



THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council: (BBC)

Coorong District Council: (CDC)

District Council of Karoonda East Murray: (DCKEM)

District Council of Loxton Waikerie: (DCLW)

Mid Murray Council: (MMC)

Rural City of Murray Bridge: (RCMB)

Renmark Paringa Council: (RPC), and the

Southern Mallee District Council: (SMDC)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

Now in my fourth term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual Report for the period 2010 to 2011.

As has been historically evidenced, the activities of the Association have been many and varied, but underpinned by the general relevance to both the Association's Strategic and Annual Business Plans.

Increased impost on local government by State Government regulations and provisions, with associated cost shifts has again been experienced by Member Councils, ultimately affecting ratepayers in the region.

The Association has a continuing desire to ensure activities undertaken result in ultimate benefits to the community.

A snapshot of matters and issues addressed over the past year are summarized as follows: (*legend::* ▶ Strategic - General ▶ Environmental ▶ Economic ▶ Social ▶ Governance)

Projects and activities completed:

- ▶ Complete and wide ranging review of the Association's current Strategic Plan culminating in the newly adopted M&MLGA Strategic Plan 2011-2014.
- ▶ Facilitation of the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Assessment Panel Meeting for Councils' funding applications for the 2010-2011 funding round.
- ▶ In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.
- ▶ Completion of the 2011-2012 SLRP Road Funding applications and provision of advices and recommendations to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel.
- ▶ Arrangements made for Council financial contributions to the Southern Mallee Broadband Project.
- ▶ Completed the review of the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan.
- ▶ Finalisation of the SA State Government's BDF financial contribution to the Southern Mallee Broadband Project with subsequent program completion and official opening.
- ▶ Provision of submission and subsequent support for a Regional Digital TV Community Liaison Manager for a short term contract.
- ▶ Change of General Meeting Agenda format to include I Pad version availability.

Projects and activities forwarded:

- ▶ Support provided to the RDA for the Carbon Forum.
- ▶ Facilitation of the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet's regional briefing on the Climate Change Adaptation Framework.
- ▶ Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- ▶ Successful submission made to PIRSA for continuation of sub-regional Drought Support Offices.
- ▶ The forwarding of the Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- ▶ Facilitation of Riverland Council's support for the NexGen Regional Broadband Blackspots Program.
- ▶ With the support of the LGA, pursuing the State Government to provide primary producers with water pricing subsidy arrangements.
- ▶ Provision of continued representation on the Regional Coordination Network and the Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committees.
- ▶ Continuation of Member Council support and implementation of the Rural Property Addressing Standard.
- ▶ Liaison with Member Councils and the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme in reference to rising River Murray water levels.

New Projects and activities:

- ▶ Arrangements made and representation provided for the SA State Government's review of the Murray and Mallee Chapter of the State's Regional Infrastructure Plan Forums.
- ▶ Participation in the "Strategy for Regional SA" Forum and provision of impetus and comment through the SAROC and LGA State Executive Committee.
- ▶ Provision of representation on the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program Review Panel and provision of comment.
- ▶ Association provision of representation of riverine Councils on the DENR River Murray Review Response Team.
- ▶ Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- ▶ African Boxthorn infestation addressed with provision of \$90k gained to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- ▶ Raising of concerns with the integration of DENR and NRM Boards' operations.
- ▶ Facilitation of affected Council Locust control measures.
- ▶ Consideration and provision of comment on the SA State Government's proposed Water Bill.
- ▶ Submission made to the State Government for reinstatement of the Tourism Road Funding Grants Program.

- ▶ Provision of representation on the Dept. of Planning and Local Government's Regional Implementation Program addressing population, housing and employment targets.
- ▶ Liaison with the Dept. of Health to ensure adequate protection and funding of Council activities in reducing the mosquito population.
- ▶ Consideration of potential changes to the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary.
- ▶ Provision of information and facilitation of Councils' consents to undertake the Council Performance Improvement Program and initial consideration of the draft regional report.
- ▶ Research undertaken on the State Government's budget cut impacts on Councils and the region.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the previous Vice President Mayor Ian Mann OAM (retired November 2010) and now Vice President Mayor David Burgess, Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present and Member Council CEO's, all of whom have provided local government representation to the Association, internal and external committees and working parties.

