



2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR VISION & MISSION

OUR VISION

A progressive and caring Council, providing responsible leadership, sustainable development and cost effective quality services.

OUR MISSION

To provide a range of services which meet the environmental, social and economic needs of our community.

OUR VALUES

We have adopted three core values that will underpin how we approach the delivery of outcomes of this Strategic Management Plan.



COUNCIL PROFILE

The District Council of Grant is the most southern local government area in South Australia.

Situated on the south east coast it is bounded to the south and southwest by the Southern Ocean, the Victorian Border to the east and the Wattle Range Council to the north and northwest. The Council encircles the local government area of the City of Mount Gambier. The Council is predominantly rural with a number of small townships. Our population was 7,855 (as at 2011 census) and covers an area of 1,898 square kilometres.

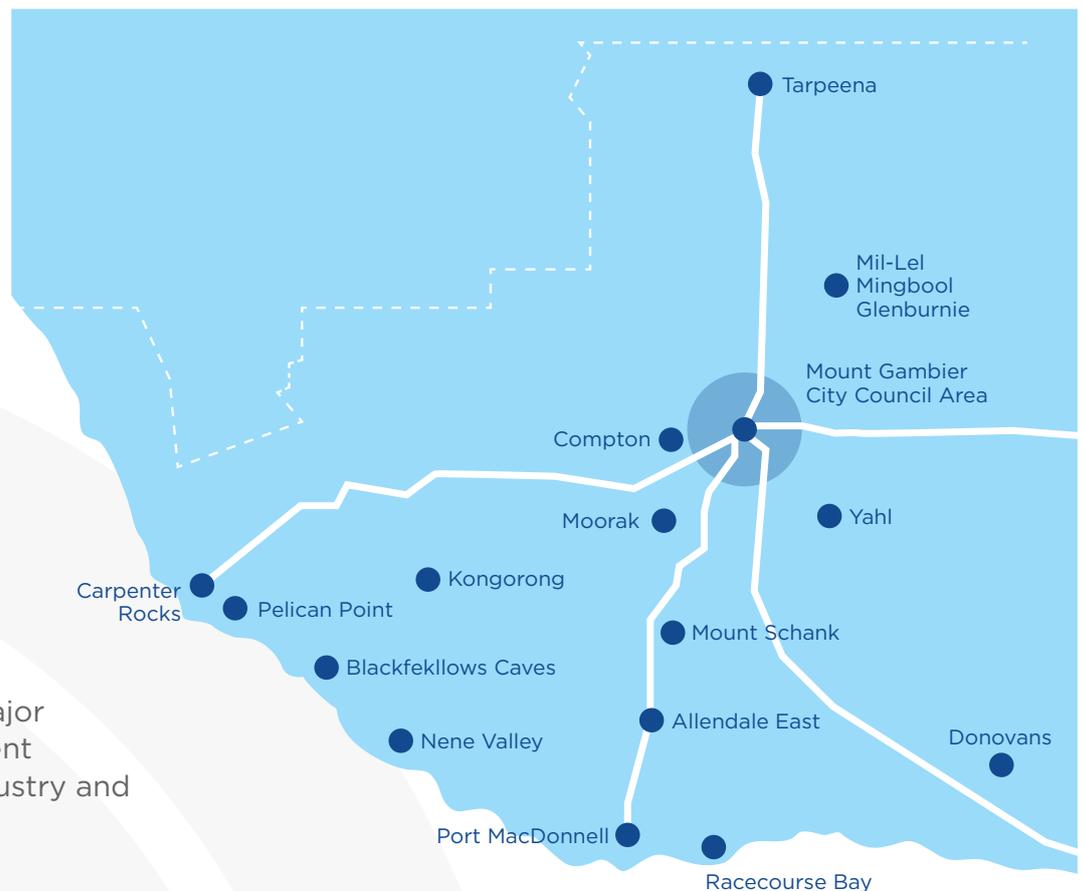
The area contains some of the richest and most productive agricultural land in South Australia. Dairying, beef and sheep production, wool, seed and grain production and horticulture are the predominant agricultural activities. The Port MacDonnell fishing industry, in particular the rock lobster industry is a significant factor in the economy of the area. Port MacDonnell is acknowledged as the "Southern Rock Lobster Capital of Australia".

Forestry production and related secondary industries of logging, milling and production of paper products are major economic and employment generating activities. Industry and

primary production is valued at over \$797 million per year with a further \$440 million per year generated in export income.

Features such as the spectacular coastline and the natural and built heritage, including Canunda National Park, Lake Bonney, and Picaninnie Ponds and Ewens Ponds, and exceptional cave diving opportunities make the area a popular and growing tourist destination and a recreational playground for local, national and international visitors.

The District Council of Grant is a diverse collection of townships and communities and we value the different approaches, opinions, and expectations from our communities.

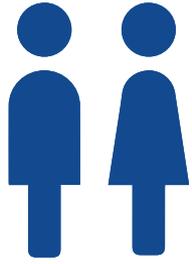


The Council provides a range of support and development services as well as administrative and regulatory functions to improve the quality of life for all people who live, work, do business, enjoy leisure and visit the community and its environs.

COUNCIL PROFILE

COUNCIL DEMOGRAPHICS

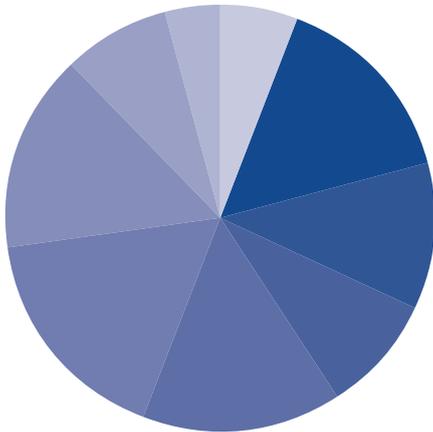
POPULATION
7,855



MALE
4,144
53%

FEMALE
3,711
47%

POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY AGE



- 0-4 yrs, 6%
- 5-14 yrs, 15%
- 15-24 yrs, 11%
- 25-34 yrs, 9%
- 35-44 yrs, 15%
- 45-54 yrs, 17%
- 55-64 yrs, 15%
- 65-74 yrs, 8%
- 75 yrs +, 4%

AVERAGE PEOPLE
PER HOUSEHOLD
2.7



**MEDIAN
MORTGAGE
REPAYMENT (\$/MONTH)**

1,300



**NUMBER OF
PRIVATE
DWELLINGS**
3,663

135
**MEDIAN
RENT
(\$/WEEK)**

**MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME
(\$/WEEK)**
1,184

COUNCIL PROFILE

ECONOMIC DRIVERS

INDUSTRY	NO. OF PERSONS EMPLOYED		VALUE OF INDUSTRY (\$M)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	831	21.0%	1,440
Manufacturing	509	12.9%	490
Accommodation & food	205	5.2%	285
Rental, hiring & real estate	37	0.9%	216
Construction	331	8.4%	180
Retail trade	374	9.5%	161
Professional, scientific & technical	95	2.4%	128
Transport, postal & warehousing	194	4.9%	126
Health care & social assistance	336	8.5%	119
Wholesale trade	129	3.3%	116
Education and training	247	6.2%	104
Financial and insurance	49	1.2%	66
Administrative & support	80	2.0%	43
Other services	153	3.9%	38
Electricity, gas, water & waste	54	1.4%	38
Information media & telecommunications	33	0.8%	23
Arts & recreation	29	0.7%	20
Mining	15	0.4%	13
Public administration & safety	144	3.6%	
Inadequately described/not stated	110	2.8%	
	TOTAL		3,606



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Richard Sage
MAYOR

Annual Reports are the perfect time to reflect on the District Council of Grant's achievements over the past 12 months.

As a Council we are seen as advocates for our community and a voice to assist in trying to make a difference in the influences and policies State and Federal Government introduce. Our service delivery and costs to our community are influenced by the reductions in or increases handed to us by the spheres of Government above us in levies charged or reductions in grants to delivery services. Some of our challenges and achievements will make up my report.

GREEN TRIANGLE FREIGHT ACTION PLAN

Local Governments form both sides of the border headed by the Glenelg Shire have assisted Government departments, log hauliers, forestry owners to revamp the plan and put some costings and timelines around the need to improve safety on the trucking, tourist and local traffic routes that lead to the Port of Portland with 145,000 truck movements per year. From the launch of the plan this year we will see applications and hopefully partnerships by all stakeholders to bring the plan to life and

improve this infrastructure, improving safety for buses, tourists, caravans and thus all road users. I am hopeful that local companies will be able to be involved in any construction work that is undertaken which will value add and create employment across the region at the same time reduce the cost of transport of product from plantations to port or into local factories.

DAIRY FARMERS SUFFER WITH THE FARM GATE PRICE CRASH

The support amongst the general community is at an all-time high for our local producers who are facing very tough times due to the current pay structure and farm gate price. Earlier this year the District Council of Grant and Wattle Range Council combined to host an information session for the farmers to assist in any way we could. We continue to work collaboratively to seek out new initiatives to help our dairy farming community. State and Federal governments are also looking into the industry to try to help bring security to the dairy producers and make dairy factory business practices more transparent that allows for a fair price that is sustainable.

