



Annual Report 2006/07

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of our community in a sustainable
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- Local Government Association of SA
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- Roseworthy Township Community Committee
- Tender Committee
- Performance Evaluation Review Committee
- Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee
- Central Local Government Region

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- Roseworthy Township Community Committee
- Performance Evaluation Review Committee



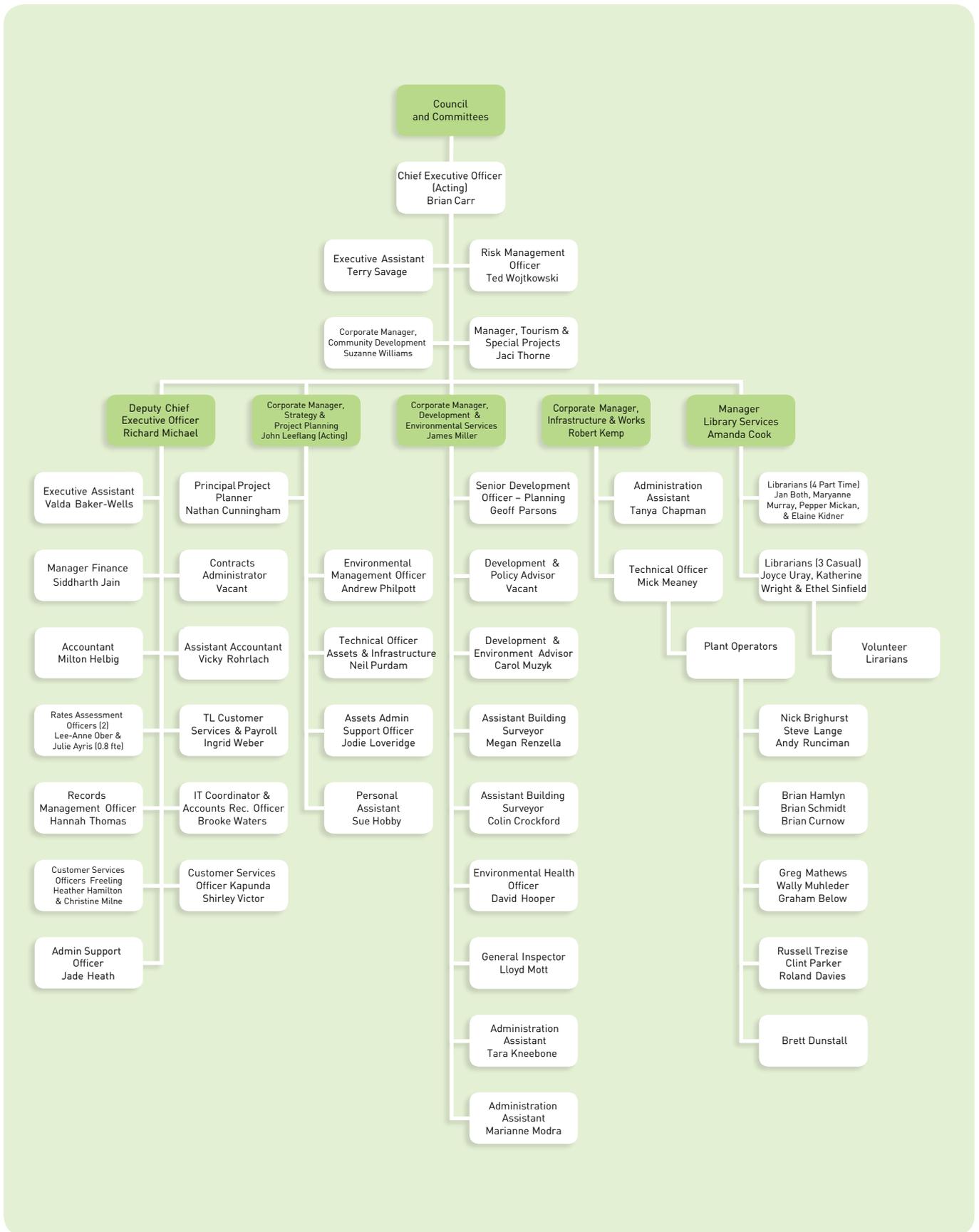
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Organisation Structure



The Year in Review

Light Regional Council began its second decade of operations by experiencing another challenging year. Council continues to maintain the fabric and social well being of its community and the region through a culture of co-operation and collaboration.

The Council has experienced strong growth in all sectors of residential, commercial and industrial development. Light Region was the second fastest growing Council in the State by population over the 2001 to 2006 period, as revealed in the 2006 Census data. It is believed that this trend will continue into the future. Indeed, the completion of Council's third Strategic Plan will recognise this growth and establish the future vision and aspirations of Council's community. The plan, anticipated for completion in mid 2007/2008 financial year, will also contain key financial and asset management strategies.

To address this issue, one of the main priorities of the plan will be to set in place a process to achieve financial sustainability. Council was rated as 'unsustainable' in terms of the 2005 Independent Review of South Australia Local Government, in a report titled "Rising to the Challenge : Towards Financially Sustainable Local Government in South Australia".

Council Election, November 2006

Statewide general Council elections were held in November, 2006. As a result the composition of the Council changed with six new members being elected.

Councillors Wayne Standish (Light Ward), Bill Close and Peter Graham (Mudla Wirra Ward), Jane Alcorn and Deane Rohrlach (Dutton Ward), and Peter Kennelly (Laucke Ward) took their 'Oath of Office' at the November 2006 ordinary meeting.

Robert Hornsey was elected as Mayor after being Deputy Mayor for six years. Councillors Reichstein, Kubisch, Carrick and Skevington were returned to office. Councillor Carrick was appointed by Council as the Deputy Mayor.

The term of the Council is for four (4) years to November 2010.

On the community's behalf we offer our sincere thanks to those elected members who retired at the election after providing many years of valuable public service. Former Mayor Des Shanahan, and Councillors Howard, Fyfe, Williams, Schluter and Hatcher chose not to seek re-election.

Financial Grants Detail

Where viable to, Council looks to undertake projects that might attract sources of funding from outside of its own resources. Council was again successful in attracting a number of grants from various bodies to undertake specific projects on behalf of the community.

This reporting period saw Council obtain capital grant funding for the following projects:

• Roseworthy Road	\$397,500
• Kapunda Tourist & Leisure Park	\$35,000
• Freeling Streetscape	\$550,000

Council also received notification that it had been successful in obtaining \$600,000 grant funding through the Regional Development Infrastructure Fund. This funding is provided to assist in carrying out road infrastructure works within and adjacent to the Kingsford Industrial Estate. The Federal Government announced that Council would be co-ordinating upgrade works at the Kapunda to Marrabel Road (\$3,000,000) and the Main North Road between Templers and Tarlee (\$6,000,000) State Government arterial roads. These works are to be carried out over the next 3 years.

The Power Line Environment Committee has allocated \$480,000 for the undergrounding of powerlines in the Freeling main street precinct.

Council Staff

One of the keys to the success of the organisation is the people that it employs.

Council, like all organisations, has difficulty in resourcing and retaining staff due, in part to the competitiveness of the labour market and shortage of professional staff for key operational areas.

We believe that Light Regional Council is fortunate to have a committed, dedicated and knowledgeable work force. Labour market forces do however continue to cause concern for Council, particularly in areas of succession planning.

Several changes to staff occurred over the year, the most significant being the replacement of Council's Chief Executive Officer. Mr Brian Carr joined Council, initially as Acting Chief Executive Officer, in February 2007 and he was subsequently appointed to the role for a five (5) year contractual term. A minor re-organisation of Council's corporate structure occurred as a result.

Several long term employees retired during the year and Council would like to acknowledge the valuable service that Linda Hammond (10 years), Jake Noack (10 years), Rebecca Wutke (13 years), Jenny Swann (26 years) and Ken Lienert (30 years) provided to Council and community.

Council is pleased to again report that no lost days, due to workplace injury, occurred in the 2006/2007 period. This result is testament to the systems and safe workplace procedures that have been developed by staff in partnership with the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme and the Workers Compensation Scheme. Council staff continually strive to improve work practices in the organisation.

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The following awards were received during the period which reinforces the high calibre of staff and volunteers used by Light Regional Council:

- SA Great Award for the Library Information Network ('LINK') project jointly implemented by The Barossa Council, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, and Light Regional Council.
- A Merit Award for Occupational Health, Welfare & Safety program from the LGA Workers Compensation Scheme.

The reality of competition requires Council to continue being competitive in the remuneration it offers, and being supportive in the development of staff at every stage of their careers, to ensure that Council remains an employer of choice who offers a balance between the workplace and family.

Policy

With advent of the 'new' Council, policy review and implementation has been a key focus.

Council adopted its Social Plan for the 2006-2016 period, along with its Animal Management Plan. Several Plan Amendment Reports were considered throughout the year, Kapunda PAR, Industry (Gawler Belt) Land Division PAR, Bushfire Management Ministerial PAR. A Statement of Intent for the Clare & Barossa Valley Tourism PAR, the Heritage PAR and the Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate Master Plan were all adopted, with work then commencing on the associated PAR documents.

Council established its new Development Assessment Panel and created its Audit Committee. A Community and Recreation Facilities Policy was also created and adopted.

Importantly, Council introduced revised meeting procedures which provide for more open local government. A public forum component has been introduced to the monthly meeting, while matters considered in confidence will be subject to twice yearly reviews, with a process created to specifically bring those matters back into the public realm.

Enhanced Collaborative Approach

It is pleasing to report that the 2006/2007 reporting period has seen Council expand its collaborative approach to providing services to not only its local service area, but also to the greater region as a whole.

Council continues to maintain support for the Central Local Government Region, and in particular is very aware of the work being done through the Wakefield Group. The Wakefield Group Committee membership comprises the Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of those Councils which are situated within the Federal electorate of Wakefield. This group in particular has focussed on lobbying Government for funding large infrastructure projects across the Group area.

The greater collaboration between neighbouring Councils also reflects the general trend in the Local Government sector to develop workable relationships as opposed to pursuing boundary realignment.

Other activities have included an agreement with Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council concerning sharing costs associated with the Regional Events Co-ordinator; the continued joint funding with The Barossa Council of the HACC and Regional Transport programs; the Bobfest youth event; reconfirmation of commitment to the Barossa Access Transport Study. Another example of collaborative involvement is the linkages developed with business interests in the provision and renewal of key public infrastructure – several instances occurred in this regard over the year.

However, significantly the joint Library Information Network project (LINK) established by The Barossa, Clare & Gilbert Valleys and Light Regional Councils has continued to thrive with the group accepting the Town of Gawler as a new member. This means that the LINK group will provide services to approximately 60,000 people across a large portion of the Barossa and Lower North area.

Conclusion

In closing, we would like to thank the elected members, those members of the community who served on committees of Council and staff for their dedication and efforts to progress the Council and realise its goals during the past year. The successes enjoyed by Council are the result of interest, commitment, passion and contributions made by many people and organisations within the Light Regional Council community.



Robert Hornsey
Mayor



Brian Carr
Chief Executive Officer

Assessment of 2006/2007 Financial Year Objectives

Prior to the amendments made to the Local Government Act 1999 in January 2007, as part of Council's annual budgetary deliberations, Councils were required to provide the community with a statement called the Annual Statement.

The Annual Statement detailed the goals and objectives that Council planned to achieve in the 2006/2007 financial year. In essence the goals and objectives are a direct link back to Council's draft Ten Year Strategic Management Plan 2006 to 2016.

The Annual Statement includes financial and non-financial measures that Council can use to assess its performance against its objectives. There were a total of 38 activities which were to be performance measured. Some the strategies and goals were continuing on with projects commenced in the previous financial year, while others considered for action during the 2006/2007 financial year have been deferred to succeeding years.

Annual Statement, Performance Report 2006/2007 Financial Year

Count of Performance Target Results	No. of Projects Measured	Performance in actioning 2006/2007 targets			Performance on items actioned			
		Reviewed & Cancelled [score 0]	Reviewed & Deferred to 2007/2008 Year [score 1]	Actioned	Commenced [score 2]	Substantially Completed [score 3]	Completed as Planned [score 4]	Exceeded Target [score 5]
Specific Goal Area Performance								
Community Services	4	-	-	4	3	-	1	-
Corporate Governance	11	-	1	10	5	2	3	-
Economic Development & Tourism	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Library & Information Services	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
Environmental Services	12	-	2	10	4	2	4	-
Works & Technical Services	5	-	-	5	1	4	-	-
Total	38	-	3	35	16	8	11	-

Specific Goal Area Performance								
Community Services	10%	-	-	100%	75%	-	25%	-
Corporate Governance	29%	-	9%	91%	50%	20%	30%	-
Economic Development & Tourism	8%	-	-	100%	100%	-	-	-
Library & Information Services	8%	-	-	100%	-	-	100%	-
Environmental Services	32%	-	17%	83%	40%	20%	40%	-
Works & Technical Services	13%	-	-	100%	20%	80%	-	-
Total	100%	-	8%	92%	46%	23%	31%	-

Definition of Performance Targets

Reviewed & Cancelled	Score 0
Reviewed & Deferred to 2007/2008 Year	Score 1
Commenced	Score 2
Substantially Completed	Score 3
Completed as Planned	Score 4
Exceeded Target	Score 5

Determined as not being required to be completed following budget review or in preparation of the 2006/2007 Annual Budget due to other emerging priorities.

Determined to be an approved carried forward project – a project not expected to be completed during the target year due to resourcing constraints or other emerging priorities.

Project has commenced and reached a stage of development with Council or appropriate policy committee.

Project has commenced and reached a stage of substantial development (→75%) with Council or appropriate policy committee.

Project has reached defined objective.

Project exceeds target set.

The Way Ahead – Looking Forward to 2007/2008

At the time of adopting its annual business plan and budget, Council is required to identify the strategies and goals that implement the purposes of its Strategic Management Plan. Council is required to measure its performance against the implementation of those activities by way of either financial or non-financial performance indicators.

There are a total of 57 activities to be measured and a report similar to that shown for the 2006/2007 financial year will be included in the 2007/2008 report. Performance targets will be measured by reference to the items 'Reviewed & Deferred', 'Actioned', 'Commenced', 'Substantially Completed', 'Completed as Planned' and 'Exceeded Target'.

Council highlighted during the preparation of its 2007/2008 Annual Business Plan document various activities by which it intends to measure its service delivery for the forthcoming year.

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
Community & Cultural Development	To develop a framework to incorporate into Council's communication and information strategy.	Review and update Council's Community Service's Directory and Community Newsletter	<p><i>Financial</i> – Publication of appropriate documents within budget.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Positive and relevant information dissemination and consultation</p>
	Optimise the use of Council owned facilities by providing sustainable multifunctional community service facilities	Undertake feasibility studies on identified community assets in accordance with an Asset Rationalisation Program for the centralisation of community groups	<p><i>Financial</i> – Decreased annual maintenance costs. Management Fees paid to community as per budget allocations</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Community support and agreement obtained for multi-usage of key facilities based on logical outcomes. Review undertaken of Community Land Management Plans</p>
	Support the provision and diversity of activities that enriches local culture and develops a sense of identity and pride	Promote and support community based projects and cultural events (<i>eg Australia Day Award Celebrations, Australian citizenship ceremonies etc</i>) that engender civic pride and wellbeing.	<p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Well attended functions and events, enhancement of sense of community.</p>
	Develop a service delivery model for the provision of quality aged care and support services	Develop support services in the areas of Home Assist, transport, information, therapy services and social support	<p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Marketing of available programs to ensure take up (where able) by Light region residents.</p>

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	<p>Promote services, facilities and programs that will encourage the participation of youth within the region</p>	<p>Facilitate the development of community programs to assist young people in the transition from school to work by developing youth training and employment programs and a youth mentoring program in collaboration with the Barossa and Light Regional Development Board's Youth Ambassador Program.</p> <p>Undertake an assessment of existing resources to support the review and development of youth services.</p>	<p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Appointment of Volunteer Youth Advisory Committee Coordinator. Maintain involvement of youth in their committee. Marketing of available programs in Barossa and Light region. Increased participation rates.</p>
Governance	<p>To cooperate with other stakeholders in enhancing community safety and promoting acceptable standards of community behaviour</p> <p>Promote the role and intangible social benefit of the position of being an elected member within the Council area</p> <p>Attract and retain a dynamic and progressive workforce through the promotion of Light Regional Council as an employer of choice</p> <p>Review the strategic risk management framework, consistent with public interest, human safety, environmental factors and common law.</p>	<p>Adopt Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles for the passive reduction of unacceptable behaviour</p> <p>Actively promote elected members as civic leaders within the local community and the contributions made through membership of various local community committees.</p> <p>Develop a Human Resource Management Framework incorporating policy development which places an emphasis on staff retention, succession planning, and professional career path development.</p> <p>Promote Council within educational institutions and professional organisations as a progressive, dynamic and developing council.</p> <p>Continue the organisation's focus on occupational health, safety and welfare programs and progress towards an accredited safety management system in accordance with industry standards</p>	<p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Promote non acceptance of destructive behaviour. Engender community support for reporting unacceptable behaviour. Obtain resources for community service programs.</p> <p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Promote responsibility, trust and accountability as key elements of local representation. Ensure community voice is heard. Enhance community support to Council committee system.</p> <p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Suitably qualified staff employed at industry rates. Retention of staff, in particular professional staff. Appropriate training provided. Contacts and programs developed with educational institutions promoting career development opportunities within the local government sector.</p> <p><i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met. Rebate obtained on Workers Compensation and Liability insurance schemes.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Nil workers compensation injuries to staff. Reduced number of liability claims lodged. Continuance of proactive OHSW programs. Deployment of risk strategy plans.</p>

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	<p>To provide functional and cost effective information and communication technologies that enhances Council's service delivery</p> <p>Develop a robust framework of policies and procedures that provide for an appropriate level of control over governance compliance, financial reporting and certification, and asset management while encapsulating the philosophies of triple bottom line reporting and accepted business practice</p>	<p>Implement eServices payment and customer enquiry module to enhance customer contact and information dissemination and review annually to determine effectiveness</p> <p>Develop and implement a plan in regard to the future financial sustainability of Council, in particular focusing on optimising Council's operating costs and physical assets through the efficient and effective management of performance to targets set in Annual Business Plans while adhering to legislative compliance</p> <p>Develop and implement appropriate Asset Management Systems to expedite the efficient and effective collection, storage and reporting of Council owned infrastructure and physical assets. Review Annually</p> <p>Investigate and implement appropriate Electronic Document Management Systems to expedite the efficient management of paper and electronic records in accordance with accepted industry practice and legislative requirements (inclusive of recording current hard files to electronic format, assessment of physical storage areas, and council policy)</p>	<p><i>Financial</i> – Implement customer service and eServices payment solutions within budget.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Implement effective communications systems to improve workflow management. Review website structure and content. Review communications strategies.</p> <p><i>Financial</i> – Ten Year Financial Plan Statements established.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Sustainability Inquiry recommendations met. Review of EDMS solutions and hard record storage undertaken and future direction plan devised. Revised Strategic Plan adopted. Ten (10) Year Financial Plan completed and adopted. Audit Committee working program completed and activities of committee reviewed. Review Council committee structure.</p>
Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Maximise opportunities for the effective partnering between key tourism stakeholders, government and the community</p> <p>Develop local infrastructure that supports the long term viability and sustainability of tourism within the region</p>	<p>Work closely with Clare Valley Tourism Marketing, Barossa Marketing and the Clare Valley Tourism Alliance to implement the recommendations derived from industry sector plans</p> <p>Identify funding opportunities and establish a program for the further enhancement of local tourism icons (eg Map the Miner, Kapunda Mine and the Pines Reserve)</p>	<p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Partnership arrangements enhanced. Appropriates programs developed.</p> <p><i>Financial</i> – Kapunda Tourism and Leisure Park projects completed within budget allocation. Kapunda Mine planning development project completed within budget.</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i></p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Improvement of road and accommodation infrastructure, definition of camping and site areas at Kapunda Tourism and Leisure Park. Establish two new miners' cabins. Source funding opportunities for projects arising from Kapunda Mine site Conservation Management plan project.</p>

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	Foster effective public and private partnerships to manage sustainable development on a regional basis	Active engagement and investment in the Barossa & Light Regional Development Board Inc through the resource agreement with the Department of Trade & Economic Development and the Barossa Council Facilitate meetings and fact finding workshops with key stakeholders to promote business opportunities and regional profile	<i>Financial</i> – Grant funding obtained. Budget allocations met. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Undertake development of regional business forum.
	Identify and pursue appropriate investment opportunities for the region to encourage diversity within the industrial, retail and commercial business sectors	Engagement of communities, creation of partnerships and recruitment of resources for implementation of master planning strategies for townships Completion of the Kingsford Regional Industrial Park infrastructure plan and negotiation with stakeholders to achieve implementation Seek private sector investment for strategic investment projects within the region	<i>Financial</i> – Grant funding obtained for Kingsford Park infrastructure Project. Private sector contributions made. Budget allocations met. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Consultation undertaken. Kingsford infrastructure built.
Library Services	Promote best practice models in the partnering of library and information services across Local Government regions	Using best practice models, develop practical strategies for partnerships for library and information services	<i>Financial</i> – Regional library service functioning within budget. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Regional co-operation. Increased library borrowings. Promotion of regional library co-operation. Increased patronage. Increased LINK management membership.
	To develop support service programs for children and youth within the community to meet their personal development and educational needs	Develop and implement holiday programmes that encourage reading and the development of literacy skills for school aged children	<i>Non-Financial</i> – Establish suitable programmes. Achieve appropriate attendance levels. Promote literacy skills.
	To continuously improve community access to library services through the innovative use of technology and volunteer support	Review the library services current access points. Investigate existing technological access points used in both the library and retail sectors. Implement e-services in library branches for the provision of Council and other agreed services. Implement information technology in accordance with the corporate strategy of Council.	<i>Financial</i> – LINK system budget allocation met. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Regional co-operation and service growth. Increased library borrowings. Promotion of regional library co-operation. Increased patronage. Research feasibility on placing Council information and payment services into library branches.
Environmental Services	Promote and educate the community and other key industry stakeholders on the role of Planning and Building Surveying within local government	Maintain and update information guides to assist the community	<i>Non-Financial</i> – Legislative requirements met. Public consultation undertaken. Easy to use documentation established to current legislative standards.
	Develop a comprehensive system for undertaking inspections of development	Develop and implement a comprehensive program for inspections and enforcement of developments	<i>Non-Financial</i> – Program created and implemented for protection of council and consumers.