I am grateful for their involvement in the Association's affairs and urge them to continue into the future.

Timely information has again been provided to the Association from the Local Government Association of SA. I especially recognize the efforts of Wendy Campana, LGA SA Executive Director, Chris Russell, Strategic Advisor, Policy & Communications and more recently David Hitchcock, Director, Environment and Infrastructure.

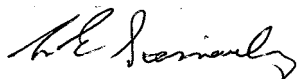
I recognise their support, advice and well researched recommendations provided.

I would again thank our CEO Peter Campbell for his continued commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year. Peter has sought continuation of his existing contract to provide executive services to the Association for a further two years, which will be granted subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

The Local Government Periodical Elections were conducted in November, 2010, following which, in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, I remained as President of the Association up until the June 3rd, 2011 Annual General Meeting.

This position, along with the position of Vice President, underwent the election process at that Meeting and I am pleased to say that the current office holders have been returned for the next annual term.

Over the past years I look back with satisfaction and pride on the achievements of the Association and thank all Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me by being your President.



Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.
President, 2010 – 2011.
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

OVERVIEW OF THE REGION.



The Region is located in the Murraylands Statistical Region in eastern South Australia and is dissected by the River Murray. It covers a large area in excess of 50,000 km² taking in the areas from the Riverland in the north, agriculture areas in the central, west, south and east along the Victorian border, and south westerly to the coast and lakes. Rural based communities throughout the area share a common interest in agriculture/horticulture, with towns primarily servicing the farming and horticultural communities and supporting a growing tourism sector. The Region has a population base of approximately 68,000 (approx. 4.6% of the State population).

The Murray River, and its associated wetlands and wildlife, Lake Bonney and a number of National/Conservation Parks, support a range of rare and endangered plant and animal species, and are major tourist attractions throughout parts of the Riverland and Mallee. Towards the coast, the Coorong National Park, Lake Alexandrina and the shores of Lake Albert are all well known tourist attractions, particularly for recreational boating and fishing.

Murray Bridge provides regional services to the lower parts of the Region and supports both an industrial and commercial base.

The Murray River travels from the north, and passing through seven of the member Councils, flows into Lake Alexandrina in the south. It supports a number of tourist and recreation activities, with a number of tourism vessels operating from centres along the river.

The Region is serviced by the South Eastern Freeway, Princes, Dukes, Sturt and Mallee Highways, with the Berri (Loxton) to Murray Bridge Road providing a direct link diagonally across the Region.

The Association works closely with its major regional partners - the Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network, and the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, now Mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Murray Bridge on the 4th June, 2010 and Mayor Ian Mann OAM, Mid Murray Council was re-elected Vice President. The term of these positions, as per the provisions of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, was for the ensuing 6 months being to the first General Meeting following the Local Government periodical elections ie: 3rd December, 2010.

At the 3rd December, 2010 General Meeting, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was re-elected President and Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council, was elected Vice President for the term of office until the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd June, 2011.

Both office holders were re-elected to their respective positions at the 3rd June, 2011 Annual General Meeting for a full annual term of office.

REPRESENTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (LGA SA).

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Mayor Ian Mann OAM (until December, 2011) and Mayor David Burgess continued to serve on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge, as proxy.

ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.

The Chief Executive Officer services for the Association for the year were again provided by Peter Campbell.

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process in June, 2011, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2011-2012 Annual Business Plan and draft 2011-2012 Budget.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association and Dean Gollan, CEO Mid Murray Council and Peter Ackland, CEO of the Loxton Waikerie District Council. The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer service has been provided.

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001.

To ensure legal compliance with the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Charter took place during the year, the outcome being that it was considered by Delegates that no changes were deemed necessary at that point in time.

The current Charter can be viewed on the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, the Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007 (reviewed 2011) as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

- Undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further cooperation between its constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities in the region.
- Undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

During 2010 – 2011, the Association has met bi-monthly for General Meetings.