LOCAL DAIRY INVESTMENT

With some of our farmers unable to survive the tough times over the past couple of years we have started to see outside larger investment groups come in and purchase several farming enterprises. Co-investment options are becoming more prevalent, new powdered milk factories in the joining council of Wattle Range will see more interest in milk and should help our industry although this may be some way off. Mr Mike Ryan has commenced as the District Council of Grant's Economic Development Advisor and will, I am sure, assist this industry as well as others and new investors into the Council area over the coming years. Co-investment and retaining family owned farming enterprises must be one of our goals.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REFORM / EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVY

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis, MP, has been driving the MFS/CFS/SES reform process and the agenda with the theme of reducing

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

duplication that would in turn drive down costs. We have seen increasing levies for Emergency Services with the State Government reducing their contribution from 50% to 10% and requiring the levy to not only supply the equipment and pay the personnel but also fund all costs of control or operations of all the emergency services. As a Council and community we must ensure we look after our volunteers and our emergency services personnel but make the funding open, transparent and the Government is accountable for the cost for their share of the operations and budget.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Port MacDonnell Boat Ramp Project along with the facilities at Brown Bay have been completed for this last 12 months, on time, on budget and are outstanding facilities. Thank you must go to the dedicated Council staff, our local contractors, Project Manager, Gonz Uyttenhove from the Department of Transport and Infrastructure, the \$2.7 million boat ramp and refuelling facilities are appreciated by professional fisherman and recreational boat users for ease of use and safety. The South East Christian Surfers Group, Council staff and contractors completed the Brown Bay facilities with it being open prior to Christmas 2015 in time for the summer holiday season; with extra funding coming from the Eight Mile Creek Hall Committee. It is a great asset to the Brown Bay beach.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The 2016 Australia Day celebrations were held at the Allan Scott Glenburnie Race Course with the event attracting over 550 people. Thank you to the Glenburnie Primary School parents, staff and students and the Mount Gambier Racing Club. The "Community Event of the Year" was awarded to the South East Christian Surfers Group who volunteered to design and construct the public boardwalk at Brown Bay. The "Young Citizen of the Year" was awarded to Port MacDonnell's Madeline Murdoch; Port MacDonnell's Grant Fensom was named the "Citizen of the Year" with Bob Davis of OB

Flat and Wendy DiCenso of Moorak also being nominated. All wonderful people who work tirelessly for our community. We were also able to celebrate with five residents who became Australian citizens.

BENDIGO BANK BAYSIDE FESTIVAL

Held in January 2016, the Bendigo Bank Bayside Festival is one of the largest festivals to run in the Limestone Coast region. An affordable family fun day featuring live music, national entertainment, competitions (like the octopus throw) along with market stalls and food outlets to tempt your taste buds. Thank you to the coordinator Theresa Moulden, the Bayside Festival Committee and our Council staff for another great effort.

TAFE SA INQUIRY

The demise of the institution as we know it was created partly by the aftermath of the Skills For All debacle where over spending on training offerings by unscrupulous practices of some private providers saw three or more years training budgets blown in 12-18 months. Since that time the push to have the TAFE system and courses along with training being offered on a competitive basis without proper case and business plans has further eroded the institution. Reducing staff numbers in regional areas, back jobs to Adelaide institutions, less advertising and promoting, pulling of courses will see even more pressure put on this 100 year old, previously well regarded, institution. We have had meetings with the Hon Susan Close, MP, Minister for Higher Education and Skills, and the TAFE SA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Robin Murt, but this has not eased our concern for the future of our training organisation. TAFE in the past has changed people's lives and set them on new career paths, the social inclusion and social justice afforded to our community has been eroded, budget cuts and Treasury Department heads setting targets to achieve savings will ensure the demise in regional TAFE continues, added to the pressures of city and regional TAFE's competing for limited resources and training hours reducing staff numbers in the regions is reducing the ability to training our young people. This needs to be addressed.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council will continue to do what we can to canvas both sides of Parliament. We need vocational education and training to regain the high standards of the past to ensure our youth have career paths into the future.

CHINA ENGAGEMENT

This year was the 30th anniversary of the SA-Shandong Chinese Engagement. We have learnt a lot over the past two years. The regions profile and the offerings to the Chinese market and co-investing is gaining attention with many possibilities. We have increasing numbers of tourists with the nature based experiences added to premium wine and food, including our famous rock lobster being a big attraction. Growing markets through the State Government initiated platforms should help with value adding and job opportunities in our area, our Australian label and the quality products are gaining premium prices.

SA TOURISM COMMISSION VISIT

We have had officers from the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) visiting the region. They have met with Wattle Range Council, District Council of Grant and the Glenelg Shire of Victoria. We have been working on closer ties, rubbed out the Victorian border and have shown the SATC where the Great Ocean Road meets the Limestone Coast and the River meets the Sea. We can see through cross border cooperation how we can get tourists

to visit both regions to the benefit of all in the hospitality/tourism sector with the aim being to offer great food and wine and experiences that will have people stay longer, spend money and create jobs in the tourism industry. A friendly smile and a warm welcome is a step in the right direction. The possibility of having passengers off cruise ships docked in Portland is also gaining momentum, packages to offer experiences on day trips could also increase tourist numbers, and the sight of the cruise ship in the harbour at Portland is a wonderful sight to see.

TOUR OF THE GREAT SOUTH COAST

Sponsored by the District Council of Grant, City of Mount Gambier and Wattle Range Council along with the Glenelg Shire saw teams of riders compete across the Council areas. They rode through some of the most pristine areas of our Region, our leg of the race started and finished at Port MacDonnell. Schools were visited again this year with teams interacting with the students, giving tips on bike riding and inspirational aspects of shared life experiences. The races were videoed and shown on televisions around the world. This was great exposure for the South East of South Australia and the Western Districts of Victoria.

Richard Sage
MAYOR



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Trevor Smart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016-2020

On 4 April 2016 Council adopted the Strategic Management Plan for 2016-2020 which outlines Council's strategic priorities and direction for the ensuing four years, and is a blueprint that will direct our efforts and resources. Strategic management planning is an evolving process and this plan will be regularly reviewed to reflect changes in both government and community requirements, expectations and priorities. Since the last plan was adopted on 21 May 2012, Council members and staff have been implementing the various outlined strategies to achieve the outcomes scheduled for completion during the planning period. In reviewing Council's most recent Strategic Management Plan spanning the years 2012-2016, Elected Members and senior Council staff undertook several workshops to set out objectives and strategies to be focused on in the new plan. This new Strategic Management Plan sets out the future direction of Council for the next four years and is a direct result of the review process involving valuable input from Council elected members, Council staff, and the community.

AIRPORT

On 23 June 2016 the State Government announced they will invest \$2.95 million towards the upgrade of the Mount Gambier Airport. The upgrade will cater for larger aircraft and pave the way for additional services with more passengers and freight. The upgraded airport will help boost visitor numbers to the region, which will provide a shot in the arm for the region and create more jobs. The Government will allocate \$2.95 million from the South East Forestry Partnerships Program which was created to create and maintain jobs and boost economic activity. The opportunity to increase the range and number of aircraft which can use the airport will benefit Mount Gambier and the wider region, including the forestry and wood products industry.

The airport is also the region's fire-bombing and Royal Flying Doctor Service base and the upgrade proposed by Council includes an improved fire bomber apron with lighting and an additional water fill point. The potential to improve the capacity to fight fires in Australia's most important commercial forests will be an enormous benefit to the South East and this valuable industry.

An upgraded Mount Gambier Airport will also assist the development of our tourism industry and also improve our ability to establish an air freight hub for transportation of products in and out of the region.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In previous years the Elected Members and Staff conducted township visits. Recently we have been trialling a more informal approach by hosting community gatherings at Donovan's and also Carpenter Rocks. This gave members of the public the opportunity to outline their priorities and suggestions for implementation of the River and Coastal Communities Masterplan. Future community visits are planned over the course of the year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

GEARED2DRIVE RECEIVES AWARD RECOGNITION

The District Council of Grant initiative Geared2Drive program, has recently been awarded a Local Government Professionals SA Leadership Excellence Award in Community Services. Obtaining a driver's licence is often a roadblock for young people as they are required to clock up 75 hours driving experience under the supervision of a licenced adult, but it's not always easy to find someone to fill the passenger seat. In response to this need, the District Council of Grant developed its Geared2Drive program to meet the needs of rural and regional disadvantaged youth that are unable, or experiencing difficulty, in obtaining these practice hours. Council continues to be committed in maintaining the five day a week program but can only do so with the support and generosity of its volunteer mentors and a range of local community groups, businesses, and government bodies who assist with both advice and funding. These include SGIC, the Motor Accident Commission, Stand Like Stone Foundation and Group Training Employment. The Barry Maney Group continue to generously support the program by maintaining the specially equipped vehicle that they provided at a highly discounted price.

NRM LEVY

Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy is a State Government imposed tax, which councils are required to collect on behalf of the State Government under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, with all funds going to the State Government. In June 2015 the State Government handed down the 2015-2016 State Budget that included a measure to recover part of the Government's Water Planning and Management costs as well as new corporate services charges to cover the rising cost of its bureaucracy through regional NRM levies from 2016-2017 onwards. As part of this, the State Government determined that the South East NRM would be required to cover 33.42% of these costs, a percentage that equates to \$2.7M. Council has fought vigorously against the increase in this State Government tax and continue to advocate for the levy to be reduced and for accountability and transparency on how the levy is spent.

