



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Report 2018/19





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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report details the last 12 months activity undertaken by the EPLGA, its financial accounts, and operative regional collaborative partnerships. There has been much attention Local government in the last twelve months, with both sides of State Parliament challenging councils and communities to look at areas of potential legislative and operational reform.

The Eyre Peninsula councils are also being challenged to look outside their traditional core business range.

Regional health needs will continue to be an area of focus for our communities, especially around attraction and retention of medical professionals such as GPs and nurses. Our councils are being asked by their communities to take a lead role in this area.

A changing freight dynamic has also been prominent for the Eyre Peninsula with the closure of the EP Rail network in May 2019. Along with this, there is also a need for councils to be proactive and aware of potential changes which might happen with a number of different export port proposals.

The continuing financial challenges of regional councils mean that the EPLGA members will continue to look at innovative ways to deliver services and infrastructure to their communities. This will mean the potential for shared or joint services between councils around some of the core business of councils could be more developed.

The ongoing challenge for the EPLGA Board in this changing environment is to continue and improve its:-

- *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 continuing to provide member support services as they are needed*

The EPLGA is a very important conduit between its member councils and the LGA of SA, with the potential for close collaboration to help deliver outcomes for our communities. The advocacy to both State and Federal governments will also be very important, with the need to maximise funding and partnership opportunities.

The vision and goal of the EPLGA continues to be to **'enable Eyre Peninsula councils to excel, innovate, and thrive'**, and it has never been more important to the region than now. The region has many emerging opportunities to enhance its governance through cooperation, collaboration and strong leadership

The next twelve months is going to see many developing opportunities as well as the need for change, and we need strong leadership throughout that time. Collaboration and partnerships are key to the longevity and strength of the EPLGA and its member councils. Examples of areas for such collaboration are environment, water, planning, transport and infrastructure, health, agriculture, and tourism policies. In addition, it will be important to have strong representation to the State Parliament around the potential local government reforms, and any impacts they may have on our member councils.

As President of the EPLGA I look forward to leading my fellow EPLGA Board members in recognising the opportunities to be innovative and forward-thinking as a region. It will require the EPLGA Board and member Councils to have strong and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for change while balancing the strengths which we already have as organisations and a region. This leadership and representation throughout our communities and with other levels of government will mean that the Eyre Peninsula will continue to add to its many strengths in the years to come.

MAYOR SAM TELFER



THE REGION - Snapshot

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 Local Government area population of 54,288 (ABS 2006 Census), 55,654 (ABS 2011 Census) and 55,919 (ABS 2016 Census) comprises about 3.5% of the South Australian population. These people reside in the eleven Council districts, which collectively occupy 43,779km² or about 19% of the regional land mass. Most of the population (about 64%) live in the regional cities of Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION		
	Km ²	% of Region	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	ABS Census 2016
Whyalla	1,032.5	0.44	21,417	22,089	21,828
Port Lincoln	30.4	0.01	13,604	14,086	14,064
Ceduna	5,427.1	2.33	3,574	3,480	3,408
Cleve	4,506.7	1.94	1,899	1,790	1,771
Elliston	6,500.0	2.79	1,132	1,048	1,045
Franklin Harbour	3,283.0	1.41	1,273	1,213	1,298
Kimba	3,986.2	1.71	1,114	1,089	1,061
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4,771.0	2.05	4,404	4,916	5,510
Streaky Bay	6,232.0	2.68	2,021	2,102	2,074
Tumby Bay	2,615.9	1.12	2,538	2,588	2,610
Wudinna	5,393.8	2.32	1,253	1,253	1,250
Collective Local Government (11 LGA's)	43,778.6	18.8	54,288	55,654	55,919

Table 1: (ABS 2016 Census Local Government Areas data)

In 2016, the region had 2,860 Aboriginal people comprising 5.1% of the regional LGA population. This was notably above the proportions in South Australia (2.3%). 87% of the region's Aboriginal people (2,497) live in the LGAs of Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna. The greatest concentration is in Ceduna, where Aboriginal people comprise 21.8% of the Council population.

The regional population grew by 3% from 2006, but this was not consistent across the region as a whole. The District Councils of Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Kimba and Wudinna experienced population decline. Population growth was also experienced in the coastal Councils of Franklin Harbour, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Whyalla 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.