Meetings of the Association were convened on:

4th June, 2010 - Annual General Meeting - at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Chamber, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge - the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

6th August, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Pinnaroo Football Club Facility, Cnr. Homburg Terrace and Gilbert Avenue, Pinnaroo - the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

1st October, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri - the Berri Barmera Council as host.

3rd December, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Taillem Bend Town Hall, 95 Railway Terrace, Taillem Bend - The Coorong District Council as host.

4th February, 2011 - General Meeting - at the Karoonda Football Clubrooms, Adelaide Road, Karoonda - The District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

1st April, 2011 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

3rd June, 2011 - Annual General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Offices, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council as host.

All Association Meetings, including Committee Meetings' Agendas and Minutes are available for viewing and or downloading from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

A number of guest speakers and attendees have made presentations/addresses to the Association meetings throughout the year. They include:

Mayor James Maitland, Acting President LGA SA.

Tony Piccolo MP, Member for Light.

Adrian Pederick MP, Member for Hammond.

John Dawkins, MLC.

Brenton Lewis, RDA 9(Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board.

Nick Petrovski, Director, DPLG.

Mark Bolton, General Manager Telstra SA South.

Emily White, Regional Development Officer, LGA SA.

John Berger – Primary Producer Broomrape Eradication campaigner.

Patrick Secker, MP, Member for Barker.

Hugh Longbottom, PIRSA.

Matthew Miles, Australia Day Council.

Bill Paterson, Presiding Member, SA MDB NRM Board.

Representatives of both the LGA and the Office of Local Government attended each meeting and took the opportunity to brief the Association of the relevant matters being addressed by their respective bodies.

We acknowledge the support of Wendy Campana, Executive Director, LGA SA who has been ready to assist the Region and ensure that the LGA SA has had a presence at our meetings. The Association has also enjoyed a close working relationship with its State and Federal Members of Parliament, a number of whom have been regular attendees at our meetings.

The President has continued the practice of giving each of our guests the opportunity to address our meetings briefly about matters and issues before them that may be of interest to the Association and Member Councils. The contribution from all of the speakers, presenters and guests has kept the Association and the Delegates abreast of a wide ranging number of issues that impact on Local Government and the communities in the Region.

MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the AGM of the 3rd June, 2011:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and David Beaton, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Michael Boyd, CEO, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy), Cr. Neville Jeansch (proxy) and Tim Tol, Deputy CEO (proxy).

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor Colin Zadow (proxy).

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, (President), Peter Ackland, CEO and Deputy Mayor Mark Ward (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy) and Dean Gollan, CEO (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, OAM, Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Cr. Jerry Wilson, (proxy) and Damien Moloney, CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Maria Spano, Tony Siviour, CEO (proxy) and the Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Gordon Hancock, Deputy Mayor Robert Sexton and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following are the current Association Committee Members as at the AGM of the 3rd June, 2011.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee:

This Committee is currently in recess, to be recalled if required.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council, Chair

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA

Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council

Paul Day - Renmark Paringa Council

Barry Fletcher (external appointment) - Berri Barmera Council

Chris Fels - District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Peter Bond, Executive Manager, Sustainable Development, Rural City of Murray Bridge (David Allen - proxy)

Peter Broughill - Southern Mallee District Council

David Mosel, Coorong District Council

Kate Daniels - Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board

DTEI (Transport SA) - 2 nominees (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Broadband Steering Committee:

This Committee is currently in recess, to be recalled if required.

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray. *(by virtue of position held)*

Cr. Mike Fuller, Berri Barmera Council.

M&MLGA "Ensuring Local Government Services Provision" Working Group:

Anthony McCabe - Southern Mallee District Council.

Damien Moloney, CEO - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

David Beaton, CEO - Berri Barmera Council.

John Claydon - District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Peter Ackland, CEO - District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Director Corporate and Community Services - Renmark Paringa Council.

Robin Bourne - Mid Murray Council.

Michael Boyd - Coorong District Council.

David Hitchcock - LGA (external appointment).

Jane Gascoigne - PIRSA - OS/LGR (external appointment).

Trevor Bennett - DTED (external appointment).

