iron (for the Fusion Joint Venture); Iron Road Limited (for the Central Eyre Iron Project); and graphite mining and resource exploration by Valence Industries, Lincoln Minerals and Archer Exploration Limited.

It is anticipated that mining will have additional growth in future years when developing mines and prospects move from exploration to operation. This will bring opportunities to create employment and diversify the regional economy. However mining growth will be subject to substantially improved commodity prices and significant government and private sector investment in major infrastructure, i.e. ports, roads, rail, power and water.

Fishing and Aquaculture

Fishing and aquaculture are high profile regional industries. The region is internationally renowned for its premium seafood product, largely due to the marketing success of the trade marked brand: 'Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier'. However, the fishing and aquaculture industries are small employers compared with other industries, providing 685 (2.6%) and 708 (2.7%) of the region's jobs respectively in 2013-14.

Most of the fishing jobs were provided in Port Lincoln (522), Streaky Bay (55), Elliston (40) and Ceduna (38). Most of the aquaculture jobs were provided in Port Lincoln (261), Lower Eyre Peninsula (199), Franklin Harbour (92), Ceduna (82) and Cleve (49).

Tourism

Tourism is a fast growing regional industry with considerable development potential due to the region's attributes of a pristine natural environment, unique nature-based visitor experiences and diversity of premium food product.

Tourism data have not been identified in the pie charts because the industry categories use the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) system, which does not identify tourism as an industry in its own right. Tourism activity, i.e. the consumption of goods and services by visitors, is captured within the data provided for the other ANZSIC industries. However tourism industry employment and economic data are derived from a range of other sources, including research undertaken by the South Australian Tourism Commission and Regional Tourism Satellite Accounts produced by Tourism Research Australia (TRA). These sources were used by EconSearch to identify tourism expenditure as a component of the region's exports.

In 2013-14, it was estimated that regional tourism expenditure totalled \$302 million, with \$129 million (42.8%) spent in the retail trade, accommodation and food and beverage services sectors. TRA Satellite Account data also indicate that the tourism industry contributed about 7.2% of GRP and directly employed 1,530 people (5.3% of regional employment) and generated an additional 1,500 indirect jobs. Most of these jobs were in the food service, hospitality, accommodation and retail trade sectors.

Regional Exports by Industry

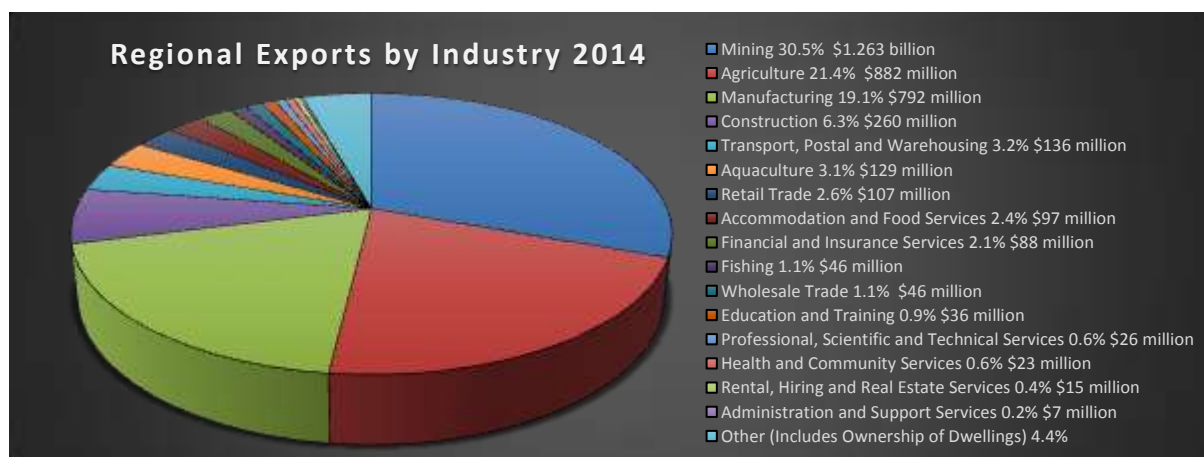


Figure 3: RDAWP Regional Exports by Industry 2013-14.



RDWEP is a high export region and produced exports worth \$4.144 billion in 2013-14. The major exporting industries were:

- mining – 30.5% of exports, worth \$1.263 billion;
- agriculture – 21.4% of exports, worth \$882 million; and
- manufacturing – 19.1% of exports, valued at \$792 million.

These industries produced almost three-quarters (71%) of the region's total exports, worth \$2.937 billion. The key exporting sectors within these industries were:

- **mining:** iron and non-ferrous ore, which provided 27.2% of exports, worth \$1.126 billion; and exploration and mining support services, 1.8% of exports worth \$74.1 million,
- **agriculture:** grains, 16.1% of exports worth \$668 million; and sheep, 3.7% worth \$151 million; and
- **manufacturing:** iron and steel production, providing 15.5% of regional exports worth \$641 million, and processed seafood products, 2.1% of exports worth \$88 million.

These data incorporates exports to intrastate, interstate and overseas markets, however the respective proportions and values to each location are not identified.