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	To ensure Council policy is consistent with State Government Strategic and Policy documents	Undertake periodic Reviews in accordance with Section 30 of Development Act, 1993	<i>Financial</i> – Section 30 PAR completed within budget. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Draft Plan developed. Consultation undertaken. Strategy adopted.
	To foster active and vibrant townships that accommodate regional growth in an innovative and sustainable manner	Prepare Greenock Urban Design Framework Implement Freeling Urban Design Framework Project Prepare Paper Towns PAR (in house)	<i>Financial</i> – Grant funding and developer contributions obtained. Complete projects within budget. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Complete Freeling infrastructure works, inclusive of off-street parking, streetscape and undergrounding of power to street lighting. Develop Greenock plan, undertake consultation. Prepare Paper Towns PAR and consult.
	Plan for strategic open space, trails and recreational facilities associated with existing and new development	Participate in Parklands 2036 Process Undertake Regional Trails Study	<i>Financial</i> – Complete within budget. Source funding opportunities <i>Non-Financial</i> – Study undertaken. Draft plan developed. Consultation undertaken. Strategy adopted.
	Protect and support the use of primary production land from the intrusion of incompatible development	Undertake a Rural Landscape Character Assessment Study	<i>Non-Financial</i> – Study undertaken. Draft plan developed. Consultation undertaken. Strategy adopted
	Determine the most effective and efficient means for the future provision and management of community effluent disposal schemes. Maximise the re-use and value adding of grey water in pursuit of water conservation and environmental sustainability	Collaborate with the Local Government Association to determine on a State or regional basis the most effective and efficient means for the future provision and management of effluent disposal. Identify potential joint venture partners in the undertaking of a feasibility study on the long term economic viability of public/private partnerships and alliances Promote and encourage land developers to adopt water conservation strategies that incorporate the use of grey water re-use initiatives. Negotiate commercial agreements for the re-use of grey water for community benefit.	<i>Financial</i> – Complete proposed CWMS capital projects within budget. Obtain grant funding and developers contribution opportunities. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Partnerships identified. Water re-use strategies put in place. Commercial arrangements established.
	To promote and support best practice in environmentally responsible waste management and resource recovery	Undertake an assessment on the benefits of introducing a regional hard refuse collection. Develop a waste inventory and financial resource recovery model for each stream of waste. Undertake an assessment of available air space and compliance with Council's Waste Management Strategy report	<i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Investigate hard waste collection opportunities. Provide effective green waste collection service. Implement eWaste strategy. Develop Landfill Environmental Management Plans. Obtain EPA approval of LEMPs.

Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	Review of Council's Order Making Powers and By-laws to ensure members of the community refrain from those events and actions contained within Sections 246 and 254 of the Local Government Act 1999	Review of By-laws and Order Making Powers appropriate to protect the well being of the community	<i>Non-Financial</i> – Complete By-Law review. Undertake consultation. Adopt revised By-Laws.
Infrastructure and Works	Finalise the Asset Management Plans for all classes of public infrastructure assets under the care, control and management of Council	Consolidate all asset management plans to form a single reference document for the management, maintenance, renewal and new provision of infrastructure services. Implement and review asset management plan in accordance with existing policies.	<i>Financial</i> – Budget allocations met. Funding achieved <i>Non-Financial</i> – Adoption of Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan. Delivery of priority based works program. Undertake additional strategic accelerated road works program. Positive effect on infrastructure backlog.
	Contribute to the State and Federal Governments' infrastructure plans through participating in the identification of sustainable infrastructure projects of regional significance	To lobby State and Federal Governments for the fair and equitable distribution of funding and management responsibilities for public infrastructure. To secure State, Federal and private funding for the construction of infrastructure that will allow for the development of land for industries of regional significance at the Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate. Support the planning and development for the Northern Expressway to provide a direct freight link between the region and Port Adelaide. Continue to lobby State and Federal Governments to obtain support and funding for the Roseworthy Road east/west connector as identified in the Northern Region Transport and Infrastructure Plan. Obtain funding from State and Federal Governments to enable the development of the shared use path along the North Para River, in accordance with the Hewett Local Strategic Bicycle Plan. Raise the profile with State Government on the passenger transport needs of the northern region.	<i>Financial</i> – Increased Grants Commission grants. Strategic programs delivered within budget. Contractual services and materials savings achieved through bulk purchase and collaboration with DTEI on regional projects. Strategic grant funding obtained. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Lobby Passenger Transport service improvement. Advocate for appropriate community outcomes while supporting NEXY project. Strategic regional road infrastructure priorities met (ie. Wakefield Group and Barossa Access Study). Strategies implemented to proceed Kingsford infrastructure development.
	Continue the development of asset management systems that incorporate the ongoing implementation of advanced information and communications technology.	Implement a Works scheduling management system to deliver timely and cost efficient service delivery. Undertake investigations into requirements for asset management systems as part of the development of a Council wide Information Communications Technology strategy. Determine the appropriate quantum of information to be recorded and retained in the management of Council's public infrastructure.	<i>Financial</i> – Works achieved within budget allocations. <i>Non-Financial</i> – Works scheduled. Continued improvement of asset data recognition and accounting treatments.

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Activities to be measured are as follows

Operational Area	Strategy	Action	Measurable Outcome
	<p>Undertake a study on the implementation of a public/private partnership model to determine the most cost effective and efficient service delivery of public infrastructure.</p>	<p>Establish partnerships with private sector infrastructure suppliers</p>	<p><i>Financial</i> – Works achieved within budget allocations. Contributions obtained</p> <p><i>Non-Financial</i> – Partnerships established. Agreements put in place. Service delivery planning undertaken</p>

Tourism

2006/2007 has been a busy and exciting year for tourism in the Light Regional Council. In October 2006 Freeling hosted the inaugural regional battle of the bands, BOBFest which was a great success, the Thomson Building was awarded an Award of Merit in the Design Institute of Australia awards in recognition of outstanding design qualities achieved and the region hosted the 2007 Visitor Information Centre Conference in May 2007. The Kapunda Visitor Information Centre enjoyed a steady year for visitor numbers with over 7000 enquiries being fielded by the volunteers at the centre.

2006/07 Projects

BOBFest06



BOBFest (Battle of the Bands Festival) is a regionally encompassing, youth focused music festival which embraces four local council areas north of Adelaide; Light Regional Council, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, Regional Council of Goyder and Wakefield Regional Council. Aside from its musical component BOBFest has been created to offer young people the opportunity for professional and personal development as well as introduce them to a range of services that are not readily available in regional areas.

The Light Regional Council was the host for the inaugural event held at the Freeling Oval on Saturday 28 October 2007 and was a strong leader in developing the concept. A major objective of BOBFest is to involve the community in all aspects to ensure they feel a sense of ownership and pride in the programme. A number of groups used the event as a fundraiser, with all funds being raised going straight back into the local groups and community initiatives. The local businesses experienced great economic return, especially the hotels, petrol stations and accommodation providers.

Some groups involved in the event include, but are not limited to:

- SA Police
- Kapunda Rotary Club
- Freeling Football Club
- Freeling Recreational Park Committee
- Light Regional Council
- Regional Council of Goyder
- Wakefield Regional Council
- Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
- SA Works
- Barossa & Light Regional Development Board
- Regional Youth Advisory Committees
- Freeling CFS
- St John's
- SA Ambulance

The final attendance of BOBFest06 was in excess of 2200 people. Although no formal survey was undertaken, it is estimated that 90% of attendees were from the local and surrounding areas, with about 10% travelling from other regions to attend. (This approximation is based on the comparison of tickets sales from the council counters and via Venuetix agencies in Adelaide)

The event venue was promoted as drug and alcohol free, with a licensed area, policed by security, as a fundraising activity for the Freeling Football Club. Police feedback noted that only a handful of patrons were ejected from the arena and no formal reports were made. This information strongly supports the "safe and fun" environment for young people that the organising committee set out to achieve.

2007 Visitor Information Centre Conference

The 2007 Visitor Information Centre Conference was held in the Clare Valley Tourism Region from the 23- 25 May 2007. The conference had a progressive nature and commenced in Kapunda, toured to Burra via Eudunda, Clare via Mintaro, and back to Kapunda via Blyth and Balaklava. With over ninety delegates from almost every accredited Visitor Information Centre across the state, and representatives from the South

Australian Tourism Commission, the conference has been heralded as one of the best Visitor Information Centre conferences in years. It is estimated that the conference injected over \$50 000 into the local economy and has given managers from Visitor Information centres across the state an insight into the region and what it has to offer.



Delegates at the Blythe Cinema, Blythe

Stonewell Road / Seppeltsfield Road Visitor Information Bay

As a result of the realignment of Stonewell Road as a means of minimising traffic accidents, a narrow, elongated road reserve was created. The Seppeltsfield Road Business Alliance (SRBA) approached Council with the opportunity of beautifying the dilapidated land and to construct an information bay for visitors to the region. This project has been developing over the past eighteen months and work commenced in June 2007 with the relocation of four large Seppelt Palms from the

historic Seppeltsfield Winery. Council is responsible for the construction and planting of the garden beds, construction of a bitumen parking bay and road, fencing, water meter and irrigation, which is estimated to cost approximately \$50 000 and will be completed in November 2007. Once completed Council will enter into a five year management agreement with Seppeltsfield Road Business Alliance for the ongoing care and control of the land.



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Kapunda Tourist & Leisure Park

Each year, the Kapunda Tourist & Leisure Park moves from strength to strength. 2006/07 has been the most successful year for the Kapunda Tourist & Leisure Park to date with the total park’s occupancy rate over the course of the year at 46.5% and the miner’s cabins managed 60.8% occupancy, which is 10% more than the previous financial year. Council was successful in receiving \$40 000 grant funding from the South Australian Tourism Commission’s Tourism Development Fund in September 2006 to assist with the second stage development and construction of new cabins at the park, which will be completed in November 2007.

Regional Marketing

Light Regional Council allocated funding towards two regional marketing boards that cover the Council area; Clare Valley Tourism Marketing (CVTM) and Tourism Barossa. Both marketing boards promote the region in a number of ways including the production of an annual Visitors Guide, intrastate and interstate campaigns in local and national press, media familiarisations, websites and the attendance at a number of trade and travel shows across the country. In 2006/07 Tourism Barossa ran a successful intrastate campaign “Drop in Stop over”, which generated thousands of dollars of interest in the region and the Barossa was granted the top spot in the Australian version of Monopoly with over two million votes. Clare Valley Tourism Marketing assisted with the organisation of the 2007 Visitor Information Centre conference and donated a further \$10 000 towards a regional publication which includes Kapunda, the Heartland Heritage Trail. In addition CVTM generated media coverage in the Readers Digest with a story on the Copper Trail.

The Year Ahead

2007/08 will be another challenging and busy year for tourism in the region

- Kapunda will host a number of milestone events such as the 150th Anniversary Year Kapunda Show, the Kidman Art Show and the Centenary Celebrations at the Kapunda High School throughout October 2007, which will encourage visitation and economic impact in the area;
- The second stage of the development of the Kapunda Tourist & Leisure Park will be nearing completion with the construction of three new cabins to occur in November 2007 and further enhancements to the amenities prior to the end of the financial year;
- The World Future Solar Challenge will host a stage start and finish in November 2007 which will generate international and national media coverage
- 2008 Tour Down Under celebrates its tenth anniversary with widespread celebrations to be held across the region
- The Heartland Heritage Trail publication and pod cast project will be completed in early 2008, setting the path for projects of its kind in the South Australian tourism industry. The implementation stage of the URPS Integrated Strategic Tourism Plan will commence
- This high level of activity illustrates the importance of tourism to regional centres’ economies and profiles.

Community Development

The key goal of Council in the area of community development is to contribute to the development of a cohesive community where people of all ages have access to a range of community programs, facilities and services that are relevant to resident and region needs, focusing on the development of social capital and community well-being in areas of aged care and disability services, youth, community assistance, crime prevention, grants and cultural programs.

An important focus for building sustainable communities in the region is to build on a partnership approach to ensure all relevant stakeholders are working together towards community identified needs and goals. Council's Community Development Officer has also continued to fulfil and facilitate an advisory and collaborative role to many groups throughout the region to further support and develop activities, projects and events.

Strategic Plan

Council has identified specific strategies that aim to strengthen community capacity:

- To be well informed by maintaining an understanding of needs and assets within the region.
- Develop and maintain communication to all of the community.
- Advocate for and help facilitate better access to health and community services, taking into account the increasing population of the region.
- Plan, facilitate and support community based projects and cultural activities.
- Ensure the provision of quality care, support services and facilities for the ageing population.
- Implement and co-facilitate youth programs, activities and services.
- Promote and support the initiatives and achievements of volunteers.
- Improve public safety through government, business and community partnerships.

Social Plan

Council endorsed its Social Plan in July 2006 to include priorities recommended by the community from the Draft Social Plan public information evening. The consensus of the meeting was that the following objectives be prioritised in the following order:

1. **COMMUNITY SERVICES** - Contribute to the development of a cohesive community where people of all ages have access to a range of community programs, facilities and services that are relevant to resident and regional needs.
2. **TRANSPORT** - Develop a coordinated approach to transport issues that integrate social and community issues.
3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** - Ensure the development of services in accordance with local needs and to promote community participation in the planning, management and delivery of services to the community.
4. **YOUNG PEOPLE** - Promote services, facilities and programs for Youth and advocate for youth employment opportunities within the region.
5. **COMMUNITY GRANTS** - Assist and encourage community groups to conduct projects that benefit residents in the Light Regional Council and which foster opportunities for community participation and development.
6. **DISABILITY** - Enhance the capacity of people with a disability to participate fully in community life.
7. **OLDER PEOPLE** - Advocate for housing and accommodation options that are affordable and suitable to the needs of older people within the Light Region and increase community support in the promotion of health and well being for the aged.
8. **HUMAN SERVICES** - Enhance human services for improved outcomes and increase the capacity to promote quality of life.
9. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION** - Promote learning amongst the Light community.
10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Coordinate effective economic development initiatives and employment support strategies.
11. **FAMILIES AND CHILDREN** - Respond to needs of children and their families.
12. **VOLUNTEERS** - Increase awareness of and mobilise support for volunteers.

Celebrating Achievements

Light Regional Council recognises the achievements of its residents during the year, highlighting these in various ways, including:

Youth Sponsorship/Achievement Support Program

This program recognises the achievements of youth residing in the Council area. The program aims to provide funding for youth who display considerable talent in Cultural, sporting and community service activities to enable these persons to enhance their talents – whether that be attending appropriate training and personal development programs, participation in State or National teams.

Australia Day Awards

Every year Council presents three awards to acknowledge outstanding efforts made by local people and groups to the community. Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the year are presented to individuals, while Community event of the Year is presented to an outstanding group.

Awards for 2007 were presented to:

Citizen of the Year – Mrs Valda Weichert

Young Citizen of the Year – No nominations

Community Event of the Year – No nominations

Volunteer celebration

In recognition of all volunteers and their valued contribution, Council holds an annual volunteer celebration to thank volunteers for all the important work done in the community.

Community Events

2007 Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under

The Greenock leg of the Stage one of the 2007 Tour Down Under, 17th January 2006 was built on the previous success of the 2006 event. The celebration was well attended and the Greenock Village Community Association continued their Tour activities to great effect. The event was again a success which gave an opportunity for Council to thank key stakeholders to the region for their continued support, to provide the local community an opportunity to be part of a major tourist event and bring the Light Region to the attention of the broader community.

National Youth Week

National Youth Week is an event that aims to encourage young people to become more involved in their local community by sharing ideas, attending performances, showcasing their talents and generally having fun. The Light Regional Youth Advisory Committee (LiRYAC), in conjunction with Council, ran "Youth Beat" which was held in the Kapunda Soldiers Memorial Hall, including a DJ, competitions, prizes, youth information and non stop music, which was provided free of charge and fun was had by all.

Community Assistance

Community Grants Scheme

Council is able to support local community initiatives and the development of appropriate programs, services, activities and facilities to meet community need. The Community Grants Scheme also helps establish mutually beneficial partnerships between the Council and the community in the provision of these services, adding value, improvement and development.

Light Regional Youth Advisory Committee (LiRYAC)

Young people aged between 14 and 25 are encouraged to be involved in a Youth advisory committee (YAC) that meets monthly. This group represents local youth issues, provides advice to Council Members, and consults with other local young people. The YAC drives National Youth Week and other events for young people in the region as well as promoting a positive image of young people. The highlight of the year was Bobfest06, Battle of Bands Festival, which provided the opportunity for LiRYAC to be involved in design, planning and implementation of a major event.

Home Assist Scheme

Home Assist is designed to ensure health and safety in the home for frail aged, people at risk, who have a disability or are carers or have no-one living with them or near by to do their necessary chores. Assistance is available for minor home maintenance or modifications, gutter cleaning, minor yard cleaning, removal of dangerous tree limbs, repair to pathways or steps, replacement of tap washers and light bulbs, installation and supply of safety grab rails, security lights, door/window locks and replacement of smoke alarm batteries, amongst numerous other tasks. This year, 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, our Home Assist Service within the Light Region totalled 261 jobs, including 169 for domestic assistance, 75 for home maintenance, 5 for gutter cleaning, 2 for home modifications and 10 for social supports.

Community Transport Scheme

Council is a member of the Barossa Regional Community Transport Scheme. The scheme is a volunteer organisation providing transport to support the needs of transport disadvantaged in the Barossa, Light and part of the Mid Murray regions. This year, 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, the transport scheme in the Light Region conducted 708 passenger trips, including 560 for medical, 6 for shopping, 7 for social reasons, 111 for carers, and 24 for others (funerals, tax agents etc).

Partnerships

Representation and networking within community and service industry sectors by way of participation in appropriate and relevant forums and committees include:

- SPOKE
- Youth Barossa
- Workforce Development Network
- Barossa Regional Community Transport Advisory Committee
- Barossa & Light Home Assist Advisory Committee
- Communities Moving Forward Together Forum

Training

Follow Work Procedures to Maintain Food Safety

A one day accredited course on safe food handling was run in conjunction with Council and TafeSA. The course provided essential information for food handlers preparing food in a variety of food businesses. The course also provided practical strategies to assist businesses meet the requirements of the Food Act and Food Safety Standards.

Community Safety

Council is committed to the prevention of graffiti and vandalism in the community through the implementation of initiatives in partnership with the community, local police and key stakeholders. These partnerships will help ensure the impact of unacceptable social behaviour is reduced and provides support for crime prevention strategies and programs. Initiatives throughout the year have included the installation of extra lighting within Kapunda, installation of closed circuit television cameras and adopting the approach of removing graffiti as quickly as possible.

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Development & Environmental Services

Council provides a wide range of services within its Development & Environmental Services Department, including:

- Planning assessment;
- Building rules assessment (building surveying);
- Strategic and policy planning;
- Inspectorial services (dog management, fire prevention, litter control, by-laws);
- Immunisation;
- Food safety and hygiene;
- Public and environmental health matters;
- Wastewater management;
- Domestic waste and recycling collection;
- Waste transfer stations;
- Natural resource management (wetlands, waterways and native vegetation)

These services are regulated by various State Government Acts and Regulations, including:

- Local Government Act;
- Development Act and Regulations;
- Food Act;
- Supported Residential Facilities Act;
- Public and Environmental Health Act;
- Dog and Cat Management Act;
- Fire and Emergency Services Act;
- Environment Protection Act; and
- Community Titles Act

In addition to statutory duties, officers within the department provide pro-active community liaison on various community interest subjects such as health related issues, building and fire safety matters and responsible pet ownership via the Councils web site and through various other media related mediums.

Food Act 2001

Council continues to manage its responsibilities pursuant to the Food Act 2001 through surveillance and inspections in line with Council's Food Act Inspection and Fee Policy. Relevant food safety and hygiene legislative information is distributed to all food business, community and charitable organisations in the Council region upon request or when required under legislation. Council officers have provided food hygiene and safety training to businesses throughout the 2006/2007 year.

In total, 75 food businesses were inspected in 2006/2007 as part of Council's routine inspection program, three (3) of which were re-inspected due to non-compliance issues.

In addition to Council's routine inspection program, one (1) improvement notice was issued for failing to comply with food safety standards while three (3) food related complaints were investigated by Council's Environmental Health Officer following community feedback.

Public and Environmental Health Act 1987

Council continues to administer the Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987 and its Regulations to ensure that Council maintains and further improves ongoing regulatory compliance whilst promoting public health issues through the following means:

- Maintain Communicable Disease surveillance within the district and provide assistance to the community to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.
- In the 2006-2007 year, 17 complaints have been investigated relating to various public health issues such as the inappropriate burning of non-prescribed material (resulting in four (4) expiation notices being issued), septic tank issues as well as odour complaints emanating from intensive animal husbandry operations.
- Regular monitoring of water quality in public swimming pools and spas was conducted. The three (3) public pools and one (1) public spa were inspected at least once to ensure effective and safe pool management, adequate training in first aid and to assess the upkeep of pool infrastructure and surrounds.
- There are currently four (4) registered hairdressing and beauty premises within the Council area, two premises were inspected at random. Premises inspected continue to maintain a very good level of sanitation and professional hygiene practices.

- Council continued to monitor and eradicate European wasp nests throughout the region, with 161 complaints received in respect to wasp related matters. Council's Environmental Health Officer conducted 81 site inspections to confirm identification and location of nests prior to destruction. In all, 78 European wasp nests were identified and destroyed by Council contractors at no cost to property owners. A further 20 random site inspections were undertaken to ensure satisfactory work had been undertaken by Council contractors.
- At the beginning of the wasp season a mail out was conducted to all property owners in Kapunda to ensure they were provided with basic information concerning European wasps, nest identification and how to report nests to Council, also to support this an information article was published in the local printed media.
- There are currently three identified facilities that utilise cooling towers within the Council area, all of which have been inspected once during the reporting period. An audit was undertaken to assess disinfectant dosing control, incident reporting, maintenance, emergency response procedures and cleaning programmes for each tower to ensure compliance with current legislative requirements.

Immunisation

Council's Environmental Health Officer continues to co-ordinate the secondary school immunisation program as scheduled by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The National Immunisation Program (NIP) includes only funded vaccines. The schedule of delivery is developed by the South Australian Immunisation Co-ordination Unit (SAICU).

Results from this program are as follows:-

The 2006 programme was delivered only to the year eights at Kapunda High School and Xavier College as per Council's Service Agreement. The programme was run over two sessions for each institution, the first session was held March 2006 and the second session in August 2006. A total of six sessions were undertaken at the institutions, four at Xavier College and two at Kapunda High School.