Trevor Smart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016-2020

A major review of the Strategic Management Plan was recently undertaken and adopted in April 2016.

The Strategic Management Plan guides Council's direction and actions. The Strategic Management Plan is widely available from Council's website and offices. The five key result areas cover:

GOAL 1 PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPROVED AND DEVELOPED

Outcomes

- Improved roads & infrastructure, transport links, footpaths and walking/cycle trails
- Improved public spaces
- Improved regional infrastructure (including non-council infrastructure)
- Improved Airport infrastructure and services
- Improved Mount Gambier Saleyards infrastructure and services
- Improved marine infrastructure

GOAL 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES PURSUED AND PROMOTED

Outcomes

- Growth of new and existing industries and businesses
- Increased tourism
- Existing events supported and new events developed
- Land developed to meet future needs and demands

GOAL 3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Outcomes

- Improved and accountable partnerships and services provided by other stakeholders
- Effective and improved community development programs
- A safe and vibrant community

GOAL 4 STRONG LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY OF TRANSPARENT COUNCIL SERVICES

Outcomes

- Effective communication and consultation with the community and regional partners
- Effective Council management and business systems
- Effective regulatory services
- Effective support and services to Elected Members
- Effective partnerships with stakeholders

GOAL 5 SUSTAINABLE USE, ACCESSIBILITY AND PLANNED USE OF OUR NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Outcomes

- Alternative energy solutions and opportunities explored
- Improved and continued public access to our natural environs (parks, coast, marine parks)
- Sustainable approach to coastal protection strategies
- Sustainable Community Waste Management Systems implemented and maintained
- Sustainable Waste Management Services



GOAL 1
PHYSICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE
IS IMPROVED AND
DEVELOPED



GOAL 1 PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPROVED AND DEVELOPED

Special Local Roads Program funding was received to undertake the reconstruction of a 2.6km section of Meyers Road which was completed in December 2015 at a cost of \$410,000. Funding of \$205,000 was received, with the remainder contributed by Council. This was the final stage of a four stage project with:

- 3km sealed in 2012-2013
- 2km sealed in 2013-2014
- 3km sealed in 2014-2015

Realignment of the intersection of Square Mile Road/Caroline Road and Yahl Road was completed in May 2016. Council received blackspot funding for these works.

In accordance with Council's 10 year Roadwork's Program, the following roads have been reconstructed and resealed:

- McLeans Road
- Stony Flat Road
- McKay Road

Council's 10 Year Road Program commits to seal and kerb at least one street per year in our townships.

Kerbing and water channel construction was completed to a 220m section of Sea Parade at Port MacDonnell, the Anne Street/Waring Street intersection at Tarpeena as well as 240m of Dry Creek Road at Donovans.

As part of Council's commitment to maintenance of the unsealed road network, sections of the following roads were re-sheeted during the year:

- Rabbitters Road, Hillcrest Road, Yells Road, Bones Road, Lange Road, Stevenson Road, Grundys Lane, Settlers Road, Sea Coast Hill Road, Bucks Road, Grundys Lane South, Spain Road, Border Road North, Stafford Road, Vause Road, Kentish Road, Savage Road.

In September 2015 the refurbishment of the Port MacDonnell jetty was completed. New improved boat ramp facilities were also constructed at Port MacDonnell and Blackfellows Caves. The boat ramps are

significant marine infrastructure facilities for use by the community. Ticket machines have been installed requiring users to pay a small fee. These fees will assist in raising revenue for future upgrades. Council's Community Rangers monitor the use of the ticket machines.

Shelter was erected at Brown Bay in December 2015 with a bench seat installed in February 2016.

Master Plans for Port MacDonnell; all of the River and Coastal Communities; and Tarpeena were completed. These Master Plans provide urban design frameworks for public spaces within these towns and communities. The numerous and varied projects in these Master Plans are to be implemented by Council and the community over a number of years.

The entrance signage treatments at Tarpeena were completed as well as the village green area at Port MacDonnell.

Design concepts for town and community entrance signs were prepared with consultation with local communities.

Grant funding sought:

- To upgrade and extend the landing at Donovans
- For the detailed design work for improvements along the foreshore at Port MacDonnell
- For the detailed design work associated with a signage strategy for Port MacDonnell.



GOAL 1 PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPROVED AND DEVELOPED

Informal community Master Plan visits were held at Donovans and Carpenter Rocks with similar informal visits planned at other towns and communities in the Council area.

The Mount Gambier Airport purchased and installed a standalone AWIS system to transmit the BoM's weather audio feed to aircraft. This system is operated and maintained by the airport and does not require a third party (Airservices Australia) for transmission.

A new suite of signs have been redesigned and installed throughout the Mount Gambier Airport to replace the array of signs that had built up over the years.

The Mount Gambier Airport Master Plan was completed linking it with the Asset Management Plan.

The Mount Gambier and District Saleyards is located on the Princes Highway at Glenburnie and operates sale days each Wednesday. The Mount Gambier and District Saleyards offers seven selling agents, and is European Union Prime Eligible.

There has been a decrease in cattle sales of approximately 13% from 2014-2015, while sheep and lamb sales have also decreased by about 12% from last year.

Projects undertaken in 2015-2016 included:

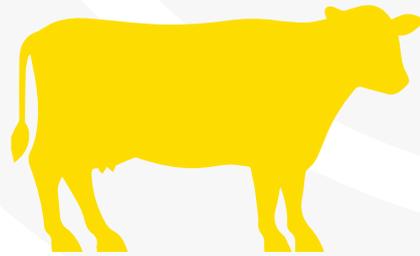
- Replacement of administration building roof
- Installation of backup generator
- Upgrade of Avdata truck wash software
- Updating and review of Saleyards policies
- Repairs and maintenance and general improvements to paddock fencing
- Commencing to implement the action list from the Saleyards audit

The stock value sold at the Saleyards within the District Council of Grant was just under \$129M for the 2015-2016 financial year.

Indirectly the Saleyards assists seven agents and their staff, many local livestock transporters and over 100 producers.

Many other businesses and industries within the Limestone Coast indirectly benefit from the

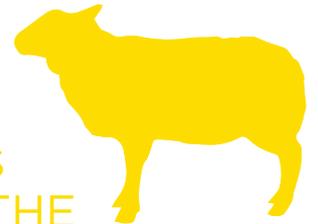
Saleyards with further value adding and the money multiplier effect of the income spend by producers.



91,892 CATTLE
(NOT INCLUDING CALVES)
WERE SOLD AT THE MOUNT
GAMBIER & DISTRICT SALEYARDS
IN 2015-2016

143,702

SHEEP AND LAMBS
WERE SOLD AT THE
MOUNT GAMBIER & DISTRICT
SALEYARDS IN 2015-2016



THE STOCK VALUE SOLD AT THE
SALEYARDS WITHIN THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF GRANT WAS JUST UNDER
\$129 MILLION
FOR THE 2015-2016 FINANCIAL YEAR



GOAL 2
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
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GOAL 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES PURSUED AND PROMOTED

A three stage plan was developed for a Mount Gambier Airport Infrastructure upgrade that will enhance the opportunities for increased visitations from larger aircraft and groups. Consisting of a lengthening of runway 18/36 by 300 metres to 1824 metres as well as an additional overlay to further increase its bearing strength (Pavement Classification Number) to allow for larger aircraft to operate on the airport.

A new high capacity apron allows for the parking of up to 4xF100 jets. During the fire danger period this apron is used for the firebombing aircraft; with additional water filling points this allows for six to eight aircraft to operate simultaneously.

The plan also allows for the construction of a new taxiway to open up a new area for the construction of General Aviation Hangers, and the additional space to allow for the development of airfreight services as well as the construction of new terminal facilities. This has been broken up into three stages.

Advice is regularly provided to local tourism operators and community groups on tourism issues including promotional opportunities and preparation of promotional materials, event procedures and requirements, and also promote coastal and local heritage areas and activities including cave diving, Mount Schank, Piccaninnie Ponds and Ewens Ponds.

Advertising and promotion is undertaken in the South Australian Tourism Commission Limestone Coast Official Visitor Guide and other locally produced tourism guides in the Limestone Coast and Western Victoria, as well as on a number of websites including those hosted by Council.

The Visitor Information Outlet at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, which is open to the public seven days a week, has hosted a number of exhibitions for visitors to view free of charge in the Gallery.

Council is a member of the Limestone Coast Local Governments Associations Tourism Management Group. The group was formed in 2016 and makes recommendations to the

Limestone Coast Local Government Association on matters relating to tourism, the development of tourism and the future of tourism in the Limestone Coast.

In August 2015 Council supported the Tour of the Great South Coast Cycling Classic, a National Road Series event. Stage 3 of the event consisted of a distance of 136.9kms which commenced at Mount Gambier and finished at Port MacDonnell via Carpenter Rocks, Pelican Point, Blackfellows Caves, Kongorong, Blue Lake Golf Links, Donovans, Brown Bay, Riddoch Bay and Racecourse Bay. The Stage included four sprints and a hill climb. The prestigious championships attracted interstate and international competitors and promoted our region through SBS coverage. Cycling is recognised as a growing tourism market and health initiative.