The regional contribution to South Australian exports also cannot be identified. The regional data include intrastate exports, whereas State data only apply to exports out of the State. A comparison of regional and State export data would consequently overstate the regional contribution to South Australian export.

Gross Regional Product by Industry

Gross Regional Product (GRP) is a measure of the net contribution of an activity to the regional economy, and is measured as the value of output less the cost of goods and services. The contribution of an individual industry to GRP is calculated as the sum of household income, gross operating surplus, gross mixed income and indirect taxes less subsidies.

In 2013-14, the region's GRP was estimated at approximately \$4.2 billion (\$4.195). The top 5 GRP generating industries were:

- mining – 29.2% of GRP worth \$1.22 billion;
- agriculture – 12.0%, \$502 million;
- construction – 6.0%, \$251 million;
- health and community services – 5.8%, \$241 million; and
- manufacturing – 5.5%, \$229 million.

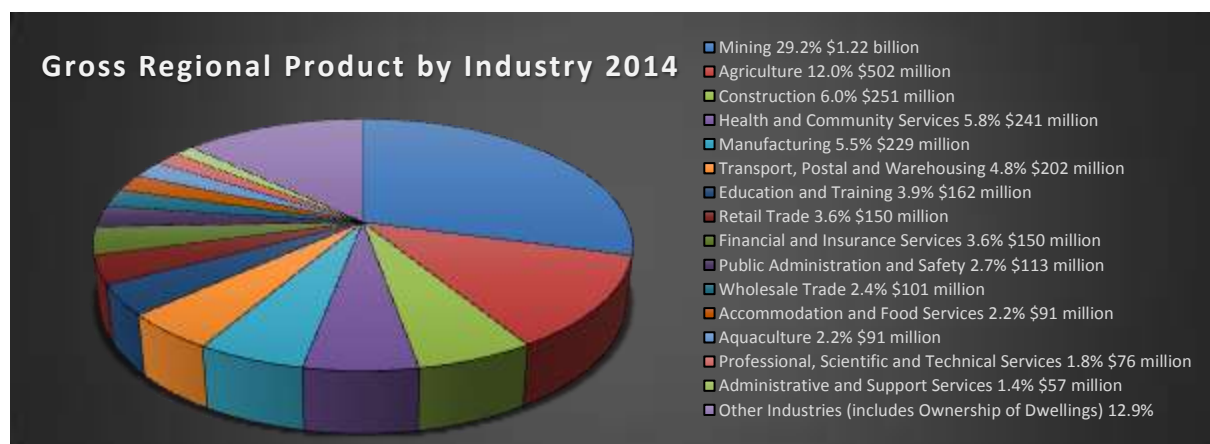


Figure 4: RDWEP Gross Regional Product by Industry 2013-14.



Although fishing and aquaculture are high profile regional industries, they did not rank among the top GRP producers in 2013-14. The aquaculture industry contributed 2.2% of GRP worth \$91 million; and Fishing, Hunting and Trapping contributed 0.8% worth \$35 million.

One reason for this lower than anticipated GRP contribution is that the processing of seafood product, which most people would associate with the fishing and aquaculture industries, is categorised under manufacturing by ANZSIC industry conventions. Processed seafood product produced 0.6% of GRP worth \$25 million, which was allocated as a component of manufacturing industry GRP.

Regional Economic Summary

The Eyre Peninsula is a highly productive region, generating exports worth over \$4 billion per annum and GRP of approximately \$4.2 billion. In 2013-14, South Australia's Gross State Product (GSP) was valued at \$97 billion. With regional GRP of \$4.2 billion, the Eyre Peninsula provided approximately 4.3% of the State economy.

On a per capita basis, as the Eyre Peninsula population is approximately 3.5% of the State population, the region is exceeding its fair contribution to the State economy. However a per capita analysis undersells the importance of the region to the State economy, which needs to be put into context.

One of the State Government's key economic priorities is the *production of premium food and wine from a clean environment exported to the world*. This is an important brand SA platform for promoting South Australia internationally and a driving force for creating new export markets in Asia. This State Government priority is very much reliant on the RDAWEP region because the Eyre Peninsula produces and exports most of South Australia's premium food product.

- **Agriculture Industry:** The region is renowned for its high quality grains and, on average, produces 40% of the State's wheat crop, 24% of the barley drop and 22% of canola. Approximately 97% of the region's grain crop is exported and was worth \$643 million in 2013-14.
- **Fishing and Aquaculture:** The region is reputed internationally for its premium seafood. On average, the region produces 100% of South Australia's Southern Bluefin Tuna (with approximately 99% of tuna exported to Japan); along with 100% of the State's farmed marine finfish; 97% of oysters, 92% of mussels, and about 62% of the State's abalone production. In total, an estimated 82% of South Australia's seafood product is exported from the Eyre Peninsula. (Regions SA, *Regions in Focus: Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula*, July 2015).

Other State Government economic priorities are to *unlock the full potential of South Australia's resources*, and to enhance State prosperity by *promoting international connections and engagement* to increase exports. The region produces in the vicinity of 45% of GSP for iron and steel manufacturing, which highlights the importance of Whyalla to the State economy.

The region might only contribute 4.3% of GSP, however the growth and sustainability of the Eyre Peninsula is vital to the achievement of key State Government economic priorities.