In accordance with Council's Service Agreement with the Minister for Health two follow up clinics were held at the Council's Freeling branch office in April and October for both institutions to ensure that any students who missed the scheduled vaccinations were provided with an opportunity to have these vaccinations administered.

The 2007 programme has commenced, vaccines being offered include, Hepatitis B, Varicella 'Chicken Pox' to year eight students, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) to all girls in all year's 8 to 12.

Council provides easy access to information concerning all vaccines to participants at school and Council clinics and regularly provides unbiased information when sought, thus ensuring an informed consent is given before administering of vaccines by Council registered nurses.

Council also continues to provide immunisation services to its staff regularly, including seasonal flu shots and where required, Tetanus and Hepatitis A and B vaccines are provided to those officers requiring them.

Table of Immunisation School Rates

	Number of students Enrolled	Number of students vaccinated prior to school visit	Number of students vaccinated at school visit	Percentage vaccination at school visits
Varicella				
Kapunda High School	71	9	14	19.71%
Xavier College	201	8	23	11.44%
dTpa				
Kapunda High School	71	0	61	85.91%
Xavier College	201	0	153	76.12%
Hepatitis				
Kapunda High School	71	1	51	71.83%
Xavier College	201	3	142	70.64%

Wastewater Management

During the reporting period a total of 122 new waste water control systems were approved for installation, 164 mandated inspections were conducted at various stages of installation, whilst 104 on-site evaluation inspections were undertaken and four Community Wastewater Management System line blockages were investigated. In total 222 Community Wastewater Management System related inspections were undertaken by the Environmental Health Officer.

Five maintenance orders were issued pursuant to the Public and Environmental Health Act Waste Control Regulations 1995.

Council continues to provide printed information regarding effluent disposal through both Council's offices and through community newsletters. Further editorials were published in the local media promoting the responsible use of grey water and what opportunities exist for residents to obtain rebates from the state government.

Community Wastewater Management Systems

Light Regional Council operates and maintains four (4) Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS). These schemes are situated in the towns of Roseworthy, Freeling, Kapunda and Greenock. The septic tanks, located on private land and essential for the ongoing running of the scheme, are pumped out every four (4) years to remove the build up of bio-solids. This process is otherwise known as 'desludging.' During the reporting period, Council's contractor pumped a total of 386 septic tanks within the Council area including 277 in Kapunda, 105 in Freeling and 4 in Roseworthy.

The quality of wastewater within the CWMS is monitored regularly by the Australian Water Quality Centre at Bolivar. This testing is designed to ensure that water quality parameters such as E.coli, suspended solids and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) are maintained.

Treated effluent water from these systems is re-used for the irrigation of parks and gardens and is on-sold for the growing of vines and olives. This is an important value adding of water.

Over the last twelve months Council has developed asset management plans for each of the CWMS. These plans are designed to help identify the age and condition of associated infrastructure and to develop rolling maintenance and replacement programs. Council, through its CWMS Reference Group, which is comprised of senior staff, have put in place an upgrade programme whereby during the 2007/08 financial year, Kapunda, Freeling and Greenock are all listed for augmentation works.

In the case of the Greenock scheme, a public /private partnership arrangement has been negotiated with the developer of a sixty allotment land division. In the case of Freeling, discussions in terms of securing a financial contribution from the developer of a 330 allotment land division are ongoing.

And in respect to Kapunda, once the Kapunda Residential Plan Amendment Report is endorsed by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, discussions will commence with those landowners of rezoned residential land.

Waste Management

Council manages a comprehensive waste management system for ratepayers. This includes the kerbside collection of waste and recyclable materials for the major towns and service routes as well as the management of two domestic landfill sites. Council handles approximately 2,184 tonnes of rubbish per year or around 0.7 tonnes/year per resident.

Council's landfill sites are located near by the townships of Roseworthy and Kapunda and are designed and licensed to accept general household rubbish. Metal, concrete and building rubble, together with green organic matter, is removed, where possible, for recycling. Approximately 5,000 tonnes of rubbish is received each year at these sites.

Council manages a kerbside rubbish service for the main town areas. Approximately 3,400 properties are serviced on a weekly basis. Solo Resource Recovery is the principle contractor involved in this service.

Council also manages a fortnightly kerbside recycling service. Recyclable materials are taken to the Northern Area Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) for processing. The following materials are processed each year:

• Paper and cardboard	370 tonnes
• Glass and plastic containers	52 tonnes
• Other materials	23 tonnes

Council manages green waste processing and recycling at both landfill sites. This green waste is generated by Council and local residents. This material is used for our parks and gardens for water savings and weed management. During the reporting period however Council implemented its new green organics kerbside collection service which captured 400 tonnes of green organic material.

Council undertakes an annual Drum Muster collection. This service is designed to retrieve and re-use plastic and metal farm chemical drums. This saves these drums being buried on farms or going to landfill. During the reporting period, 2,600 steel drums and 6,749 plastic drums were collected and processed for recycling.

Wetlands and Waterways

Council manages two significant wetland sites being the Freeling and Hewett wetlands. Both of these systems are designed to capture and treat stormwater while improving wildlife habitat and general locality aesthetics. To date these systems have proven to be very effective and have reduced the amount of pollutants entering local waterways.

Council, in conjunction with the Northern Adelaide and Barossa Catchment Water Management Board, manages a number of water reserves which are found on the North Para and Gawler Rivers as well as the Greenock Creek system.

Development Assessment

The Development and Environmental Services department assess applications for various forms of development against the provisions of the Development Act and Regulations 1993.

Planning Assessment

Development plan assessment involves consideration assessment of a development proposal against the relevant development control provisions entailed within Council's Development Plan to determine the appropriateness of a development and land use upon a particular site.

The majority of applications processed by Council under the Development Act were 'consent' applications which do not involve public notification and are dealt with by Council staff using extensive delegated authority granted to them by Council.

Other applications considered as Category 2 or 3 forms of development pursuant to the Development Act required public notification procedures to be followed. Similarly, those forms of development classed as non complying followed the public notification process.

During the 2006/2007 financial year, there were seventeen (17) Category 2 development applications assessed, thirteen (13) Category 3 developments assessed and eight (8) non-complying applications processed.

Development Assessment Panel

Light Regional Council's Development Assessment Panel is charged with the responsibility of considering development applications on behalf of the Council in circumstances where the nature of development is deemed non-complying or where a particular proposal generates significant public interest through the public notification process. Such proposals are usually outside of the staff's delegated authority decision making powers. The Panel considered 18 development assessment items during the 2006/2007 year, compared with 34 items for the previous financial year.

On 23 November 2006, Parliament proclaimed the Development (Panels) Amendment Act (Commencement) Proclamation 2006. This piece of legislation required all Councils to establish a Development Assessment Panel by 26 February 2007 that comprised a mixture of elected members and independent members. Light Regional Council, at its December 2006 meeting, resolved to appoint a new Panel comprising a mixture of independents and elected members, and abolished its previous Panel membership, which incidentally comprised the entire elected body of Council.



Light Regional Council Development Panel Members 2006/2007

(L to R, Back Row); Ms Lisa Sapio (Independent Member), Cr Jane Alcorn, Mayor Robert Hornsey, Mr Peter Whimpress (Independent Member), Mr Kelvin Goldstone (Independent Member), and Cr Lynette Reichstien. Seated are; Mr Bruce Ballantyne (Independent Committee Chairman) and Mr James Miller, Council's Corporate Manager Development & Environmental Services

Appeal Proceedings

As provided by the Development Act 1993, should a person be aggrieved by a decision of Council with respect to their application, or who are third parties who have lodged representations during the public notification period, appeals may be lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court.

Two (2) appeals were lodged against a decision of Council in the 2006/2007 financial year. One pertained to an appeal against a decision to approve a poultry farm on the outskirts of Wasleys. This appeal was thrown out by the Court as the Court determined it did not have the jurisdiction to hear the matter. The second appeal pertained to an Order to demolish a partially constructed dwelling. This matter was resolved through the compulsory conference forum without proceeding to full appeal. The dwelling was subsequently demolished in accordance with the Consent Orders filed with the Court.

Building Surveying

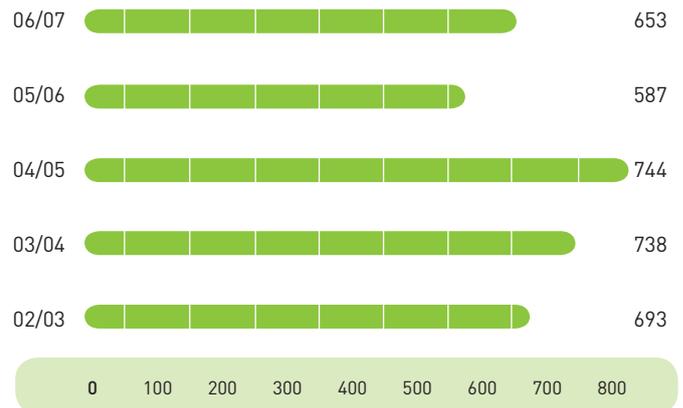
The role of Building Surveying within Council, encompasses the following;

- Assessment of Development Applications for Provisional Building Rules Consent
- Inspections of Building Work in progress
- Building Fire Safety Committee – operational involvement / committee member
- Administer and provide advice on the building provisions of the Development Act & Regulations 1993
- Administer and provide advice on the requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA96, BCA2004)
- Provide input to draft legislation affecting the community (eg swimming pool legislation) as provided by the Government.
- In Summary – Detect, Evaluate and Manage Life Safety for occupants of buildings.

Building Rules Assessment

Building Rules assessment is required for all development proposals involving structures, alterations or additions to buildings, change in classification of buildings or fire safety upgrades. The Building Rules refer to the requirements of the Building Code of Australia, Development Act and Regulations 1993 and various Australian Standards. A Building Rules assessment considers structural elements, construction methods and materials and appropriate building fire safety.

Development Statistics



A total of 98 dwellings were granted Development Approval during the 2006/2007 financial year, compared with 122 dwellings the previous 1993.

Dwellings Approved Per Area

Locality	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003
Freeling	11%	7%	6%	8%	9.5%
Gawler Belt	5%	2%	3%	4.2%	6.8%
Greenock	4%	2%	1%	2.6%	4.2%
Hewett	46%	56%	73%	53%	56.5%
Kapunda	20%	20%	12%	22%	12.6%
Roseworthy	8%	2%	1%	4.6%	4.8%
Wasleys	5%	4%	1%	2%	2%
Other	1%	7%	3%	3.6%	3.6%

Significant Developments and Building Activity

The 2006/2007 financial year has seen a number of significant developments either approved or under construction. These include:-

Roseworthy Industrial Estate – Development of a 60 lot industrial subdivision in Roseworthy has commenced and already a number of allotments have already been developed. Stage 2 and 3 are expected to be released in the latter part of 2007.

Barossa Valley Resort – Council's Development Assessment Panel granted development plan consent in April 2007 for the development of 158 leasable villas/apartments to be established at the renowned Barossa Novotel Resort. The development is estimated to cost \$25 million and should inject significant tourism dollars to the region.

Child Care Centres – During the reporting period, three child care centres were approved by either the Development Assessment Commission or Council. These centres are located within the townships of Freeling, Kapunda and Hewett. The development of these facilities illustrates the significant growth the Light region is currently experiencing.

North Para River Flood Control Dam (Turretfield Dam) – State government approval was granted during the 2005/06 reporting period for a flood control dam to be constructed north east of Hewett to assist in controlling the flow of floodwaters within the Gawler River floodplain. The structure will account for an average recurrence interval (ARI) of 100 years or more and measures 226 metres in crest length and sits 25 metres above the bed of the North Para River at its highest point. The cost of the development is expected to be in the vicinity of \$20 million. Work on the structure commenced during the 2006/07 reporting period.

Council's Development Plan Review

The Development Act 1993 requires Council to review the provisions of the Development Plan applying to its area every three to five years through a process known as a Section 30 Review. The next s30 review is scheduled to commence during the latter part of the 2007 calendar year.

During the reporting period a number of plan amendment reports were; initiated, finalised or continue to be processed, from the previous financial year and are discussed as follows:

Heritage Plan Amendment Report

Council is continuing to progress a Heritage Plan Amendment Report (PAR) which incorporates the findings of a previous heritage survey of the Council area. Council presented the PAR to the Minister for Urban Development and Planning where it received interim authorisation on 31 August 2006.

The listing of a number of properties on Council's Local Heritage Register, coupled with the introduction of amended policy provisions into the Development Plan will ensure

greater clarity of the heritage provisions across the region. After receiving interim authorisation, extensive consultation was undertaken before a final version of the PAR was authorised by Council and submitted to the Minister seeking permanent authorisation. The permanent authorisation of the amended PAR is anticipated to be received prior to 31 August 2007 with a consolidated version of the Development Plan to follow shortly thereafter.

Kapunda Residential Plan Amendment Report

The Kapunda Residential PAR has been significantly progressed during the reporting period. This plan amendment follows a series of previously commissioned studies and investigations into township expansion. Those studies included; namely Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd's report entitled "The future development of Light Regional Council – a plan to achieve a sustainable Council," Urban and Regional Planning Solutions' reports entitled the "Townships Strategic Review – Strategic Directions Report" as well as the State government's "Outer Metropolitan Planning Strategy." In all cases, the findings of the reports indicate a need to rezone land to the north west of Kapunda to cater for residential growth. This plan amendment has been reviewed by independent legal and planning practitioners to 'test' the process and content of the PAR with the results assuring Council that the PAR could be finalised. It is anticipated that the PAR will shortly be presented to the Council seeking authorisation to forward it to the Minister.

Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate Plan Amendment Report

Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate, located to the north of Hewett, is recognised in the South Australian Planning Strategy as being an area of regional importance for major industrial development. This is due to its proximity to the nearby agricultural and viticultural industries as well as the State's arterial road networks. Council, in collaboration with the State government, is seeking to ensure the precinct is developed in a manner which achieves a high quality, well coordinated and integrated approach to infrastructure development, befitting of such a large scale and regionally significant industrial estate. In order to achieve this Council has examined scenarios and outcomes in relation to traffic and stormwater management with the document undergoing its legislated exhibition process during the reporting period. It is anticipated that the PAR will shortly be presented to the Council seeking authorisation to forward it to the Minister.

Better Development Plan Conversion Plan Amendment Report

Council in collaboration with representatives of Planning SA is preparing to convert the current Development Plan into the Better Development Plans format. This is done by using standard modules of objectives and principles prepared by

Planning SA together with the inclusion of required local additions to recognise the specific local character and ideals. The detailed conversion process has been partly undertaken and once a converted version is prepared by Planning SA and Council staff, it will be presented to the elected body of Council for authorisation so that the exhibition process can occur during the next reporting period as the project progresses.

Sustainable Tourism Regional PAR

As a follow up to the Sustainable Tourism (Regional) Strategy, a regional PAR was implemented to review policies relating to tourism and tourist development in an effort to create clearly defined policy directions for such development within each participating Council area. The Councils involved include; Light Regional Council, The Barossa Council, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and the Regional Council of Goyder. Progression of the draft PAR was placed on hold pending the successful completion of the aforementioned Better Development Plan Conversion (BDP) PAR. This is to ensure greater consistency in format and content across the four (4) Councils involved, all of which are at varying stages of a BDP conversion PAR.

Conservation Management Plan – Kapunda Historic Mine Site

The Conservation Management Plan seeks to identify the optimum future layout of the mine site, as well as appropriate land uses and redevelopment opportunities.

Issues to be examined include;

- the ongoing maintenance of the site,
- an examination of existing planning zone boundaries with guidance on potential future zone boundary alignment or amended Development Plan policy framework,
- identification of existing tourism infrastructure whilst noting potential for sensitive enhancement/ remediation of the on-site facilities.
- It is anticipated that the Conservation Management Plan will be finalised by mid 2008 with ongoing projects to be delivered over subsequent years at the site, as defined by the Plan (once endorsed).

Non-urban Living / Rural Lifestyle Study

For some years, the Light Regional Council has recognised a need to review its Rural Living Zones throughout the region with a view to determining their suitability for the residents given their often conflicting expectations. The review will also consider the capability of Council's infrastructure in these areas to adapt to changes or increases in residential densities. During the reporting period, a project brief was sent to selected planning consultancies with the appointment of the consultant and the majority of the investigations likely to occur during the upcoming reporting period.

Inspectorial Services

Dog and Cat Management Act 1995

Council is responsible under the Act to receive registration of dogs, provide for a suitable pound for detained dogs and enforcement of the Act where breaches are detected. Council now resource shares the Gawler Council's pound facilities in Willaston as their designated pound. During the reporting period, Council received 3,379 dog registrations for new and renewal registrations. Whilst Council has resolved not to introduce cat management controls, residents are afforded advice and assistance in the removal of stray or feral cats to lessen their impact on the environment and society.

Emergency Services Act 2005

The Emergency Services Act 2005 stipulates that each rural council must appoint a fire prevention officer for its area. The role of the fire prevention officer appointed by this Council includes the monitoring of residential areas to ensure land owners take reasonable steps to protect property from fire as required under the Act. Inspections of residential areas in the lead up to and during the Fire Danger Season are carried out to assess compliance in respect to fuel loadings, with the resultant issuing of notices where compliance has not been met. There were 349 notices issued pursuant to the Act, requiring land owners to attend to maintenance of land to reduce the risk of fire.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer is also responsible for the issuing of permits and monitoring compliance, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act 2005, for the purpose of burning off crop stubble in agricultural holdings. As the district is largely agricultural with predominance for cropping, the agricultural practice of burning stubble to lessen weed and pest infestation is followed. During the fire danger season Council's Fire Prevention Officer issued 29 permits for that purpose.

The Council region has eight (8) Country Fire Services (CFS) Brigades scattered throughout the area, which is served by a large group of dedicated volunteers. Although Council no longer contributes to the cost of fire suppression, it ensures it continues to have a close liaison with the brigades and volunteers through the Bushfire Prevention Committee and also through a series of information evenings conducted by Council in collaboration with the CFS.

Litter Control

The dumping of household rubbish within Council's district, particularly along the roadways at the southern end of the district which are nearer Adelaide metropolitan districts is a recurring problem, resulting in costs to Council associated with cleanup and disposal. To encourage further assistance from persons travelling and residing in such areas, Council has implemented a reward to persons witnessing illegal dumping and who provide information leading to successful prosecutions.

“ Council has been successful in securing contributions from various developers ”

Special Projects

Freeling Main Street Beautification Upgrade

Development of the Freeling main street beautification upgrade continued during the reporting period where Council, in June 2007, reported of its success in securing a \$550,000 government grant through the Places for People program. In addition to the government grant, Council has been successful in securing contributions from various developers of \$270,000 and an ETSA contribution of \$480,000, which will go towards the undergrounding of powerlines.

Work is expected to commence in late 2007 on the undergrounding of powerlines and installation of new street lighting. At the conclusion of this process, work on the upgrade to the main street and Railway Reserve precincts will commence. This project largely centres on new footpath pavements, street tree planting, defined on street parallel parking bays, traffic calming devices and general beautification works at the Railway Reserve

Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate

Council has been developing a master plan for the regionally significant industrial estate known as Kingsford. Located north east of Gawler, Kingsford is viewed as an integral component of the state's industrial sector where regionally significant industrial developments are establishing themselves. As a means of facilitating orderly development within the estate from both a traffic movement and stormwater management perspective, Council has embarked on a plan amendment report for Kingsford which seeks to address these two vital components.

In early 2007 Council sought a \$600,000 government grant under the Regional Development Infrastructure Fund program and were successful. This money may now be injected into the development of key access points into, and an internal road carriageway within the estate illustrated within the plan amendment report. Work on the upgrade to Kingsford from the Kapunda-Gawler Road (Thiele Highway) is expected to commence once the Minister has authorised the plan amendment report.

Works & Technical Services

The Works Department has in the past year gone through a number of significant changes as a result of a number of reviews. Plant and machinery requirements have been reviewed with an emphasis on implementing strategies to maximise usage and to dispose of unwanted or little use items. A review of work practices and procedures was commenced with an aim to maximise available resources to provide the most efficient/effective service delivery options. The Department has implemented works maintenance programs in a number of areas to provide preventative rather than reactive or breakdown maintenance. Of significance was the closing of the Kapunda depot and consolidation of the Works Department to the Freeling depot.

Staff

Council's Works Department staff has had several changes. Robert Kemp was appointed as the Works Manager in July 2006. The Council's full time mechanic resigned after the closure of the Kapunda depot. Ken Lienert, the supervisor Infrastructure and a long serving employee, retired in June 2007.

Council's Depots

The Kapunda depot was officially closed on the 28th July 2006. All plant, machinery and materials were relocated to the Freeling depot. Consolidation to the single depot site has enabled the Department to maximise available resources including staff and machinery to deliver all Council's works programmes.

Council Plant

In early 2006 a number of items of plant were designated as surplus to requirements including the construction grader, two rollers and a Mack truck and the semi side tipper trailer. Council's works fleet has been rationalised during the year with two utilities traded for a single diesel engine utility. Items sold were a small Ford tractor with grader and slasher implements, two combination rollers, an 11 tonne Tip truck, the semi side tipper trailer and a heavy plant trailer. Council agreed to keep the construction grader and the Mack truck. The Mack truck has had a tipper body mounted and has provided a more versatile and suitable vehicle for Council.



The Mack truck with tipper body mounted.



Council's plant operator Wally Muhleder undertaking trailer modifications.

The grader has been utilised for the capital formed roads works.

Two 8' x 5' trailers have been made specific purpose trailers and modified to carry all small plant items necessary for staff to maintain parks, gardens and provide roadside vegetation control. The trailers allow the towing utility or truck to be free for green and other refuse collection negating the need for a second truck. Another 8' x 5' trailer has been converted to carry all equipment and material items needed to replace or install roadside signs again freeing the towing utility for carrying rubbish and damaged signs. The trailer modifications were carried out by works staff

Light utilities have been replaced with units with diesel engines and have provided savings in fuel costs of \$3500 for each vehicle. The new street sweeper ordered during the previous financial year was delivered in September 2006. This unit has proven to be more effective and efficient with time considerably reduced to clean all Council's township streets. The sweeper has a suction hose attachment that is able to clean stormwater pits reducing labour to a single operator rather than the intensive manual labour of two men. The plant strategies and work practices implemented has ensured maximum usage of plant is now being achieved.

