



Local
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Annual Report



Building **Relationships**
Building **Connections**
Building **Partnerships**
Building **Confidence**
Building **Leadership**
Building **Directions**
Building **Vision**

Our Mission and Goals

The mission of the LGA is to promote local governance, provide leadership and represent the interests of Local Government for the benefit of South Australia. To ensure this mission is achieved the Association has set itself four priority goals which are to:

- further develop effective working relationships with all spheres of government;
- progress partnership opportunities through functional and financial reform;
- facilitate the continued development and enhancement of Local Government;
- promote a positive image of, and participation in Local Government.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Report

Building Leadership

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MAYOR JOHANNA McLUSKEY
PRESIDENT



The 2001/02 year has reinforced how important collective work is for Local Government in SA and what Councils can achieve together. Highlights included establishing a pooled property insurance scheme and weathering the public liability "crisis", our "Future Directions" intergovernment strategy, planning for the joint purchase of electricity, running training courses for 1700 people, the development "System Improvement Program" and securing \$5.4m funding for on-line services.

This report documents those activities and many more carried out by the Association for its member Councils and I will not seek to repeat them all here.

It was a year in which we saw "September 11", the collapse of Ansett and a change in State Government dramatically change the context in which we operate. Somehow these events have only served to raise the importance of the community building and support Councils provide.

It has been a privilege to lead the Association during most of the year, taking over from Mayor Brian Hurn at the October, 2001 Annual General Meeting.

The Association's priority during this period has been the refining and adoption of the "Future Directions – Smarter Governments Working Together" strategy, and the development of an implementation plan for 2002–2003.

The timing of the strategy was designed to highlight the importance of State-Local relations as we approached the State election and to shift the level of engagement.

The Association has worked hard at all levels to engage the new government effectively. We sought to match our priorities with their policy objectives and to identify opportunities to work together. We then sought and had meetings with every Cabinet Minister and the Premier –

something never before achieved through the life of a government.

I met on several occasions with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Jay Weatherill, MP, to hammer out a joint approach to the Minister's Local Government Forum.

While we have been disappointed with budget decisions related to roads and crime prevention (technically after the financial year's end) I don't believe we could fault the government's willingness to engage and communicate with us.

I must also say that the level of interaction with former Premier Kerin and former Minister Brindal held promise in the final months of the Liberal government.

An emerging area of priority has been the development of a comprehensive picture of the financial position of Councils. The LGA commissioned the SA Centre for Economic Studies to undertake research into future financing of Local Government. This prepared us well to respond to the Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting.

The challenge of functional and financial reform is now before us and Councils will need to ensure we grasp opportunities which will arise. I have been particularly



Council Members who have served for 20 years or more were recognised formally for the first time by the LGA in October 2001.

Back Row (l-r) Cr John Wharff (Streaky Bay), Mayor Tony Zappia (Salisbury), Cr Denis Keller (Goyder), the late Cr Aidan McCormack (Streaky Bay), Cr Matthew Mitchell (Prospect), Mayor Alan Arbon (Murray Bridge), Mayor Joy Baluch (Port Augusta), Mayor Jan Cass (Loxton Waikerie), Cr Terry McAnaney (Alexandrina), Cr David Matthews (City of West Torrens), Mayor Margaret Evans (Berri Barmera), Cr Bob Angove (Adelaide), Cr Max Amber (Campbelltown), Cr Bryan Thompson (Franklin Harbour)

Front Row (l-r) Cr John Ross (Tatiara), The Hon Dorothy Kotz MP (then Minister for Local Government), Mayor Ray Gilbert (Onkaparinga), Mayor Marilyn Baker (Playford), Cr Clem Senior (Marion), Mayor Brian Hurn OAM (Barossa), Cr Reg Atkinson (Salisbury), the late Mayor Don McDonnell (Mt Gambier), Cr Garth Palmer (West Torrens), Cr Bill Watkins (Lower Eyre Peninsula).

pleased with the success of the education and training service which the LGA took over in 2001. The past year has seen 1700 Council Members and staff attend courses arranged by the LGA. I believe we need to do more in this area, particularly for Council Members and around the complex area of governance.

To take full advantage of opportunities before us will also require a State Government which realises the advantages of a planned strategic approach over the ad hoc reforms which occur almost on a weekly basis.

However we also have a task before us to get governments and our communities to realise the full extent of the financial challenge ahead. The size of the challenge, and the legislative constraints on Councils (effectively restricting us to one highly transparent and sensitive tax field – property rates) mean we need other governments involved in addressing the problem.

No other government would want to see Local Government or the community infrastructure on which the State depends collapse, however they have their own problems which, unless we can gain community support, will always rank above our issues.

Leading the LGA has been most enjoyable but a heavy time commitment. It is a strong organisation with sound consultation and involvement processes, an effective Executive Committee and a competent and professional staff.

I must thank a number of people and organisations for their support during the year.

My predecessor, Mayor Brian Hurn, remains passionately committed to the advancement of Local Government and I thank him for his support personally, as a member of

the LGA Senior Executive and State Executive Committees and of the ALGA's National Executive.

His colleagues on the Senior Executive Committee – Vice Presidents Mayor Joy Baluch, Councillor Max Amber, Councillor John Legoe, and Mayor Brian Nadilo, have also provided strong political leadership and support to me.

The 18 members of the LGA State Executive Committee are listed and pictured later in this report. They set directions and make the key decisions in between General Meetings. Their judgement and diligence spearheads the work of the LGA and I must place on record my appreciation for their work.