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION – OTHER BODIES.

During the year the Association has made and or continued the following appointments to other bodies, as at the AGM of the 3rd June, 2011.

LGA State Executive Committee:

The President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

The Vice President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

The President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

The Vice President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

CEO M&MLGA - Peter Campbell *(by virtue of position held)*.

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council - Chair.

Mayor Peter Hunt - Berri Barmera Council.

Damian Moloney, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Director, Infrastructure Services, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.

Harc Wordsworth, Manager, Environment and Planning, Southern Mallee District Council.

Peter Broughill, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Mayor Allan Arbon - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Mayor David Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

David Beaton - CEO, Berri Barmera Council.

SA MDB NRM Board.

Rod Ralph, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council.

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

State Strategic Plan Regionalisation Working Groups.

Murraylands sub-group:

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch and Mayor Allan Arbon (proxy), Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Riverland sub-group:

Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.

LGA Land Access Working Group:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

There were no Executive Meetings held during the year.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

The Association undertakes a coordinating role, in conjunction with Member Councils, on their issues and those raised by the Local Government Association of South Australia, the community, and other relevant parties' concerns and interests.

State and Federal Members of Parliament representing our Region have been briefed and support has been sought for issues raised.

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2011-2012 funding round.
- Submissions to the SAROC Committee, including,
 - Community Passenger Network Transport.
 - Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
 - Digital TV switchover.
 - Impounding Act Review.
 - Regional Tourism Road Funding.
 - External Audit Committees for Regional Subsidiaries.
 - Locust Infestation.
 - Relevance of LGA Research Projects to Rural Councils.
 - Ramifications of increased cost of water for primary producers.
 - Eradication of pest weeds on unallocated/alienated lands.
 - Native Vegetation Regulations.
 - Adelaide Rail Freight Bypass.
- Submission to the SA MDB NRM Board on Planning matters.
- Ministerial submission made in respect to the requirement for Audit Committees resulting from Amendment to clause 13(2) of Schedule 2 – Exemption of a regional subsidiary from the requirement to establish an audit committee.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Implementation funding applications for the 2010-2011 funding round.
- In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.

- Submission and subsequent support for a Regional Digital TV Community Liaison Manager for a short term contract.
- Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Successful submission made to PIRSA for continuation of sub-regional Drought Support Offices.
- Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- Submission to DENR in reference to African Boxthorn infestation resulting in provision of \$90k to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- Submission made to the State Government for reinstatement of the Tourism Road Funding Grants Program.

The CEO has also attended several Forums, Workshops and Briefings throughout the year regarding evolving issues and to make contribution on behalf of the Association. These have included:

- Regional Development Australia Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board's Mayoral and CEO Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board "Strengthening Basin Communities" Planning Workshop.
- LGA State Election Platform Forum.
- Murray Darling Basin Authority Consultation Forum.
- Locust Infestation Forum.
- Telstra Regional Stakeholder Forum.
- Strategy for Regional SA Forum.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

The President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Vice President Mayor Ian Mann, OAM (now retired), Mayor David Burgess, (Mayor Allan Arbon as proxy on occasions) and the Chief Executive Officer have attended SAROC meetings during the year.

The meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the day preceding the meeting of the LGA State Executive.

SAROC has a Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Local Government Associations and the Local Government Association of South Australia, which was completed in August, 2003.

The Association has provided our regional input into many topics that are relevant to all communities across the State, some of which include:

- Community Passenger Network Transport.
- NRM/LG Relationships.
- Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- Digital TV switchover.
- Impounding Act Review.
- Strategy for Regional SA.
- Regional Tourism Road Funding.
- External Audit Committees for Regional Subsidiaries.
- Locust Infestation.
- Relevance of LGA Research Projects to Rural Councils.
- Ramifications of increased cost of water for primary producers.
- Eradication of pest weeds on unallocated/alienated lands.
- Native Vegetation Regulations.
- Adelaide Rail Freight Bypass.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2011.

The audited Financial Statements are included at the rear of this report. Surplus cash flow funds have been deposited with the Local Government Finance Authority and drawn on when and as required.