Over 520 people celebrated at Council's Australia Day event held at the Allan Scott Glenburnie Race Course on 26 January 2016. The family-focused free event featured live music by the Mount Gambier City Band, displays, and children's entertainment. The



Australia Day

Mr Craig Milich representing SE Christian Surfers (Community Event of the Year), Ms Cate Fowler AM - (Australia Day Ambassador), Mayor Richard Sage, Ms Madeline Murdoch (Young Citizen of the Year) and Mr Grant Fensom (Citizen of the Year)

GOAL 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES PURSUED AND PROMOTED

Glenburnie Primary School Parent Club hosted the event and the Mount Gambier Racing Club allowed Council to use their venue for free. Five people chose to undertake their Australian Citizenship Ceremony at the event, and Australia Day Ambassador Ms Cate Fowler AM gave a spirited address before assisting with the presentation of Australia Day Awards. The 2016 Community Event of the Year was awarded to the SE Christian Surfers Brown Bay Boardwalk. The 2016 Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Miss Madeline Murdoch. The 2016 Citizen of the Year was awarded to Mr Grant Fensom.

Port MacDonnell and Environs Development Plan Amendment (DPA), which commenced March 2013, proposes to amend the Council's Development Plan to provide for future growth of Port MacDonnell so as to cater for orderly, proper and sustainable long-term expansion of zoned areas of the township.

The Minister for Planning agreed to allow Council to prepare the DPA on 19 January 2016, following various changes/amendments, and did not allow Council to include any rural living development in the DPA.

The DPA was placed on public and Government Agency consultation from 7 April to 3 June 2016, with Council receiving a number of submissions. A public meeting to hear verbal submissions on the DPA was held in Port MacDonnell on 16 June 2016. Council will consider all written and verbal submissions, and finalise the DPA, in mid/late 2016. The DPA will then be forwarded to the Minister for Planning for final approval.

Council commenced an Industrial Land Review and Master Plan for the whole of the Council area during March 2016, which is to be undertaken over two financial years. Council engaged planning consultants, Urban and Regional Planning Solutions to undertake the project. The Review and Master Plan will guide the future zoning of land for industrial purposes, and future sustainable industrial development activity, within the Council area over the next 10-15 years. The project is intended to positively shape future directions for industrial development and growth within Council area. The development of an industry Master Plan and industrial land strategy is an important element in ensuring, as far as possible, that the industrial land supply is adequate for future needs.

Two separate public information / workshop sessions were held in relation to the project on 1 June 2016, with a draft Report being received by Council in late June 2016. A final Report will be considered by Council during August/ September 2016. An outcome of the Industrial Land Review and Master Plan may be the preparation of an Industry DPA as Stage 2 of the project.





GOAL 3
IMPROVED
COMMUNITY SERVICES
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SUPPORT COMMUNITY
EXPECTATIONS



GOAL 3 IMPROVED COMMUNITY SERVICES DELIVERED THAT SUPPORT COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

The Mount Gambier Airport has continued its support to the community by hosting the "Dinner at the 'Drome" fundraiser for the RFDS. This event continues to be a significant and popular fundraiser for the local RFDS support group.

The Mount Gambier Airport hosted the Scouts Family Fun Day Out which was an overwhelming success. The visit by the RAAF Roulettes and a C-130J Hercules aircraft proved to be a winner with approximately 5000 people attending the day. This event showcased the many opportunities open to the youth of the region.

The Mount Gambier Airport continues to support where ever possible the RAAF air cadets whose training base is located on the airport.

2015-2016 has seen the relocation of a flying school from Sale in Victoria to the Mount Gambier Airport, the school can cater for the training of General Aviation Students as well as the training of Ultralight students it has also installed a flight simulator on the airport. There are two instructors on staff.



5,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SCOUTS FAMILY FUN DAY OUT

Generations in Jazz (GIJ) enquired as to the possibility of two Fokker 70 aircraft being able to bring contestants direct from Queensland into Mount Gambier. Following discussions with the aircraft operator we were able to allow two of these aircraft to operate into the airport successfully, as this aircraft falls outside the weight limitations for the runway. Thus supporting the successful GIJ weekend.

With support from a \$2,000 grant from the Office for Youth, Council organised 2016 National Youth Week celebrations during April 2016. Held at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex were the DCG Slot Car Championships where young people raced as individuals and in teams; as well as the Youth Foodies Program which featured healthy food selection, preparation, cooking and sharing the end products in partnership with ac.care. Thirty young people also attended the Blue Light Disco hosted by the Bluelight Committee at the Port MacDonnell Community Hall.

Youth on Wheels, delivered by the Barry Maney Group, attracted 35 participants, ranging in age between 15 and 24. This included a number of new migrants and disadvantaged youth who previously had no hands on access to the information. The free workshop, held at Barry Maney Group's Car Service Centre, included maintenance requirements, second hand vehicle purchasing tips, and emergency fixes. Most of the participants had not seen underneath a car or knew how to change a tyre before the workshop.

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex continues to be a well utilised and safe environment for youth to meet and socialise, particularly on Friday nights and during school holidays.

Geared2Drive is a learner driver program developed to support young people to gain their Provisional Driver's licence, which they are unable to gain through their own means. The program focuses on training in safe driving, risk management, communication and managing peer relationships, to minimise the risks young drivers face on our road. As at the end of June 2016, the program has received over 100

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participant applications, with 14 volunteers with 30 young people obtaining their Provisional Licence and the program clocking up over 1,230 driving hours.

Council supported the community through the Community Grants Program, providing \$27,750 in community, halls and sports grants and \$99,229 contributed to non-profit organisations to support the implementation of community projects and programs in the 2015-2016 financial year.

Event support and assistance with promotion, and other requirements were provided to a number of community groups including:

- Port MacDonnell Bayside Festival
- Generations in Jazz
- Mil Lel A&H Show
- Rotary Club Blue Lake Fun Run
- Cows Create Careers
- South East Automobile Club
- Donovans Easter Market
- Tarpeena Community Market
- Bay Markets
- Community New Year's Eve Event

In October 2015, 124 people attended the Council sponsored events for National Seniors Month. These events were hosted by various township groups including Tarpeena, Carpenter Rocks, Kongorong, and Donovans as well lunch at Port MacDonnell for all district seniors.

During National Volunteers Week in May 2016, Council hosted its annual morning tea at Port MacDonnell Community Complex. This was attended by 85 volunteers, including volunteers transported from Tarpeena.

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex provides modern facilities to support social and business activities for residents and visitors to Port MacDonnell.

The complex incorporates the Council Office, library, visitor information outlet, gallery, maritime museum, Service SA rural agency, community meeting room, youth area, rural transaction service, volunteer information hub, disabled access toilet and kitchen facilities. Services include: visitor information and souvenirs, free Wi-Fi and public use computers, banking agencies and EFTPOS cash withdrawals, Centrelink lodgement and boat ramp permits.



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In October 2015 Council were successful in securing SGIC as a funding partner through a grant of \$5,000 to deliver the Geared2Drive Safe Driver Program and Volunteer Incentive package. Over 50 people took advantage of the free driver awareness workshops hosted by Council in Mount Gambier, Tarpeena and Port MacDonnell. Participants gained an understanding of who is deemed at 'high risk' of being involved in a car accident and updated their skills so they can mentor their children or grandchildren when teaching them to drive. Workshops were presented by Senior Constable Nigel Allen from the SA Police Traffic Division with the aim to increase awareness of the new Australian road rules, road safety, factors that influence fitness to drive, online driving assessment updates, and how to self-regulate personal driving performance. 85.4% of attendees thought the knowledge provided would make them a safer driver.

Council continue to build relationships with public health partners under the SA Public Health Plan and South East Regional Public Health Plan. On 16 June 2016 Council was involved in a locally.

In collaboration with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia, Council installed the first RV Dump Point within the Council area. The dump point is located at the Tarpeena Recreation reserve, at the rear of the Football clubrooms. This will complement the public infrastructure already provided at the recreational grounds and ensure that tourists travelling in self-contained vehicles have an environmentally safe option for disposing of wastewater.

Council continue to be represented on various regional groups, including the following:

- Limestone Coast Zone Emergency Management Committee
- Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee
- Limestone Coast and Coorong Coastal Management Group
- Mount Gambier and Districts Road Safety Committee





GOAL 4
STRONG LEADERSHIP,
MANAGEMENT
AND DELIVERY OF
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The Annual Business Plan sets out the Council's proposed services, programs and projects for 2015-2016. It aims to maintain effective services for the community and continue progress towards the long term objectives for the District Council of Grant as set out in our Strategic Management Plan 2012-2016.

Specific objectives for the year are consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan to ensure the long term sustainability of Council's financial performance and position.