As an overview, the regional economy is extremely diverse due to the broad range of industries generating exports and GRP. This is a great strength, which underpins the region's comparative advantages and economic resilience.



MEMBER COUNCILS 2015/2016:

- City of Whyalla
- City of Port Lincoln
- DC Ceduna
- DC Cleve
- DC Elliston
- DC Franklin Harbour
- DC Kimba
- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
- DC Streaky Bay
- DC Tumby Bay
- Wudinna DC

THE REPRESENTATIVES

Executive:

TITLE	MEMBER NAME	COUNCIL
President	Mayor Bruce Green	City of Port Lincoln
Immediate Past President	Mayor Julie Low	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Deputy President	Mayor Sam Telfer	DC Tumby Bay
Past Deputy President	Mayor Eddie Elleway	DC Franklin Harbour
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Rob Donaldson	

The President and Deputy President are our nominated representatives to the SAROC and State Executive Forums. The Executive Officer is also a SAROC delegate.

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc:

Mayor Jim Pollock, Chair/Executive Member	- City of Whyalla
Cr Colin Carter	- City of Whyalla
Mayor Allan Suter, Executive Member	- DC Ceduna
Cr Bryan Trigg – Acting Chair since passing of Mayor Pollock	- DC Cleve
Cr Clare McLaughlin	- City of Whyalla

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board:

Mr Rob Donaldson	- CEO, City of Port Lincoln
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Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Julie Low (Presiding Member)	- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA
Rod Pearson	- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Grant Drummond, General Manager Operations	- DC Ceduna
Edwin Dearham, Engineer	- City of Whyalla
Ivan Noble, Works Manager	- DC Cleve

Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Committee:

Mayor Julie Low (President)	- to 22 February 2015
Mayor Bruce Green (President)	- from 22 February 2015
Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA



EPLGA Board Members 2015/16

Under the terms of our Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2016.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Allan Suter (Mayor)	Lynton Brown (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Roger Nield (Mayor)	Bryan Trigg (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Kym Callaghan (Chair)	Dave Allchurch (Deputy Chair)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Starr (Mayor)	Michael Williams (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Graeme Baldock (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Julie Low (Mayor)	Don Millard (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Neville Starke (D/Mayor)	Andrea Broadfoot (Councillor)
Streaky Bay	Sherron MacKenzie (Mayor)	Robert Stephens (Deputy Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Sam Telfer (Mayor)	Geoff Stewart (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Jim Pollock (Mayor)/ Tom Antonio (Acting Mayor)	Clare McLaughlin (Councillor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Chair)	Ned Luscombe(D/Chair)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

A highlight on the EPLGA calendar is the Annual Conference, hosted each year by a member Council. To assist in host Council planning, the following schedule is included:

Year	Council	Year	Council
2017	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula	2022	DC Cleve
2018	City of Port Lincoln	2023	DC Streaky Bay
2019	DC Kimba	2024	DC Elliston
2020	Wudinna DC	2025	DC Tumby Bay
2021	DC Franklin Harbour	2026	City of Whyalla

The 80th EPLGA Conference will be held on Monday 27 February – 1 March 2017



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16

Our core activities always include reacting to legislation and policy changes that may have a negative impact on our region. This year ongoing concerns and/or participation have been with the following matters:

- › Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- › Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- › Mining and Impacts – continuation of the taskforce.
- › Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- › Development Act Reform.
- › Coastal Access issues.
- › Various roads and waste issues – regional strategy and Zero Waste cessation.
- › Regional Strategy for LGA.
- › The Councils of the Future
- › Mobile phone hotspots.
- › Water Planning – state of the resource, etc.
- › Regional planning – RDAWEP, EPNRM, DPTI, etc.
- › Financial Assistance and Supplementary Road Funding – ongoing issues of SA's injustice.
- › Health – local sub-regional issues.
- › Outreach Services:
 - Regional Procurement;
 - CEO's Committee;
 - CWMS Users Group;
 - Regional Training and Seminars delivery;
 - Shared Services – EBA and Award consolidation – LEP Councils;
 - Assets Management and Long Term Financial Planning; and
 - Internal Controls Group.
- › Roadside Native Vegetation – management issues.
- › Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan finalisation and continuation of the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement [EPICCA].
- › Tourism – restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV and Caravan Strategy.
- › Speed Limits Review – reduction from 110kph to 100kph.
- › Aged Care at the local Council level – Council's role.
- › NHVR impacts on farm machinery movements.
- › Transport Plan and SLRP Prioritisation and funding applications.
- › Oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight.
- › Joint submissions with RDAWEP on various issues.

PROJECTS 2015/2016

Outreach Services Program

The program includes:

- › assisting with the preparation of LGA policy on regional development;
- › preparing a profile of the region with a focus on what it contributes to the economic growth of both the State and Nation;
- › governance needs of each Council;
- › legislative compliance in assets management and long term financial planning;
- › skills assessment in areas such as IT, planning, environmental health, etc., and development of a regional training plan;
- › short term employment requirements in lieu of full time employees;
- › shared services arrangements to assist in meeting the short/long term skills requirements and other needs;
- › opportunities arising from the Local Excellence Program – trialling new methods of implementation, e.g. improving performance, systems and processes that sustain good performance, raising the image of Local Government, effective engagement across the region and State as a whole, i.e. political clout, with other spheres of government, seeking financial arrangements to support the programs required;



- › positioning Local Government and the region for the next State elections by gathering evidence of the needs of the sector and possible solutions that could be an “ask” in an election environment;
- › identifying any ‘centre of excellence’ that may exist within the region;
- › developing CEO, Works Manager and any other forums to assist in the sharing of resources and information, which would eliminate repetition of the same forum x 10; and
- › managing local issues for the Member Councils – advocacy, lobbying, problem solving, etc.