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

The Association acknowledges and thanks the Local Government Research and Development Fund Scheme for their annual 2010-2011 grant of \$34,537 to the Association.

This grant has ensured that the Association has been able to undertake regional enhancement and capacity building projects throughout the year.

INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES.

The Association recognises the importance of providing both topical and detailed information on its activities to Member Councils, the LGA SA, the Dept. of Planning and Local Government, Politicians, other key stakeholders and the general public within and outside the Region.

The changed format Newsletter, the "Murray Mallee Briefs" has been prepared after each General Meeting and is electronically widely distributed. Numerous media interviews have been undertaken as a result of the Newsletter's circulation.

The Association's website www.mmlga.sa.gov.au contains a wealth of information on the Association's activities, including all Agendas, Appendices, Minutes for General and Committee Meetings and Newsletters.

PARTNERSHIP/STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES 2010 – 2011.

The Association has continued to pursue a number of strategic issues with the support of partners and other key stakeholders in the Region. Without these partners and stakeholders, the Association would not have been able to singularly progress these initiatives.

Strategic Focus – Telecommunications.

The project partners are:

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board,
Dept. of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST),
Dept. of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE),
Dept. Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), and
Agile Communications.

The Broadband Development Project, which commenced in January 2008 with funding secured through the Australian Government as part of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's (DBCDE) Clever Networks Broadband Development Network Program, is now completed. This project covers both the Murraylands and Riverland sub-regions, concentrating more on the western portions of the region.

This year, the lower Loxton Waikerie and Southern Mallee council districts project has completed. The project was subsidized by contributions of \$310,000 from the State Government's Broadband Development (BDF) Fund, \$20,000 by the Association and \$15,000 by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and a further \$15,000 from the Southern Mallee District Council of which \$10,000 was underwritten by the former Murraylands Regional Development Board.

The Project was officially opened at Lameroo on the 25th February, 2011.

Further to this project, as part of the National Broadband Network, Regional Blackspots Program, a new backbone fibre optic connection between Gawler and Mildura through the Riverland is virtually completed.

The Mildura connection route takes in Renmark, Berri, Waikerie, Kapunda, Nuriootpa, Tanunda, and Angaston terminating in Gawler.

Competitive DSLAM's are being installed in exchanges in Waikerie, Barmera, Berri and Renmark providing users more choice and potential more competitive pricing.

Project completion is scheduled for August, 2011.

Strategic Focus – Transport Infrastructure.

Our Project Partners are:

Dept. Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI),,

The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP),

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board, and

Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty. Ltd.

For the period 2010-2011, Member Councils resolved to review the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan.

This complete review, along with extensive community consultation, was undertaken by Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty. Ltd. And the resultant Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan can be accessed from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au under the "Reports" tab.

The Plan provides the basis to enable the Association and its Member Councils, to determine and support applications for Special Local Roads and Auslink funding (when available) applications.

Applications for funding in the 2010-2011 funding round were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2010 resulting in \$1.56m funding availability for identified road construction in the region.

Applications for funding in 2011-2012 were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the 29th April, 2011, and the Association awaits the results of the Panel's recommendation for the Special Local Roads component to the Local Government Grants Commission.

Strategic Focus – Community Transport. – Riverland Community Passenger Network and the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network Schemes.

Our partners are:

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC),

The Local Government Association of SA,

The Riverland and Murray Mallee Community Passenger Transport Networks and Advisory Committees, and

The Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network,

Dept. of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), and

Office of the Ageing.

As has been continually pursued over past years, The Association continues to forward the issue of the integration of Community Passenger Network (CPN) Schemes throughout the region.

Again, this proposed integration would allow for the use of agency managed government vehicles for the purposes of providing transport solutions to the disadvantaged.

This matter has been more recently addressed by the Regional Coordination Network, Murraylands and Riverland with the Dept. of Education and Children's Services (DECS) regional representative actively pursuing the issue with the Agency's head office.

However, more recently it would appear that State Government support for the RCN concept is waning and it could be considered that apparent gains made could well be lost.