Executive Director John Comrie and his team continue to do outstanding work, carrying out the directions of the Executive and providing strategic advice. Less visible is the work they carry out providing Presidents with briefing notes, speeches and draft texts. I have the highest respect for their skills and anticipation.

The LGA is an association and as with all such bodies, members (Councils) get out of it what they put into it. It is clear to me that Councils get enormous value from the LGA and their level of support has remained consistent during the year. I also appreciate the support of my own Council.

Finally, no Council Member can successfully carry out their role without the support of their families. I place on the record my thanks for the support of mine.

Mayor Johanna McLuskey
PRESIDENT

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Executive Director's Report



Building Directions

"The LGA is much more than just what happens at Local Government House. It has been established as a vehicle through which all involved in Local Government can work together directly and indirectly for the benefit of South Australian communities."

JOHN COMRIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

l-r Patricia Connor, Catherine Vine, Rachel Leopold, Dianne Rawlins with John Comrie.



One of the lessons of history is to expect the unexpected. Acts of terrorism, war, injustice, famine and civil and political unrest elsewhere served to remind us how fortunate we are to live in Australia, even for those who were directly affected by the major corporate collapses that also occurred in 2001/02.

The subsequent sharemarket declines and insurance industry problems had much less impact on Local Government in South Australia than in many other quarters and this readily highlighted the sound foundation and strong long-run performance that characterises our various corporate entities.

The Federal election outcome would not have been anticipated a few months beforehand. Since then, together with the ALGA we have worked hard to nurture relations with the returned Government and new Federal Local Government Minister (and former Mayor) the Hon Wilson Tuckey. The Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government Financing and Cost Shifting agreed to by the Federal Government presents an enormous opportunity to help resolve the significant imbalance between Local Government's expanded responsibilities and inadequate resource base.

A very close State election was not particularly surprising but the drawn-out final outcome was. Former Premier, Rob Kerin had a good understanding of Local Government and together with his Local Government Minister, Mark Brindal gave us a strong basis to constructively progress important matters of mutual interest. The new Labor Government, like the former Government made cuts in its annual budget to programs funded through or in conjunction with Local Government. I am hopeful that we can in future agree on more mature, robust and long-term financial arrangements between State and Local Government. Our citizens deserve as much. The new Government has demonstrated a strong desire to bring about improved 'whole of government' relations with Local Government for community advantage. I believe we have been able to establish excellent relations with Local Government and Planning Minister Jay Weatherill and other Ministers whose responsibilities often have important interaction with Local Government.

The Future Directions Program was also a change in approach for us. Through extensive consultation we developed and articulated Local Government's key

John Comrie with Jacqui Kelleher.



intergovernmental relations issues and strategies for action. In my 5 years at the LGA I have noticed a steady growth in awareness and understanding by State agencies of the opportunities and merit of more effective collaboration. Councils too have recognised this and also acknowledge that the State is far more likely to want to deal with cohesive groupings of, rather than individual, Councils. In the metropolitan area Councils are putting more effort and resources into working together through the LGA Metropolitan Group particularly for example with project work initiated through the Metro CEOs Association. With the support of country Councils, regional Local Government Associations requested that the LGA formally establish the South Australian Regional Organisations of Councils and provide executive support for its activities.

We also tried something new in conjunction with the LGA 2001 AGM. Our "Exposing Ideas" event had a large number of Councils showcasing a single particularly innovative or successful initiative they were undertaking that may be appropriate for consideration by others. This event proved that all Councils no matter how well they are doing can learn and improve by sharing the experiences of others.

The ground-breaking "Wealth of Opportunities" Report confirmed the need for Councils to devote considerably more funding and long-term planning to asset management and replacement. The Report's recommendations are being progressively implemented and it has been pleasing to see many Councils recognise the strategic importance of this issue in their 2002/03 budget considerations.

While some things change some stay the same. We have invariably had excellent support from our

President and other office holders and a united and dedicated State Executive Committee team. Under Mayor McLuskey's leadership this tradition has continued. This has been complemented by a very large range of Council Members and officers who have voluntarily contributed their expertise to the multitude of reference groups, committees and working parties established to review or initiate various matters of importance to our membership. Similarly while some of the faces among the staff at the LGA have changed the level of professionalism, hard work and enthusiasm thankfully has not.

The LGA is much more than just what happens at Local Government House. It has been established as a vehicle through which all involved in Local Government can work together directly and indirectly for the benefit of South Australian communities. While there's always more that can be done, events of 2001/02 serve to remind us we've also got a lot to celebrate and be thankful for.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Comrie'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

John Comrie
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Focussing on Outcomes

The LGA provides assistance, advice and support to Councils across an increasingly broad range of areas. It is therefore important that the Association prioritises its focus areas to effectively meet the needs of all our members. These priorities are not set in stone. As the needs and priorities of Councils, communities and other governments change the LGA must have the flexibility to respond to this environment.

The focus areas that the Association has identified fit under the following broad headings: representation; leadership; capacity building; finance and resources; communication and participation; LGA enterprises; research and development, and LGA management.

Representation

Ensure Local Government's voice is represented in public debates and all relevant legislative reviews and intergovernment forums.

Future Directions

In July 2001 the LGA State Executive Committee embarked on a five year "Future Directions" program resulting in the adoption at the LGA's October Annual General Meeting of a range of objectives and actions to strengthen intergovernmental relations. The "Future Directions – Smarter Governments Working Together" strategy was designed to bring together the common aspirations and objectives of Councils to work effectively with other governments and to invite a more strategic response.