The LGA and the EPLGA have completed the 2 year pilot, which was centred on:

- › preserving the current important role of the Executive Officer of the EPLGA;
- › enhancing the connections between the work of the EPLGA and that of the LGA where it is mutually beneficial to do so;
- › enhancing the services of the LGA to be an ‘outreach’ service, but targeted to needs identified by the EPLGA/Region;
- › appointing a resource collaboratively identified by the LGA and EPLGA to deliver on the ground services to Councils;
- › agreeing on a program of works/activity and the funding model required; and
- › addressing other issues deemed important to the success of the pilot.

Such was the success of the pilot program that it has now been rolled out to all regional LGAs, with each receiving \$50,000 towards the program.

EPLGA CEO COMMITTEE

On 28 June 2013, the EPLGA established a Chief Executive Officer Committee to ‘meet from time to time to consider issues of relevance to Eyre Peninsula Councils, and to provide advice to the EPLGA Board on those issues’.

The Committee’s role is to:

1. provide high level strategic advice to the EPLGA regarding identified priority issues;
2. arrange and coordinate reports to the EPLGA on those priority issues;
3. initiate reports and advice to the EPLGA on other matters identified by the Committee to be of strategic regional significance;
4. assist and advise the EPLGA about the development and implementation of its Management Plan and other plans; and
5. share operational information and expertise amongst the committee members and other agency Chief Executive Officers.

The membership of the Committee is comprised of the Chief Executive Officers of all Councils, who are members of the EPLGA. Other regional CEOs and the Regional Risk Coordinators are invited to the meetings as and when needed. These meetings allow the sharing of information and expertise, which mutually benefits clusters of Councils or the region as a whole. The agendas reflect the EPLGA agendas to a degree with other day to day operational matters included, and are in the domain of the role of a CEO. However a regional economic component led by the CEO of RDAWEP is now core business for the committee.

EPLGA ENGINEERING & WORKS COMMITTEE

On 4 December 2015, the EPLGA met to consider the establishment of an Engineering & Works Committee (Committee) to meet from time to time to consider issues of relevance to Eyre Peninsula Councils, and to provide advice to the EPLGA Board on those issues’.

The role of the Committee was to

1. provide strategic advice to the EPLGA Board about its identified priority issues;
2. arrange and coordinate reports to the EPLGA Board on those priority issues;
3. initiate reports and advice to the EPLGA Board on other matters identified by the Committee to be of strategic regional significance;
4. assist and advise the EPLGA Board about the development and implementation of relevant plans;
5. share operational information and expertise amongst the committee members; and
6. collaborate on relevant engineering and works functions, with a view to maximising value for money to the Councils and region.



Membership of the Committee comprises the Engineering, Technical, Infrastructure and Works Managers of all Councils who are members of the EPLGA. An officer who is a member of the Committee may appoint a proxy to attend a meeting of the Committee in his/her place.

Other State Government Agency staff or independent expertise may be invited to the Committee on a regular or as needs basis.

The Committee operates on an informal basis and is therefore not subject to formal meeting procedures. However agendas are prepared for each meeting, and circulated to members at least 5 working days in advance of the scheduled meeting. Minutes are taken and distributed to Committee members, and tabled at the EPLGA CEO Committee and EPLGA Board meetings.

The Executive Officer of the EPLGA provides executive support to the Committee, including financial support for venue hire and meals, etc. within the budget of the EPLGA Board. In addition the Committee may, from time to time, establish working groups or appoint individual members to consider and advance work on a particular issue or issues.

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 Schedule 2 clause 36(2) (a) the EPLGA Board may delegate tasks to the Committee for action. The Committee may sub-delegate to the established working groups or newly established working groups as deemed necessary.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2015 (ADOPTED MARCH 2016)

This Regional Transport Strategy Update provides guidance on the management and development of roads across the region, including classification into a functional hierarchy and identification of Action Plans. This Strategy Update builds on the Regional Roads Strategy which has been in place and regularly updated since 2003. The format of this Regional Transport Strategy follows similar formatting used in the development of other Regional Transport Plans in the state, and aligns with the guidance provided in the Local Government Association Overarching Regional Transport Strategy – 2014. This format contributes towards a consistent approach across the state.

EP INTEGRATED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The Executive Officer and President are representatives on the EPICCA Committee.

Under the State Climate Change Adaptation Framework, areas across the State, including the Eyre Peninsula, were required to develop a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan. EPICCA facilitated the development of the plan for Eyre Peninsula, focussing on a practical, regionally-appropriate and sensitive measure to address the likely impacts of climate change.

The plan has now been completed for the region and with continuation of collaboration between the EPNRM, RDAWP and the EPLGA in this area, this working group will move into implementation of the plan's pathways. All parties will contribute \$12,500pa for the next 2 years of this project. The State Government had committed \$25,000 towards the group's activities for 2015/2016, which has been carried forward to 2016/17.