The Council's priorities for 2015-2016 were:

- Continue with Council's road maintenance, renewal and upgrade program.
- Upgrading of facilities for the Port MacDonnell Community Waste Water Management System (CWMS).
- Bio-solids facility for the Allendale East CWMS

Performance on specific Council objectives for the year 2015-2016 is summarised below:

Major Road Projects Completed

- Kerb and channel Dry Creek Road, Donovans
- Reconstruct and seal 3km Myers Road, Nene Valley
- Kerb and channel Anne Street/Waring Street intersection, Tarpeena
- Construct and seal 1.2km McLeans Road, Mount Schank

Major Capital Projects

- Port MacDonnell Community Waste Water Management System capital upgrade- Completed
- Mount Gambier Airport capital improvements - Ongoing
- Mount Gambier and District Saleyard capital improvements - Ongoing
- Allendale East Community Waste Water Management System capital upgrade - Deferred to 2016-2017

The Human Resource Framework guides the application of sound principles across Council.

Emphasis continues to be placed on the development of a values based culture through promotion and focus on the organisational values of 'Trust, Respect, Value.'

The Risk Management Plan and Framework is an integrated approach to risk management across Council.

Development and improvement of work health safety hazard management systems has been a high priority for Council with emphasis on the undertaking and review of Risk Assessment and controls.

The Council's Business Continuity Plan supports the operation of core services in the event of disruption through an emergency event.

COUNCIL'S DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

Council meetings are held in the District Council of Grant Council Chambers, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier, on the first and third Monday of each month at 5.30pm. When the Monday is a Public Holiday, the Council meeting occurs on the following Wednesday of that week. Meetings are open to the public and Council encourages attendance. Any individual wishing to bring a matter before Council is to put their request in writing to the Chief Executive Officer a minimum of seven working days prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Committees are formed under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999.

- Audit Committee
- Works Committee
- Airport Advisory Committee
- Saleyards Advisory Committee

As such, members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

In addition to the Committees listed, in order to facilitate the assessment of applications made to the Council, Council has established the Grant District Council Development Assessment Panel as the relevant authority to

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exercise or perform, its powers and functions in accordance with the Development Act 1993.

The Planning and Development Committee has also been established pursuant to Section 101A of the Development Act 1993. Its role is to consider and determine matters relating to planning and development including strategic planning, policy development and legislation requirements.

The Terms of Reference for all committees are available on Council's website or can be obtained on request from Council.

A number of advisory groups and working parties have been formed to give the community the opportunity to provide information and feedback to Council on various matters. Council continues its involvement in many regional and community Committees.

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council has delegated responsibilities and powers to the Chief Executive Officer who may then, at any time, sub-delegate to appropriate Council Officers. The schedule of delegations was reviewed and adopted by Council on 21 March 2016, and is available for the public to view at the Council office.

LIST OF REGISTERS, CODES AND PRACTICES

The Local Government Act or the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 requires Council to keep the following Registers, Codes of Conduct/Practice and Policies.



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REGISTERS

- Register of Interests (Members) – Sections 68 & 70
- Register of Allowances and Benefits – Sections 79
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits – Sections 105
- Register of Interests (Staff) – Sections 116
- Register of Community Land – Sections 207
- Register of Public Roads – Sections 231
- Register of By-Laws – Sections 252
- Codes of Practice
- Code of Conduct for Council Members – Section 63
- Code of Practice – (Access to Council Meetings, Committees and Documents) – Section 92
- Code of Conduct for Employees – Section 110
- Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures Regulation 6(1)

POLICIES

The following are policies that are required by the Local Government Act 1999, to be available for inspection by the public and for purchase, on payment of a fee. Council also has a number of policies which are developed to assist Council with its work, however these policies are not legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 1999.

- Caretaker Policy
- Procurement and Tender Policy
- Elected Members Allowances and Support Policy
- Internal Control Policies
- Internal Review of Council Decisions (Grievance Procedures)
- Order Making Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Selection of Road Names Policy
- Elected Members Training and Development Policy
- Elected Member Complaint Handling Policy

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Council publishes an updated Freedom of Information Statement on its website, in accordance with requirements of Section 9(1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991. Council is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries.

The District Council of Grant processed three Freedom of Information applications during 2015-2016. Two applications were granted full access, while one application was advised that Council did not have any documents requested.



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INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The District Council of Grant is committed to open decision making processes and to providing access to a fair and objective procedure for the hearing of review of decisions. The District Council of Grant's Procedure for Review of Decisions has been adopted in accordance with Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 and applies to matters that are not resolved satisfactorily. A formal application or request for review of a decision will therefore initiate the internal review. The procedure applies to all formal requests for review of decisions under the Local Government Act, but not to requests for reviews made under other legislation (e.g. Development Act or Freedom of Information requests) where separate specific procedures are already prescribed by that legislation.

In 2015-2016 there was one formal request for an internal review of a decision. This request related to a ratepayer's dissatisfaction with the building of their home and it not meeting required standards, and the role that Council and their building staff played in that process. The outcome of this request is that it was subsequently referred to the South Australian Ombudsman for external review. The Ombudsman concluded that given his role was to investigate the "administrative actions of the Council that may have been unlawful, unreasonable or wrong", and no such errors with Council's administrative functions were found, the matter was closed with no further involvement necessary from the Ombudsman's Office.

COMMUNITY LAND

The District Council of Grant currently has 13 Community Land Management Plans. These consist of five generic plans covering sporting grounds, parks, general community use, vacant land and emergency services land, and eight individual plans adopted specifically for a particular parcel of land.

There are currently 27 outstanding parcels of community land which are not covered by a Community Land Management Plan. It is planned that all outstanding Community Land Management Plans will be completed within the next year. A review of all existing plans is expected to be undertaken within this timeframe also.

On 29 April 2016, Council assisted TAFE SA in facilitating a free Food Safety short course for food handlers in the region. A close relationship with training providers, such as TAFE SA, allows Council the opportunity to influence training levels and topic specifics. Close relationships have been maintained with neighbouring Council's environmental health staff to ensure continuity of regulatory enforcement throughout food businesses throughout the Limestone Coast.

Development Application processes and timeframes have continued to significantly improve.



264
DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS

42
NEW DWELLINGS

\$13,639,675 VALUE OF
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME FOR
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

85 (14%) UP TO 1 WEEK

81 (31%) 1 - 2 WEEKS

35 (13%) 2 - 3 WEEKS

22 (8%) 3 - 4 WEEKS

41 (16%) OVER 4 WEEKS

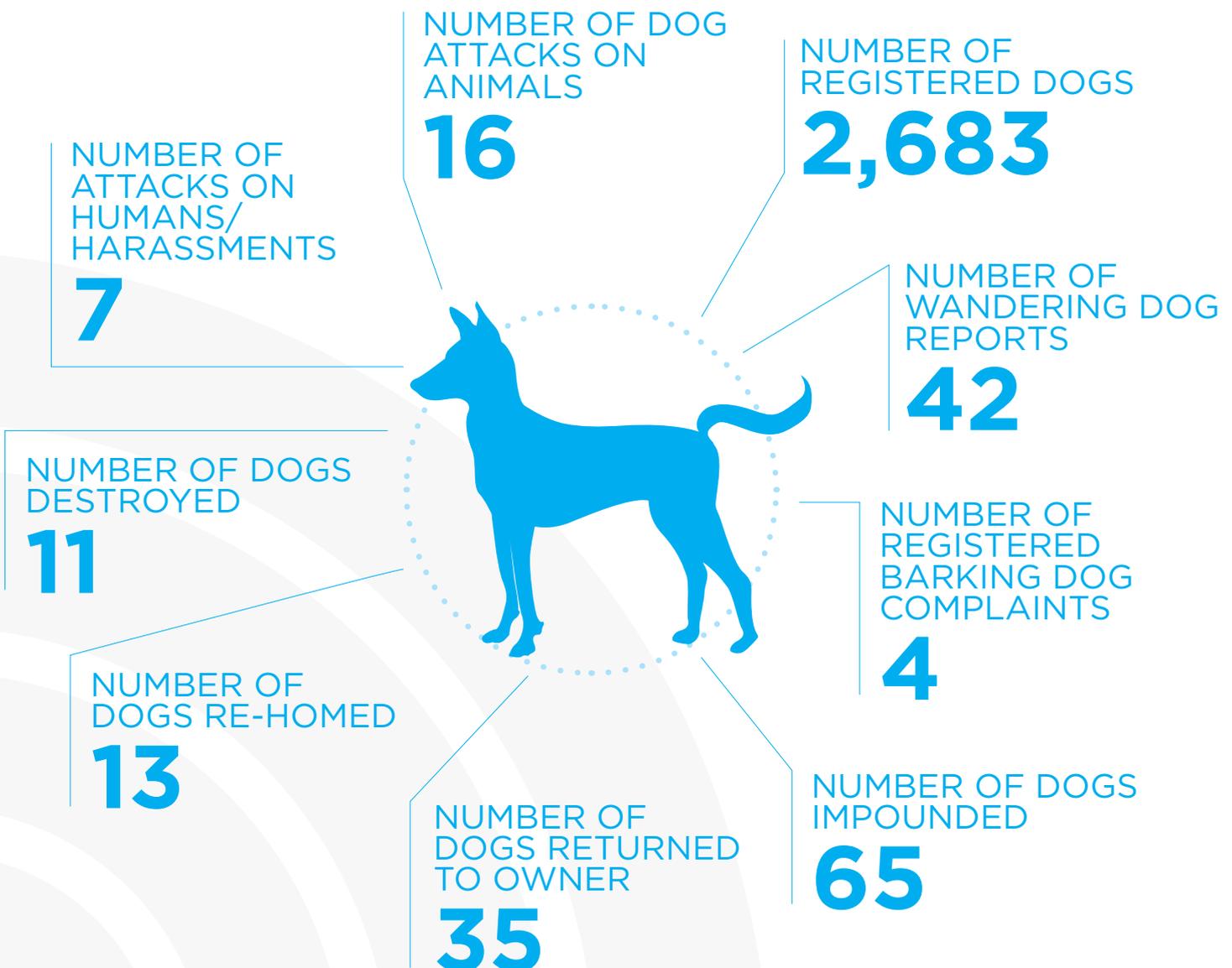
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Animal management and control is carried out with the approval of the Dog and Cat Management Board, Council's Animal Management Plan and Council's By-laws which are periodically reviewed.