The program was supported by the Local Government Research and Development Scheme and involved consultations with all Councils, State Government Ministers and agencies, Federal Government Ministers and agencies, the Opposition Shadow Cabinet, other Members of the State Parliament, South Australian Members of the Federal Parliament and the community and business sectors. A video was produced to support the launch of the strategy, a copy of which was provided to all Councils and the State Cabinet Ministers.

The strategy, and the development of the "2002–2003 Initiatives" was used as the basis of engagement with the new State Government.

State Election

The LGA identified a range of key issues for Councils in the lead up to the election and prepared a short paper that was distributed to all political parties and independent Members of Parliament. Each of the key political parties and independents were provided with a

series of questions to respond to and responses were provided to all Councils via LGA.net. The President met with all key political parties in the lead up to the election and combined these meetings with work related to Local Government's Future Directions program.

Election policies of the key political parties were made available to all Councils via LGA.net and following the election of the Labor Government a policy analysis document was produced to support Councils to work with the new Government.

Council Members' Allowances

Council Members' allowances remain inflexible, in many instances inadequate and among the lowest in Australia. During the year, Councils endorsed the concept of an independent tribunal becoming responsible for setting the level of allowances. Minister Weatherill was attracted to this alternative and has agreed to undertake further work on it.

Planning and Development

The LGA has continued to provide strong support for Councils in managing their planning and development responsibilities. It has worked closely with Planning SA and other key State Agencies in particular on initiatives to better inform the community, and generally promote and improve the operation of the South Australian Planning and Development System. Initiatives included –

- leaflets explaining Development Assessment Panels, the development assessment process and building inspection policies;
- publication of information on the structure and operation of Development Assessment Panels to assist Councils in reviewing delegations and procedures, membership arrangements and decision making;
- a "Strategic Planning Case Studies Program" including State Agency and LGA presentations to provide Councils with a broader understanding of the development assessment framework established under the Development Act and the responsibilities of a Council as a policy maker and development assessment authority;

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- ‘Developing Ideas’ – a series of bulletins on innovative and customer-focussed practices implemented by Councils.

Australian Local Government Association

Under President (and South Australian) Cr John Ross, who was re-elected to a third term in October, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has substantially enhanced its leverage with the Commonwealth on behalf of Councils. During the year the ALGA convinced the Prime Minister to establish the Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting, participated in the COAG Review of the High Court decision to overturn the “Highway Rule” and in the Ministerial forum on public liability issues. It helped Councils and State LGAs to gain access to more than \$2.5m in funding, gained membership of the Natural Heritage Trust Ministerial Council and made submissions to numerous Federal Inquiries.

Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme

While the Scheme continues to provide direct assistance to Councils, the LGA played a key role in the review committee that produced a report identifying \$124 million of outstanding stormwater drainage and flood mitigation works. The report has identified a number of possible revenue sources to address the 30-year backlog of work. The report

Building Partnerships



“Building Partnerships between State

Government and Councils are important for communities in this State and the Future

Directions work supported by the Strategic

Development team has been aimed at

just that.”

WENDY CAMPANA
DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

recommendations are now being addressed jointly by the LGA and the State Government.

Dog Control Proposals

The LGA and Councils have continued to advocate for tougher dog control legislation and registration fees which would better resource Council action in this area.

Emergency Services

Considerable assistance was provided to Councils continuing to manage the transfer of emergency services

(l-r) Wendy Campana with Stuart Matthews, Karol Oxton, Sandy Semmens and Marlene Molnar.

assets to the State Government. The LGA negotiated satisfactory arrangements with the State regarding liability for payment of the levy by Councils for properties that had originally been exempt. The LGA also assisted in the development of a model lease to facilitate the transfer of Council assets to the State Government thereby reducing Council costs.

Environment Protection Act – Sharing Functional Responsibilities

Possible greater Council involvement in local environmental protection matters was explored in a trial project involving the LGA, 3 Councils (Adelaide, Port Adelaide Enfield and Adelaide Hills) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Project results will be used to advance options for sharing environmental protection responsibilities with adequate resources a pre-condition.

Fireworks

Council concerns about irresponsible use of fireworks and the cost of dealing with complaints were taken up by the LGA, which successfully lobbied the State Government to introduce much tighter controls on the use of fireworks. The LGA worked closely with the State Government to undertake an awareness and education program regarding the introduction of the tighter controls.

Food Safety

Following the passage of the Food Act 2001 in August, the LGA worked intensively and convinced the previous and new governments of the need to introduce inspection fees to properly resource Council work in this area. The LGA is undertaking a joint project with the Department of Human Services to clarify roles and responsibilities and to support Councils to implement the new system.

Legislative Proposals

Considerable time was spent monitoring and analysing legislative proposals with implications for Local Government. This included the LGA providing an analysis of key proposals to all Councils saving resources for individual Councils. The LGA continued to negotiate with Government in the first instance and when satisfactory results were not achieved, with other Members of the Parliament on behalf of Local Government and achieved a significant number of successes. The LGA also gave evidence to various Parliamentary Committees on a range of topics.

Waste and Resource Management

Councils have received a boost in information and communication on waste issues during the year through the establishment of a part-time Policy Officer (Waste and Resource Management). Outputs have included regular updates on waste issues, practical support and advice to country and metropolitan Councils, adoption by Councils of a new LGA “Waste and Resource Management” policy and considerable preparatory work on establishment of an LGA standing committee on waste. Communication with the EPA has also improved, including work on a proposed Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy and a joint LGA/EPA forum on waste held in May 2002 that was attended by 120 Council delegates.