Reserves

Stage 2 of a 3 stage project at Davidson Reserve was completed by the Rotary Club of Kapunda with Light Regional Council assistance. Stone walling and lawn and garden areas have been defined. Stage 3 will be completed in the 2007/2008 financial year which will involve the construction of pavement, parking bays, roadside kerbing and pathways throughout the reserve. Council undertook the refurbishment of the northern boardwalk after considerable damage by vandals.



Refurbished foot bridge guard railing and decking at Davidson Reserve, Kapunda

Significant maintenance works occurred at the Freeling and Greenock Recreational Parks. Council's works staff assisted the management committees by providing machinery and manpower to trim or remove trees, reconstruct roads and provide a general cleanup of the areas.

The Map the Miner reserve has been given a major revamp to coincide with the opening of the restored Map after a vandalism attack.



Gardens refurbishment at 'Map the Miner' reserve, Kapunda following the statue's restoration.

The construction of a new reserve and information bay area at the junction of Seppeltsfield and Stonewall Road was commenced. The project is in partnership with the Seppeltsfield Road Business Alliance Group who will use the bay for tourist and business advertisement. Four palm trees donated by Fosters from Seppeltsfield Winery have been relocated to the area.

Hewett Street Trees

Plantings of street trees in the developed areas of McKinlay Ridge were undertaken by Council in partnership with the property developers. The tree plantings complement the area and are part of the beautification project of Hewett.



Grading material during road work construction at Bethel Road

Capital Works Projects

Formed Roads

Rubble resheeting was undertaken to reconstruct pavements on sections of the following roads:

Bethel	\$182,600
Coleman	\$50,700
Anlaby	\$171,050
East Terrace	\$86,300
Hatcher	\$84,400
Oates	\$10,900
Tarnma	\$36,730
Gerald Roberts	\$36,500
Hayden	\$21,330
Forrest	\$79,050

Sealed Roads

Of the proposed capital works in the 2006-2007 budget the following works have been completed:

Johnson Rd/Mellor Place Kapunda	\$60600
Annie Terrace Wasleys	\$123340
Gomersal Road	\$19730
Roseworthy Road West	\$361000



Road sealing works at Gomersal Road

Design Work Has Been Completed On:

Roseworthy Road East
Seppeltsfield Road widening
Nash Street, Kapunda
Montefiore Street, Kapunda
Railway Terrace, Roseworthy

Council established an ambitious program of sealed road works for the 2006/2007 budget which was dependant on land sales at Hewett and Freeling. Those sales did not occur resulting in the program being postponed.

Maintenance Works

A focus for maintenance works has been to provide a complete set of works in the designated programmed area. When works have occurred in a township street, as an example Gray Street Freeling, footpaths have been upgraded or renewed, street trees have been trimmed or planted, weeds removed or sprayed, garden beds have been defined by edging, gardens tidied and mulched and road maintenance works has been done.

Footpaths

A concentrated effort was placed on reconstructing footpaths particularly in high traffic areas such as outside schools and side streets off the main business area of towns.

Stormwater

Stormwater preventative maintenance programs were implemented during the year with creek, open earthen drains and stormwater pits cleared of debris and silt prior to winter. Township stormwater pipes that are known to be problematic have been cleared of invasive roots or silt has been flushed through during summer months as a preventative measure. Installation of upgraded drainage pipes has been implemented as part of the program. Minimal storm damage has been recorded in comparison to previous years even though a number of the storm events have been more severe during this past year showing the effectiveness of the program.



Stormwater pipe installation at Adelaide Road, Kapunda

Road Works

Council has continued with significant maintenance renewal works of formed roads. Resheeting has been completed on sections of the following roads:

Vivian Bullwinkel	Mackereth
Malloy	Stelzer
Stockport	Neukirch
Kulhman	Steele
Roefeldt	Presser
Wheatley St	School
Lienert	Heppfel
Goldfield	Flagstaff
Charles Dr	Zerk
Travers	Clancy
Nottle	Jane Place
Parkers	Jenke
Krieg	Old Sturt Hwy
Old Adelaide	Ayliffe Bridge
Ward Belt	

A trial one kilometre section of Anlaby Road was reconstructed to see if the road could be improved without the need to supply rubble. The trial proved successful and will be incorporated into future maintenance grading programmes.

Roadworks on sealed (bitumen) roads have mainly been limited to patching larger areas where faults in the pavement have occurred or where heavy vehicle traffic has caused failures of the surface. Resealing has been completed on Annie Terrace, Forster Street and Dunn Court in Wasleys.



Road sealing work at Annie Terrace, Wasleys

Patrol Grading

Patrol grading of Council's thirteen hundred and fifty kilometres (1350km) of open surface roads has continued to Council's specifications of grading frequencies and desired surface characteristics. The dry conditions experienced throughout the year has meant that a number of road surface characteristics have not been optimum, however an overall balanced service throughout the region has been achieved.

Fords

An assessment of the condition of Council's fords was undertaken. One of the two fords on Jenke Road was considered to need urgent reconstruction, which was completed with a new concrete base and upgraded approaches.

School Crossings

Two new "Emu" school crossings were installed at Hewett Primary School.

Library and Information Services

Light Regional Council provides the Light Regional Public Library Service free of user charges, to the community. The service currently comprises of three branches, located at Kapunda, Freeling and Greenock.

The goal of the library service is to provide a high quality and innovative service to the community, which, through the effective use of technology, supportive learning, skilled staff and creative solutions, achieves a maximum impact from available resources.



2006/2007 Highlights

Regional Library Partnership

Light Regional Council, The Barossa Council and Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council developed a cooperative to investigate the supply, installation and ongoing support for a Regional Library Management System.

The new Spydus library management system went live in all three library services on Tuesday 11th July 2006 and an official opening was held on the 2nd August 2006, when the Director of the State Library, Mr Alan Smith launched the LINK system, expressing the importance of such a project to the future of public libraries in regional areas.

The library service now provides 24/7 web access to the library service, through which the community can join the library, access the catalogue, reserve items, renew items and make requests for items not held by the library service. The introduction of the computer system has seen a reduction in the manual operations required to be undertaken by the library staff, with notices now sent via mail or email, and by the end of 2007 it is anticipated that SMS messaging of notices will be introduced. It was pleasing that as of 1 January 2007 The Town of Gawler joined the consortia to increase the number of participating Councils to four, a first for South Australia.

The project received further recognition when LINK was awarded the SA Great Regional Award for Innovation in November 2006.

Children's Activities

The Children's Activities have grown even further during the last year, with the 'Toddler Tales' now being held every fortnight, class visits every week of the school year and school holiday programmes held during each school holiday period.

The library service also took part in the 'Premier's Reading Challenge', 'Homework Help' and 'The Little Big Book Club', all initiatives undertaken in conjunction with other agencies to ensure that children are introduced to and continue to read

Technology Projects

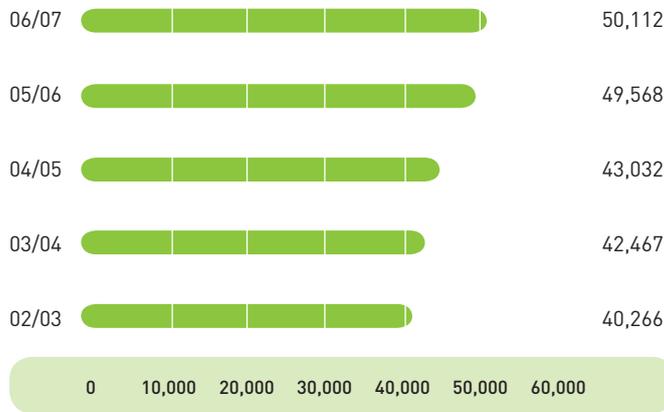
Further technology projects developed within the library service were wireless internet and books in the sky.

Wireless internet facilities were installed in the Kapunda branch of the library service in late 2005 but the use of the facility has more than tripled in 2006/2007, including use by other tenants of the Thomson Building to gain internet access for their volunteers.

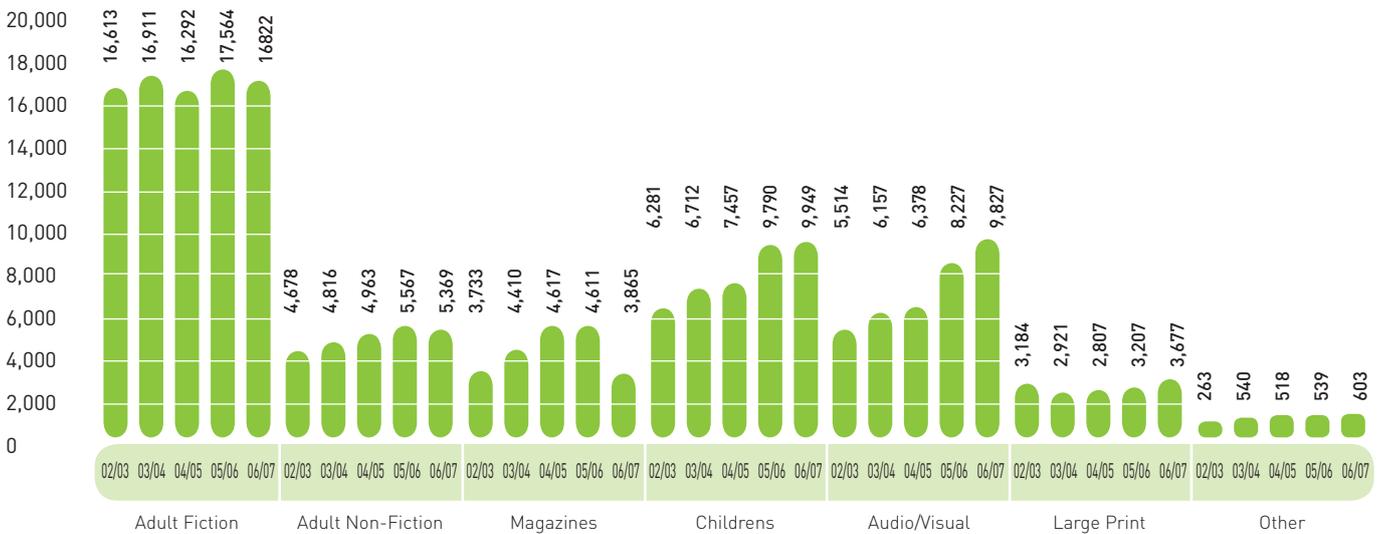
Books in the Sky was officially launched in the library service in 2007 and has introduced hand held audio readers to borrowers who are visually impaired, this reader stores 48 hours of reading for the listener and audio-books are downloaded via the internet by the library staff. This has meant that the library does not have to have as many hard copies of books on tape or cd and can provide a quicker turn around of material for the borrower.

Facts & Figures

Loans - Whole Library Services



Loan Category Totals



Looking to the future – Goals for 2007/2008

- The development of further Regional partnerships to ensure that a quality service can be provided to our community.
- Promote literacy skills and demonstrate the impact of the library service in supportive learning.
- Improve and develop the skill of all library staff to deliver quality and relevant library services.
- Provide access to services for the community through the effective use of technology.
- Implement innovative solutions to achieve maximum impact from available resources.

Corporate Governance

The Elected Body

Elected Representation

The Council is composed of ten (10) elected members and a Mayor who forms part of an incorporated body which has the responsibility for carrying out the duties and exercising the powers conferred on the Council by the Local Government Act 1999 and other State and supporting legislation.

The elected members are the policy arm of the Council and as such are responsible for setting goals and objectives supported by documented policy which is for the well being of the community as a whole.

Council is divided into four wards, which are;

- Dutton Ward, which is generally located in the north of the Council area and includes the localities of Hamilton, Allendale North, Kapunda, St. Johns, Ebenezer, Truro, Koonunga, St. Kitts, Bagot Well and Hansborough. Dutton Ward is represented by 3 councillors.
- Laucke Ward, which is generally located in the east of the Council area and includes the localities of Moppa, Nuriootpa, Nain, Daveyston, Greenock, Marananga, Stonewell, Tanunda, Seppeltsfield, Shea-oak Log, Rosedale, Gomersal, Lyndoch and Rowland Flat. Laucke Ward is represented by 2 councillors.
- Light Ward, which is generally situated in the central and western areas of Council and includes the localities of Pinkerton Plains, Hamley Bridge, Magdalla, Wasleys, Templers, Woolsheds, Kangaroo Flat, Morn Hill, Freeling, Bethel and Fords. Light Ward is represented by 2 councillors.
- Mudla Wirra Ward, which is situated in the south of the council area and includes the localities of Reeves Plains, Ward Belt, Gawler River, Buchfelde, Gawler Belt, Reid, Roseworthy, Kingsford and Hewett. Mudla Wirra Ward is represented by 3 councillors.

Periodically Council is required to review elector representation of its area. When undertaking this review, components such as the size, composition and ward structure of the Council must be taken into account to ensure the fair and adequate representation of the electors within the Council area. The process occurs at least once every eight years (the last review being concluded in November 2005) and involves extensive public consultation inclusive of members of the public being able to make written and personal representations to the Council on any proposals arising out of the review process.

The current council was elected in November 2006 for a four year term concluding at the general election to be held in November 2010.

Currently Council's representation quota, that is the number of people able to vote in a Council election, divided by the number of elected members (including the Mayor) representing them, is 1 elected member for every 913 electors. A comparison of Council's representation quota with that of other local government authorities suggests that Council's representation per elector is comparable to that of other similar sized and type Councils.

Comparison Elector Representation Quotas

Council Name	Quota (Elected Member Number of Electors)*
Alexandrina	1:1,811
Barossa	1:1,201
Berri Barmera	1:742
Copper Coast	1:1,098
Light	1:913
Loxton Waikerie	1:696
Murray Bridge	1:1,420
Port Pirie	1:1,177
Victor Harbor	1:1,194
Wattle Range	1:861
Yorke Peninsula	1:1,195

*Source – Local Government Association of South Australia 27/2/2007

Elected Member Emoluments

Elected Members of Council each receive an annual allowance that is paid to them in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, and with the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 1999.

For the reporting period concluding 30 June 2007, the following allowances were paid:

Elected Member Allowance	Annual Allowance Prior to November 2006 Election	Annual Allowance Following November 2006 Election
Mayor	\$17,200	\$29,440
Deputy Mayor (inclusive of Councillor Allowance)	\$9,100	\$10,390
Councillor	\$7,280	\$8,315

The elected members also have the opportunity to claim for various expenses incurred in the pursuit of their representation in accordance with the applicable local government regulations.

Council and Committee Meetings

As an elected body and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Council must convene a meeting no less than once per month.

Currently the Council conducts its monthly council meeting on the third Tuesday of each calendar month – with the exclusion of meeting dates that fall on a public holiday which are held the following working day.

Meetings of Council provide a public forum where the decisions on questions before Council are debated prior to resolution. The establishment of policy and procedure is also debated at these formal meetings of Council.

Meetings of Council are open to the public, the members of the public are able to attend as observers if they so desire. Indeed Council has during this year been trialing a public forum session as part of its monthly meeting processes. Initially introduced for a six month period, Council is due to review the session's operations at its November 2007 ordinary meeting.

Council has a number of special purpose committees established pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999. These are;

- Roseworthy Township Community Committee
- Greenock Undergrounding of Power & Streetscape Advisory Committee
- Tender Committee

- Community Grants Committee
- Audit Committee
- Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee
- Freeling Township Urban Master Plan Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Machinery Advisory Committee
- Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee

In addition to its committees, Council also convenes a Development Assessment Panel. The panel generally meets on a monthly basis and is constituted under the criteria described within the Development Act 1993 and its Regulations.

Each committee is constituted with its own terms of reference, the role principally being to provide an advisory function to the Council. The exception is the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee which has the delegated authority of Council to make decisions on behalf of the Council.

The committees not only include the elected members of Council amongst their membership, but in many cases include members of the public who are able to take part in and vote on subject matter before the committee. Council believes that the interaction with the community members at the committee level provides a valuable resource and involves the community members in the decision making process, thereby providing true ownership over actions resulting from the committee process.

Council would like to thank the following people who have provided the community with many hours service during the 2006/2007 financial year period through agreeing to be members of Council committees;

Committee Name	Representative
Development Assessment Panel	Mr Bruce Ballantyne (Independent Chairman), Mr Kelvin Goldstone, Mr Peter Whimpress, and Mrs Lisa Sapio (all independent members)
Audit Committee	Mr John Comrie (Independent Chairman) and Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones (independent member)
Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee	Mr Russell Iles, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Robert Kerin (to November 2006), Mr Terry Modra, Mrs Penny Holmes (to November 2006), Mrs Vicki Patterson, Mr Paul Fernandez (from November 2006) and Mrs Jan Harman (from November 2006) (all community representatives)
Freeling Township Urban Master Plan Committee	Mr Brian Sandercock, Mr David Bettison, Ms Sherie Schuster and Ms Kerry Swanson (all community representatives)
Heritage Advisory Committee	Mr Clyde Hazel and Mr Neil Weichert (both community representatives)
Machinery and Depot Committee	Mr Ken Lienert (employee representative)

The following table of data shows information in regard to the number of meetings held and attendances thereto by the elected members of the Light Regional Council.

	Council and Special Meetings	Development Assessment Panel Meetings	Light Regional Council Community Grants Committee	Machinery Advisory Committee	Light Regional Council Master Plan Committee	Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee	Performance Evaluation Review Committee Meetings	Light Regional Council Greenock Meeting of Power Committee	Tender Committee	Audit Committee	Heritage Advisory Committee	Total Meetings Attended
Elected Members	Meetings Attended / Meetings Held											
Mayor												
D. Shanahan (to Nov 06)	8/8	2/3	1/1	0/2	0/1	3/3		1/1				15/19
R. Hornsey (from Nov 06)	16/16	5/5	1/1	3/4	1/2	1/1		2/2	4/4			33/35
Deputy Mayor												
R. Hornsey (to Nov 06)	8/8	3/3		2/2	1/1	3/3						17/17
W. Carrick (from Nov 06)	16/16			4/4	1/1							21/21
Councillors												
R Williams (to Nov 06)	6/8	1/3	0/1	1/2		1/3						9/17
L. Reichstein	24/24	7/8	1/1		2/2	2/2	3/3	3/3		2/2		44/45
W Carrick (to Nov 06)	8/8	1/3				2/3	3/3		2/2			16/19
R. Howard (to Nov 06)	7/8	2/3		1/2		3/3						13/16
R Kubisch	22/24	2/3		6/6		2/3	-	2/3				34/39
M. Skevington	22/24	3/3	1/1	6/6	2/2	3/3	-	2/3				39/42
M Schluter (to Nov 06)	2/8	0/3	0/1			0/3	-			1/1		3/16
N. Fyfe (to Nov 06)	8/8	3/3				1/1	3/3					15/15
R Hatcher (to Nov 06)	8/8	3/3				1/3						12/14
W. Standish (from Nov 06)	16/16			2/2				4/4				22/22
W Close (from Nov 06)	15/16											15/16
P. Graham (from Nov 06)	13/16		1/1									14/17
P. Kennelly (from Nov 06)	16/16		0/1	4/4								20/21
J Alcorn (from Nov 06)	15/16	4/5	1/1					4/4	1/1			25/27
D Rohrlach (from Nov 06)	14/16			4/4	2/2							20/22

Council does, of course provide membership and representation to many local, regional and state organisations. Individuals dedicate many hours of time in a voluntary capacity for this representation. As stated previously, all meetings of Council and its committees are open to members of the public and Council encourages interested people to attend.

“Annually the Council makes funding available for its elected members to attend conferences, training and development sessions”

Elected Member's Training and Development

Annually the Council makes funding available for its elected members to attend conferences, training and development sessions in order that the elected representatives of the area are kept abreast of developments occurring within the local government sector.

During the 2006/2007 financial year various elected members undertook attendance to the following activities;

- Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) General Meeting and Conference, October 2006
- LGA Post General Election Council Member Training, December 2006
- LGA New Council Member Residential Seminar, March 2007
- Audit Committee Training, March and April 2007
- Community Renewal and Sustainability Conference, May 2007
- Difficult Conversation and Conflict Resolution Training Session, June 2007

Council Documents

Public Access to Council Documents

Council seeks to be open and accountable to its community. In recognition of this philosophy, Council makes available for community access the following public documents and welcomes enquiries on information not contained in those documents;

- Annual Budget
- Assessment Book
- Annual Report
- Policy Manual
- Agendas and Minutes for meetings of Council
- Council By-Laws
- Planning Amendment Report
- Council Registers

Members of the public wishing to purchase copies of Council documents may do so by making application in person or by writing to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 72, Kapunda SA 5373.

Many of these documents are also available on Council's web site www.light.sa.gov.au

Applications lodged for Information

Requests for Freedom of Information must be made on the prescribed forms in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991. These forms are available at the Kapunda office of Council and will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory timeframe upon the receipt of a properly completed request and the prescribed fee.

In the twelve (12) months to 30 June 2007, the Light Regional Council received five (5) requests for the provision of information in this manner. The requests were granted and the information was supplied to the applicant as requested.

Where Council does receive requests for information from members of the public, staff generally try to manage these requests outside of the formal processes of the Freedom of Information Act, to further enhance an open accountable style of governance.

Readers are encouraged to refer to the separate section of this annual report specifically dealing with the publication of Council's Information Statement published in accordance with section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

“ Council's agenda structure focuses on four key areas, that is, Strategy Formulation, Council Policy, Statutory Compliance and Accountability, and Council Monitoring and Supervision ”

Use of Confidentiality Provisions

During the 2006/2007 financial year, the confidentiality provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 were used by Council a total of 36 times to consider matters in camera. This number of items considered in confidence is greater than would normally be expected and centres mainly on Council's then Chief Executive Officer stepping aside from his duties in November 2006. The matters considered comprised of:

Council Resolutions Passed	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003
Matters of Confidential Nature					
Actual or possible litigation (i)	1	4	6	4	1
Personal affairs or safety of a person or the Council (a & e)	17	5	3	10	8
Commercial advantage or prejudice commercial position of Council (b)	4	6			
Commercial prejudice, advantage or information – Council or third party (d)	7	8	12	7	13
Legal advice (h)	5	2	2	4	4
Breach of confidence (j)	-	1	2	-	1
Supply of goods or services (k)	1	-	-	8	1
Proposed amendment to development plan (m)	-	2	2	-	-
Review FOI determination (n)	1	-	-	-	-
Total Resolutions (In Confidence)	36	28	27	33	28
Percentage of Total Council Resolutions	8.59%	7.37%	5.38%	5.49%	3.75%
Total Council Resolutions	419	380	502	601	747
Total Development Assessment Panel Resolutions	41	51	90	86	109

Council's agenda structure focuses on four key areas, that is, Strategy Formulation, Council Policy, Statutory Compliance and Accountability, and Council Monitoring and Supervision. Reports are lodged 'for decision' (usually accompanied by a recommendation made by council staff for adoption) and 'for information' purposes. Council also has in place comprehensive staff delegations to allow staff to manage Council's day to day business without the need to seek Council intervention on operational matters. Where matters are not covered by appropriate delegations, staff will provide reports to Council to complete the decision making process.