REGIONAL WATER RE-USE PLANNING AND FUNDING

In June 2013 a funding submission was lodged to establish a Regional CWMS Users Group with a view to improving regional skills in this area in addition to a forum focussed on sharing of information. The bid was successful and hence a users group has been established.

The Eyre Peninsula Councils jointly own and operate 13 community wastewater management schemes servicing 5,775 property connections. The Councils are acutely aware of the potential impact of the Water Industry Act and the increasing regulatory and reporting environment surrounding CWMS operations due to their classification as an essential service.

The following desired outcomes of a CWMS Users group were identified:

- Establishment of a users group to facilitate intelligence sharing across Councils operating CWMS.
- Identification of regional capacity and skills gaps to provide for the efficient and compliant ongoing operation and maintenance of existing and new Community Wastewater Management Schemes.
- Promote regional training to maintain skill sets required to ensure sustainability.



- › Development and implementation of standardised recording and reporting mechanisms.
- › Facilitated development of an up-to-date user friendly operation, and maintenance, monitoring and contingency plans.
- › Schematic mapping of existing schemes to assist with an understanding of catchment capacities and constraints.
- › Development and implementation of standardised accounting systems to assist in comparisons between schemes and Councils.
- › Identification of opportunities for shared resources, including platforms for remote access.
- › Identification of potential shared procurement opportunities in areas such as spare parts inventories, septic tank desludging and drain flushing.

The Member Councils of the CWMS User Group committed both management and operational resources to this project and their initial commitment has continued through to the ongoing operations of the User Group. This recognised working group of the EPLGA is now incorporated into the newly formed Engineering & Works Committee of the EPLGA.

REGIONAL TRAINING

An increase in Council participation has been witnessed through the Executive Officer of the EPLGA being a link and encouraging Councils to participate in LGA sponsored training programs and other training sessions/seminars. This is also contributed to the Executive Officer providing advice to the LGA on locations and timing of training to avoid clashes with regional seasonal events such as harvest, as well as other scheduled events. As part of the independently conducted Outreach Services Pilot Program Review, the following statement was made in regards to training:

“Regional Training has been very successful and continues to be increasingly supported and valued by officers and elected members:

Details

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Sessions conducted	22	12	18	10
Participants	22	176	365	202

The Executive Officer has identified savings for 2015/16 to be in excess of \$200k through time, travel, accommodation and course costs per head as a direct result of the dramatic increase in participation. There are also the non-dollar benefits through increased participation and therefore increased skills, experience and networking within the region.”

There is no doubt the effort in arranging regionally held training has resulted in significant savings to Councils.

CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 19 (REPLACES THE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013 – 2016)

The Council Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of the EPLGA have contributed to the development of this Plan. It was clear from responses to our 2015 survey that the member Councils placed great importance on:

- *advocacy (and representation) – the EPLGA being the principal regional advocate for Local Government in the region;*
- *governance – continuing to ensure that our business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards;*
- *member services – the EPLGA to continue to provide member support services as they are needed; and*
- *outreach services – Connecting Councils with desirable services offered by the LGA of SA.*

Recognising that regional strategic and economic plans are being jointly developed by RDAWEP, EPNRM and the EPLGA to set out longer term strategies - through which the EPLGA will be responsible for a wide range of actions - this Plan focusses on the EPLGA's key leadership and advocacy roles and will enable positive, value-adding and timely action on emerging strategic issues.



To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term 'Management Plan or Corporate Plan'. The Corporate Plan is for the period 2016 – 2019 and reviewed annually, incorporating an updated annual work plan and budget for the current year. It also includes the strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period.

Prior to the new plan the EPLGA worked from its 2013 – 16 Management Plan, which incorporates the current year covered by this Annual Report.

Management Plan Performance 2015 – 16

1. ACTIVELY ASSIST MEMBERS BY REPRESENTING THEIR COMBINED INTERESTS.

1 Seek invitation to provide responses to legislative and policy changes that materially impact our region.

1.2 Seek the mandated preparation of regional impact statements prior to any state legislated changes likely to affect our region.

Comment: RDAWEP and EPLGA jointly funded the preparation a regional statement and have captured regional evidence by developing 78 industry sets of statistics. This information will not only be used to support or object to State legislation or policy changes but to develop regional economic and strategic plans. The data is provided to all member Council too with summaries relevant to their districts.

1.3 Prepare coordinated submissions to relevant inquiries and proposals on behalf of members.

Comment: RDAWEP and EPLGA prepare regional submissions in partnership.

1.4 Take an active interest in regional waste management, water planning, marine parks, mining, food security, climate change, local workforce planning and any activities that could impose changes to our region.

Comment: President and/or Executive Officer are actively involved in regional committees and/ or meetings dealing with regional waste management, water planning, marine parks, mining, food security, climate change, local workforce planning and other activities that may impose change upon the region.

1.5 Continue to advocate for roads funding opportunities.

Comment: The developed roads database for all EP roads and the new Regional Transport Strategy will be used as a tool for prioritising regional roads for funding.

1.6 Develop a coordinated approach to the Commodity Freight Routes across the region, being mindful of divergent needs between Councils.