It is clear that the general community continue to highly value the transport services currently provided within budgetary constraints. Despite being financially handicapped, the Transport Committees are constantly endeavouring to continually improve upon the current transport network.

The majority of services provided are highly patronized, especially the medical bus services, available to provide regionally or city based medical assistance to those who are geographically and socially disadvantaged.

The Association will continue to work towards equitable State Government funding for transport services for regional areas.

Strategic Focus – Natural Resource Management and Environmental Initiatives.

Our partners are:

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board,

Primary Industries and Resources SA,
Riverland Futures Project,
Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network,
Riverland Drought Taskforce,
Lower Murray Drought Collaboration Group,
Irrigation Authorities and Associations,
The SAROC Committee, and
The SA MDB NRM Board.

Agreement has been reached on the respective roles of the Association and the SA MDB NRM Board in relation to the Regional NRM/Local Government Protocol Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) document.

The Document was publically signed by the then SA MDB NRM Board Presiding Member, Bill Paterson and the Association's President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky at the Association's 6th August, 2011 General Meeting.

It could be considered that the effects of the drought have passed. However, changed climatic and economic conditions over the past season have resulted in gluts of primary produce, resulting in similar affects as experienced through drought periods.

In order to quantify and plan for these effects, the Association again continues to pursue and utilize the \$70,000 grant from the LGR&DF in an attempt to provide a "plug-in type tool" that will allow Councils to determine the effect on Council and the Community, given these economic impacts.

It is expected that this project will be completed early in the ensuing financial year.

With results to be incorporated into the Federal Government funded "Sustaining Basin Communities – Planning Element" Program.

On other environmental matters, the Association and Member Councils have:

- Provided a Local Government non-voting Member to the SA MDB NRM Board.
- Provided information to Member Councils regarding Adaptation Actions for Local Government on Climate Change issues and promotion of Climate Change Forums.
- Lobbied State Government for extensions of the Drought Program funding into the year 2011-2012.
- In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.
- Support provided to the RDA for the Carbon Forum.
- Facilitation of the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet's regional briefing on the Climate Change Adaptation Framework.
- Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Provision of representation on the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program Review Panel and provision of comment.
- Association provision of representation of riverine Councils on the DENR River Murray Review Response Team.

- Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- African Boxthorn infestation addressed with provision of \$90k gained to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- Raising of concerns with the integration of DENR and NRM Boards' operations.

BEYOND 2011.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2011-2012 on the first Friday in the months of August, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will be held throughout the Region, hosted alphabetically by the Member Councils.

At the General Meeting held on the 1st April, 2011, the Association endorsed the completely revised Strategic Plan, 2011-2014. The Annual Business Plan 2011-2012, extracted from the Strategic Plan 2011-2014 and associated Annual Budget were adopted at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd June, 2011. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2011-2012 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting as per the provisions of the Association's Charter.



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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

		2011	2010
	Note	\$	\$
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	2	34,537	33,661
Interest received	2	8,135	6,693
MBM LGA contributions	2	99,849	76,240
		142,521	116,594
Other operating expenses	3	(115,432)	(109,309)
Profit attributable to members		27,089	7,285
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income		27,089	7,285

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	81,655	136,932
Trade and other receivables	5	4,608	4,272
Total current assets		86,263	141,204
TOTAL ASSETS		86,263	141,204
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	1,800	1,530
Unexpended Project Funds	7	42,946	97,946
Total current liabilities		44,746	99,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES		44,746	99,476
NET ASSETS		41,517	41,728
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		41,517	41,728
TOTAL EQUITY		41,517	41,728

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

2011

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2010		41,728	41,728
Profit attributable to members		27,089	27,089
Transfers from retained earnings	7	(27,300)	(27,300)
Sub-total		(211)	(211)
Balance at 30 June 2011		41,517	41,517

2010

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009		36,193	36,193
Profit attributable to members		7,285	7,285
Transfer from retained earnings	7	(1,750)	(1,750)
Sub-total		5,535	5,535
Balance at 30 June 2010		41,728	41,728

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from members		99,849	76,240
Receipts from Grants		34,537	33,661
Interest received		8,648	6,693
Payments to suppliers		(116,011)	(107,104)
Project payments		(82,300)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	(55,277)	9,490
Net increase (decreases) in cash held		(55,277)	9,490
Cash at beginning of financial year		136,932	127,442
Cash at end of financial year	4	81,655	136,932

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

1 Accounting policies

(a) General information

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985.