During the 2006/2007 financial year Council introduced a formal review process of its Confidential Session Minute Register. This process will mean that irrespective of whether or not a confidential matter has been finalised, council staff will undertake a formal review of the register's contents every six (6) months in March and September. A report to Council will be prepared on the matters that have been finalised, if the matters have not been finalised, do they still need to be held in confidence, if not can they be released back into the public realm, etc. Council takes the view this is a proactive review process ensuring that issues remain in Council's thinking.

Corporate Structure

During May 2007, Council adopted a revised corporate structure following a review of operations by Council's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer Mr. Brian Carr.

The executive team consists of the Chief Executive Officer; the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Corporate Services); the Corporate Manager, Development & Environmental Services; the Corporate Manager, Infrastructure & Works; the Corporate Manager, Strategy & Project Planning; and the Corporate Manager, Community Development.

Also forming part of the management group are the Manager Library Services, the Manager Finance, the Manager Tourism & Special Projects, and the Executive Assistant to the CEO. Other members of staff are co-opted from time to time

Executive Officers Remuneration

Light Regional Council's remuneration strategy for Senior Executive Officers and Management Staff is designed to provide competitive total reward levels conditional upon the achievement of strategic goals and personal performance.

Annual Remuneration of both Executive Officers and Management Staff accounts for the total cost of all fixed remuneration items and is made up of the annual salary, Council superannuation contributions and benefits including fringe benefits tax paid or accrued for the reporting period.

Benefits received by officers of Council may include;

- The provision of a motor vehicle for travel to and from work and may have an element of private usage;
- The reimbursement of telephone expenses;
- The reimbursement of out of pocket expenses;
- The payment of memberships to professional bodies.

The following table shows the remuneration details for the Executive Officers and Management Staff of Council for the period ending 30 June 2007.

Name	Position	Total Annual Remuneration	Base Salary as at 30/6/07	Performance Based Bonuses	Benefits
Executive Officers					
Brian Carr (from 26/02/07)*1	Chief Executive Officer	\$54,000	\$137,620	-	Yes
Peter Beare (to 30/3/07)*2	Chief Executive Officer	\$173,833	\$115,500	-	Yes
Richard Michael *3	Deputy Chief Executive Officer (formerly Director, Corporate Services *5)	\$112,526	\$90,000	-	Yes
Gary Adkins (to 17/12/06)*4	Director Infrastructure & Environmental Services	\$61,005	\$90,000	-	Yes
Management Staff*5					
John Leeflang	Manager Works & Technical Services	\$85,084	\$74,225	-	Yes
Robert Kemp (from 10/7/06)	Corporate Manager, Infrastructure & Works	\$69,554	\$59,159	-	Yes
James Miller	Corporate Manager, Development & Environmental Services	\$95,883	\$78,000	-	Yes
Vacant to 30/6/07	Corporate Manager, Strategy & Project Planning	-	-	-	-
Suzanne Williams*6	Corporate Manager, Community Development	\$64,653	\$58,780	-	-
Amanda Cook	Manager Library & Information Services	\$79,100	\$64,275	\$1,749	Yes

*1 Brian Carr appointed as Acting CEO at 26/02/07, subsequently appointed as CEO on 28/08/07.

*2 Peter Beare stepped aside as CEO on 3/11/06, employment terminated at 30/3/07. Remuneration includes termination pay of \$30,815

*3 Richard Michael acted as CEO 19/7/06 to 4/8/06, and 3/11/06 to 25/2/07. Remuneration includes higher duties payment totaling \$8,826

*4 Gary Adkins remuneration includes termination payment of \$41,343. Position left vacant until corporate restructure.

*5 Revised Corporate Management structure adopted at 16/5/07

*6 Suzanne Williams appointed as Corporate Manager, Community Development on 16/5/07

Human Resources

Council employs, as of 30 June 2007, 56 staff and promotes a work environment catering for equal employment opportunity.

Council's policy on Equal Employment Opportunity reflects its desire to employ a workforce free of discrimination, where each person has the opportunity to progress to the extent of their ability and the opportunities available.

Council's Administration staff, which includes members of the Australian Services Union, obtain salary payments under an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. The agreement provides for an increase in salaries of 15% over the period of three (3) years, of which the 2006/2007 financial year was the first year of the arrangement. Negotiations commence in the 2008/2009 financial year on a replacement agreement to commence on 1 July 2009.

Administration staff members are also offered the opportunity of being employed under an Australian Workplace Agreement, in lieu of an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. This arrangement provides a more flexible working environment with mutual benefits being obtained for both the Council and the employee.

Twelve (12) staff currently have elected to enter into an Australian Workplace Agreement with Council. Another staff member is employed under a common law Contract agreement.

Members of the Australian Workers Union also have an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. The Agreement, for a three year period which concludes on 27 August 2008, provides for an increase of up to a further 4% each year. Negotiations will commence in regard to a new agreement during the 2007/2008 financial year.

Staff Numbers By Department

Department	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Works	24	23	23	24	26	23	20	18
Environmental Services	4	4	6	7	8	9	10	11
Finance and Administration	10	12	12	16	13	16	17	16
Public Information	3	5	8	6	7	8	10	11
Total	41	45	49	53	54	56	57	56

Staff Profile by Employment Status

Status	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Full Time	26	28	37	36	36	39	43	42
Part Time	3	3	3	5	5	5	4	6
Casual	1	3	3	6	7	7	5	6
Contract	11	11	6	6	6	5	5	2
Total	41	45	49	53	54	56	57	56

Staff Profile by Gender

Gender	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Male	27	27	27	30	31	30	30	26
Female	14	18	22	23	23	26	27	30
Total	41	45	49	53	54	56	57	56

“ Over the past year, Council’s website www.light.sa.gov.au has become a popular resource for ratepayers and visitors with an average of 3,403 visits per month ”

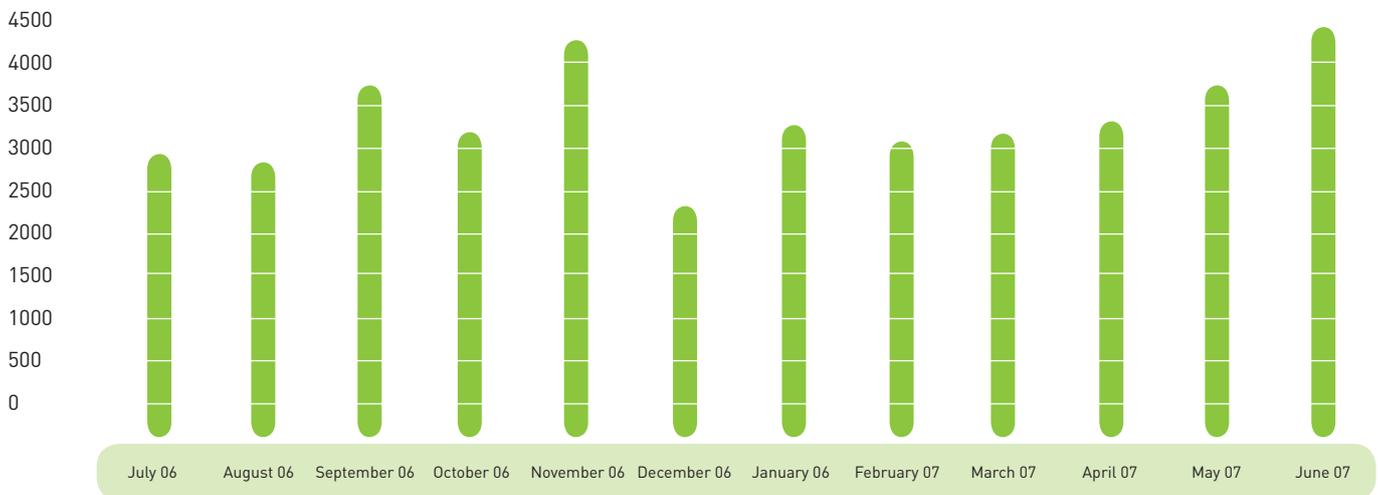
Council’s Web-site

Over the past year, Council’s website www.light.sa.gov.au has become a popular resource for ratepayers and visitors with an average of 3,403 visits per month recorded during the year. This monthly average compares very favourably with the 2005/2006 financial year where the monthly average was 2,609 visits. This represents a 30% increase in the number of people looking at Council’s website.

The site offers viewing of Agendas, Minutes, Annual Reports, Policies, Budgets and other documents. Matters released under Council’s ‘Release of Confidential Items’ review program are also shown on the public website.

Council is planning to undertake further development of the site to include a secure electronic facility for the payment of rates, debtor and dog registration renewals as well as further promoting council information and services to the community.

Council Web-site Visits



Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

Risk Management Report 2007

Light Regional Council OHSW&IM performance has continued to achieve creditable results with NO Lost Time Injuries experienced in the past five years.

In recognition of this outcome, and the Council's Rehabilitation & Claims performance, the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS) awarded Light Regional Council with a rebate cheque for \$100,280. It is pleasing to report that Council scored 99.2% for OHSW&IM and an overall score of 90% for Risk Management. Council also received a recognition certificate from the LGAWCS for two project submissions that were finalists in the 2007 OHS Best Practice Awards Competition. This is a result of which all employees of Council may be justifiably proud.

The OHSW&IM Committee continues to successfully manage the Employee Participation Safety Program. All fifteen key subject areas were completed resulting in significant improvements to Council's OHSW&IM program as reflected by audit results. A survey to identify further strengths & weaknesses has been conducted and results will be targeted for improvement in 2008.

A comprehensive OHSW&IM Strategic Plan covering the next three years (2008 – 2010) has been designed with managers and committee members receiving copies for comment prior to planned training. The Plan is the foundation tool in meeting legal obligations within the framework of the WorkCover Performance Standards for Self Insurers.

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A 'draft' Business Continuity Plan, Community Emergency Mitigation Plan & a Pandemic/Infectious Disease Plan were completed in the reporting period. It is pleasing to report that the Pandemic/Infectious Disease Plan was professionally put into practice by LRC staff - only three weeks after completion - & high praise received regarding their performance.

A review of Policies & Procedures and the annual Legislative Audit scheduled for the reporting period were completed. Quarterly Safety Inspections are conducted throughout the workplace with findings being promptly addressed. All major Plant risk assessments were completed and minor Plant now being addressed.

Regular safety talks and posters designed in-house are circulated to staff. The "Safety for the Family" program designed by LRC has been adopted by the Central Northern Regional Council's and distributed by one private company throughout Australia.

Chemical management has been standardised by Councils in South Australia by using the services of Chem Alert and after training in the new system a conversion will be conducted.

Council still maintains the capability to provide Material Safety Data Sheets, Manifest Summary Reports, Design Labels, calculate Hazchem Codes, maintain Registers and Manifests via an electronic system.

An ongoing program offered to local government employees by the Corporate Health Group is strongly supported by Light Regional Council and is seen as a pro-active step in encouraging employees to practice a healthy lifestyle. The regular health checks are carried out by qualified personnel and if problems become evident, employees are advised to consult their medical practitioner. The Corporate Health Group has advised that Light Regional Council participation rate is still the highest of any Council in South Australia.

Community Land

Community Land Templates & Management Plans were reviewed, updated and available for public scrutiny at the Kapunda & Freeling Offices. Community Land risk assessments will continue to be conducted into the next reporting period due to a heavy auditing schedule.

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Information Statement

Light Regional Council Information Statement

This information statement is published by the Light Regional Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991

The Light Regional Council is pleased to comply with these requirements and welcomes enquiries under the Freedom of Information Act. This information statement is reflective of Council's administration as at 30 June 2007.

An updated information statement will be published annually and incorporated as part of the Council's Annual Report produced in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999.

1. Structure and Functions of The Council

1.1 Council

The Council is divided into four (4) wards and consists of a Mayor and ten (10) Councillors.

The Council is the decision making body on all policy matters, and those matters which fall outside of the delegated authority given to various members of Council's staff under the provisions of the various Acts and Regulations administered by Council.

Council currently conducts its ordinary meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at its principal office located at 93 Main Street, Kapunda. Council's Development Assessment Panel conducts its meetings at the same location when there are items for the consideration of the Panel. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month. The monthly Council meetings commence at 4.30 pm, while the Development Assessment Panel meetings commence at 5.30 pm.

From time to time Council may vary the time and place of conducting its monthly meeting, these changes are advertised as required.

All meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes of those meetings are on display for public inspection.

1.2 Committees

Council is able to form Committees in accordance with section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999, the purpose of which is to streamline Council business. Council has utilised the section of the Act to form the following listed committees, which meet as and when required. These Committees generally operate in an advisory capacity; that is the Committee considers matters for discussion, makes recommendations to the Council, Council then considers the Committee's recommendations. The exception is the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee which has the authority to act on behalf of the Council. Council's Committees are:

- Machinery Advisory Committee
- Freeling Township Urban Master Plan Committee
- Roseworthy Township Community Committee
- Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee
- Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee
- Tender Committee
- Community Grants Committee
- Greenock Undergrounding of Power & Streetscape Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Audit Committee

1.3 Subsidiaries

With reference to section 42 of the Local Government Act, Council has no subsidiaries. However, Council does have membership of two (2) regional subsidiaries constituted under section 43 of the Act. They are the Central Local Government Region Incorporated, and the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.

1.4 Agendas and Minutes

Agendas of all Council meetings are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes are placed on display within five days of that meeting. Agendas and Minutes are displayed at Council's offices in Kapunda and Freeling and at Council's libraries in Kapunda, Greenock, Freeling and Wasleys. These documents are also displayed on Council's public website 'www.light.sa.gov.au'.

1.5 External Committees/ Boards/Associations

Council participates in a number of external committees, boards and associations. Council's membership can comprise elected members, staff, a mixture of both, and or members of the public. Currently these associations include:

- Local Government Association of South Australia
- Light Regional Council District Bushfire Prevention Committee
- Barossa & Light Regional Development Board Incorporated
- Central Local Government Region of South Australia
- Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.

Council also has representation on numerous community committees.

Minutes of these committees, boards and associations are kept for record purposes by Council and, subject to the consent of the relevant organisation are available for public inspection.

1.6 Delegations

Council's Chief Executive Officer and other officers of Council have the delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are made under section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 and generally provide for;

The determination of policies to be applied by the Council in exercising its discretionary powers;

The determination of the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by the Council; and

The development of comprehensive management plans, budgets, financial controls and performance objectives and indicators for the operations of the Council.

Council makes decisions that direct and or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources that are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

Decisions are also made to determine whether or not approvals are to be granted for applications from residents for various forms of development.

2. Services to the Community

Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to services that are provided for members of the public. These services include;

- Aged Care Services
- Bus Shelters
- Car Parks
- Civic Affairs (including Citizenship Ceremonies)
- Clean Air Controls
- Community Halls
- Development Controls
- Dog Control
- Environmental Health matters
- Fire Protection and Prevention
- Food Inspections
- Garbage Collection and Disposal
- Heritage Preservation
- Home Assist
- Immunisation Programs
- Litter Bins
- Parking Bays
- Parking Controls
- Parks and Reserves
- Playground Equipment
- Public Cemeteries
- Public Conveniences
- Public Libraries
- Public Seating
- Public Swimming Pools
- Recreational and Sporting Facilities
- Roads, Footpaths, Kerbing and Bridges
- Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Schemes
- Stormwater Drainage
- Street Beautification
- Street Closures
- Street Lighting
- Street Sweeping
- Traffic Control Devices
- Transport Assistance
- War Memorials
- Weed and Vermin Control
- Youth Matters

3. Public Participation

3.1 Council Meetings

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before the Council. These are;

Deputations – with the permission of the Committee Chairman or the Mayor, a member of the public can address a Committee or the Council on any issues within the Council's jurisdiction.

Presentations to Council – with prior notification and arrangement with the Mayor, a member of the public can address the Council on any issue relevant to the Council.

Petitions – written requests can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.

Written requests – a member of the public can write to the Council on any Council policy, activity or service.

Elected Members – members of the public can contact their elected members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to the Council.

Staff members – members of the public can contact Council staff to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

3.2 Public Consultation Policy

The purpose of the Policy is to outline the principles and procedures that the Light Regional Council will follow to involve the community in planning and decision making in the local area, and to ensure accountability of Council to the community through effective communication and consultation strategies.

The principles underpinning this policy are;

The community has a right to be involved in and informed about decisions affecting their area.

Community involvement in Council decision making will result in greater confidence in the Council and responsive decision making;

Council decision making should be open, transparent and accountable;

Council recognises that the level of consultation with the community will vary depending on the community interest in the topic, number of persons potentially affected by the topic and the requirements for consultation set out in the Act for specific topics;

Council's desire to balance community views and interest with other influences such as budgetary constraints; and

The community has a right to be informed and to influence decisions, which affect their lives.

4. Access to Council Documents

4.1 Documents Available for Inspection

The following documents are available for public inspection at Council's principal office in Kapunda, free of charge. Some of these documents are also available for inspection at Council's Freeling branch office, and on Council's website "www.light.sa.gov.au". Members of the public may purchase copies of these documents at the cost shown in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges (postage and packing will be an additional cost if mailed), or may download the documents from Council's website:

Five Year Strategic Plan 2001-2006, please note that Council's Strategic Plan for the 2006-2016 period is currently in draft form.

- Annual Budget
- Annual Financial Statements
- Annual Report
- Council Agendas
- Council Minutes
- Council By-laws
- Permits and Penalties
- Moveable Signs
- Streets and Roads
- Local Government Land
- Dogs
- Order Making Policy
- Development Plans

Council Codes of Conduct and Policies, a list of which follows;

- **Finance**
 - Expenditure of goods, services and works
 - Issue of Official Orders
 - Payroll and personnel
 - Payment of expenditure
 - Rating Policy
 - Code of Tendering
 - Tenders and Quotations
 - Loans and Council funding policy
 - Rate rebate policy
- **Human Resources**
 - Conflict Resolution procedures
 - Elected Members Code of Conduct
 - Internal review of Council Decisions procedure
 - Pre-employment medical examination policy
 - Public consultation policy
 - Risk management policy
 - Sexual harassment grievance procedures
 - Sexual harassment policy
 - Committee members code of conduct
 - Council employees code of conduct
 - Corporate Wardrobe and Dress Code Policy
 - Termination – Loss of Drivers Licence Policy
 - Equal Employment Opportunity Policy
 - CFS Call Out Procedure
 - Occupational Health Safety and Welfare
 - OHS & W injury management policy
 - Local Government works contract policy
 - Inclement weather and skin cancer policy
 - First aid policy
 - Alcohol and drugs policy
 - Smoking in the workplace policy
 - Accident reporting and investigation policy
 - Consultation policy
 - Confined spaces policy
 - Inspection and hazard control policy
 - Design, purchasing, hire and lease policy
 - Management of substances policy
 - Electrical safety policy
 - Training and development policy
 - Breach of health and safety rules policy
 - Manual handling policy
 - Personal protective equipment policy
 - Asbestos policy
 - Immunisation policy
 - Emergency procedures manual
 - Injury management procedure
 - Isolated/remote work policy
 - VDU policy
 - Employment Induction manual

- Roadworks auditing policy
- Needlestick and Sharps policy
- Committee constitution and rules
- Excavations and trenching policy
- Conducting Workplace Inspections Policy
- Footwear Policy
- Induction Training Policy
- **Environmental Health**
 - Food Act policy
 - CWMS Augmentation Charge policy
 - Resource Recovery Kerbside Collection Policy Development
 - Development Application Public Notification policy
 - Inspection of Development Documents policy
 - Heritage Conservation Management policy – Heritage Incentive Scheme
 - Development Assessment Panel and Staff Delegations Policy
- **Public Library Service**
 - Internet policy
 - Public notices
 - Programme policy
 - Code of Conduct
 - Unattended children
 - Selection of library materials
 - Circulation of library materials
 - Reference and readers advisory
- **Governance**
 - Election signs guidelines
 - Elected member returns guidelines
 - Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents
 - Public Relations and Marketing policy
 - Council Members Communication policy
 - Website Standards\
 - Council Members' Training and Development policy
 - Audit Committee policy
- **Community Services**
 - Community grants policy
 - Community services statement
 - Community & Recreation Facilities policy
- **Works**
 - Tree management policy
 - Dust Suppressant Application policy
 - Road Sealing Funding policy
 - Light Vehicle Crossover policy

Council Registers – a list of which follows

- Register of Delegations
- Register of Interests, Elected Members
- Register of Allowances & Benefits, Elected Members
- Register of Salaries
- Register of Interests, Employees
- Register of Debenture Loans
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Leases and Licences
- Assessment Book
- Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Voters Roll

These documents are available for public inspection during office hours, that is 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

4.2 Other Information Requests

Requests for other information not included in Clause 4.1 above will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Under this legislation an application fee must be forwarded with the completed request form, unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

Should the applicant require copies of any documents inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, the charges set out in the Act and or in Clause 4.1 above (whichever is applicable) will apply.

Freedom of Information Request Forms are available at Council's offices and enquiries or requests should be addressed to Council's Chief Executive Officer in the first instance, at the following address;

Mr Brian R Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Light Regional Council
PO Box 72
KAPUNDA SA 5373

Applications will be responded to as soon as is possible within the statutory timeframe of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information request form, together with the application and search fees.

5. Amendment Of Council Records

A member of the public may request access to Council documents concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Freedom of Information provisions. A request may then be made to correct any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

To gain access to these records a Freedom of Information Request Form must be completed as indicated above outlining the records that the applicant wishes to inspect.

Brian R Carr
Chief Executive Officer

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Rating Policy Statement

Rating Policy / Statement

Introduction

This document sets out the policy of Light Regional Council for setting and collecting rates from its community. The policy covers:

- method used to value land
- adoption of valuations
- notional values
- business impact statement
- Council's revenue raising powers
- differential general rates
- minimum rate
- service charge
- Natural Resource Management Board levy (the Council's collection role)
- pensioner concessions
- self funded retiree concessions
- unemployed persons concessions
- payment of rates
- late payment of rates
- remission and postponement of rates
- rebate of rates
- sale of land for non-payment of rates
- disclaimer

Strategic Focus

In setting its rates for the 2006/2007 financial year Council has considered its impending Ten Year Strategic Management Plan, the current economic climate, specific issues faced by the community, the budget for the 2006/2007 financial year and the impact of rates on the community. The methodology for the 2006/2007 financial year has been based on estimated income from rates and user charges not being less than that required to produce sufficient revenue to at least cover all of the Council's operational, maintenance and debt – servicing costs each year.