In the 2015-2016 year, the number of dog complaints and dogs wandering at large have increased, as has the incidence of dog attacks on other animals. The incidence of dog attacks on humans / harassment has fortunately decreased.

Community Rangers continue to combat the increase in instances of dogs wandering at large, and have continued to conduct more frequent township patrols.

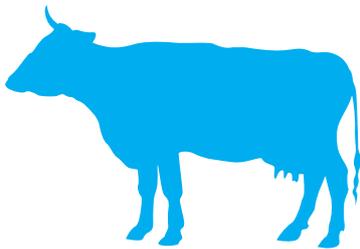
As a result of investigations conducted into breaches of the Dog and Cat Management Act, Expiation numbers have reduced. Serious breaches of the Dog and Cat Management Act have resulted in a number of dogs having to be destroyed due to attacks on livestock and humans.



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In the 2015-2016 year, the number of incidents of stock being reported on public roadways has remained steady, resulting in the need for the Rangers to be on call to attend to these incidents. These actions are often carried out in conjunction with the South Australian Police, and are in the best interests of public safety.

The reports in 2015-2016 where motor vehicles have collided with stock during this reporting period has decreased. These incidents still appear to be attributed to the deterioration of rural fences and lack of maintenance. Council has continued to work with landholders to highlight potential fencing issues to reduce the threat that is posed to road users.



NUMBER OF STOCK COMPLAINTS

29

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
INVOLVING WANDERING STOCK

2

NUMBER OF STOCK IMPOUNDED

25

NUMBER OF STOCK
RETURNED TO OWNER

120

Illegal dumping still remains a constant problem within the Council area.

51 NUMBER OF ILLEGAL
DUMPING COMPLAINTS

6 NUMBER OF
ABANDONED VEHICLES

5 NUMBER OF
IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

1 NUMBER OF
EXPIATIONS ISSUED

On occasions Community Rangers have been able to successfully identify offenders who have illegally dumped rubbish, these people have been expiated. Where possible, these incidents may also proceed to Court, where the persons are prosecuted for depositing goods on Council/public land.

Council will continue to implement strategies to locate and prosecute offenders that engage in the illegal deposit of litter, which also includes abandoned vehicles on Council land.

The Community Rangers are responsible for fire prevention activities within the Council area, particularly with respect to hazards associated with the Fire Danger Season. The Rangers also work with landholders and the Country Fire Service for various matters including Greening and Curing figures during the Fire Danger Season.

Council assisted the CFS with the preparation of the Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Area Plan.

The collection of drums through the DrumMuster Program has continued to be very successful and has seen a large number of eligible containers collected, processed and recycled for alternative use. The DrumMuster initiative has social and economic benefits, has prevented waste from entering our landfills, and has been of significant benefit in improving environmental health and safety in our rural areas.



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GOAL 5 SUSTAINABLE USE, ACCESSIBILITY AND PLANNED USE OF OUR NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In November 2015 the foreshore steps were constructed at Port MacDonnell.

Tarpeena

Alloy Gatic Covers engineered and installed to improve safety and prevent injury, achieving WHS and extended useful life requirements.

Port MacDonnell

Two pumps replaced with new technology designed for the harsh environment and to reduce maintenance cost and WHS burden, corroded Pump Station Vent Pipe replaced with Stainless Steel equivalent to reduce whole of life costs, corroding Pump Station Shed replaced with timber framed equivalent developed around reduction of whole of life cost.

Pump Station Control Systems have been replaced with a replacement unit of higher control and reporting standards and SCADA Control Server allowing staff to manage, control and analyse systems remotely which in turn will reduce operational and maintenance costs through improved business intelligence and better manage or prevent incidents going forward and reduce the financial impact of those incidence.

Pelican Point

Renewal of corroded vent pipe replaced with Stainless Steel equivalent to reduce whole of life costs.

Port MacDonnell, Allendale and Tarpeena

Development of Maintenance Flushing and Inspection of Pipeline Network of Community Waste Water Management System completed and ongoing into the future.

A review of Council Waste Management strategies in 2015-2016 resulted in a major extension to Council's Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) pick-up areas, with over 600 new properties added to Council's service. During the review, Council made the decision to change from the pick-up contractor owning the MGB's to Council owned bins. This resulted in Council purchasing approximately 5000 new bins and saw a major roll-out of the new bins to over 2300 properties.

Council residents continue to support the need for increased recycling of waste in our District through the use of both kerbside collections and visiting the waste transfer stations.

- Over 1500 tonnes of recycling collected or dropped-off:
- 20 tonne of e-waste
- 385 tonne of scrap metal
- Approximately 60 tonne of cardboard
- Over 2200m³ of green waste

Council continues to support the Mobile Muster program, with collection points for old mobile phones and accessories at the Commercial Street West office and Port MacDonnell Rural Transaction Centre.



56% OF ALL WASTE COLLECTED BY COUNCIL WAS DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

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OVER 6,000 CARS DROVE THROUGH THE GATES OF COUNCIL'S FIVE WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS



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ANNUAL ALLOWANCES

Council Member Annual Allowances are independently set by the Remuneration Tribunal. Council Members are entitled to receive the following annual allowance as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal pursuant to Section 76 of the Local Government Act (amended each year with any CPI change) for performing and discharging their official functions and duties.

- **Mayor**
\$42,580 per annum
paid quarterly in advance
- **Deputy Mayor**
\$12,160 per annum
paid quarterly in arrears
- **Other Elected Members**
\$9,872 per annum
paid quarterly in arrears

Council Development Assessment Panel

- **Presiding Member**
\$250 per Meeting
\$60 per Teleconference Meeting
- **Independent Members**
\$200 per Meeting
\$50 per Teleconference Meeting

Audit Committee

- **Independent Member**
\$200 per Meeting

In addition to any allowance paid, Elected Members are also entitled to receive reimbursement for travel within the area of Council, and dependent care expenses associated with attendance at Council and Committee meetings.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Council has resolved to make available to Elected Members, the following facilities and support to assist them in fulfilling their official functions and duties:

- An iPad issued to Members, on the understanding that all equipment remains the property of Council, with Council provision of 12GB data over 12 months. The Member being responsible for any consumables and extra communication costs associated with this equipment.
- Council provides Members with an allowance of \$60 per month for telephone rental and call costs.
- Council provide a vehicle (full private use) for the Mayor, with the vehicle to remain the property of Council, and with Council meeting all operational and replacement costs including costs of insurance, registration, servicing, tyres and minor expenses for the vehicle.

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Council also provides a mobile phone for business. Where the Mayor elects to use their own personal mobile phone, an allowance of \$150 per month (payable in advance) to cover business calls.

It is recognised that the Mayor's role includes the need to meet with various government agencies, businesses etc. The Mayor may seek reimbursement of entertainment expenses subject to the agreement of the Chief Executive Officer.

Council's purchasing activities aim to achieve advantageous procurement outcomes by:

- Advancing and/or working within Council's economic, industrial, social and environmental policies and/or Agreements in accord with Councils Strategic Management Plan;
- Enhancing value for money by encouraging competition by ensuring non-discrimination in procurement and using competitive procurement processes;
- Promoting the use of resources in an efficient, effective and ethical manner;

- Making decisions with probity, accountability and transparency.
- Providing reasonable opportunity for competitive local businesses to supply to Council;
- Considering the impact of the service delivery approach on local businesses, observing National Competition Policy guidelines and associated legislation;
- Appropriately managing risk;
- Promoting compliance with all relevant legislation; and
- Advancing opportunities for creating or maintaining economic development and growth in the region and other opportunities to participate with other spheres of government, community groups and the private sector in service delivery

Below: Elected Members

Back, L-R: Cr Brian Collins, Cr Alan Hill, Cr Graham Slarks, Cr Greg Saunders, Cr Barry Kuhl
Front, L-R: Cr Bruce Bain, Cr Gillian Clayfield, Mayor Richard Sage, Cr Shirley Little, Cr Julie Reis



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ELECTOR REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Local Government Act 1999 prescribes that a review must be undertaken by the Council in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations as gazetted by the Minister.