Comment: Comments in 1.5 will apply to this as freight roads are weighted to assist in the prioritisation of regional roads seeking funding assistance.



2 BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROMOTION OF OUR SECTOR AND OUR REGION

- 2.1 Ensure we are represented at SAROC, State Executive Committee meetings and the General meetings of the LGA.

Comment: The President (and proxy) and Executive Officer attend these meetings when held.

- 2.2 Ensure regular information flows to our member Councils via newsletters, website updates, media announcements and personal contacts.

Comment: After each EPLGA Board meeting a wrap of the meeting is prepared and forwarded to all regional media outlets. It is also posted on the EPLGA website. The media are used as and when needed and are also sent the meeting agendas and minutes. Council senior staff is well informed through emails of any developing issues of matters of interest.

- 2.3 Seek reports from regional partners at EPLGA Board Meetings and forums.

Comment: Regional partners have a standing agenda item at each Board meeting to present to the constituent Councils. They are also invited to CEO Committee meetings as and when needed.

- 2.4 Actively seek direct engagement with state government partners in order to allow bottom up, and more streamlined, planning and engagement.

Comment: The EPLGA has been a strong advocate for state government partners to visit the region on planning and engagement matters, e.g. Regional Forums, Regional Roadshows, Planning reform, Ministers visiting regional functions and openings, etc.

- 2.5 Seek opportunities to partner with industry and community groups to promote the economic and social prosperity of Eyre Peninsula.

Comment: RDAWEP and EPNRM CEOs and Staff meet regularly with the Executive Officer on a range of economic and social matters. The EO also meets with NGO's.

- 2.6 Work with member Councils to facilitate economic expansion by coordinating the approach to structure planning, ensuring consistency with the principles contained in the Eyre and Western Plan.

Comment: The Mining Taskforce has a focus on this functional role for Councils. The development of a regional economic plan in conjunction with the RDAWEP & EPNRM Boards will also ensure consistency in the approach to facilitating economic expansion. The planned development of a regional strategic plan will add further strength to this strategy. The Regional Economic Development Plan is nearing completion and the development of the Regional Strategic Plan has commenced.

- 2.7 Work with state departments and regional partners to better coordinate Infrastructure Planning consistent with the principles in the Eyre and Western Plan.

Comment: The Executive Officer along with Council representatives have been involved in various infrastructure planning sessions with regional organisations and state agencies. E.g. Minister for Regions road shows

- 2.8 Investigate ways to encourage the state government to streamline its regional consultation processes to avoid multiple meetings that duplicate effort.

Comment: This has been an issue discussed at the SAROC level and continues to be pursued. The Minister for Local Government and Regions has held forums and roadshows in the region plus attended EPLGA Board meetings and other regional meetings. This is an example of the State Government's commitment to consulting the region in a more concise way.



3 RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE ASSOCIATION BY GREATER MEDIA PRESENCE

- 3.1 Issue a media release after each Board meeting and at any occasion where deemed appropriate.

Comment: Media used as and when appropriate. Agenda and minutes of the Board are distributed to regional media to seek interest. The meeting wrap is also distributed to the media outlets.

- 3.3 Consider the nomination of media representatives to present a coordinated and endorsed approach to all media.

Comment: Still managing media in-house.

4 ASSIST MEMBER COUNCILS BY COORDINATING REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OF OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 4.1 Actively participate in meetings that promote Continuous Improvement activities in Councils.

Comment: The Outreach Services Program is in part about the continuous improvement of activities in Councils. Through the Regional Executive Officer's group local government reform is always on the agenda, particularly around continuous improvement and cutting red tape.

- 4.2 Continue to promote regional training opportunities to assist Councils to up-skill their workforce.

Comment: The Executive Officer has been assisting with this through better co-ordination of the type of training required, when it could be held and the most suitable location for training. Council's response has been excellent, highlighting the success of this effort.

- 4.3 Facilitate Shared services investigations and discussions at either the regional or sub regional level, where appropriate.

Comment: The Executive Officer has in the past assisted in this area but is pleasing to learn of Councils now taking the lead and working in sub-groups whether for regional health planning, waste management or simply sharing human resources.

- 4.4 Liaise with the LGA program managers to assist in linking funding opportunities to Council activities.

Comment: As an example of this working, funding has been gained for the Outreach Services (\$50,000), Regional Capacity Building (\$38,000+) and other funding is sought from the LGA Research and Development Fund on a needs basis. The region also offers itself to various pilot projects which often result in additional funding and resources addressing issues.

- 4.5 Review our Charter.

Comment: Completed in Dec 2013

- 4.6 Coordinate a regional or sub regional approach to road upgrades required for resource sector expansion.

Comment: A Mining Roundtable was held in October 2014 to assist with this type of planning. A report from the SA Centre for Economic Studies was part funded by the EPLGA and LGA to assist with these issues. A Taskforce terms of reference was developed along with appointing a Coordinator to manage the process. The taskforce met three times during the 2015/16 year. It has gathered much information and developed great working relationships with Mining Companies, State Government, EPNRM, RDAWEP and other groups as required to ensure it can now be more individual mining project and location focussed.



- 4.7 Review the methodology of preparing the Eyre Peninsula Road Strategy.