An important part of its deliberations in setting this rating policy for the 2006/2007 financial year, Council chose to involve the community in its processes. The 'Light Regional Council Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee', a Section 41 committee of Council, has continued to aid Council with the review of rating and valuation data and formulating recommendations in regard to the setting of rates. An important part of the Committee's structure is its membership, that is the Committee consists of both Council nominated representatives and community representatives

from the public arena. The Committee viewed many rating models and actively discussed issues associated with the rating process.

Council continues to utilise the land use categories as provided in the Local Government (General) Regulations 1999 as the basis of its general rate calculation. In formulating its rating decision, Council has sought to increase the overall general rate income, taking into account an average increase charged to its ratepayers. Council is aware that for this year individual assessments may vary above or below the average for any number of reasons, which may include; a review of the land use category attributed to those assessments; or by a significant increase to an individual assessment's valuation through market trend; or for new development occurring on the assessment; or for other reasons.

In setting its rates for the 2006/2007 financial year Council has considered the following:

- its impending Ten Year Strategic Management Plan 2006-2016. The strategies were developed following an extensive series of workshops and meetings of Council and an initial phase of community consultation. The plan essentially recognises the key strategy areas of the Council in the delivery of services to the community over that time frame and looks to identify the actions required to implement those strategies;
- the current economic climate and relevant factors such as land valuation, inflation and interest rates;
- the specific issues faced by our community, which include the need for a significant capital works program to replace and upgrade infrastructure assets, consultation with and development of strategies via public membership of Council committees with specific public infrastructure focus, for example Greenock and Freeling Township Urban Master Plan Committees;
- the budget for the 2006/2007 financial year;

the impact of rates on the community, including:

- householders, businesses and primary producers;
- the broad principle that the rate in the dollar should be the same for all properties except where there is clearly a differentiating factor which warrants variation from the broad principle (refer section on General Rates);
- minimising the level of general rates required by levying fees and charges for goods and services on a user pays basis, where it is possible to recover the full cost of operating or providing the service or goods. Provision will be made for concessions to those members of the community unable to meet the full cost.

Council's budget documents are available for inspection at:

Light Regional Council

Principal Office 93 Main Street KAPUNDA SA 5373	Branch Office 12 Hanson Street FREELING SA 5372
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Light Regional Council Public Library branches

51 Main Street KAPUNDA SA 5373	Hanson Street FREELING SA 5372
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Greenock Institute Building Kapunda Road GREENOCK SA 5360	Wasleys Institute Building Annie Terrace WASLEYS SA 5400
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Council regularly conducts public consultation on a broad range of issues relating to the future directions of the area. These meetings are always advertised in local papers. Ratepayers and interested parties are welcome to attend. Council also encourages feedback at anytime and such comments may be sent to:

Mr Peter Beare

Chief Executive Officer
Light Regional Council
PO Box 72
KAPUNDA SA 5373

Annual Adoption of the Policy

Section 171 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a Council to prepare and adopt each year, in conjunction with setting the rates, a rating policy. The policy must be available at the principal office of the Council and a summary version must be distributed with the rates notice.

This policy is available for inspection at:

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Method Used to Value Land

Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area. They are:

- Capital Value – the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land.
- Site Value – the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity of use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- Annual Value – a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

Council will continue to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the council area. Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the general rate across all ratepayers on the following basis:

the equity principle of taxation requires that ratepayers of similar wealth pay similar taxes and ratepayers of greater wealth pay more tax than ratepayers of lesser wealth;

property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value, which closely approximates the market value of a property, provides the best indicator of overall property value;

Adoption of Valuations

Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as provided to Council on 8 August 2006. If a property owner is dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then the owner may object to the Valuer-General in writing, within 60 days of receiving notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection - provided the owner has not: (a) previously received a notice of the valuation under the Local Government Act 1999, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General. The address and telephone number of the Office of the Valuer-General are:

Office of the Valuer-General

GPO Box 1354
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Email: objections@saugov.sa.gov.au
Website: <http://www.landservices.sa.gov.au>
Telephone: 1300 653 345

Please note that Council has no role in this process. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Notional Values

Certain properties may be eligible for a notional value, where the property is the principal place of residence of a ratepayer, under the Valuation of Land Act 1971. This relates to some primary production land or where there is State heritage recognition. A notional value is generally less than the capital value and this will result in reduced rates, unless the minimum rate already applies. Application for a notional value must be made to the Office of the Valuer-General.

Business Impact Statement

The Council has considered the impact of rates on businesses in the Council area, including primary production. In considering the impact, Council assessed the following matters:

The Council consulted through its Rating Policy Review Advisory Committee (that is through its varied membership) and given that the meetings of the committee are publicly advertised and are open to the members of the public for attendance if desired.

Those strategies of Council's impending Ten Year Strategic Management Plan relating to business development.

The equity of the distribution of the general rate between classes of ratepayers based on a perception of availability or utilisation of services.

Current local, state, and national economic conditions and expected changes during the next financial year.

Changes in the valuation of business and primary production properties from the previous financial year.

Specific Council projects for the coming year that will solely or principally benefit local business.

Specific infrastructure maintenance issues that will solely or principally benefit local business.

Council's Revenue Raising Powers

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. crown land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act 1999 – refer Section 147 of the Act) is rateable. The Local Government Act 1999 provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties, or through differential general rates, which apply to classes of properties. In addition, Council can raise separate rates, for specific areas of the Council or service rates or charges for specific services. The Council also raises revenue through fees and charges, which are set giving consideration to the cost of the service provided and any equity issues.

Differential General Rates

The Council has decided to impose differential rates in its area according to the following land use categories:-

1. Residential – comprising the use of land for a detached dwelling, group dwelling, multiple dwelling, residential flat building, row dwelling or semi-detached dwelling within the meaning of the Development Regulations.
2. Commercial-Shop – comprising the use of land for a shop within the meaning of the Development Regulations.
3. Commercial-Office – comprising the use of land for an office within the meaning of the Development Regulations.
4. Commercial-Other – comprising any other commercial use of land not referred to in categories 2 or 3.
5. Industry-Light – comprising the use of land for a light industry within the meaning of the Development Regulations.
6. Industry-Other – comprising any other industrial use of land not referred to in category 5.
7. Primary Production – comprising
 - (a) farming within the meaning of the Development Regulations; and
 - (b) horticulture within the meaning of the Development Regulations; and
 - (c) the use of land for horse keeping or intensive animal keeping within the meaning of the Development Regulations; and
 - (d) in respect of a dairy situated on the farm – the use of land for a dairy within the meaning of the Development Regulations; and
 - (e) commercial forestry.
8. Vacant Land – comprising the non-use of vacant land
9. Other – not included previously in the categories above.

Every resident benefits in some part from the general amenity of the council area, whether that is at the present time or in the future. The amenity includes the local economy, general council operations and the ability of every resident to use council facilities.

It is acknowledged that the system of council rates is in essence a system of taxation against property. However, Council has assessed that the level of differential rating imposed is governed in part by the ability to pay, the potential for income tax deductions and the perception of accessibility or useability of council services by the residents and consumers.

To this end the Council has decided that;

Commercial Properties

Commercial properties generally have available to them, their employees and customers the same services as other ratepayers. However, in most cases commercial users have a greater impact on the main services such as road maintenance and generally derive a greater benefit from the services provided.

Industrial Properties

Industrial properties generally have available to them, their employees and customers the same services as other ratepayers. However, in most cases industrial users have a greater impact on the main services such as road maintenance and generally derive a greater benefit from the services provided, particularly where for example large amounts of raw or unrefined product is delivered to site for processing utilising Council's infrastructure.

Primary Production Properties

Primary Production properties tend to be more remote from some of the services provided by Council. In terms of infrastructure adjacent their properties they may not have sealed or formed roads, footpaths or street lighting. However they do have the capacity to enjoy the same level of amenity as other residents of the Council area. In addition, primary production properties have the potential for taxation benefits.

At its meeting of 8 August 2006, Council resolved to raise \$7,643,860 general rate revenue in a total revenue budget of \$23,343,420. As a result of this decision the Council has set the following differential rates in the dollar for the above land uses.

0.3525 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in categories 1 and 9 use,

0.616875 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in categories 2 and 3 use,

0.705 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in category 4 use,

0.969375 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in categories 5 and 6 use,

0.282 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in category 7 use, and

0.440625 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of rateable land in category 8 use.

Land Use is used as the factor to apply differential rates. If a ratepayer believes that a particular property has been wrongly classified by the Council as to its land use, then they may object (to Council) to that land use within 60 days of being notified.

A ratepayer may discuss the matter with Council's Rates Assessment Officers, on 8525 3200 in the first instance. The Council will provide, on request, a copy of Section 156 of the Local Government Act 1999 which sets out the rights and obligations of ratepayers in respect of objections to a land use.

Objections to the Council's decision may be lodged with Mr Peter Beare, Chief Executive Officer, Light Regional Council, PO Box 72, Kapunda, 5373. The objection must be made within 60 days of receiving notice of the land use and set out the basis for the objection and details of the land use that (in the opinion of the ratepayer) should be attributed to that property. The Council may then decide the objection as it sees fit and notify the ratepayer. A ratepayer also has the right to appeal against the Council's decision to the Land and Valuation Court. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Separate Rate

A Council may impose a separate rate on rateable land within a part of its area for specific purposes. Such purpose can be for the planning, carrying out, making available, supporting, maintaining or improving an activity that is or intended to be of particular benefit to the land or the occupiers of the land within that part of Council's area.

Council does not propose to raise a separate rate on any land in its area for the 2006/2007 financial year, other than the Natural Resource Management Board Levies.

Minimum Rate

A Council may impose a minimum amount payable by way of rates, provided that it has not imposed a fixed charge. Where two or more adjoining properties have the same owner and are occupied by the same occupier, only one minimum rate is payable by the ratepayer. Where a Council imposes a minimum rate it must not apply to more than 35% of properties in the Council area.

The Council has decided to impose a minimum rate of \$570 which will affect 1,478 (21.8%) rateable properties. The reasons for imposing a minimum rate are:

Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of administering the Council's activities;

Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property.

Service Charges

Council provides a Community Wastewater Management System to properties in Kapunda, Freeling, Greenock and Roseworthy. The full cost of operating and maintaining this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$3,262,140 which includes major works at the Kapunda, Freeling and Greenock schemes, other capital works, and depreciation. This includes setting aside \$192,510 for the future replacement of the assets employed in providing the service. Council will recover this cost through the imposition of the following service charges

Kapunda	\$348
Freeling	\$348
Greenock	\$348
Roseworthy	\$348

for each Property for which the service is available. Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land. Details on what constitutes a service charge for each Property, and other information about the scheme, are available from Mr Andrew Philpott, Environmental Management Officer on 8525 3200.

Council also provides a refuse collection service within the townships of Kapunda, Freeling, Hewett, Greenock, Roseworthy and Wasleys. The service is also provided to those ratepayers in Council's area that are able to access the service along the designated collection routes. The full cost of operating and maintaining this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$566,340. Council will recover this cost through the impost of a service charge of \$165.40 for each property for which the service is utilised. Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land.

Information concerning the refuse collection service can be obtained from Mr. Andrew Philpott, Environmental Management Officer on 8525 3200.

Natural Resource Management Board Levy

Council is in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board, the Northern and Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board, and the River Murray Natural Resource Management Board areas. It is noted however that Council is not required to make financial contributions toward the running costs of the River Murray Natural Resource Management Board

It is however required to make contributions toward the costs of the other Boards and it does so by imposing a separate rate of 0.007475 cents in the dollar against the 4,540 properties in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board catchment area and by imposing a separate rate of 0.005583 cents in the dollar against the 2,248 properties in the Northern and Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board catchment area in the council area.

A map of the catchment area showing those properties within the boundary is on display at:

Light Regional Council

Principal Office 93 Main Street KAPUNDA SA 5373	Branch Office 12 Hanson Street FREELING SA 5372
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Council is operating as a revenue collector for the Natural Resource Management Boards in this regard. It does not retain this revenue or determine how the revenue is spent.

Pensioner Concessions

If you are an eligible pensioner you may be entitled to a rebate on your council rates, water rates and Community Wastewater Management System charges where applicable, if you do not currently receive one. Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council at:

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They are also available from the SA Water Corporation and its District Offices (telephone number 1300 650 950). An eligible pensioner must hold a Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner and must be eligible to receive the concession prior to the due date for the payment of the first rates instalment. You must also be responsible for the payment of rates on your principal place of residence or the property for which you are claiming a concession.

Applications are administered by the State Government. Payment of rates should not be withheld pending assessment of your application by the State Government as penalties will apply to unpaid rates. A refund will be paid to you if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

Self Funded Retiree Concession

This concession has been available from 1 July 2001 and is administered by Revenue SA. If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession toward Council Rates. In the case of couples both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Senior's Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week. If you have not received a concession on your rates notice or would like further information please contact the Revenue SA Call Centre on 1300 366 150.

Unemployed Persons Concessions

The Department of Family and Community Services may assist with the payment of Council rates for your principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises). Please contact your nearest Department of Family and Community Services office for details.

Payment of Rates

Under Section 181(14) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must provide the opportunity for all ratepayers to pay rates by quarterly instalments. Council has resolved that payment dates for the 2006/2007 financial year will be:-

- Friday, 29 September 2006
- Friday, 15 December 2006
- Friday, 16 March 2007
- Friday, 15 June 2007

There is no discount on the general rate payable, further Council does not apply rate capping.

- Rates may be paid at:
- any Branch of Bank SA;
- any Post Office
- by BPay;

in person, at the Principal office, 93 Main Street, Kapunda, during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

in person, at the Branch office, 12 Hanson Street, Freeling, during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to Council's Rates Assessment Officers, on 8525 3200 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such enquiries are treated confidentially by Council.

Council has adopted a policy that where the payment of rates will cause a ratepayer demonstrable hardship, Council is prepared to make available extended payment arrangements.

Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 provides that Councils impose an initial penalty of 2% on any payment for rates, whether by instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged an interest rate, set each year according to a formula in the Act, for each month it continues to be late. The purpose of this penalty is to act as a genuine deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time, to allow Councils to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates and to cover any interest cost the Council may meet because it has not received the rates on time. For the 2006/2007 financial year this rate is 0.81%.

Council allows a further three working days after the due date for payment as a grace period. Fines are payable under the Local Government Act 1999 but Council will remit this amount if payment is received within the three days grace period. Thereafter fines for late payment are fully imposed.

Council is prepared to remit penalties for late payment of rates where ratepayers can demonstrate hardship in a written application to Council or payment is received within the three days grace period.

Council issues a final notice for payment of rates when rates are overdue ie. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid more than 21 days after the issue of the final notice then the Council will refer the debt to their debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees that are recoverable from the ratepayer. All costs incurred by Council in the recovery of outstanding rates and fines are payable by the ratepayer.

When Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates, Council applies the money received as follows, in accordance with Section 183, of the Local Government Act 1999.

- firstly – in payment of any costs awarded to, or recoverable by, the council in any court proceedings undertaken by the council for the recovery of the rates;
- secondly – in satisfaction for any liability for interest;
- thirdly – in payment of any fine;
- fourthly – in satisfaction of liabilities for rates in the order in which those liabilities arose in payment of rates, in date order of their imposition (starting with the oldest account first).

Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section 182 of the Local Government Act 1999 permits Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to contact Council's Rates Assessment Officers, on 8525 3200 to discuss the matter. Such enquiries are treated confidentially by Council.

Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 requires Councils to rebate the rates payable for certain land uses. This includes;

- 100% rate rebates have been granted on the following:-
- Places of Worship
- Public Cemeteries
- Hospitals
- Land occupied by Universities
- 75% rate rebates have been granted on:-
- Educational facilities

Discretionary rebates may be applied by the Council under Section 166 of the Act. Council annually considers many applications for rate rebates and has in the past, and again for the 2006/2007 financial year, chosen to rebate rates charged to many district community and sporting organisations, recognising that by doing so, Council is in effect providing financial support to those organisations for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Sale of Land for Non-payment of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to provide the principal ratepayer and the owner (if not the same person) with details of the outstanding amounts and advise the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Council enforces the sale of land for arrears of rates and a copy of the Council's policy is available from Council's Rates Assessment Officers, on 8525 3200 or by writing to Light Regional Council, PO Box 72, Kapunda SA 5373.

Application of the Policy

Where a ratepayer believes that Council has failed to properly apply this policy, the ratepayer should raise the matter with Council. In the first instance contact Council's Rates Assessment Officers on 8525 3200 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial contact, a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to Mr Peter Beare, Chief Executive Officer, Light Regional Council, PO Box 72, Kapunda SA 5373, explaining the nature of their concern.

Disclaimer

A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this policy and must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

“An important part of its deliberations in setting this rating policy for the 2006/2007 financial year, Council chose to involve the community in its processes”

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Operating Result

Council's financial performance has improved from that of the previous financial year. While Council again recorded an operating deficit on its operations both before and after the addition of Capital Revenues, the deficit was not as large as that recorded for the financial year ending 30 June 2006. The operating position of \$0.72m deficit (as compared to \$1.2m for 2006) prior to Capital Revenues adjustment was a significant improvement on the previous year. After adjusting for Capital Revenues totaling \$2.8m (inclusive of physical resources received free of charge in relation to land development), Council's net position improved to \$2.0m surplus.

While the position is improved over the previous year, the Council continues to experience the pressures of a growing entity, particularly in regard to its close proximity to the major tourism areas of the Barossa and Clare Valleys, and to the northern boundary of the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide. To ensure its sustainability, Council aims to achieve an operating surplus (before capital revenues) during the tenure of its proposed ten year strategic and financial plan for the 2006 to 2016 period. Council has set a preliminary target of 30 June 2012 to achieve its goal. While the document is yet to be finalised, Council believes that a combination of factors including asset rationalisation, increased revenues, continued residential and industrial development, and workplace reforms will contribute to attaining its goal of sustainability.

Revenue received by way of rates increased by \$0.6m from \$8.5m to \$9.1m to meet the commitment set by Council to increase the maintenance and development of Council's growing infrastructure base and to maintain its debt servicing levels. As part of its rating strategy, Council made provision for the increase in the Community Wastewater Management Systems charges to address concerns on the current condition of the effluent drainage systems. Major works are expected to occur on these systems over the medium term.

Council further provided for the increase in Reserve Fund balances for the future replacement of the schemes, which have a revised written down value of \$5.3m following an asset revaluation carried out during the financial year. Reserve funds specifically held for Community Wastewater Management Systems replacement now total \$1.8m.

Cash Flow Position

Net operating cash flows for Council increased from \$2.3m to \$12.0m, receipts increasing by \$10.64m and payments increasing by \$0.95m. The significant increase in receipts related to Council receiving \$9.6m of grant funds from the Federal Government for road infrastructure projects. Council is responsible for the delivery of these projects which will see State Government controlled roads upgraded.

Council's overall cash position was increased by \$9.7m when adjusted by financing and capital activities.

Capital Expenditure

Capital investment in community infrastructure continued to be a high priority for the Council with \$4.0m being expended on major projects, including construction works and plant and equipment purchases. Council's strategic plan provides, as a high priority, the road infrastructure network of the district.

Application of Competition Policy

The revised Clause 7 Statement on the application of the competition principles to local government under the Competition Principles Agreement requires Councils to include specific information in their annual reports. Prior to the 2001 annual report, Councils reported this information through the completion of surveys which were forwarded to the Office of Local Government to assist in State reporting to the National Competition Council.

Council reports that it has no significant business activities within the guidelines of the Revised Clause 7 Statement. This outcome is similar to that of previous financial years.

With regard to the application of competitive neutrality, Council believes that it practises appropriate methodology particularly in regard to the purchase of materials and contractual services. With reference to Council's Income Statement for the reporting period, Council expended \$2.9m (compared to \$2.8m for the 2006 reporting period) on contractual services. A large proportion of this spending occurred through the application of Council's Tender Policy which places strict procedural elements on staff when tendering for works or when seeking quotations for works and services.

No Council by-laws were re-drafted during the year under review.

No complaints about the application of competitive neutrality principles within Council's sphere of operations were received for the reporting period.

Application of Rate Rebates

As part of the Council's rating processes, Council often deals with requests in regard to the application of section 166 of the Local Government Act of 1999. This section of the Act deals specifically with the discretionary rebate of council rates raised against properties in the Council area and provides the Council with the legislative mechanism to rebate those rates. The rates rebate in essence provides financial assistance to the ratepayer, normally a community organisation or a ratepayer providing a benefit to the community.

Council rebated rates to the value of \$347,170 for the reporting period. With regard specifically to applications received for the rebate of Council rates, the applications being lodged in accordance with section 166(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1999 (that is in relation to rates rebated for the purposes of aged accommodation), Council advises that rates were rebated for the Kapunda Hospital Incorporated (Homes) and Wheatfields Incorporated.