District Council of Grant is required, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, to undertake an Elector Representation review between April 2016 and April 2017. District Council of Grant commenced its Elector Representation Review in early 2016. A Representation Options Paper was published for public consultation on 5 August 2016, whereby electors within the District Council of Grant were encouraged to make submissions on the Options Paper in writing (via email, letter or by completing the online feedback form located on the Council website) by 5.00pm on 16 September 2016.

The table below shows a comparison of the elected representation quota for the District Council of Grant compared with similar size and type of Councils in South Australia.

COUNCIL	ELECTORS	ELECTED MEMBERS (INCL. MAYOR)	REPRESENTATION QUOTA
Northern Areas	3417	9	379
Coorong	3795	9	421
Tatiara	4514	10	451
Wakefield Regional	4693	10	469
Naracoorte Lucindale	5777	11	525
Grant	5325	10	532
Mallala	5692	10	569
Mid Murray	6136	10	613
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	6575	10	657
Renmark Paringa	6299	9	699

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Elected Members are part of the Ordinary Council and attend Ordinary Council Meetings. In addition, nominated Elected Members are Members of Council's Committees. For the 2015-2016 year, there were:

- 24 Ordinary Council Meetings (1 meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum)
- 9 Grant Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) Meetings
- 0 Works Committee Meetings
- 5 Mount Gambier Airport Advisory Committee Meetings
- 4 Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Advisory Committee Meetings
- 4 Audit Committee Meetings

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COUNCIL	ELECTORS	ELECTED MEMBERS (INCL. MAYOR)
Mayor Sage	Ordinary Council Airport Committee Saleyards Committee Audit Committee	21 / 24 3 / 5 3 / 4 3 / 4
Cr Bain	Ordinary Council CDAP Airport Committee Saleyards Committee Audit Committee	14 / 24 6 / 9 2 / 5 1 / 4 1 / 4
Cr Clayfield	Ordinary Council	17 / 24
Cr Collins	Ordinary Council Airport Committee Saleyards Committee	22 / 24 5 / 5 4 / 4
Cr Hill	Ordinary Council Airport Committee Audit Committee	24 / 24 5 / 5 4 / 4
Cr Kuhl	Ordinary Council CDAP Saleyards Committee	20 / 24 8 / 9 3 / 4
Cr Little	Ordinary Council Airport Committee	23 / 24 4 / 5
Cr Reis	Ordinary Council Airport Committee Saleyards Committee	21 / 24 0 / 5 2 / 4
Cr Saunders	Ordinary Council	22 / 24
Cr Slarks	Ordinary Council CDAP Saleyards Committee Audit Committee	18 / 24 5 / 9 3 / 4 2 / 4

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Council held 22 ordinary meetings and two special meetings for the financial year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. A total of 154 items were considered at these meetings.

During 2015-2016, Section 90(2) provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, which enable the exclusion of the public from Council meetings, were invoked on 27 occasions (18% of the total number of items considered). Section 91(7) provisions, which keep minutes confidential, were invoked on 27 occasions.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NATURE OF CONFIDENTIALITY	HELD IN CONFIDENCE
6/7/15	Sutton Court Aged Housing Complex	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
6/7/15	Port MacDonnell Old Boatyard Land	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	Yes
3/8/15	Sutton Court Aged Housing Complex	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
3/8/15	Surplus Council Land - Murrawa Siding	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No

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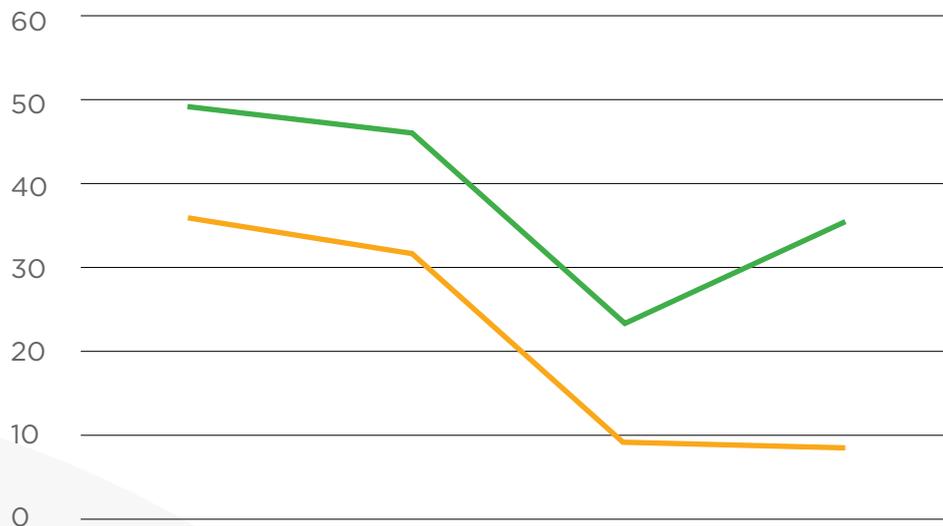
DATE	DESCRIPTION	NATURE OF CONFIDENTIALITY	HELD IN CONFIDENCE
3/8/15	Sutton Court Aged Housing Complex	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
17/8/15	Sale of Land for non-payment of Council Rates and Charges	90(3)(a) personal affairs	No
7/9/15	Riddoch Art Gallery	90(3)(j) information from Crown or Public Authority	No
21/9/15	Sale of Land for non-payment of Council Rates and Charges	90(3)(a) personal affairs	Yes
21/9/15	Riddoch Art Gallery	90(3)(j) information from Crown or Public Authority	No
2/11/15	Disposal of Land - Trevor Clarke Drive, Mount Schank	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
2/11/15	Port MacDonnell & Environs Development Plan Amendment	90(3)(m) development plan amendment proposal	No
7/12/15	Nominations for 2016 Australia Day Citizens Awards	90(3)(a) personal affairs	No
7/12/15	CEO Contract - Renewal Request	90(3)(a) personal affairs	Yes
18/1/16	Sale of Land for non-payment of Council Rates and Charges	90(3)(a) personal affairs	No
7/3/16	Chief Executive Officer Performance Review	90(3)(a) personal affairs	Yes
21/3/16	Planning & Development Committee Minutes & Port MacDonnell and Environs Development Plan Amendment	90(3)(m) development plan amendment proposal	No
21/3/16	Proposed Industrial Land Review and Master Plan	90(3)(k) tenders	Yes
30/3/16	Chief Executive Officer Remuneration Appraisal	90(3)(a) personal affairs	Yes
18/4/16	Pelican Point Seawall - Design Works Proposal	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
18/4/16	Disposal of Land - Trevor Clarke Drive, Mount Schank	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
18/4/16	Port MacDonnell Community Wastewater Management System Controller and SCADA Upgrade	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
18/4/15	Riddoch Art Gallery	90(3)(j) information from Crown or Public Authority	No
2/5/16	Disposal of Land - Trevor Clarke Drive, Mount Schank	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	No
2/5/16	Chief Executive Officer Remuneration Appraisal	90(3)(a) personal affairs	Yes
16/5/16	Boat Ramp Fees - Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club	90(3)(h) legal advice	Yes
6/6/16	Building Regulatory Matters	90(3)(i) litigation of Council or employee	Yes
20/6/16	Port MacDonnell Marina Development	90(3)(d) commercial information (not a trade secret)	Yes

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The graph below indicates the number of confidential orders made for the previous four years. Council participated in a review of confidentiality orders undertaken by the SA Ombudsman. Twelve SA Councils were selected by the Ombudsman to participate in the 2012 audit with the results of the audit published by the Ombudsman in a document titled 'In the Public Eye'. The District Council of Grant has implemented the recommendations made by the Ombudsman, thereby significantly reducing the number of confidential orders made over

the last three years. Although the last 12 months saw an increase in the number of confidential items discussed at Council meetings, the number of confidential items released was significantly increased, resulting in only a small number of items being held in confidence at the end of the 2015-2016 financial year.

Comparison Chart 2012-2016



	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Confidential Orders Made	13	14	14	27
Confidential Orders Carried Forward	36	32	9	8

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	NUMBER OF ITEMS	ITEMS CONSIDERED 'IN CONFIDENCE'
Airport Advisory	5	22	0
Audit	4	19	0
Planning & Development	2	8	2
Saleyards Advisory	4	11	0
Works	0	0	0

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ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The District Council of Grant recognises the importance of providing useful, relevant, accessible and effective training opportunities for all Elected Members and supports the continual development of Elected Members through all mediums, including online training, short courses and conferences and in-house workshops throughout the year. The table below shows an outline of training opportunities offered to Elected Members throughout 2015-2016.