Population Ageing

The regional population is ageing. People aged 65 years and over comprised 18.2% of the regional population, which is above the 15.7% rate for Australia, but below the rate of 18.3% for South Australia.

PEOPLE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER	Region	%	South Australia	%	Australia	%
2006 ABS Census		14.3		15.4		13.3
2006 Median Age		38		39		37
2011 ABS Census		15.5		16.2		14.0
2011 Median Age		39		39		37
2016 ABS Census		18.2		18.3		15.7
2016 Median Age		42		40		38

Table 2: (ABS Census 2006, 2011 and 2016).

The population 65 years and over grew by 3.9% from 2006, exceeding the growth rate of 2.9% for South Australia and 2.4% for Australia.

The District Council of Tumby Bay has the oldest population profile with a mean age of 50 whilst Kimba has the youngest population (0 -14 years) – 23.2% of the population.

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.

Regional Economic Snapshot

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 between 2001 and 2016.

In the same period, employment in the health care and social assistance industry has grown largely due to the ageing of the regional population and increased demand for aged care services.



These following industries produced almost three-quarters of the region's total exports.

- **mining:** iron and non-ferrous ore, and exploration and mining support services,
- **agriculture:** grains and sheep, and
- **manufacturing:** iron and steel production and processed seafood products.

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. With regional GRP of approximately \$4.2 billion, the Eyre Peninsula provided over 4% 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.

- **Agriculture Industry:** The region is renowned for its high quality grains and, on average, produces 40% of the State's wheat crop, approximately 25% of the barley crop and 22% of canola. Approximately 97% of the region's grain crop is exported.
- **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 approximately 4% 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 2018/2019

- 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 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

President	Mayor Sam Telfer	DC Tumby Bay
Immediate Past President	Mayor Travis Barber (In absence of Mayor Bruce Green – did not stand for election)	DC Streaky Bay
Deputy President	Mayor Claire McLaughlin	City of Whyalla
Chief Executive Officer	Mrs Deb Larwood	DC Kimba

The President (LGA Board and SAROC), Deputy President (Proxy LGA Board), Mayor Johnson (Second SAROC Representative due to Mayor McLaughlin being an Upper Spencer Gulf LGA representative on SAROC) were the nominated representatives to the LGA

Regional Governance Panel for Review of Decisions (Pursuant to the Ombudsman’s Right to Review report):

Position	Name	Council
Manager Corporate Services	George Karzis *	DC Elliston
Mayor	Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Works Manager	Lyndon Keane	DC Kimba
Councillor	Newton Luscombe	Wudinna DC
CEO	Trevor Smith	DC Tumby Bay
CEO	Chris Cowley	City of Whyalla
Councillor	David Knox	City of Whyalla
CEO	Peter Arnold	DC Cleve
Councillor	Chris Tarran	DC Cleve
Ex-Councillor	Diana Laube	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Ex-Councillor	Don Millard	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Ex-Councillor	Julie Low	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Councillor	Steve Woolley	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Councillor	Geoff Bayly **	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula

*George Karzis since resigned due to resignation from DC Elliston
Geoff Bayly deceased*

The Ombudsman’s Right to Review Report - Recommendation 5 requires Councils to respond, through the auspices of regional Local Government to establish a regional panel of independent reviewers to assist member Councils in reviewing decisions when required.

Chief Executive Officers Committee:

All Chief Executive Officers of member Councils or nominee in their absence.



Engineering & Works Committee:

The committee is comprised of all Engineers, Operations or Works Managers from member Councils or nominee in their absence.

EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce (EPLGA Taskforce):

- Chair – Rob Kerin.
- State Government representatives from Deputy Premier/Treasurer or nominee; Minister for Regional Development or nominee; Member for Giles; Member for Flinders; senior officers from the Department of State Development (non-voting) and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (non-voting).
- SACOME – Chief Executive Officer.
- LGA of SA – CEO, Matt Pinnegar or nominee.
- EPLGA – President Mayor Green and Executive Officer, Tony Irvine (non-voting).
- Local Councils – a Mayor and CEO from a Council directly affected by mineral and energy resources or exploration – Mayor Eleanor Scholz (Wudinna); CEO Trevor Smith (Tumby Bay).
- EPNRM – Presiding Member and Regional Manager (non-voting).
- RDAWEP – Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (non-voting).
- Coordinator Geoff Dodd (non-voting).
- Other members as required for specific purposes (non-voting).