	<i>New Loans for Financial Year</i>	<i>Loan Principal Repaid</i>	<i>Loan Interest Paid</i>	<i>Amount Loan Debt at 30 June</i>	<i>Principal & Interest vs. Total Rate Revenue</i>
1999/2000	\$1,198,700	\$500,065	\$238,727	\$3,965,115	20.11%
2000/01	\$1,854,990	\$647,261	\$350,795	\$5,172,844	23.00%
2001/02	\$1,679,110	\$722,203	\$378,913	\$6,129,751	21.42%
2002/03	\$1,800,000	\$1,240,615	\$445,442	\$6,689,136	27.55%
2003/04	\$1,600,000	\$839,736	\$442,790	\$7,449,400	18.85%
2004/05	\$1,520,000	\$914,313	\$508,462	\$8,055,088	18.63%
2005/06	\$1,470,000	\$1,033,965	\$533,735	\$8,491,122	18.54%
2006/07	\$1,682,310	\$1,476,230	\$551,091	\$8,697,202	22.34%

“To balance and meet the needs of our community in a sustainable and responsive manner by progressive leadership and partnering”

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Light Regional Council
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
INCOME			
Rates	3	9,143,721	8,498,476
Statutory charges	3	339,423	279,075
User charges	3	279,306	506,566
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3	1,076,373	1,296,789
Investment income	3	409,528	330,972
Reimbursements	3	181,187	223,953
Other revenues	3	334,690	145,332
Share of profit - joint ventures & associates	19	461,038	18,799
Total Revenues		<u>12,225,266</u>	<u>11,299,962</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	4	3,345,396	2,910,430
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4	4,886,350	4,850,002
Finance costs	4	578,573	576,314
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	4	4,137,101	4,069,564
Revaluation Losses		-	108,535
Total Expenses		<u>12,947,420</u>	<u>12,514,845</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS		(722,154)	(1,214,883)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	5	892,179	118,186
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	3	1,426,287	355,717
Physical resources received free of charge	3	440,695	506,788
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>2,037,007</u>	<u>(234,192)</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	16,368,128	5,498,106
Trade & other receivables	6	1,649,820	750,488
Inventories	6	67,943	117,240
		<u>18,085,891</u>	<u>6,365,834</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>18,085,891</u>	<u>6,365,834</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	7	131,204	147,929
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	7	911,459	321,230
Investment Property	8	519,939	533,435
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	8	86,360,954	84,691,413
		<u>87,923,556</u>	<u>85,694,007</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>87,923,556</u>	<u>85,694,007</u>
Total Assets		<u>106,009,447</u>	<u>92,059,841</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	9	10,758,989	843,956
Borrowings	9	1,273,558	1,119,340
Short-term Provisions	9	139,336	218,753
		<u>12,171,883</u>	<u>2,182,049</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>12,171,883</u>	<u>2,182,049</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Long-term Borrowings	9	7,423,644	7,371,782
Long-term Provisions	9	188,718	99,185
		<u>7,612,362</u>	<u>7,470,967</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>7,612,362</u>	<u>7,470,967</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>19,784,245</u>	<u>9,653,016</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>86,225,202</u>	<u>82,406,825</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		(2,580,222)	6,165,808
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	74,733,150	72,951,780
Other Reserves	10	14,072,274	3,289,237
		<u>86,225,202</u>	<u>82,406,825</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>86,225,202</u>	<u>82,406,825</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	6,165,808	7,418,987
Net Result for Year	2,037,007	(234,192)
Transfers to Other Reserves	(14,673,947)	(1,390,807)
Transfers from Other Reserves	3,890,910	371,820
Balance at end of period	<u>(2,580,222)</u>	<u>6,165,808</u>
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	72,951,780	61,760,586
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1,781,370	11,191,194
Balance at end of period	<u>74,733,150</u>	<u>72,951,780</u>
OTHER RESERVES	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	3,289,237	2,270,250
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	14,673,947	1,390,807
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(3,890,910)	(371,820)
Balance at end of period	<u>14,072,274</u>	<u>3,289,237</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>86,225,202</u>	<u>82,406,825</u>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	<u>1,781,370</u>	<u>11,191,194</u>
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>1,781,370</u>	<u>11,191,194</u>

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

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		20,908,905	10,365,193
Investment receipts		373,045	278,102
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(8,683,721)	(7,708,910)
Finance payments		<u>(568,245)</u>	<u>(592,856)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		12,029,984	2,341,529
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,426,287	984,520
Sale of replaced assets		1,208,008	370,682
Sale of surplus assets		-	267,000
Repayments of loans by community groups		15,764	15,578
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,886,910)	(3,213,203)
Capital contributed to associated entities		<u>(129,191)</u>	<u>(34,840)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,366,042)	(1,610,263)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		1,682,310	1,470,000
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		<u>(1,476,230)</u>	<u>(1,033,965)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		206,080	436,035
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		10,870,022	1,167,301
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		<u>5,498,106</u>	<u>4,330,805</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		<u>16,368,128</u>	<u>5,498,106</u>

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

LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Council by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 dated 19 October 2007.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except where stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Light Regional Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 93 Main Street, Kapunda, South Australia 5373. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in current trade and other payables.

3 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the revenue, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 (as amended). Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

5 Inventories

Inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated from the first full accounting period upon capitalisation.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as *non-current assets* to the value of works completed. They are capitalised upon completion and depreciated from the first full accounting period upon capitalisation.

6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$500
Other Plant & Equipment	\$500
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$2,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$5,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$2,000
Drains & Culverts	\$2,000
Community Waste Water Management Systems	\$5,000
Sidelines & household connections	\$2,000

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 8.

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

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

Plant and Machinery	5 to 20 years
Furniture and Fittings	10 to 25 years
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Buildings and Structures	5 to 100 years
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	50 to 100 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 100 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	50 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 80 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the *present value of future cash outflows* or *value in use*).

For assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, the *value in use* is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 4, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 3.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms. This approach is a change in accounting policy from previous years where entitlements were not shown at present values of discounted future cash flows.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. Details of this contribution are outlined in Note 18.

10 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council is part of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority in association with various Councils. The details of this association are outlined in Note 19.

12 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

Council did not have any finance leases as at 30 June, 2007.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

13 GST Implications

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

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

14 Comparative Information

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

15 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2007 reporting period.

- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and AASB 2005-10 *Amendments to AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB 139, AASB1, AASB4 AASB 1023 & AASB 1038*
- AASB 2006-1 *Amendments to AASB 121*
- AASB 2006-3 *Amendments to AASB 1045*
- AASB 2006-4 *Amendments to AASB 134*
- AASB 2007-1 *Amendments to AASB 2 arising from AASB Interpretation 11*
- AASB 2007-2 *Amendments to AASB 1, AASB 117, AASB 118, AASB 120, AASB 121, AASB 127, AASB 131 & AASB 139 arising from AASB Interpretation 12*
- AASB 8 *Operating Segments* and AASB 2007-3 *Amendments to AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038 arising from AASB 8*
- AASB 2007-4 *Amendments to AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 102, 107, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 1023 & 1038 arising from ED 151 and Other Amendments*
- Interpretation 10 *Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment*
- Interpretation 11 *AASB 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions*
- Interpretation 12 *Service Concession Arrangements*
- Interpretation 129 *Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements*

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES											
REVENUES		EXPENSES		OPERATING RESULT		GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)			
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2007	2006	2007	2006		
2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	\$	\$	\$	\$		
\$ 522,191	\$ 463,411	\$ 613,966	\$ 708,098	\$ (91,775)	\$ (244,687)	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 9,625,540	\$ 9,409,804		
87,483	106,801	481,326	604,313	(393,843)	(497,512)	14,179	4,500	2,010,781	2,001,483		
917,552	281,302	1,197,963	836,112	(280,411)	(554,810)	104,459	117,810	5,924,493	6,089,544		
1,618,539	198,150	1,207,598	1,200,597	410,941	(1,002,447)	590,036	8,028	12,880,141	9,655,459		
58,734	10,933	673,182	601,573	(614,448)	(590,640)	18,000	147,500	13,903,690	13,502,912		
367,815	290,724	846,820	624,100	(479,005)	(333,376)	30,000	-	3,926	10,429		
1,421,510	1,823,285	4,043,011	4,136,560	(2,621,501)	(2,313,275)	1,333,360	973,725	56,595,217	47,087,311		
9,812,177	9,093,183	2,779,223	2,706,724	7,032,954	6,386,459	206,713	197,260	5,065,657	4,302,899		
178,425	12,864	1,104,332	1,096,768	(925,907)	(1,083,904)	-	-	-	-		
14,984,427	12,280,653	12,947,420	12,514,845	2,037,007	(234,192)	2,331,747	1,448,823	106,009,447	92,059,841		

Business Undertakings
Community Services
Culture
Environment
Recreation
Regulatory Services
Transport
Governance
Other

TOTALS

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Note 2 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Caravan Parks, Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale, Marinas/Boat Havens, Private Works, Property Portfolio, CWMS.

Community Services

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Children and Youth Services, Community Assistance, Community Transport, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries/Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying and Other Community Amenities.

Culture

Library Services, Static Libraries, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries and Other Cultural Services, Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Waste Disposal Facility, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

Recreation

Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

Transport

Aerodrome, Bridges, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and Other Transport.

Plant Hire & Depot

Council Administration

Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 3 - REVENUES

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		7,616,564	7,204,101
		<u>7,616,564</u>	<u>7,204,101</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		146,495	88,356
Waste collection		565,617	456,344
Community wastewater management schemes		747,507	707,291
		<u>1,459,619</u>	<u>1,251,991</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		43,844	21,494
Legal & other costs recovered		23,694	20,890
		<u>67,538</u>	<u>42,384</u>
		<u>\$ 9,143,721</u>	<u>\$ 8,498,476</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		200,520	145,670
Road Rentals		6,085	10,492
Animal registration fees & fines		74,577	67,048
Septic Tank Inspections		36,339	30,851
Food Inspection		2,800	3,512
Rate Searches		18,180	16,258
Other fines, penalties & expiations		648	4,914
Sundry		276	330
		<u>339,423</u>	<u>279,075</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		21,915	24,186
Commercial activity revenue - Tourist Park		188,846	190,326
Commercial activity revenue - Quarries		0	172,000
Waste Management		61,987	70,224
Kennels		4,086	3,840
Sundry		2,472	45,990
		<u>279,306</u>	<u>506,566</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		361,856	261,759
Banks & other		16,972	25,406
Loans to community groups		9,407	10,644
Investment property rental income		21,293	33,163
		<u>409,528</u>	<u>330,972</u>

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NOTE 3 - REVENUES (continued)

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		1,866	4,374
- for private works		11,339	16,120
- by joint undertakings		11,294	24,998
- other		156,688	178,461
		<u>181,187</u>	<u>223,953</u>
OTHER REVENUES			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		147,921	6,772
Workers Compensation Bonus		54,024	39,759
Leave transferred		30,156	64,007
LGFA Bonus		22,993	21,691
Community Events - BOBFEST		72,214	0
Sundry		7,382	13,103
		<u>334,690</u>	<u>145,332</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,426,287	355,717
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		1,076,373	1,296,789
		<u>2,502,660</u>	<u>1,652,506</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		756,550	813,803
State government		1,575,197	635,020
Other		170,913	203,683
		<u>2,502,660</u>	<u>1,652,506</u>

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NOTE 3 - REVENUES (continued)

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Conditions over grants & contributions			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
		\$	\$
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		728,803	50,000
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		402,690	50,000
<i>Subtotal</i>		402,690	50,000
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		397,500	728,803
<i>Environment</i>		550,000	0
<i>Business Undertakings</i>		35,000	0
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		12,000	0
<i>Subtotal</i>		994,500	728,803
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and</i>		1,320,613	728,803
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period</i>		591,810	678,803

PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE

CWMS	34,737	0
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	69,000	224,280
Stormwater Drainage	336,958	230,408
Footpaths	0	52,100
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED	440,695	506,788

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Note 4 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		2,436,980	2,219,201
Employee leave expense		466,818	372,128
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	152,558	139,081
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	87,069	74,592
Workers' Compensation Insurance		140,821	126,037
Other		120,715	94,828
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(59,565)	(115,437)
Total Operating Employee Costs		3,345,396	2,910,430
Total Number of Employees		56	58
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		6,910	6,719
- Other Services		-	-
- Other Auditors		-	-
Elected members' expenses		128,047	116,915
Election expenses		27,304	9,596
Operating Lease Rentals - non-cancellable leases	17		
- minimum lease payments		10,384	2,193
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		172,645	135,423
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,406,537	2,221,876
Energy		162,635	150,880
Maintenance		533,268	885,483
Legal Expenses		178,674	80,558
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		142,527	84,900
- Other Levies		42,221	38,988
Parts, accessories & consumables		548,207	404,774
Professional services		337,130	568,526
Sundry		581,718	561,801
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(219,211)	(283,207)
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		4,713,706	4,714,579
		4,886,350	4,850,002
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on short-term borrowings		21,502	36,295
Interest on Loans		551,091	533,735
Charges on Finance		5,980	6,284
		578,573	576,314

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Note 4 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings and Structures		431,207	560,485
Infrastructure		3,124,291	2,979,271
CWMS		190,082	111,615
Plant and Equipment		296,288	183,069
Office Furniture & Equipment		95,233	235,124
		4,137,101	4,069,564
 <i>Investment Property expenses included above</i>			
<i>Property generating rental income</i>			
<i>Repairs, maintenance & other operating expenses</i>		7,062	10,017
<i>Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment</i>		15,525	24,414
		22,587	34,431

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Note 5 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2007	2006
Notes	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Proceeds from disposal	1,208,008	637,682
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>315,829</u>	<u>519,496</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>892,179</u>	<u>118,186</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	\$ <u>892,179</u>	\$ <u>118,186</u>

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Note 6 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		595,718	226,972
Deposits at Call		15,772,408	5,271,134
		<u>16,368,128</u>	<u>5,498,106</u>

Council's Cash and Equivalent Assets in 2007 are significantly greater when compared to 2006 because in 2007 Council was the recipient of \$9.6 million grant funds from Federal and State governments to undertake capital works on state owned assets.

TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Rates - General & Other		572,207	496,158
Accrued Revenues		103,302	66,819
Debtors - general		1,042,159	175,035
GST Recoupment		-	(13)
Prepayments		52,299	133,597
Loans to community organisations		16,725	15,764
Total		1,786,692	887,360
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		136,872	136,872
		<u>1,649,820</u>	<u>750,488</u>

INVENTORIES

Stores & Materials		26,323	75,620
Real Estate Developments		41,620	41,620
		<u>67,943</u>	<u>117,240</u>

Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense, and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.

Real Estate Developments

(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)

Other Properties surplus to requirements		41,620	41,620
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>41,620</u>	<u>41,620</u>

Represented by:

Other Properties - Book Value		41,620	41,620
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>41,620</u>	<u>41,620</u>

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Note 7 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>131,204</u>	<u>147,929</u>
		131,204	147,929
Less: Impairment for Doubtful Debts		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		131,204	147,929
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>131,204</u>	<u>147,929</u>
 EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority	19	<u>911,459</u>	<u>321,230</u>
		911,459	321,230

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	2006				2007			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
								\$
	Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT							
Land	12,858,101	5,450	-	12,863,551	12,725,891	-	-	12,725,891
Buildings and Structures	13,576,891	112,468	-	13,689,359	13,340,152	1,281,150	(415,553)	14,205,749
Infrastructure	80,131,873	2,190,169	(32,001,301)	50,320,741	81,359,875	5,529,330	(35,298,415)	51,590,790
CWMS	5,315,435	-	-	5,315,435	5,315,435	129,145	(190,082)	5,254,498
Plant and Equipment	2,028,890	84,000	(84,000)	2,028,890	1,307,090	1,072,689	(227,898)	2,151,881
Office Furniture & Equipment	473,437	-	-	473,437	473,437	53,941	(95,233)	432,145
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	114,384,627	2,392,087	(32,085,301)	84,691,413	114,521,880	8,066,255	(36,227,181)	86,360,954
2006 Totals	114,384,627	2,392,087	(32,085,301)	84,691,413	114,384,627	2,392,087	(32,085,301)	84,691,413

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Note 8 - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Land	189,365	-	-	189,365	189,365	-	-	189,365
Buildings and Structures	182,787	161,283	-	344,070	344,070	-	(13,496)	330,574
TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY	372,152	161,283	-	533,435	533,435	-	(13,496)	519,939
2006 Totals	372,152	161,283	-	533,435	372,152	161,283	-	533,435

This Note continues on the following pages.

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	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2007
	2006 \$	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Blank	Net Revaluation	\$ CARRYING AMOUNT
Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT								
Land	12,863,551	(5,450)	-	-	-	-	(132,210)	12,725,891
Buildings and Structures	13,689,359	396,771	(10,911)	(417,711)	-	-	548,241	14,205,749
Infrastructure	50,320,741	2,756,647	-	(3,124,291)	-	-	1,637,693	51,590,790
CWMS	5,315,435	129,145	-	(190,082)	-	-	-	5,254,498
Plant and Equipment	2,028,890	996,551	(304,918)	(296,288)	-	-	(272,354)	2,151,881
Office Furniture & Equipment	473,437	53,941	-	(95,233)	-	-	-	432,145
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	84,691,413	4,327,605	(315,829)	(4,123,605)	-	-	1,781,370	86,360,954
2006 Totals	84,691,413	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,691,413

Note 8 - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Land	189,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	189,365
Buildings and Structures	344,070	-	-	(13,496)	-	-	-	330,574
TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY	533,435	-	-	(13,496)	-	-	-	519,939
2006 Totals	533,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	533,435

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Note 8 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost for the purposes of AIFRS.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. They were valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067 as at 30 June 2006. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Land & Land Improvements

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2006 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

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

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. They were valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067 as at 30 June 2006. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067 at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2006 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure including kerb and gutter, was valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067 as at 30 June 2006 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2006 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Rural pipes and Culverts were not valued as part of Stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Community wastewater management scheme infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067 at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2006 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Major depreciation periods are:

Plant and Machinery	5 to 20 years
Furniture and Fittings	10 to 25 years
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Buildings and Structures	5 to 100 years
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	50 to 100 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 100 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	50 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 80 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years

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Note 8 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

All other assets

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

The basis of valuation of investment properties is fair value being the amounts for which the properties could be exchanged between willing but not anxious parties in an arms length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar parties in the same location and subject to similar leases. The 2006 valuation was made by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers, Level 2, 135 Fullarton Road, Rose Park SA 5067.

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Note 9 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2007		2006	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		481,787	-	121,822	-
Payments received in advance		9,600,000	-	716	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		460,445	-	522,249	-
Accrued expenses - other		207,297	-	196,969	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		9,460	-	2,200	-
		10,758,989	-	843,956	-

Council's Trade and Other Payables in 2007 are significantly greater when compared to 2006 because in 2007 Council was the recipient of \$9.6 million grant funds from Federal and State governments to undertake capital works on state owned assets. This work will be undertaken in 2008 hence the amount is shown under payables.

BORROWINGS

Loans	1,273,558	7,423,644	1,119,340	7,371,782
	1,273,558	7,423,644	1,119,340	7,371,782

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

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	139,336	188,718	218,753	99,185
	139,336	188,718	218,753	99,185

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Note 10 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2006	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2007
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	12,286,999	(132,210)		12,154,789
Buildings and Structures	10,157,152	548,241		10,705,393
Infrastructure	44,724,674	1,637,693		46,362,367
CWMS	5,089,899			5,089,899
Plant and Equipment	693,056	(272,354)		420,702
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	72,951,780	1,781,370		74,733,150
TOTAL	72,951,780	1,781,370		74,733,150
2006 Totals	61,760,586	11,191,194		72,951,780

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2006	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2007
Hewett Infrastructure	31,579	1,852	(1,850)	31,581
Office Equipment	59,641	3,081	(3,080)	59,642
Plant and Machinery Replacement	138,198	4,641	(114,640)	28,199
Quarry Rehabilitation	345,109	274,736	(305,770)	314,075
Maintenance of Infrastructure	498,054	3,675,667	(2,688,030)	1,485,691
Kapunda CWMS Infrastructure	575,326	423,944	(236,600)	762,670
Freeling CWMS Infrastructure	532,872	164,562	(41,980)	655,454
Greenock CWMS Infrastructure	337,716	73,674	(27,800)	383,590
Roseworthy CWMS Infrastructure	42,719	1,985	(23,340)	21,364
McKinlay Estate Footpaths	339,550	219,917	(219,920)	339,547
McKinlay Estate Infrastructure	2,156	126	(130)	2,152
McKinlay Ridge Footpaths	282,837	215,719	(215,720)	282,836
McKinlay Ridge Infrastructure	60,800	3,136	(3,140)	60,796
Hanson Park Footpaths	22,683	1,330	(1,330)	22,683
Bridges	13,320	4,340	(840)	16,820
Companion Animals	6,677	237	(6,740)	174
Gawler - Tarlee Road Capital Works		6,000,000		6,000,000
Kapunda - Marrabel Road Capital Works		3,000,000		3,000,000
Streetscaping-Hanson Street Freeling		605,000		605,000
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	3,289,237	14,673,947	(3,890,910)	14,072,274
2006 Totals	2,270,250	1,390,807	(371,820)	3,289,237

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Note 10 - RESERVES (continued)

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Other Reserves

The Greenock CWMS Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of Greenock CWMS infrastructure.

The Kapunda CWMS Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of Kapunda CWMS infrastructure.

The Freeling CWMS Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of Freeling CWMS infrastructure.

The Roseworthy CWMS Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of Roseworthy CWMS infrastructure.

The Hewett Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of infrastructure in the Hewett area.

The McKinlay Estate Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of infrastructure at McKinlay Estate.

The McKinlay Estate Footpaths reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of footpaths at McKinlay Estate.

The McKinlay Ridge Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of infrastructure at McKinlay Ridge.

The McKinlay Ridge Footpaths reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of footpaths at McKinlay Ridge.

The Maintenance - Infrastructure reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement works on roads, traffic control and stormwater in the Light Regional Council area.

The Quarries - Rehabilitation reserve is used for the expenditure involved in rehabilitating quarries used by Light Regional Council.

The Bridges reserve is used for maintenance, capital upgrade and replacement of bridges in the Light Regional Council area.

The Plant and Machinery Replacement reserve is used for replacement of Light Regional Council's plant and machinery.

The Office Equipment Replacement reserve is used for replacement of Light Regional Council's office equipment.

The Companion Animals reserve is used for expenditure in relation to dog control and management.

The Gawler - Tarlee Road Capital Works reserve is used to hold funds received from the Federal Government to undertake works on the Kapunda - Tarlee Road, which is a state owned asset.

The Kapunda - Marrabel Road Capital Works reserve is used to hold funds received from the Federal Government to undertake works on the Kapunda - Marrabel Road, which is a state owned asset.

The Streetscaping - Hanson Street, Freeling reserve is used to hold grant funds received from the State Government to undertake streetscaping works on Hanson Street in Freeling.