Partnerships Program

The former State Liberal Government continued its State Local Partnerships Program up until the election, signing agreements with the Murray & Mallee and South East Local Government Associations. The agreements sought to identify priority areas for State and Local Government collaboration and key issues were identified in forums conducted in both regions. The LGA actively supported both these regions to develop draft project plans. In March 2002 the new State Labor Government announced the establishment of a “Minister’s Local Government Forum”, and a commitment to similar objectives.

Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC)

Some Councils involved in the undergrounding of power lines under the PLEC Program experienced difficulties in negotiating suitable arrangements with Telstra. The LGA was able to resolve the situation, resulting in significant savings to the affected Councils.

The LGA continues to work closely with the PLEC to further improve the promotion and operation of the program which has assisted many Councils to provide community benefit.

Election Signs

The Federal and State elections meant that the LGA was called upon to provide practical assistance to Councils and candidates in relation to the regulation of election signs. The LGA guidelines for the control of election signs were widely used.

The LGA also made representations on proposals in the Parliament to totally remove any regulation of election signs. The proposals were not passed.

Focussing on Outcomes



The LGA holds a number of functions and events throughout the year where participants have an opportunity to network and share information. Pictured are participants attending both a formal presentation and enjoying an informal moment.

River Murray/Water

Councils are increasingly involved in water conservation measures and the LGA assisted those along the River Murray in a coordinated review of development plan policies and in responding to the proposed River Murray Act. The LGA also participated in the Water Conservation Partnership Project with the State Government and other stakeholders.

School-Community Library Funding

A joint review of funding and governance of School-Community libraries was supported by the LGA. The resulting report identified the high value of the arrangements to communities and Councils and inequities in how Councils were contributing. The recommendations, including phasing for Councils with significant increases, were subsequently endorsed by the LGA, the Joint-Use Libraries Committee and the Libraries Board.

State Parliamentary/Constitutional Reform

Following the prominence given to the issue of Parliamentary and Constitutional reform as a result of the State election, the LGA State Executive Committee proposed that Councils play a key role in conducting forums in the lead up to any State Convention. The proposal, designed to help communities understand key issues was endorsed by Councils at the LGA's March General Meeting, and this was conveyed to the Government.

STEDS

Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Schemes (STEDS) were finalised at Coffin Bay, Smoky Bay and Moorook. Delays in forward year funding announcements by State Government for 2001-02 and 2002-03 occurred with new projects at planning and construction stage at Quorn, Booleroo Centre, Port Broughton, Kingston On Murray, Loveday, Allendale East and Gladstone. The STEDS program review was also commenced while the LGA continued to press the Government over the 33 year backlog of projects.

Natural Resource Management

Councils have sought to be involved in the rationalisation of this State's fragmented approach to natural resources management and as a result the LGA has made submissions to Members of Parliament, appeared before the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of Parliament, and commissioned a scoping study on the role of Local Government in natural resource management.

Leadership

Provide leadership and promote continuous improvement in Local Government.

Infrastructure Study

Councils' substantial role in managing community infrastructure was promoted through a landmark study involving all 68 Councils initiated by the Metropolitan CEO's Association and funded by the Local Government

Research and Development Scheme. The study report, issued in July, 2001, identified a major funding shortfall over the next 20 to 30 years. As a result, the LGA established an Asset Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) charged with the responsibility to review and implement the study recommendations. AMAC developed a two year support program to assist Councils in developing and implementing appropriate asset management strategies. The report has also been used in submissions such as to the Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting.

Public Liability

Councils were able to give themselves a quiet pat on the back for the work they have done with the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme which substantially insulated them from the national “insurance crisis” which emerged during the year. Councils were however significantly concerned about the impact of the crisis on community organisations. State Treasurer Kevin Foley has commended Local Government both for its diligence regarding its own risk management and the brokered arrangements through which it provides very cost effective cover for many community groups.

Rating Support

Ongoing support has been provided to Councils in respect to rating issues, including:

- the development of guidelines for Councils considering changes to the basis of rating or the introduction of new rates consistent with new community consultation requirements following amendments to the Local Government Act;
- a coordinated class action response to legal action by Telstra and Optus against SA Councils for rates raised on telecommunication cables and infrastructure located on public land. This was ruled as rateable following an interstate legal determination which was subsequently overturned by the Federal Court and is now subject to a High Court appeal;
- seeking to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Valuer-General on the “service relationship” with Councils for valuations provided for rating purposes. This has clarified many operational matters and improved the flow of communication between Councils and the Valuer-General;
- provision of a legal verification service in association with Norman Waterhouse Lawyers to assist Councils with the declaration of rates and service charges. This service has been widely used and has delivered

significant benefits to Councils at reduced costs.

- provision to all Members of Parliament, the media and peak bodies of concise information on what is involved in the rating process and how it works. This simple English information is available for Councils to use when communicating to the community on rating processes.

Electricity and Public Lighting

Council concerns about full retail contestability for electricity purchasing were addressed by the LGA through its Public Lighting Steering Committee. Following research and consultation, the Committee guided a survey on electricity purchasing and with strong endorsement of a common tender, negotiated arrangements for jointly tendering supply with State Government. A draft model Public Lighting Service Agreement was also prepared to form the basis on which Councils will negotiate agreements with ETSA Utilities.

SA Regional Organisations of Councils

The South Australian Regional Organisations of Councils comprises each of the country Local Government Associations. The LGA was asked to take responsibility for the provision of administrative support for the group and this has occurred successfully with regular meetings being held and a number of initiatives being progressed for the benefit of country Councils. Proposed changes to the LGA Constitution to legally establish the group have been supported by Local Government and were almost finalised by the end of the financial year.