Eyre Peninsula Power Supply Reference Group:

The entire EPLGA Board members

EPLGA Health Working Party

The EPLGA Board at its 1 December 2017 meeting established a Health Working Party to develop strategies for the recruitment of health professionals for long term careers in the region.

Membership of the Working Party will comprise the President and representatives (Elected Members) from member Councils. Member Councils may seek to be members of the Working Party at any time by applying to the EPLGA Board for inclusion. They may also withdraw as they wish but advise the EPLGA Board of such. Members of the Health Working Party will nominate a proxy to attend a meeting if the member is unable to participate. The EPLGA Executive Officer will be a non-voting member.

The Working Party may invite other relevant parties/State agencies/regional organisations to the meetings as required, but are non-voting, e.g. Minister or nominee, SA Country Health, relevant unions, relevant associations, regional businesses, regional health professionals, local MP's, etc.)

Joint Planning Board Staff Group

The EPLGA Board nominated the following persons to the JPB Staff Group:

Chief Executive Officers (1 to Chair):

1. Geoffrey Moffatt (DC Ceduna)
2. Deb Larwood (Chair – DC Kimba)
3. Trevor Smith (DC Tumby Bay)

Plus current participating Council planning staff and or local contractors working with them in this function:

1. Jen Brewis (DC Streaky Bay)
2. Laurie Collins (DC Kimba, Cleve and Franklin Harbour)
3. Leith Blacker (DC Lower Eyre Peninsula)

The group can meet as requested by the EPLGA Board to discuss the Development, Planning and Infrastructure legislation in relation to joint planning boards from a staff & operational perspective.

Other Groups

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board also has the following groups, which did not meet in 2018/19:-

- Coastal Councils Group
- CWMS Users Group
- Internal Controls Group
- Procurement Group
- Roads Working Group
- Waste Group
- Public Health Plans Group



Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc:

Deputy Mayor Bryan Trigg , Chair/Executive - DC Cleve
 Cr Colin Carter - City of Whyalla
 Mayor Allan Suter, Executive Member - DC Ceduna
 Cr Clare McLaughlin - City of Whyalla

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board:

Mr Geoffrey Moffatt - CEO, DC Ceduna
 (This position was wound during the period up due to the transition to the new Landscapes Board Model)

Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Brad Flaherty (Presiding Member) - City of Port Lincoln
 Tony Irvine, Executive Officer - EPLGA
 One Staff member from each member Council

Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Committee (now in recess):

Mayor Sam Telfer - DC Tumbay Bay
 Tony Irvine, Executive Officer - EPLGA

Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Sector Agreement Steering Committee:

Tony Irvine, Executive Officer - EPLGA

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Executive Officers Committee:

Tony Irvine, Executive Officer - EPLGA

Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce:

Mayor Sam Telfer - President, EPLGA
 Tony Irvine - Executive Officer, EPLGA

EPLGA Board Members 2018/19

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2019.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Perry Will (Mayor)	Ian Bergmann (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Phil Cameron (Mayor)	Robert Quinn (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Malcolm Hancock (Mayor)	Peter Hitchcock (D/Mayor)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Walsh (Mayor)	Daven Wagner (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Megan Lienert (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor)	Peter Mitchell (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Brad Flaherty (Mayor)	Faye Davis (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Philip Wheaton (D/Mayor)
Tumbay Bay	Sam Telfer (Mayor)	Robert Randall (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Clare McLaughlin (Mayor)	Rick Santucci (D/Mayor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Ned Luscombe (D/Mayor)



ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETINGS 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 conference and Board meeting schedule is included (including the past 12 months meeting and conference locations).