Comment: The Roads Strategy was re-worked in 2013. Following this a database has been developed to include all EP roads with a methodology prioritisation tool inbuilt to give better road prioritisation. Further data was collected to finalise the database to allow better planning and prioritisation. The collection of data has been a difficult task but the EP Transport Strategy was completed in 2015 in regards to roads. There will need to be further refinement of the strategy as it is reviewed annually.

- 4.8 Prepare regional submissions to fund combined approaches to governance activities required of Councils, where agreed by Members.

Comment: Working Groups and shared services will lead to this occurring on a more regular basis.

5 DEVELOP WAYS TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE WITH BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST IN REGIONAL PROMOTION

- 5.1 Include funding in the Annual Business Plan to allow deputation to both State and Federal parliaments on key issues that arise.

Comment: Funding included in the budget.

- 5.2 Liaise with other regional LGA and RDAs where combined lobbying best represents our interests.

Comment: The Executive Officer meets bi-monthly with other regional LGA's Executive Officers to manage such issues as joint collaboration and lobbying. The Executive Officer is located in the RDAWEP Port Lincoln Offices and has a good connection to RDAWEP lobbying efforts.

- 5.3 Seek opportunities to strengthen working relationships with the senior levels of state government.

Comment: The Executive Officer has good political connections and uses these when needed.

6 UNDERTAKE A TWO YEAR "OUTREACH SERVICES" PILOT PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LGA OF SA

- 6.1 Establish a funding agreement for \$50k per year with the LGA of SA.

Comment: Established pilot in July 2013 and concluded 30 June 2015. Pilot completed – program has continued in all regional LGA's after the pilot at \$50,000pa funding from the LGA for each regional LGA.

- 6.2 Establish a work plan for the pilot program in consultation with member councils and the LGA of SA.

Comment: Established as per 6.1 and reported against to EPLGA and LGA of SA on a half yearly basis as per the new agreement.

- 6.3 Prepare a case study of the pilot program for future reference.

Comment: COMPLETED an independent evaluation.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

While the measurement of performance is a key component of planning, the nature of the workload for the Executive Officer has typically made KPI setting and measurement difficult. Much of the day-to-day operational activity remains reactive and in response to legislated and policy changes that routinely emerge. However, the following measurement may be an indication of performance for each year.

KPI	MEASURED BY	TARGET SCORE
Member General Satisfaction	Number of formal complaints	Zero complaints from members Actual: Zero complaints received.
Member attendance at meetings, workshops, training	Number of members who are represented	All members Actual: Usually all 11 Councils represented.
Competitive funding secured	Dollars secured	Equal to membership (\$157K) Actual: Regional Capacity \$39,000 Mining taskforce \$10,000 CWMS Users Group \$19,500 Emergency management Plans \$7,000 Climate Change – EPPICA \$25,000 Tourism \$76,000 Total \$176,500
Achieved annual work plan		All items either achieved or timeframes for completion, and process, in place. Some subject to external funding. Actual: On target
EPLGA is represented at LGA regions meetings	Number of meetings attended	100% Actual: 100%
Co-ordinate regional training activities on EP	Number of days training per year	At least 6 Actual: target exceeded (12)
Annual review of Executive Officer	Final achievement score	Actual: Review occurred in June 2016. Report of satisfactory performance by President - employment contract extended by 24 months.
Greater media activity	Number of interviews and media releases	At least one interview per month. Media releases at least every 2 months. Actual: Meeting target



USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following audited statement indicates another year of solid financial performance.



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19th September, 2016

Mr Tony Irvine,
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
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Dear Tony,

RE: AUDIT OF EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

We advise that we have now completed our Audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30th June 2016 and enclose a copy of our Audit Opinion for your records.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and therefore may not detect all points of weaknesses in systems and procedures which may exist.

Having completed the Audit we now make the following comments:


Internal Controls

It is our opinion that the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association has adequate internal controls. During the conduct of our audit we did not make any observations which would contradict this opinion.

Taxation & Superannuation Liabilities

During the conduct of our audit we observed that GST, PAYG Withholding and Superannuation are being paid in a timely manner and in accordance with legislative guidelines.

Yours faithfully,


Greg Nicholls B. Com, CPA, CTA
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EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2016**

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**EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION****STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

		2016	2015
	NOTE	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Grants Received	2	53,273	279,139
Interest Received		8,412	8,975
Project Income - EP Councils	3	97,969	120,472
Membership Fees	4	157,587	151,423
Reimbursable Expenses		3,988	806
Sundry Income		2,000	-
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		323,229	560,815
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Administration		9,420	9,116
Advertising & Promotion		1,055	1,164
Audit Fees		1,300	1,200
Bank Charges & Taxes		443	445
Computer Expenses		886	3,169
Employee Expenses		139,787	134,126
Insurance		5,676	5,549
Legal Costs		4,619	-
Meeting Expenses		5,300	5,314
President's Expenses		2,250	2,005
Project Expenditure	5	117,074	342,892
Secretarial Services		17,462	17,255
Sundry Expenses		1,718	311
Telephone		784	926
Travel & Accommodation		13,381	13,604
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>		321,155	537,076
<u>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>		\$ 2,074	\$ 23,739