The financial report covers Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as an individual entity. Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is an association incorporated in South Australia under the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985.

The financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Basis of preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(c) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

(e) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

1 Accounting policies continued

(g) Financial Instruments

Recognition and Initial Measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the association assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(h) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Key estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

2 Revenue

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Interest received	8,135	6,693
M&MLGA contributions		
- Berri Barmera Council	15,377	11,741
- Coorong District Council	10,184	7,776
- DC of Karoonda East Murray	5,392	4,117
- DC of Loxton Waikerie	16,275	12,427
- Mid Murray Council	12,182	9,301
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge	20,370	15,553
- DC of Renmark Paringa	13,679	10,445
- Southern Mallee DC	6,390	4,880
Total M&MLGA contributions	99,849	76,240
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	34,537	33,661
Total Revenue	<u>142,521</u>	<u>116,594</u>

3 Other Operating Expenses

Expenses

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Audit fees	2,190	1,395
Bank charges	85	136
Executive Officer Contract Services	96,966	94,410
Insurance	3,994	3,566
Meeting Expenses	1,528	1,851
Postage	94	53
President's Travelling Allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	846	807
Record sentencing/Archiving	2,590	30
SAROC Regional Meeting costs	1,108	1,064
Sundry expenses	281	191
Telephone, fax and broadband	3,200	3,200
Website maintenance	50	106
Total expenses	<u>115,432</u>	<u>109,309</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	2,398	1,204
LGFA Investment	79,157	135,628
	<u>81,655</u>	<u>136,932</u>

5 Trade and other receivables

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accrued Interest	1,234	1,747
GST Refund	3,374	2,525
	<u>4,608</u>	<u>4,272</u>

6 Trade and other payables

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	1,800	1,530

7 Grant Funds Unexpended

Grant Funds Unexpended may be refundable and are reflected as liabilities at balance date. It is anticipated that the balance of funds unexpended will be fully utilised on the nominated project.

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Water Management Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	4,373	4,373
Total Income	<u>4,373</u>	4,373
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011	4,373	4,373

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

7 Grant Funds Unexpended (continued)

	2011	-2010
	\$	\$
Regional Broadband Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward		1,361
Transfer from Retained Earnings		1,750
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Total Income		3,111
Less Expenses		
Transfer to Discretionary Projects		3,111
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Total Expenses		3,111
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Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011		<hr/>
Discretionary Projects		
Income		
Balance brought forward	21,073	15,000
Transfer from Regional Broadband Project		3,111
Transfer from Native Title Claim monies		2,962
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Total Income	21,073	21,073
Less Expenses		
Contribution to Broadband Extension	20,000	
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Total Expenses	20,000	
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Project funds not expended at 30 June 2011	1,073	21,073
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Provision LG Services Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	72,500	72,500
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Total Income	72,500	72,500
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	40,000	
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Total Expenses	40,000	
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Project funds not expended at 30 June 2011	32,500	72,500
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7 Grant Funds Unexpended (continued)

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Legal Charter Review		
Income		
Transfer from Retained Earnings	5,000	
Total Income	5,000	
Less Expenses		
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011	5,000	
Transport Strategy Stage 2		
Income		
Transfer from Retained Earnings	22,300	
Total Income	22,300	
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	22,300	
Total Expenses	22,300	
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011		
Total	42,946	97,946

8 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Net income/loss for the period	27,089	7,285
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
changes in assets and liabilities,		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	(336)	2,407
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	270	1,548
Increase/(decrease) in unexpended project funds	(55,000)	
Increase/(decrease) in retained earnings from transfers	(27,300)	(1,750)
	(55,277)	9,490

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9 Financial instruments

Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the association.