Membership

The Gerard Community Council was admitted as an associate member during the year bringing to 3 the number of Aboriginal communities affiliated with the LGA. Anangu Pitjantjatjara is a full member and Nepabunna Community Council is also an Associate Member.

State Budget Submission

Councils’ interests in the State budget were identified in the LGA’s first formal State budget submission which raised 43 budget issues with the Government. The budget was delayed until after June as a result of the State election.

Focussing on Outcomes



20 Year Service Awards

Council Members who had continuously served in Local Government for 20 years or more were recognised formally for the first time by the LGA. Over 42 people were identified for their long-term commitment to Local Government, 22 of whom received certificates congratulating them for their service at the 2001 Annual General Meeting Dinner.

After Hours Call Centre

Opportunities were identified to improve service provided to the 50,000 calls a year to Councils outside office hours seeking assistance for issues as diverse as illegally parked cars blocking driveways, wandering dogs, vandalism attacks, flooding, fallen trees blocking roads after storms, and blocked public toilets. A feasibility study initiated by the Western Adelaide Consultative Committee and the Metropolitan Local Government Group confirmed the viability and benefits of jointly contracting a Local Government call centre. A tendering process was commissioned with up to eight Councils expected to participate initially.

Coastal Boundaries

The LGA undertook a project to investigate the disparity of Council coastal boundary definitions and the implications, and to propose a common boundary

Building Relationships



“Relationships between Councils and their communities are fundamental. The Policy and Public Affairs team is committed to supporting and enhancing community understanding of Local Government.”

CHRIS RUSSELL
DIRECTOR, POLICY AND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

definition as a base position for all coastal Councils in this State. Following research and consultation, the Low Water Mark (Lowest Astronomic Tide) was advanced as the most appropriate base definition.

Local Government Elections Review

Problems experienced by Councils in compiling the voters' roll for the 2000 Local Government elections and other election issues were the subject of extensive review by the LGA and the State Electoral Office and the Office of Local Government during the year. Several actions are planned to assist Councils in advance of the 2003 elections.

(l-r) Chris Russell with Jane Hyatt, Michelle Bockman and John Mundy.

Local Government Aboriginal Strategy

Council leadership on Aboriginal reconciliation was supported through the Aboriginal Policy Officers' Network and the Local Government Intergovernment Aboriginal Network – convened by the Office of Local Government and involving State Aboriginal Affairs and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). The LGA, with the support of the Office of Local Government, obtained funding from the Commonwealth to prepare a package to support Councils encourage Aboriginal citizens to participate more fully in Local Government elections. A governance review in the Nepabunna Community Council was also supported.

Financial Management

Improved financial management by Councils continued to be supported by the LGA including a support program on full cost attribution which requires Councils to allocate all indirect costs to functions and activities. This included a joint venture with ADC Results Pty Ltd to develop software to automate allocations for Councils. A submission was made to the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) on behalf of Councils addressing a review of AAS27 and whether land under roads should be valued and brought to account as an asset.

Youth

Support for Councils to participate in the State Government's traineeship program was maintained with the LGA negotiating a further 100 placements for Councils. An additional 60 places were offered during the year and confined to country areas. Discussions with the new government commenced regarding a longer term agreement to maintain the program.

Capacity Building

Ensure functional reform between Local Government and other spheres of government is supported and produces benefits for Local Government communities.

Education & Training Service

More than 1700 Council Members and staff attended education and training courses and programs offered by the LGA service during the year. A range of courses were provided by the service which is supported by the

Local Government Research and Development Scheme, covering topics such as governance, policy development, enterprise bargaining, and waste management.

The service also began training needs analyses in 3 regions; audited courses relevant to Councils available through the TAFE and University sectors; conducted a survey into the education and training needs of CEOs and Senior Officers; and, commissioned projects to identify key skills and qualities required of Council Members.

Comparative Performance Measurement

Councils have been particularly enthusiastic about the creation of a common set of corporate-level performance measures to assist them assess and compare the performance of the corporate body, its effectiveness and relevance to the needs of the community it serves. Extensive work over 18 months saw information almost ready to go to Councils by the end of the financial year.

The work involved extensive data provided by Councils, the SA Local Government Grants Commission, Australian Bureau of Statistics, the SA Ombudsman, the SA Valuer-General, and the LGA. As part of the program, 44 Councils agreed to participate and fund a community survey involving over 12,500 community interviews that will support data collected from the other sources.

Workforce Planning

Common issues facing Councils' workforce now and in the future were the subject of a major review "Workforce Planning – Councils in Profile" completed in December 2001. It included 19 recommendations to address matters emerging from the project including: the ageing workforce, lack of recruitment of youth, and the under-representation of women in key functional areas. The LGA with the support of the Local Government Human Resources Network are working on ways to address key recommendations.

Industrial & Employee Relations Service

Councils continued to rely on the industrial and employee relations services provided by the LGA with more than 90% seeking support in areas such as award interpretation, enterprise bargaining negotiations, classifications, organisational reviews, CEO performance reviews, terminations and other key industrial matters.

Focussing on Outcomes

The service received approximately 1200 contacts during the year. The service continues to use the skills and experience of consultants: Tina Borg, Geoff Hill, Lynn James and Satish Dasan (legal advisor, Minter Ellisons) and their contributions are greatly valued.