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Note 11 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Developer Contributions		739,594	739,605
Other unexpended amounts from other levels of Government		9,000,000	0
STEDs scheme		1,823,078	1,488,633
		<u>11,562,672</u>	<u>2,228,238</u>
RECEIVABLES			
Kingsford Regional Industrial Estate Infrastructure Works		600,000	0
		<u>600,000</u>	<u>0</u>
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Museum Storage Sheds		118,421	120,975
Soldiers Memorial Hall – Kapunda		863,828	874,790
Historical Museum – Kapunda		1,184,703	1,205,703
Mine Chimney Site – Kapunda		30,722	31,504
Cemetery Reserve – Kapunda		68,519	86,353
Dutton Park – Kapunda		3,683,388	3,855,770
Swimming Centre – Kapunda		383,617	398,701
Herald Building – Kapunda		840,938	855,960
Senior Citizens Clubrooms – Kapunda		242,743	192,686
RSL Clubrooms – Freeling		77,756	79,081
Institute – Freeling		486,022	492,375
Recreation Parklands – Freeling		939,166	971,048
Cemetery Reserve – Freeling		38,263	38,689
Cemetery Reserve – Greenock		55,423	55,743
Institute – Greenock		279,449	282,650
Recreation Parklands – Greenock		627,774	644,941
Adelaide Soaring Club – Buchfelde		1,391,139	1,419,971
Recreation Parklands – Roseworthy		618,711	-
Institute – Wasleys		488,898	496,161
Recreation Parklands – Wasleys		242,994	252,111
		<u>12,662,474</u>	<u>12,355,212</u>
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		<u>24,825,146</u>	<u>14,583,450</u>

The following liabilities, included in Note 9, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance.

Payables	9	<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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Note 12 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	6	<u>16,368,128</u>	<u>5,498,106</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>16,368,128</u>	<u>5,498,106</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		2,037,007	(234,192)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		4,137,101	4,069,564
Fair value adjustments		-	108,535
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease		(461,038)	(18,799)
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(51,688)	-
Non-cash asset acquisitions		(440,695)	(506,788)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(1,426,287)	(984,520)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(892,179)	(118,186)
		<u>2,902,221</u>	<u>2,315,614</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(898,371)	(131,844)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		49,297	257,569
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		-	(78,255)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		9,976,837	709
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		-	(22,264)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>12,029,984</u>	<u>2,341,529</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

- Physical resources received free of charge	3	<u>440,695</u>	<u>506,788</u>
<i>Amounts recognised in Income Statement</i>		<u>440,695</u>	<u>506,788</u>
		<u>440,695</u>	<u>506,788</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	20,000	20,000
Cash Advance	500,000	500,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. It is held with Bank SA and interest rates are variable and subject to adjustment.

The cash advance facility is with LGFA and is known as a Floating Temporary Loan Facility.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & Conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 5.50% and 6.00% (2006: 5.25% and 5.50%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.81% (2006: 0.79%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal & interest; interest is charged at a fixed rate of 6.99% (2006: 6.15% and 6.85%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2007	Floating Interest Rate \$	≤ 1 year \$	<u>Fixed interest maturing in</u> > 1 year ≥ 5 years \$		> 5 years \$	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
Financial Assets							
Fair Value through P&L							
Cash Assets	16,368,128					-	16,368,128
Other Financial Assets						-	-
Loans & Receivables							
Receivables	1,625,423					0	1,625,423
Other Financial Assets							-
Held to Maturity Investments							
Other Financial Assets							-
Available for Sale							
Cash Assets							-
Other Financial Assets							-
Total	17,993,551	-	-	-	-	0	17,993,551
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.75%						
Financial Liabilities							
Payables	10,091,247					-	10,091,247
Short-term Borrowings							-
Borrowings		1,273,558	5,548,444	1,875,200		-	8,697,202
Total	10,091,247	1,273,558	5,548,444	1,875,200		-	18,788,449
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.99%		6.99%		6.99%		6.99%
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)							
	7,902,304	(1,273,558)	(5,548,444)	(1,875,200)		0	(794,898)

2006	Floating Interest Rate \$	≤ 1 year \$	<u>Fixed interest maturing in</u> > 1 year ≥ 5 years \$		> 5 years \$	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
Financial Assets							
Fair Value through P&L							
Cash Assets	5,498,106					-	5,498,106
Other Financial Assets						-	-
Loans & Receivables							
Receivables	616,890					81,111	698,001
Other Financial Assets							-
Held to Maturity Investments							
Other Financial Assets							-
Available for Sale							
Cash Assets							-
Other Financial Assets							-
Total	6,114,996	-	-	-		81,111	6,196,107
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.50%						
Financial Liabilities							
Payables	1,078,760					(954,022)	124,738
Short-term Borrowings							-
Borrowings		1,119,340	5,335,731	2,036,051		-	8,491,122
Total	1,078,760	1,119,340	5,335,731	2,036,051		(954,022)	8,615,860
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.48%		6.48%		6.48%		6.48%
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)							
	5,036,236	(1,119,340)	(5,335,731)	(2,036,051)		1,035,133	(2,419,753)

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Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit Risk Exposures

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. Except as detailed in Notes 6 & 7 in relation to individual classes of financial assets, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Reconciliation of Financial Assets & Liabilities

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Net financial assets from above		
Financial Assets	17,993,551	6,196,107
Financial Liabilities	<u>18,788,449</u>	<u>8,615,860</u>
	(794,898)	(2,419,753)
Non-financial assets and liabilities		
Accrued Revenues	103,302	66,819
Prepayments	52,299	133,597
Inventories	67,943	117,240
Investments in Associates	911,459	321,230
Investment Property	519,939	533,435
Property, Plant & Equipment	86,360,954	84,691,413
Other Assets	0	0
Accrued Expenses	(667,742)	(719,218)
Provisions	(328,054)	(317,938)
Other liabilities	0	0
	<u>87,020,100</u>	<u>84,826,578</u>
Net Assets per Balance Sheet	<u>86,225,202</u>	<u>82,406,825</u>

Net Fair Value

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

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2007	2006
<u>Notes</u>	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Buildings and Structures	171,840	30,270
Infrastructure	1,697,970	599,280
Plant & Equipment	38,920	160,000
	<u>1,908,730</u>	<u>789,550</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	<u>1,908,730</u>	<u>789,550</u>
	<u>1,908,730</u>	<u>789,550</u>
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Information Technology	39,096	5,000
Infrastructure	99,711	120,910
Planning and Development	72,700	81,760
Transfer to Reserves (Appropriations)	1,180,920	942,000
Transfer from Reserves (Recoupments)	(1,002,830)	(219,970)
Other	15,373	31,670
	<u>404,970</u>	<u>961,370</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	<u>404,970</u>	<u>961,370</u>
	<u>404,970</u>	<u>961,370</u>

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2007 2006

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus (722,154) (1,214,883)

Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Note: The calculation for this indicator includes a non-cash amount of \$461,038 which is Council's share in profits in the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA). To derive a cash operating surplus this figure should be added back to the figure above. This applies to the Operating Surplus Ratio Indicator calculated below as well. If the Operating Surplus is recalculated without Council's share in GRFMA the Operating Surplus Ratio must also be recalculated for it to be accurate.

Operating Surplus Ratio

Operating Surplus (8%) (14%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities

1,635,093 3,256,493

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Note: Both the Net Financial Liabilities and Net Financial Liabilities Ratio indicators are significantly affected by grant funds to the value of \$9.6 million received by Council to be spent on capital works on state owned assets. By including this value in the calculation of the two indicators the 2007 indicators have been significantly reduced when compared to the 2006 indicators.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities 14% 29%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy

Interest Cover Ratio

Net Interest Expense 1.6% 2.6%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less
Investment Income

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Net Asset Renewals 65% 70%
Depreciation Expense

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Asset Consumption Ratio

Carrying value of depreciable assets 67% 69%
Gross value of depreciable assets

Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The Local Government Association's General Meeting in March 2006 resolved that a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of each council be prepared on a uniform and consistent basis, thereby enabling more meaningful comparisons between councils.

It also is intended that annual budgets and long-term financial plans be summarised on the same basis.

A feature of the arrangement is that it facilitates the reporting of a standard set of key financial indicators of the Council's financial sustainability – all of which are shown in Note 15 above.

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Operating Revenues	12,225,266	11,299,962
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(12,947,420)</u>	<u>(12,514,845)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(722,154)	(1,214,883)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	3,886,910	3,213,203
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(4,137,101)	(4,069,564)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(1,208,008)</u>	<u>(370,682)</u>
	(1,458,199)	(1,227,043)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(1,426,287)	(984,520)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	(267,000)
	<u>(1,426,287)</u>	<u>(1,251,520)</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>2,162,332</u>	<u>1,263,680</u>

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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 3.

Investment Property

Rentals received, and outgoings reimbursed, in relation to Investment Property are also disclosed in Note 3. These lease agreements, all of which are classified as operating leases, are made on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable.

Lessees commitments under all non-cancellable lease agreements, including those relating to Investment Property, are as follows:

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	-	21,293
	<u>-</u>	<u>21,293</u>

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	40,579	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	84,393	-
	<u>124,972</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme).

The Scheme's Defined Benefit Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Scheme's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Actuary. The amount of superannuation contributions paid by Light Regional Council, during the reporting period was \$239,627.

Light Regional Council

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Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The GRFMA was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, by a Charter published in The South Australian Government Gazette on 22nd August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, District Council of Mallala and the City of Playford.

The GRFMA has been established for the following purposes:

1. To coordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure in the Gawler River area (the Floodplain);
2. To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining flood mitigation works within the Floodplain;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation within the Floodplain;
4. To enter into agreements with Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Floodplain.

	2007	2006
Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority	\$	\$
Council's respective interests are:		
- interest in outputs of the joint operation		
- ownership interest in the joint operation	9%	9%
- the proportion of voting power in the joint operation		
<u>Movements in Investment in Joint Operation</u>	\$	\$
Opening Balance	321,230	267,591
New Capital Contributions	129,191	34,840
Share in Operating Result	461,038	18,799
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	911,459	321,230

Expenditure Commitments

Expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Capital Expenditures payable

Not later than one year	-	129,191
	-	129,191

Operating Expenditures payable

Not later than one year	4,000	4,000
	4,000	4,000

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Adelaide Hills Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

District Council of Mallala

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GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Income Statement for the Year Ending 30th June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Income			
Subscriptions	3	24,000	24,000
Investment Income	1 (d)	121,050	105,400
State Government Grants		200,000	
Other		1,850	463
Total Income		346,900	129,863
Expenditure			
Contractual Services	5	56,114	47,855
Finance Charges		1,396	1,424
Other		9,902	12,505
Total Expenditure		67,412	61,584
Surplus from Operations		279,488	68,277
Capital Revenues			
Subscriptions	3	1,490,001	401,810
NABCWMB Contribution		0	62,710
State Government Grants		2,502,039	0
Commonwealth Government Grants		2,528,857	32,898
Total Capital Revenues		6,520,907	497,418
Surplus		6,800,395	565,695

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

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	1 (e)	0	0
Investments	1 (J)	3,320,462	1,945,991
Debtors - GST		0	14,442
Total Current Assets		3,320,462	1,960,433
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		51,484	30,628
Creditors - GST		32,495	0
Total Current Liabilities		83,979	30,628
Net Current Assets		3,236,483	1,929,805
Non Current Assets			
Designs Infrastructure	4	1,116,260	983,568
Infrastructure	4	4,278,537	0
Land	4	1,880,681	798,393
Total Non Current Assets		7,275,478	1,781,961
Non Current Liabilities			
Creditors		0	0
Loans		0	0
Total Non Current Assets		0	0
Net Assets		10,511,961	3,711,566
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		10,511,961	3,711,566
Total Equity		10,511,961	3,711,566

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Statement of Change in Equity for the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	2007	2006
Notes	\$	\$
Accumulated Surplus		
Balance at beginning of period	3,711,566	2,851,858
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	6,800,395	555,695
Transfer from: reserves		284,013
Balance at end of period	<u>10,511,961</u>	<u>3,711,566</u>
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Balance at beginning of period	0	284,013
Transfer to Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>284,013</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Equity	<u>10,511,961</u>	<u>3,711,566</u>

The above Statement of Change in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	2007	2006
	Notes	
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts	7,291,395	582,849
Payments	(563,717)	(128,355)
Interest Receipts	119,654	105,400
	<u>8,847,332</u>	<u>559,894</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Financing activities	0	0
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	0	0
Cash Flows from Investment Activities		
Payments – Designs Infrastructure and Land	(5,493,517)	(1,053,819)
Net Cash Used in Investment Activities	<u>(5,493,517)</u>	<u>(1,053,819)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	1,353,815	(493,925)
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	1,915,163	2,409,088
Cash at the end of the reporting period	<u>3,268,978</u>	<u>1,915,163</u>

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

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) The Local Government Reporting Entity

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority. The Board has determined that the Authority is not a reporting entity.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, District Council of Murray and the City of Playford.

All funds received and expended by the Authority have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

(b) Basis of Accounting

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the following Accounting Standards:

AASB Materiality

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 report 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.

(c) Employees

The Association has no employees.

(d) Investments

Investments are valued at cost. Interest revenues are recognized as they accrue.

(e) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

2 Functions / Activities of the Association

(a) Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions / activities, descriptions of which are set out in Note 2b.

(b) The activities of the Authority are categorised into the following function / activities:

Administration: The operations of the Authority and its Premises

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

Note 2b Functions of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Administration

Year	Revenue			%	Expenses		Surplus (Deficit)
	Grants	Other	Total Revenue		Expenses Total	%	
2007	200,000	146,980	346,980	9.0%	67,412	1.2%	279,568
2005	0	129,863	129,863	20.6%	61,584	6.4%	68,279

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

2007	5,030,906	1,490,001	6,520,907	95.0%	5,493,517	88.9%	1,027,390
2005	32,698	454,520	487,218	79.4%	1,060,819	94.6%	(573,601)

Total

2007	5,230,906	1,636,981	6,867,887	100.0%	6,560,929	100.0%	1,306,958
2005	32,698	584,383	617,081	100.0%	1,118,403	100.0%	(491,322)

3 Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 16.2 of the Charter for the year:

Constituent Council	Scheme Weeks		Operations	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Adelaide Hills Council	\$25,835	\$6,873	\$4,000	\$4,000
The Barossa Council	\$178,181	\$34,840	\$4,000	\$4,000
Town of Gawler	\$258,382	\$89,680	\$4,000	\$4,000
Light Regional Council	\$129,191	\$34,840	\$4,000	\$4,000
District Council of Mt Stuart	\$438,523	\$116,433	\$4,000	\$4,000
City of Playford	\$616,765	\$139,350	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total	\$1,499,101	\$497,813	\$24,000	\$24,000

4 Non Current Assets, Non Current Liabilities

The following are the Non Current Assets:

	2007	2006
North Para	\$1,095,631	\$867,227
South Para	\$32,032	\$32,437
Lower Gawler River	\$257,135	\$143,008
Total	\$1,394,798	\$1,042,672
Total	---	---
Land	\$1,850,891	\$798,017
Total	\$1,850,891	\$798,017
Total	\$7,275,478	\$1,761,981

There are no Non Current Liabilities

5 Contractual Services

Contractual Services involve payments or liabilities for the external provision of services and include (net of GST):

	2007	2006
Consultants Operations		
Fred Peeler & Associates	\$25,576	\$47,850
Consultants Design Infrastructure		
Adelaide Research & Innovation Trust	\$1,000	
Alliary Engineering Services Pty Ltd	\$365	\$20,576
Australian Water Environments	\$93,603	\$47,947
Asph Water		\$25,020
Barrowool Pty Ltd	\$3,312,590	
Dept Transport Energy Infrastructure	\$10,980	\$21,420
Fred Peeler & Associates	\$68,705	\$43,560
Mulhney Field Services	\$46,995	\$32,377
SA Water Corporation	\$487,746	
URS Australia Pty Ltd	\$355,840	\$76,626
Urban and Regional Planning Solutions	\$5,220	
The Lighthouse Public Relations	\$12,048	
Totals	\$4,399,656	\$314,179

6 Comparison of Budget and Actual Results

	2007		2006	
	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$
Revenue				
Administration	126,000	146,050	128,550	129,400
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Maintenance		231,850	0	462
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Capital	14,393,000	6,520,937	600,520	457,418
Total Revenue	14,214,000	6,897,837	628,570	427,280
Expenditure				
Administration	34,060	41,426	62,978	60,732
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Maintenance		36,987		652
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Capital	15,895,500	5,490,317	1,007,014	1,053,513
Total Expenditure	15,929,560	5,858,730	1,070,000	1,115,400
Surplus (Deficit)	(1,715,560)	1,039,107	(441,430)	(688,120)

7 Expenditure Commitment

1. An agreement has been entered into with URS Australia Pty Ltd as Superintendent of Dam Construction at a cost of \$475,000 (net of GST).
2. An agreement has been entered into with Australian Water Environments to undertake assessments and prepare designs for the Lower Gawler River Works, North Para Gauge Station and Gawler River Open Source Strategy at a cost of \$272,643 (net of GST).
3. An agreement has been entered into with Barrowool Pty Ltd to undertake the RCC construction of the North Para River Dam at a cost of \$9,844,534 (net of GST).
4. An agreement has been entered into with Urban and Regional Planning Solutions to prepare the Gawler River Open Space Strategy and Landscape Plans at a cost of \$56,570 (net of GST).
5. An agreement has been entered into with SA Water Corporation to undertake design work of the South Para Reservoir Dam wall and spillway at a cost of \$110,000 (net of GST).
6. An agreement has been entered into with Fred Peeler & Associates to provide Executive Officer and Supervision of Consultants services to 31st December 2008.
7. The State Government has approved funding for the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme totalling \$7,750,000 of which \$2,795,039 has been paid to the Authority.
8. The Commonwealth Government has approved funding for the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme under the Regional Flood Mitigation Program totalling \$8,060,371 of which \$2,795,039 has been paid to the Authority.

Executive Officer's Statement

I, **Frederick William Pedler**, the person for the time being occupying the position of Executive Officer of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority do hereby state that the financial statements for the Authority for the 2006 - 2007 financial year are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

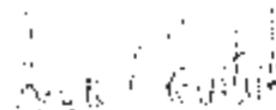
Dated 10th August 2007



Fred Pedler
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Adoption Statement

Laid before the Board Meeting of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority and Adopted on Thursday 23rd August 2007



Dr Bruce Eastick AM
CHAIRMAN
GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Independent Auditors Report

To the Constituent Councils of the GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report on pages 1 to 8 comprising the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash flows, Notes to the Financial Statements and Statement by the Executive Officer for the year ended 30th June 2007. Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority's Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of their constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Authority's financial reporting requirements. As such, we disclaim any assumption of responsibility for 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 which it was prepared. The audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included an examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and evaluation of accounting policies and significant account estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements. (These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia).

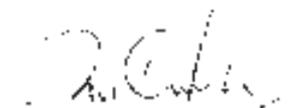
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the basis above.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority are properly drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and fairly present the financial position of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority as at 30th June 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

Signed at Adelaide this *16* day of *August* 2007

HLB Mann Judd
Chartered Accountants



Trevor D Hirth, FCA
Partner

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets as at 30th June 2007

Prepared to meet the requirements of Clause 15.5 of the Charter

"The 'Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' will reflect the proportionate contribution each Constituent Council has made to the growth of the net assets of the Authority having regard to the proportionate contribution to subscriptions. The Schedule when updated by the Board at the end of each financial year will reflect the proportionate contribution of each Constituent Council, since the contribution of the Authority and once accepted by each Constituent Council will be evidence of the agreed proportion of a Constituent Council's interests in the net assets as at 30 June in that year."

For the purposes of this Clause only Subscriptions for Scheme costs have been included in subscriptions to the growth of assets.

This Schedule has been prepared on the basis that the Authority was 'wound up' on 30th June 2007. At that date the designs, assessments, Scheme infrastructure and land have been capitalized at cost. Grants and contributions from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Northern Adelaide Barossa Catchment Water Management Board that have contributed to these costs, have not been deducted.

Calculation of Net Equity

Assets	
Cash / Investments	\$3,320,462
Designs and Infrastructure	\$1,116,260
Infrastructure	\$4,278,537
Land	\$1,880,681
	\$10,595,940
Less Liabilities	
Overdraft / Creditors	583,979
Net Equity	\$10,511,961

Constituent Councils	Subscriptions to the growth of Assets to 30 June 2007	Percentage of Contribution to the Total	Council's Interests in Net Assets
Adelaide Hills Council	570,988	1.73%	\$182,296
The Barossa Council	5354,951	8.67%	\$911,459
Town of Gawler	5709,692	17.34%	\$1,822,892
Light Regional Council	5354,951	8.67%	\$911,459
District Council of Midland	\$1,183,146	28.90%	\$3,038,135
City of Playford	\$1,419,763	34.68%	\$3,645,730
	\$1,093,691	100.00%	\$10,511,961

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' as at the 30th June 2007 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 15.5 of the Charter on 23rd August 2007

LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 20 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

1. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

2. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$147,928 (2006: \$163,693) at reporting date.

Council does not expect to incur any loss arising from these guarantees.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of one (1) appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. This appeal is in relation to the location of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Freeling. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

At reporting date Council was aware of circumstances or incidents which it believed might give rise to any future claim and increased legal costs. The incident referred to is the dismissal of Council's former Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Council's former CEO became the subject of an investigation conducted by the Anti Corruption Branch of SA Police in November 2006. The investigation was based on the former CEO's ownership of land in Kapunda and associated development issues. The former CEO stood aside from his position pending the outcomes of investigation. However, following an internal investigation and legal advice the former CEO's employment was terminated in March 2007. Council is of the opinion that as a result of this termination there could be potential for claims from the former CEO for unfair dismissal. Furthermore, there could be potential for claims from developers affiliated with the land in question.

LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Brian Robert Carr, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of Light Regional Council, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2007 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and Variation Regulations 2007* made under that Act.



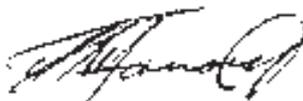
Brian Carr

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 19th day of OCTOBER 2007

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before Light Regional Council and adopted on the 23rd day of OCTOBER 2007



Robert Hornsey

MAYOR

LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Brian Robert Carr, confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Light Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2007, Council's Auditor Dean Newbery and Partners, Chartered Accountants, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and Variation Regulations 2007* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Variation Regulations 2007*.



Brian Robert Carr

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this *19th* day of *OCTOBER* 2007

LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

I, John Alexander Charles Comrie, confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Light Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2007 Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery and Partners Chartered Accountants, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and Variation Regulations 2007* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Variation Regulations 2007*



John Alexander Charles Comrie

PRESIDING MEMBER OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dated this *19th* day of *October* 2007

DEAN NEWBERRY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Light Regional Council which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, a summary of the significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement for the year ended on that date.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of Light Regional Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. 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 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 these 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 1999. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, provided to the Chief Executive Officer on 3 September 2007, would be in the same terms if provided to the Chief Executive Officer as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion

The financial report of Light Regional Council is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of Light Regional Council financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (c) complying with Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (d) where applicable, in accordance with the provisions relating to subsidiaries (and regional subsidiaries) of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

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“ Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. ”



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