(i) Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis

The association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instruments value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

Weighted

	Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
LGFA Investment	4.75	4.50	79,157	135,628			79,157	135,628
Cash at bank	0.01	0.01	2,398	1,204			2,398	1,204
Cash					100	100	100	100
Trade and other receivables					4,608	4,272	4,608	4,272
Total Financial Assets			81,555	136,832	4,708	4,372	86,263	141,204
Financial Liabilities:								
Trade and other payables					1,800	1,530	1,800	1,530
Grant funds unexpended					42,946	97,946	42,946	97,946
Total Financial Liabilities					44,746	99,476	44,746	99,476

All financial assets and liabilities disclosed mature within 12 months.

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

9 Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Net fair values

The net fair values for other assets and other liabilities approximate their carrying values. No financial assets or financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values *have* not been written down as the association intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to the financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2011, the committee considers that the only material risk arises in relation to interest rates. Should interest rates *have* increased / decreased by 2%, the associations profit would *have* increased / decreased by approximately \$1 ,583 (2010: \$2,738).

10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2011, the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

11 Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2011, the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which *have* not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

12 Events after the end of the reporting period

Since the reporting date, there *have* been no *events* that would materially impact on the contents of this report.

13 Economic Dependence

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Committee believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the association.

14 Segment Reporting

The association operates predominantly in one business and two geographical segments, being in the local government sector, providing services to local councils in the Murray and Mallee districts of South Australia.

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15 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) **Key Management Personnel Compensation**

	Short term Benefits	Total
2011		
Total compensation	96,966	96,966
2010		
Total compensation	94,410	94,410


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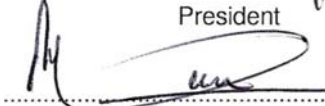
Statement by the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee:

1.
 - (a) the accompanying Statement of Comprehensive Income is drawn up so as to present fairly the profit of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association for the financial year;
 - (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association as at the end of the financial year;
 - (c) the accounts of the association have been made out in accordance with Accounting Standards
2. The committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. No officer of the association, or a firm of which the officer is a member, or corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm of which the officer is a member or a corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest and the association.
4. No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value, except for chairman allowances paid.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


.....
President


.....
CEO

Dated 5th August, 2011



Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended that date a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the committee.

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independence

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act(SA) 1985, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act(SA) 1985.

WHK AUDIT SERVICES



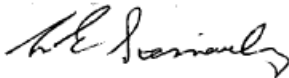
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Signed at Berri SA

5 August 2011

**M&MLGA PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Leon Evan Stasinowsky, the person for the time being occupying the position of President of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association, do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



30th June, 2011

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**


I, DAVID BEATON....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the BERRI BARMEEA.....Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

David Beaton.....
(Signed)

30/6/2011.....
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

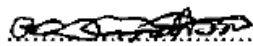
I, Michael Bays....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the COOLANGA DISTRICT Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

20/06/2011
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Peter Smithson, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

28 June 2011
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Pete Ackland....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Loxton Mallee C.....Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

28 JUNE 2011
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(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Dean Hillary Gollan, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive of the Mid Murray Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

26/6/11
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(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

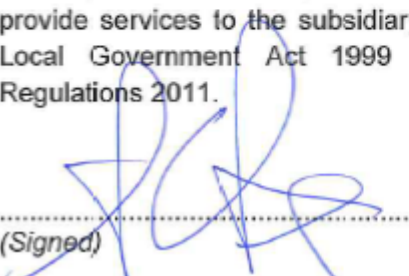
I, Anthony Andrew McCabe, the person for the time being occupying the position of acting chief executive of the Southern Mallee District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

28th June 2011
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

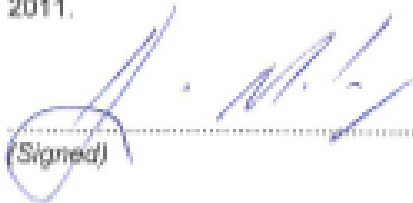
I, TONY SIVOUR....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the REMARK PARINGA COUNCIL..... Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

6/7/11
.....
(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, **DAMIEN MOLONEY**, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the **RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE** Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 - 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


.....
(Signed)


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(Date)