DATE	NAME OF COURSE / TOPIC	METHOD OF DELIVERY	LOCATION
4/8/15	Regions in Focus Roadshow	Conference	Mount Gambier
10/8/15	Strategic Management Plan Workshop #1	Workshop	In-house
26-28/8/15	Roads & Works Conference	Conference	Murray Bridge
28/9/15	Strategic Management Plan Workshop #2	Workshop	In-house
12/10/15	LGA Mandatory Training for Elected Members	On-line	N/A
19/10/15	Economic Development	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)
21/10/15	LGA Mandatory Training for Elected Members – Residential for new EM's	Course (2 days)	Hahndorf
29-30/10/15	LGA Conference & AGM	Conference (2 days)	Adelaide
9/11/15	Local Government Grants Commission	Workshop	In-house (delivered by LGA)
18-19/11/15	Local National Roads & Transport Congress	Conference	Ballarat (delivered by ALGA)
14/12/15	Strategic Management Plan Workshop #3	Workshop	In-house
29/1/16	China Business Opportunities	Workshop	City Hall, Mount Gambier
22/2/16	Meeting Procedures	Workshop	In-house (delivered by legal representatives)
23/2/16	Conflict of Interest legislation changes	Workshop	In-house (delivered by legal representatives)
29/2/16	Budget Workshop #1	Workshop	In-house
3/3/16	Airport Masterplan	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)
11/4/16	Budget Workshop #2	Workshop	In-house
27/4/16	Elector Representation Review	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)

PEOPLE AND GOVERNANCE

DATE	NAME OF COURSE / TOPIC	METHOD OF DELIVERY	LOCATION
4/5/16	Industrial Land Review & Masterplan	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)
9/5/16	Budget Workshop #3	Workshop	In-house
23/5/16	Port Mac Old Boatyard Land	Workshop	In-house
2/6/16	Elector Representation Review	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)
19-22/6/16	National General Assembly	Conference	Adelaide (delivered by ALGA)
28/6/16	Industrial Land Review & Masterplan	Workshop	In-house (delivered by consultant)





ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of Grant, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Certification of Financial Statements statement.

The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Grant is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. This responsibility includes designing, implementing 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. 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 and 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 Chief Executive Officer, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Council of Grant as at 30 June 2016, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Keogh".

JIM KEOGH
PARTNER

Signed on the 19th day of October 2016,
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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2016

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2016 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



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Trevor Smart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Richard Sage
MAYOR/COUNCILLOR

Date: 17/10/2016

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	8,407	7,864
Statutory charges	2	269	206
User charges	2	2,053	2,315
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	1,644	2,653
Investment income	2	74	55
Reimbursements	2	101	228
Other income	2	394	353
Total Income		12,942	13,674
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	5,389	5,173
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	3,831	3,882
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	4,347	4,885
Finance costs	3	318	311
Total Expenses		13,885	14,251
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(943)	(577)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(1,142)	(1,795)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	466	1,621
Physical resources received free of charge	2	-	638
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(1,619)	(113)
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	(58,258)	(5,379)
Total Other Comprehensive Income		(58,258)	(5,379)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(59,877)	(5,492)

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,764	3,122
Trade & other receivables	5	581	848
Other financial assets	5	-	89
Inventories	5	212	281
		<u>4,557</u>	<u>4,340</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>4,557</u>	<u>4,340</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	112	179
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	-	-
Investment property	7	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	121,103	181,761
Other non-current assets	6	-	-
Total Non-current Assets		<u>121,215</u>	<u>181,940</u>
Total Assets		<u>125,772</u>	<u>186,280</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	854	1,046
Borrowings	8	449	433
Provisions	8	978	976
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,281</u>	<u>2,455</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	5,007	5,456
Provisions	8	48	56
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>5,055</u>	<u>5,512</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>7,336</u>	<u>7,967</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>118,436</u>	<u>178,313</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		34,373	36,262
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	82,173	140,431
Available for sale Financial Assets	9	-	-
Other Reserves	9	1,890	1,620
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>118,436</u>	<u>178,313</u>

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
2016					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		36,262	140,431	1,620	178,313
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(1,619)			(1,619)
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			(58,258)		(58,258)
Transfers between reserves		(270)		270	-
Balance at end of period		34,373	82,173	1,890	118,436
2015					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		36,574	145,810	1,421	183,805
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(113)			(113)
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			(5,379)		(5,379)
Transfers between reserves		(199)		199	-
Balance at end of period		36,262	140,431	1,620	178,313

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		8,555	7,925
Fees & other charges		290	206
User charges		2,413	3,379
Investment receipts		13	41
Grants utilised for operating purposes		1,767	2,653
Reimbursements		111	228
Other revenues		241	368
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(5,378)	(5,348)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(4,060)	(3,889)
Finance payments		(386)	(271)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,566	5,292
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		466	1,621
Sale of replaced assets		744	593
Sale of surplus assets		-	-
Sale of investment property		-	-
Net disposal of investment securities		89	-
Sale of real estate developments		-	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		43	31
Distributions received from equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,833)	(1,371)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		-	(4,788)
Purchase of investment property		-	-
Net purchase of investment securities		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loans made to community groups		-	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,491)	(3,914)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	1,029
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(433)	(371)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		-	-
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		-	(54)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(433)	604
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		642	1,982
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	3,122	1,140
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	3,764	3,122

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



LIMESTONE COAST
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION



LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is enacted pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999 as a Regional Subsidiary as prescribed by Schedule 2, subsection 12 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association is a regional subsidiary body established by the seven Constituent Councils in the South East region of South Australia.

The following is the Audited Financial Statements of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

The District Council of Grant has no other subsidiaries.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Limestone Coast Local Government Association,

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, profit and loss statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and the certification by the members of the committee on the annual statements presenting fairly the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those 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 judgment, 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 association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Independence

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practicable for the Limestone Coast Local Government Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Our audit in relation to fundraising was limited to amounts recorded. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Limestone Coast Local Government Association as at 30 June 2016, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Limestone Coast Local Government Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS



Tim Muhlhauser CA, Registered Company Auditor
Partner

18 / 08 / 2016

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial statement is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985*. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* and the following Australian Accounting Standards.

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No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial statement has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial statement.

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- (a) **Income Tax**
The association is exempt from Income Tax.
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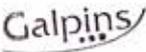
Balance Sheet

As of June 2016

Assets		
Cheque Account		\$418,088.50
Business Access Saver Account		\$446,093.38
Petty Cash		\$250.00
Trade Debtors		\$17,648.74
Total Assets		\$882,080.62
Liabilities		
Trade Creditors		\$9,065.11
CREDIT CARDS		
Executive Officer	\$1,286.36	
Bank SA Visa R Forgan	\$451.56	
Bank SA Visa A Elletson	\$97.65	
Bank SA Visa - June Saruwaka	\$30.00	
Bank SA Visa E Vickery	\$0.02	
Bank SA Visa B Shearing	\$434.94	
Bank SA Visa J Hao	\$90.88	
Total CREDIT CARDS		\$2,391.41
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$1,816.36	
GST Control Account	-\$1,395.00	
GST Paid	-\$96.00	
Total GST Liabilities		\$325.36
Payroll Liabilities		
PAYG Payable	\$7,388.00	
Workcover Payable	\$748.58	
Leave Provisions	\$22,182.16	
Total Payroll Liabilities		\$30,318.74
PROJECT LIABILITIES		
Starclub Field Officer	\$38,453.39	
MAC Road Safety	\$57,462.22	
Regional Waste Management	\$50,123.51	
Planning	\$65,004.00	
Tourism	\$162,079.79	
Procurement	\$7,000.00	
Training	\$3,000.00	
Attraction & Retention	\$25,000.00	
Total PROJECT LIABILITIES		\$408,122.91
Total Liabilities		\$450,223.53
Net Assets		\$431,857.09
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$460,311.92	
Current Year Earnings	-\$28,454.83	
Total Equity		\$431,857.09

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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Profit & Loss Statement

July 2015 To June 2016

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INCOME	
SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS	
City of Mount Gambier	\$195,570.00
District Council of Grant	\$85,070.00
Kingston District Council	\$43,681.00
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	\$95,924.00
District Council of Robe	\$50,682.00
District Council of Tatiara	\$81,599.00
Wattle Range Council	\$144,849.00
Rec & Sport Funding	\$54,600.00
Funding Partner Contributions	\$135,880.08
Road Safety Project (MAC)	\$73,600.00
LGA Funding	\$88,726.00
Interest	\$9,974.37
Sundry Income	\$22,476.69
Funds C/F	\$131,865.84
DEWNR Projects	\$693,300.00
Total SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS	\$1,907,797.98
Total INCOME	\$1,907,797.98
Gross Profit	\$1,907,797.98
EXPENSES	
Advertising & Marketing	\$11,328.23
Advocacy	\$5,580.91
Audit Fees	\$2,650.00
Bank Fees	\$915.05
Computing & IT	\$27,851.45
Consultancy	\$76,696.00
Financial/Admin/Rent	\$48,754.70
Funding External Bodies	\$86,953.00
Governance	\$25,880.38
Insurance	\$6,567.72
Meeting Expenses	\$4,029.17
Miscellaneous	\$6,970.01
Postage	\$801.86
Printing/Stationery	\$14,097.37
Programs	\$319,632.07
Seminars	\$3,214.55
Subscriptions	\$256.36
Telephones	\$6,870.93
Trade Shows	\$57,178.57
Training	\$303.48
Travel/Accommodation	\$22,306.77
Vehicles - Fuel	\$12,189.03
Vehicles - Leases	\$36,567.22
Vehicles - Insurances	\$2,868.22
Vehicles - Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,579.07
Wages	\$419,465.52
Wages - Superannuation	\$35,980.85
Wages - Workcover	\$4,158.62
Wages - FBT	\$1,305.70
DEWNR Projects	\$693,300.00
Total EXPENSES	\$1,936,252.81
Operating Profit	-\$28,454.83
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$28,454.83

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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