Friday, 7 September 2018	Wudinna
Friday, 7 December 2018	Wudinna
Monday, 25 February 2019	Kimba
Friday, 28 June 2019	Wudinna
Friday, 6 September 2019	Ceduna
Friday, 6 December 2019	Wudinna
Conference Feb/ March 2020 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Wudinna
Friday, 26 June 2020	Wudinna
Friday, 4 September 2020	Lower EP
Friday, 4 December 2020	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2021 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Cowell
Friday, 25 June 2021	Wudinna
Friday, 3 September 2021	Port Lincoln
Friday, 3 December 2021	Wudinna
Conference Feb/ March 2022 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Cleve
Friday, 24 June 2022	Wudinna
Friday, 2 September 2022	Kimba
Friday, 2 December 2022	Wudinna
Conference Feb/ March 2023 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Streaky Bay
Friday, 30 June 2023	Wudinna
Friday, 1 September 2023	Cowell
Friday, 1 December 2023	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2024 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Elliston
Friday, 28 June 2024	Wudinna
Friday, 6 September 2024	Cleve
Friday, 6 December 2024	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2025 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Tumby Bay
Friday, 27 June 2025	Wudinna
Friday, 5 September 2025	Elliston
Friday, 5 December 2025	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2026 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Whyalla
Friday, 26 June 2026	Wudinna
Friday, 4 September 2026	Tumby Bay
Friday, 4 December 2026	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2027 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Ceduna
Friday, 25 June 2027	Wudinna
Friday, 3 September 2027	Whyalla



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2018/19

EPLGA 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 activities – but Taskforce did not meet.
- › Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- › Development, Planning and Infrastructure Act Reform.
- › Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- › Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- › Regional Strategy for LGA – decentralisation and election lobbying.
- › Regional Capacity Funding – General funding and Rubble Royalties.
- › Marine Infrastructure Planning – DPTI, jetty leases, etc.
- › SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers’ meetings.
- › LGA Governance/Reform – Councils of the Future.
- › Mobile phone black spots - applications.
- › Water planning – state of the resource, etc.
- › Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- › Regional planning – JPB, RDAWEP, EPNRM, DPTI, etc.
- › Financial assistance and supplementary road funding – ongoing issues of South Australia’s injustice.
- › Health – local sub-regional issues, public health planning, doctors shortages etc.
- › Outreach Services (last year of this LGA Contract):
 - Regional Procurement;
 - CEO’s Committee;
 - Engineering & Works Committee;
 - Regional training and seminars delivery;
 - Shared Services – DPTI pilot; and
 - Long term financial planning;
- › Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- › Tourism – RDAWEP - restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV, Coastal Access and Caravan Strategy, Eyes on Eyre etc.
- › 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.
- › Eyre Peninsula railway closure
- › Joint submissions with RDAWEP on various issues.



PLANS, PROGRAMS AND REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (LGA)

The LGA has reviewed the program and whilst in 2018/19 the funding was been halved, it will cease as from 2019/20 due to changes to the LGA governance arrangements.

REGIONAL TRAINING

The Executive Officer of the EPLGA encourages Councils to participate in LGA sponsored training programs and other training sessions/seminars. The Executive Officer provides 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 survey, the following statement was made with regard to training:

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

Details	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Sessions Conducted	22	12	18	10	4	10	13
Participants	236	176	365	202	55	118	311
Estimated Savings	\$264,320	\$197,120	\$408,800	\$226,240	\$61,600	\$132,160	\$348,320

Expense Line	\$ Approx.
Travel	350
Accommodation	150
Meals	100
Lost time	520
Total	1120

There are also the non-dollar benefits through increased participation and therefore increased skills, experience and networking within the region.”

The sessions ran in the last 12 months were:

Council	Session Name	Session Date	No. of Participants
District Council of Ceduna	i-Responda Essentials	27-Sep-18	14
	i-Responda - Personal Bushfire Safety	27-Sep-18	14
	i-Responda - Bushfire - Plant Operators	27-Sep-18	14
	i-Responda - Bushfire - Working on a Fireground	27-Sep-18	14
	Module 1 - Introduction to Local Government	19-Jan-19	15
	Module 2 - Legal Responsibilities	19-Jan-19	15
	Module 3 - Council & Committee Meetings	20-Jan-19	17
	Module 4 - Financial Management and Reporting	20-Jan-19	18
District Council of Kimba	Chain of Responsibility (COR) and Load Restraint	27-Nov-18	11
City of Port Lincoln	Chain of Responsibility (CoR) and Load Restraint Training	2-Aug-18	17
	i-Responda Essentials	26-Sep-18	7