During the year, work was undertaken to look into the need to review the Municipal Officers (SA) Award and on measuring the performance of enterprise agreements. Submissions were made to the Commonwealth Inquiry into the transmission of business provisions in the Workplace Relations Act and the State Government's review of the South Australian Industrial Relations System. The twice-yearly salary survey conducted by the LGA continues to assist participating Councils with useful trend data on salary movements against the Awards as well as absenteeism and staff turnover patterns.

Arts and Cultural Policy

Councils extensive involvement in arts and cultural development was estimated to be \$51m per annum excluding a further \$106m on parks, gardens and recreation in a project initiated by the Creative Communities Network (Council staff & other stakeholders). Jointly funded by the Local Government Research and Development Scheme, Arts South Australia and Country Arts SA and supported by the LGA and Community Arts Network of SA, they saw a draft policy endorsed by Councils at the LGA's March General Meeting.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

The LGA purchased regional and community profiles for all Councils and made them available on LGA.net. The LGA has worked to establish closer liaison with ABS leading to a proposal to access key statistical products in bulk.

Coasts and Clean Seas

The extensive involvement of Councils in coastal issues continued to be supported by the Coasts and Clean Seas (CCS) program hosted by the LGA and based on a Commonwealth/State/LGA agreement. Five Councils received funding of \$639,000 to better manage effluent streams and to implement innovative re-use projects. A cumulative total of \$13m has been provided to Councils under the program over its five year life which will conclude in the 2002-03 year.

Economic Development

Council involvement in economic development came under the microscope in a forum in June at which a discussion paper on Local Government's role in economic development "Making Economic Development Work – Local Leadership" was launched. At the same forum a national report on local and regional economic development agencies was issued by Associate Professor Andrew Beer and Dr Alaric Maude of Flinders University. Consultations on the discussion paper are to occur later in 2002.

Emergency Risk Management

Emergency risk management responsibilities of Councils was clarified in a manual for Local Government prepared using joint funding from Emergency Management Australia and the Local Government Research and Development Scheme. Both State and Local Governments share the responsibility to take measures to reasonably protect communities from natural and other hazards. The manual represents a significant step in a process aimed at fostering collaborative approaches between State and Local Governments for the development of joint policies and plans for emergency management with a particular focus on hazard mitigation.

On-line Payment

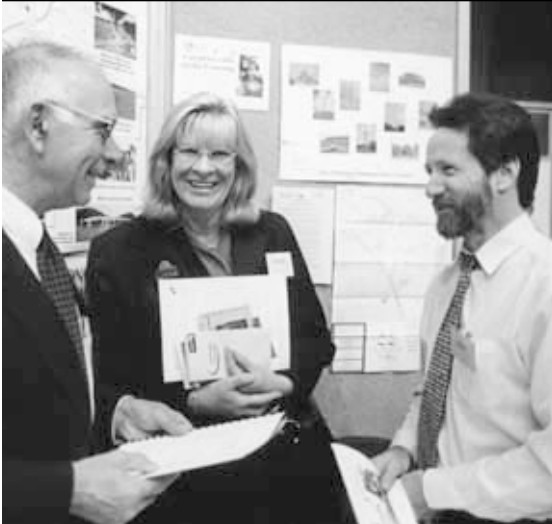
A trial on-line rates payment service was made available to all Councils at the start of the year and by financial year end 20 Councils had joined the system processing more than 60,000 transactions and \$12.5m in rates and other payments. The service uses the State Government's Bizgate Payment Gateway.

IT Support for Council Members

The LGA commissioned ADC Results Pty Ltd to undertake a survey of how Councils were supporting members with technology. The report showed wide diversity both between Councils and between Council Members. It has sparked new interest in ways in which technology can support the roles and responsibilities of Council Members.

Jim Crawford Award

In May, Ms Janice Nitschke (Wattle Range Council) became the inaugural winner of the Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Public Libraries. The LGA acts



Far Left: Delegates admire the Coorong District Council display at the LGA's Exposing Ideas forum, held for the first time in October 2001.

Left: Members take a break from official proceedings.

as trustee for the Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Public Libraries (developed by the Council of Library Administrators of SA (CLASA) and the Crawford family).

Native Title

The LGA conducted a further round of ALGA training courses in November and maintained close communications with State-level processes aiming to assist in promoting negotiated solutions in SA. Support was also provided to ongoing negotiations between the Yorke Peninsula, Copper Coast, Barunga West and Wakefield Regional Councils and the Narrunga Nations claimant group.

On-line Jobs

In November, the LGA participated in the establishment of the National Local Government Career Centre (NLGCC) with the NSW, Victorian, Queensland, Tasmanian and Northern Territory Local Government Associations. The service offers fixed price on-line job advertising as a part of one of Australia's largest on-line job sites: monster.com.au. In 8 months of operation, SA Councils used the service more than any other State except NSW where the same service has been operating at the State level for several years.

Electronic Lodgement of Development Applications

The LGA maintained support for the joint Electronic Development Application, Lodgement and Assessment (EDALA) project. EDALA was launched for land division applications and the LGA funded a business case for completion of the system to cater for land use and building applications.

Finance and Resources

Enhance the financial/resource capacity of Councils and improve funding arrangements between Local Government and other spheres of government.

Future Financing of Councils

The ever-increasing imbalance between Councils' roles and responsibilities on one hand and the resources available to meet them on the other has become a major concern to Local Government and the Association. With this in mind, and the prospect of a Commonwealth Inquiry, the LGA commissioned a study by the SA Centre for Economic Studies. The Centre's report was subsequently issued to Councils for comment. It confirms the imbalance and notes that this has led to a chronic under-funding of asset management. It argues Councils must urgently address this question with communities and other governments.

Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting

In June the Commonwealth House of Representative referred to its Economics, Finance and Public Administration Committee the terms of reference for an inquiry into resourcing Local Government and cost shifting by the States. It was the result of a pre-election commitment given to the ALGA by Prime Minister Howard. The LGA prepared a submission in line with LGA Policy and with input from Councils and with the SA Centre for Economic Studies report.

Focussing on Outcomes



Road Funding

Federal policies which continue to disadvantage South Australian Councils and their communities resulting in a deterioration of local road networks, remained in the LGA's sight during the year. The decision by the Commonwealth to provide a higher share of Roads to Recovery funding to SA Councils compared with ongoing Identified Road Grants, reinforced our claim that the latter are divided unfairly between States and Territories. Councils remain the key champions in hammering our message home to Federal politicians. The "deferring" of some of the Roads to Recovery program added to the challenge.

Coast Protection Funding

The LGA continued negotiations with the State Government in regard to cost shifting that resulted from the closure of the State Local Government Reform Fund. The LGA and the State Government have committed to review the coast protection funding.

Communication & Participation

Enhance communication between the LGA, Councils and their communities. Promote community involvement and participation in the system of Local Government.

Building Connections



"Having a good relationship with State Government and Parliament is vital to what Councils do. The Legislation and Environment team works hard to build the right connections with our State counterparts. Actively supporting the environmental activities of Councils is another priority."

BRIAN CLANCEY
DIRECTOR, LEGISLATION
AND ENVIRONMENT

LGA General Meetings and Elections

An Annual General Meeting and half yearly General Meeting of all Councils were both held during the year. The half-yearly meeting in March, 2002, which saw a dramatic increase in numbers attending; provided an opportunity for debate of issues such as cultural policy, low-level nuclear waste storage, stormwater issues and other topics highlighted in this report.

These are important opportunities for collective decision making and consideration of policy. The meetings also

(l-r) Jamie Roodenrys, Damian Moroney, Ross Manthorpe,
Janet Kent (seated), Victoria Gailit, Paula Victor with Brian Clancey
(Absent: Fiona Jenkins and Brian Harvey)

represent a primary accountability measure for the LGA. An election for LGA President was conducted with three candidates from metropolitan Councils being nominated, and the new President was announced at the AGM.

Exposing Ideas

A new forum was launched in conjunction with the 2001 AGM involving showcasing of more than 32 examples of Council projects and activities in short presentations and in an exhibition area. Following the positive reaction of delegates it is proposed to make Exposing Ideas a biennial event.

Community Surveys

In July, 2001, the LGA commissioned a range of questions as part of McGregor Tan Research's Omnibus survey. The surveys showed that 76% of respondents want Councils to have more involvement in planning and co-ordinating State and Federal services and a majority want Councils to deliver more services. They also show people rank Councils significantly more highly than State and Federal Governments on trust in politicians, performance and value for money.

Coastcare

The LGA has continued supporting the Coastcare program by hosting the Coastcare Project Officer. For this financial year Coastcare volunteers, supported by Local Government, were granted \$504,341 for 47 projects to protect and improve South Australia's coastline. This brings the total value of grants through the Coastcare program to just over \$3 million during the life of the program. When Local Government contributions are added the total value of projects undertaken during the life of the Coastcare program this exceeds \$11.3 million, delivering significant benefits for the SA coast.

General Activities

The LGA continues to attend all country regional meetings and to administer the LGA Metropolitan Group meetings. The President and Executive Director visited a significant number of individual Councils. During the year the LGA also took over administration for the SA Regional Organisations of Councils. Regular surveys were conducted of Councils and a range of forums conducted during the year. Email has now become the highest volume format for communication with Councils and on-line surveys are of increasing importance.

Internet Services

The internet is now the major mechanism by which the LGA provides information to member Councils and to wider audiences. The LGA's extranet for Councils "LGA.net" now carries 18,000 pages of information. LGA staff post their own information on the site as work is completed and weekly emails inform Councils of new information. There is now a substantial body of educational material on the LGA's public website: www.lga.sa.gov.au.

Manuals Research

Independent research on the value to Councils of a range of manuals prepared by the LGA showed 91% believed they were effective, with the "Guide to Planning Manuals" gaining a perfect score as a Council resource. McGregor Tan Research, in its Executive Summary, wrote: "The manuals tested were generally well received, each performing quite well with regards to its aims ... encouragingly, two thirds of those surveyed could name manuals they felt were particularly useful ...some other general comments about the LGA's manuals were 'extremely important reference, especially for rural councils', 'excellent', 'very clear and concise' and 'easy to follow'."

Media Relations

Media interest in Local Government has continued to rise during the year. The LGA issued more than 30 media releases during the year and the President and Executive Director have responded almost on a daily basis to media queries. The LGA regards this growing interest as positive and has encouraged Councils to respond openly.

LGA Enterprises

Represent Local Government's interests in LGA, and other sector-level, enterprises, (Local Government Finance Authority, Local Super, LGA Workers Compensation Scheme, LGA Mutual Liability Scheme, eCouncils.com) and monitor opportunities for further enterprise activity to achieve benefits to Councils.