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

	2016	2015
	NOTE	
	\$	\$
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	2,074	23,739
Extraordinary Items	-	-
<u>TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	2,074	23,739
Surplus Funds at July 1	207,334	183,595
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	209,408	207,334
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u> <u>AT 30TH JUNE, 2016</u>	\$ 209,408	\$ 207,334

**EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**
AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2016

		2016	2015
	NOTE	\$	\$
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Accumulated Surplus		\$ 209,408	\$ 207,334
REPRESENTED BY			
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash at Bank	6	268,403	362,766
Debtors		11,000	28,387
Income Accrued		1,814	1,865
GST Receivable		2,332	1,704
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		283,549	394,722
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors	7	3,709	7,472
Creditors		4,661	70,207
Unspent Project Funds	8	42,130	94,084
Provision for Holiday Pay		7,611	2,601
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	9	16,030	13,024
		74,141	187,388
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$ 209,408	\$ 207,334



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by Board and members of the association. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.
2. The financial report has been prepared on historical cost basis and does not take into account changing money values or except where stated current valuations of non-current assets. The statements are prepared on an accruals basis.
3. Provision is made in respect of the association's liability for annual and long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued from an employee's start date. Leave provision is based on current wages as at reporting date, and does not include on-costs.

2016	2015
\$	\$

NOTE 2 - Grants Received

LGA of SA - Outreach Service	-	120,000
LGA of SA - Regional Capacity	38,726	38,305
LGA of SA - CWMS Users Group	4,547	12,500
LGA of SA - Mining Taskforce	10,000	10,000
DEWNR - EP Integrated Climate Change Agreement Program	-	25,000
SAFECOM - Emergency Management Planning	-	73,334
	<u>\$ 53,273</u>	<u>\$ 279,139</u>

NOTE 3 - Project Income - EP Councils

CWMS Users Group	15,000	15,000
Emergency Management Planning	6,875	33,000
Tourism Subscriptions	76,094	72,472
	<u>\$ 97,969</u>	<u>\$ 120,472</u>



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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 4 - Membership Fees</u>		
District Council of Ceduna	12,491	14,710
District Council of Cleve	11,108	11,013
District Council of Elliston	9,583	9,331
District Council of Franklin		
Harbour	9,748	9,651
District Council of Kimba	9,613	9,296
Wudinna District Council	9,732	9,734
District Council of Lower Eyre		
Peninsula	15,547	16,533
District Council of Streaky		
Bay	11,443	11,297
District Council of Tumby Bay	11,739	12,438
City of Whyalla	32,197	27,473
City of Port Lincoln	24,386	19,947
	<u>\$ 157,587</u>	<u>\$ 151,423</u>

NOTE 5 - Project Expenditure

Unspent Funds at 1 July	(94,084)	(59,519)
Climate Change Sector		
Agreement	12,500	-
Committee & Working Group Mtg	5,410	8,420
CWMS Users Group	6,435	26,451
Emergency Management Planning	8,316	87,893
EP Integrated Climate Change		
Agreement Program	299	-
Mining Taskforce	25,959	45,032
One Regional Development Plan	-	30,000
Procurement Roadmap	-	982
Regional Roads Strategy	34,015	35,576
Shared Services EBACC Project	-	1,500
Tourism Subscriptions	76,094	72,472
Unspent Funds at 30 June	42,130	94,085
	<u>\$ 117,074</u>	<u>\$ 342,892</u>

NOTE 6 - Cash at Bank

BankSA Society Cheque Account	36,167	138,916
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	151,518	147,438
LGFA	71,855	67,765
LGFA - Cores EP	8,863	8,647
	<u>\$ 268,403</u>	<u>\$ 362,766</u>



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 7 - Sundry Creditors</u>		
PAYG Withheld	2,524	6,290
Superannuation	1,185	1,182
	<u>\$ 3,709</u>	<u>\$ 7,472</u>
<u>NOTE 8 - Unspent Project Funds</u>		
Regional Capacity Building	-	10,438
Cores - EP	8,863	8,646
Outreach Service	-	50,000
EP Integrated Climate Change Agreement Program	24,702	25,000
CWMS Group	8,565	-
	<u>\$ 42,130</u>	<u>\$ 94,084</u>
<u>NOTE 9 - Prov'n for Long Service Leave</u>		
District Council of Tumby Bay	6,562	6,562
Eyre Peninsula Local Govt. Association	9,468	6,462
	<u>\$ 16,030</u>	<u>\$ 13,024</u>



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD CERTIFICATE

The Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

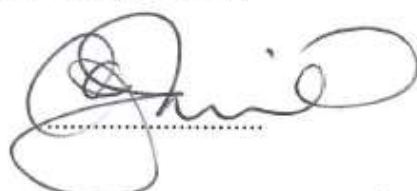
The Board of the association declares that:

- 1 the financial statements and notes present fairly the association's financial position as at 30th June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- 2 in the Board's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

signed 

position PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 27th day of Sept 2016



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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To the members of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association,

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial reports, being a special purpose financial report, of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, for the year ended 30th June 2016.

The responsibility of the members of the Board for the financial report

The members of the Board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members of Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Act 1999. We

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disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion the financial report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association presents fairly the operations and financial position of the association for the year ended 30th June 2016.

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