	Module 1 - Introduction to Local Government	26-Nov-18	25
	Module 2 - Legal Responsibilities	26-Nov-18	25
	Module 3 - Council & Committee Meetings	21-Feb-19	22
	Module 4 - Financial Management and Reporting	21-Feb-19	24
	Project Management for Council Staff	8-Apr-19	19
District Council of Tumby Bay	Chain of Responsibility (CoR) and Load Restraint Training	2-Aug-18	13
Wudinna District Council	Incident Management 3 (IM3)	24-Sep-18	10
	Local Government Liaison Officer Workshop (LGLO)	25-Sep-18	6
	i-Responda Essentials	26-Sep-18	11

A total of 311 participants involved in regional training.

CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 19

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

- *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.*

To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term ‘Management Plan or Corporate Plan’. The Management 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 current strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period. Each year through the Annual Business Plan process the Corporate Plan Strategies and Actions are refined to those still outstanding or ongoing strategies and actions.

MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE FOR 2017 – 18

Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

Core Activities

- 1.1.1 Represent and strengthen the common values of members
- 1.1.2 Represent members and regional objectives in engagement and liaison with key stakeholder agencies – e.g. LGA, DPTI, PIRSA
- 1.1.3 Provide a lobbying platform to promote the interests and issues of member Councils to other levels of government

Comments:

Advocacy and representation is demonstrated through lobbying of other levels of government, which occurs as and when needed and often through the SAROC, LGA Board and in collaboration with the other regional organisations. The main issue is representing and strengthening common values of members is getting 11 Councils to be 1 voice. Matters requiring lobbying this financial year included (but not limited to such)

- *Health – Doctors and professional health shortages and issues*
- *New deep sea port for Eyre Peninsula*
- *Railway Closure*



- **Road network pressure and planning due to railway closure**
- **Joint Planning Board matters**
- **Regional Airports – screening**
- **TAFE – Campus closures (eg Wudinna)**
- **Local heritage listings & procedures**
- **EP Strategy**

Strategic Actions

- 1.1.4 Develop effective working relationships between the EPLGA and member Councils and external stakeholder agencies and organisations
- 1.1.5 Develop key EPLGA messages to demonstrate maximum alignment to the State Strategic Plan and Economic Priorities, in particular economic reform and jobs, climate change and renewable energy
- 1.1.6 Develop the understanding of and commitment to mutuality of interests to optimise benefit for member Councils across the region from advocacy and partnerships
- 1.1.7 Lead the completion of the Economic Development Strategy and Regional Strategic Plan, and identify and lead the development of regional strategic responses to key issues as and when required.

Comments:

Effective working relationships can be challenging through differing opinions. The Regional Joint Planning Board espoused through the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 is one such framework that could assist with the above strategic actions. The JPB Pilot concluded as at 30 June 2018, with participating individual Councils required to assess the Business Case early in the 2018/19 year for decision of involvement or not in a regional JPB.

Goal Area 1.2 Governance

Core Activities

- 1.2.1 Comply with legislative requirements
- 1.2.2 Identify and pursue the resourcing needs of members
- 1.2.3 Manage EPLGA financial and other resources for maximum member benefit, and based on the principle that recurrent operational expenses must be funded by recurrent operational revenue

Comments:

Compliance met.

Strategic Actions

- 1.2.4 Investigate and identify options to improve local government and regional governance, including alternative governance models, strategic planning and land use planning for the region
- 1.2.5 Assist member Councils in meeting legislative compliance
- 1.2.6 Develop and manage formal alliance and partnership arrangements with partner agencies and entities – e.g. RDAWEP, EPNRM, EPICCA
- 1.2.7 Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies – e.g. joint submissions on strategic issues with RDAWEP, EPNRM, and EPICCA

Comments:

As previously mentioned some actions could be met thorough such initiatives as the JPB Pilot. Assistance to Councils in meeting compliance is mainly focussed on assisting Councils to share and assist one another where expertise is not available, etc. The staff committees are useful in this process. The other regional organisations are encouraged to work closely with member Councils and to investigate opportunities for region wide projects to maximise procurement benefits, etc.

Goal Area 1.3 Member Services

Core Activities

- 1.3.1 Maintain the cycle of quarterly meetings to enable collective decision-making and enhance member networking



- 1.3.2 Maintain and support members with the coordination of the annual conference
- 1.3.3 Identify resourcing gaps and needs, and pursue resolutions to key issues in liaison with members
- 1.3.4 Facilitate initiatives to attract funding and investment
- 1.3.5 Provide advisory and support services to Elected Members
- 1.3.6 Coordinate strategic meetings and presentations on key issues; including the provision of key speakers to provide information, contact and support services
- 1.3.7 Coordinate delivery of Council-supported training and development initiatives in the region

Comments:

All core activities are being met with significant success in these activities such as training at a regional level which brings considerable savings to individual Councils.

Strategic Actions

- 1.3.8 Continue to facilitate the activities of the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.
- 1.3.9 Develop value-added services for member Councils, based on collective or regional value and cost-benefit
- 1.3.10 Facilitate and promote the development of shared procurement initiatives
- 1.3.11 Facilitate the development of a regional transport strategy, including the identification of road priorities and road funding proposals
- 1.3.12 Establish and facilitate specialised interest groups, such as Council works managers and compliance staff
- 1.3.13 Maintain communications with member Councils and the regional community through; media releases, website, newsletter and formal means of communication
- 1.3.14 Establish an annual business (work) plan for the Executive Officer to manage and report against

Comments:

Mining taskforce did not meet this financial year and it is planned for the RDAWEP to continue this role on behalf of the EPLGA rather than there be duplication of effort.

A regional value statement of the EPLGA is produced at this time of the year and distributed.

Shared procurement services is difficult in such a large region, however the City of Port Lincoln is trailing the use of LG procurement for all their council requirements. This has the potential for further roll out through out the region.

With the railway closure and proposed or actual new port developments the roads strategy is under going a serious review with 'what if' scenarios being included.

Regional communications with Councils and other groups is mainly carried out through emails, media releases, staff meetings etc.

RDAWEP and the EPNRM Board have, over the last 12 months, worked with the EPLGA and member Councils to add value to regional projects like Eyes on Eyre, where all parties benefit.

Again the staff regional committees assist in developing and refining regional strategy recommendation to the EPLGA Board.

Goal Area 1.4 Outreach Services

Core Activities

- 1.4.1 Participate in the development of an annual outreach engagement program that aligns with Council and LGA priorities
- 1.4.2 Facilitate the delivery of outreach programs and services being provided by the LGA and its entities
- 1.4.3 Liaise with and report to LGA representatives as required about the provision and delivery of the outreach program

Comments:

All of the above is compliant but will cease in the current format as at 30 June 2019.



Strategic Actions

- 1.4.4 Advocate long-term continuity of the Outreach Services model for optimal effectiveness and efficiency in meeting LGA and EPLGA program objectives, i.e. 3-days per week funded by members and 2-days funded by the LGA
- 1.4.5 Identify key issues impacting on Councils and LGA services desired by Councils, and the support and services required from the LGA to resolve these matters

Comments:

This service will cease at 30 June 2019.

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 (\$193K) Actual External Funding: (\$226k) Target met.
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 sessions per year	At least 6 Actual: 13
Annual review of Executive Officer	Final achievement score	Actual: Report of satisfactory performance by President and Executive Committee after surveying all member councils.
Greater media activity	Number of interviews and media releases	At least 1 interview per month. Media releases at least every 2 months. Actual: Met target

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee minutes are on the EPLGA website for viewing via the following link: - <http://eplga.com.au/>



USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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



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2nd September, 2019

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 2019**

We advise that we have now completed our Audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30th June 2019 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:

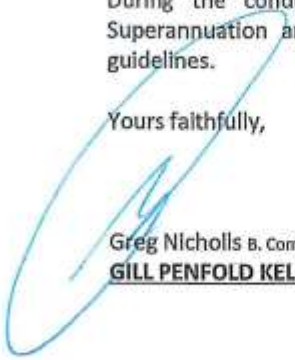
Internal Controls

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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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 2019.

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



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 2019.

Gill Penfold Kelly Pty Ltd



Gregory S Nicholls
2nd September 2019
4 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln SA 5606



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2019**

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EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

		2019	2018
	NOTE	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Grants Received	2	225,413	170,598
Interest Received		8,322	7,647
Project Income - EP Councils	3	5,680	5,680
Membership Fees	4	193,293	184,028
Reimbursable Expenses		307	405
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		433,015	368,358
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Administration		9,456	9,377
Advertising & Promotion		-	3,245
Audit Fees		1,580	1,500
Bank Charges & Taxes		76	83
Computer Expenses		1,279	810
Employee Expenses		139,563	147,836
Insurance		5,842	5,842
Legal Costs		2,290	1,039
Meeting Expenses		4,402	4,480
President's Expenses		2,250	2,250
Project Expenditure	5	8,974	142,979
Secretarial Services		18,911	18,450
Telephone		1,722	980
Travel & Accommodation		9,640	15,205
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>		205,985	354,076
<u>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>		\$ 227,030	\$ 14,282

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

	2019	2018
	NOTE	
	\$	\$
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	227,030	14,282
Extraordinary Items	-	-
<u>TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	227,030	14,282
Surplus Funds at July 1	240,526	226,244
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	467,556	240,526
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u> <u>AT 30TH JUNE, 2019</u>	\$ 467,556	\$ 240,526

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2019

	2019	2018
	NOTE	
	\$	\$
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Accumulated Surplus	\$ 467,556	\$ 240,526
REPRESENTED BY		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank	6 513,446	281,322
Income Accrued	1,474	1,669
GST Receivable	826	12,884
Prepayments	455	3,781
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	516,201	299,656
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Sundry Creditors	7 3,828	3,836
Creditors	2,196	5,403
Unspent Project Funds	8 -	10,801
Provision for Holiday Pay	16,883	16,412
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	9 25,738	22,678
	48,645	59,130
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	\$ 467,556	\$ 240,526

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019**

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.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 2 - Grants Received</u>		
LGA of SA - Outreach Service	25,000	50,000
LGA of SA - Regional Capacity	200,413	120,598
	\$ 225,413	\$ 170,598

NOTE 3 - Project Income - EP Councils

Emergency Management Planning	\$ 5,680	\$ 5,680
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NOTE 4 - Membership Fees

District Council of Ceduna	16,308	15,142
District Council of Cleve	13,738	13,009
District Council of Elliston	12,788	12,045
District Council of Franklin Harbour	12,409	12,209
District Council of Kimba	12,575	12,075
Wudinna District Council	12,764	12,256
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	18,469	16,985
District Council of Streaky Bay	14,666	13,704
District Council of Tumby Bay	15,207	14,115
City of Whyalla	36,063	35,304
City of Port Lincoln	28,306	27,184
	\$ 193,293	\$ 184,028



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 5 - Project Expenditure</u>	3,169	-
Unspent Funds at 1 July	(10,801)	(92,210)
Committee & Working Group Mtg	8,247	3,777
Emergency Management Planning	3,781	4,042
EP Integrated Climate Change Agreement Program	-	7,683
Mining Taskforce	495	25,109
CORES EP	2,276	6,828
Coast & Wayfind Assess Project	-	35,000
LIDAR Project	-	90,000
Regional Governance-JPB Pilot	1,779	8,161
Regional HML Signage Project	-	35,250
Regional Roads Strategy	28	8,538
Unspent Funds at 30 June	-	10,801
	<u>\$ 8,974</u>	<u>\$ 142,979</u>
<u>NOTE 6 - Cash at Bank</u>		
BankSA Society Cheque Account	16,460	42,782
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	162,198	158,845
LGFA	334,788	79,695
	<u>\$ 513,446</u>	<u>\$ 281,322</u>
<u>NOTE 7 - Sundry Creditors</u>		
PAYG Withheld	2,604	2,612
Superannuation	1,224	1,224
	<u>\$ 3,828</u>	<u>\$ 3,836</u>
<u>NOTE 8 - Unspent Project Funds</u>		
Cores - EP	-	2,236
CWMS Group	-	8,565
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,801</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	19,176	16,116
	<u>\$ 25,738</u>	<u>\$ 22,678</u>