General Insurance Scheme

The year saw development of a pooled scheme for property insurance arrangements for Councils –

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previously undertaken as a brokerage service using external underwriters. The LGA has now contracted Jardine Lloyd Thomson Australia to manage the arrangements on a pooled basis providing immediate benefits for Councils.

eCouncils.com

The innovative on-line purchasing system arranged by the joint LGA/LGFA company LGCS Pty Ltd (trading as eCouncils.com) has won over more than 30 Councils which are slowly starting to purchase on-line. The system has also won a tender as the preferred system for Victorian Councils. The LGA, LGFA and eCouncils.com continue to research wider opportunities to assist Councils in relation to software requirements.

Local Government Corporate Entities

All of the other central corporate arrangements for Councils continued to perform strongly from the Local Government Finance Authority, to the Mutual Liability Scheme, and Local Super. The prudence of Councils in investing in joint management arrangements continues to ensure we control our own destiny, achieve significant savings through bulk buying, and engage the most professional of support services.

Healthy Lifestyles and Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation remains one of the key success stories in Local Government due both to diligent risk management and to the leadership from the LGA scheme. Ongoing improvements in workplace safety and the success of the Healthy Lifestyles Program have ensured lower costs again for Councils in 2001/2002 but more importantly we continue to minimise the risk of injury to our workforce. The support of the Australian Workers Union and the Australian Services Union in this area has been a key ingredient in our ever-improving performance.

Research and Development

Ensure strategic research and development needs and opportunities are identified and resourced.

LGA Research Activities

The LGA undertakes a wide range of research as part of its operations. This is as diverse as commissioning the SA Centre for Economic Studies to look at future funding of Local Government and to surveying Councils on members' use of technology. Some larger projects have been funded via the Local Government Research and

Development Scheme but much research is undertaken by LGA staff and from its own budget. This research is often crucial to providing leadership and representing Local Government to other governments.

Local Government Research and Development Scheme

The Scheme continues to be a primary source of funding for research in the Local Government sector. It is managed by an Advisory Committee and comprises representatives of the LGA State Executive Committee, Office of Local Government, unions, universities, Local Government Managers Australia and the Metropolitan CEOs Association. Since its inception the Scheme has invested in 163 projects, paid out \$7,741,087 in Scheme funds and attracted matching funds and in-kind support from other sources.

A new Scheme purpose was agreed by the then Minister for Local Government that enabled \$25,000 per year, over 2 years, to be provided to Regional LGAs and the Metropolitan Group for capacity building to undertake specific projects relevant to the regions. Criteria were established to aid funding approval and reporting requirements. It is proposed that in the next period a review will be undertaken to determine the benefit of providing this capacity building funding to the regions.

Key projects funded during the year include:

- Infrastructure Study (Metropolitan CEOs Association)
- Development Assessment Panel Guidelines and Community Education Package (LGA/Planning SA)
- Electricity Pricing (LGA)
- Scoping a Vision for Regional LGAs (SA Regional Organisations of Councils)
- Accelerating Country Waste Management Reform (LGA)

Scheme Funding for LGA projects

A significant number of projects funded by the Local Government Research and Development Scheme have been managed by the LGA and many are referred to in this annual report. This funding has been crucial to expanding what can be delivered to Councils in many ways. Due to space constraints not all such activities have been identified as receiving Scheme funding, however a full list of projects funded is available on LGA.net and in the Agenda for the LGA's 2002 Annual General Meeting.



Pictured (l-r)
The Hon Jay Weatherill MP,
Minister for Local Government
at the LGA General Meeting,
March 2002.

Mayor Johanna McLuskey
President of LGA.

LGA Management

Ensure LGA resources and services are managed efficiently and effectively.

Governance

Support for General Meetings of the membership and the elected LGA State Executive Committee and Senior Executive and office bearers is a priority for the Secretariat and requires considerable attention. The effective management of these processes ensures that we are addressing both the key issues of concern to member Councils and that our elected leaders are provided with the information to exercise their policy judgement and governance responsibilities with diligence.

LGA Strategic Plan

An interim review of the LGA's Strategic Plan was conducted early in this reporting period and adjustments were made to reflect the changing needs of the sector. It was pleasing to note that many of the strategies included in the previous plan were achieved. It is proposed that a further review be undertaken to ensure the plan aligns with the objectives identified in Local Government's Future Directions Strategy.

Financial Affairs

The LGA is now on a relatively secure financial footing notwithstanding its dependence on subscriptions for its ongoing work. Our capacity each year appropriately remains dependent on financial and participative

support from Councils, which in turn ensures we remain focused on Council needs. Our capacity to meet liabilities, to upgrade equipment and to respond to urgent requirements is now sound and at what can be regarded as a minimum effective level.

LGA Secretariat

The breadth of skills and experience in an organisation of our size and in relation to the demands placed on us, remains strong. We have a strong and flexible team with staff who enjoy their work and continue to rise to any occasion. We have a very high level of technology use in comparative terms, which greatly enhances the productivity of staff. Experience gained at the LGA has enabled some staff to progress their careers with other organisations and this movement has enabled us to bring in some "fresh blood" and to create additional opportunities within.

Project Managers and Project Officers

The Association employs several officers of the highest calibre to assist in the management of programs ranging from the Coast and Clean Seas Program and the Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Scheme to the joint purchase of electricity project and smaller activities. We are able therefore to match specialist or generalist skills to appropriate projects of different sizes through the year. The tenure of these officers can vary due to funding availability but the quality of work remains consistently high.

Representing Member Councils

Serving our Members

The Local Government Association of South Australia is owned and controlled by Councils. It is a membership organisation that exists to facilitate collaborative activities by Councils and provides quality service and leadership relevant to the needs of Local Government.

Membership of the Association is voluntary and every Council in the State along with Anangu Pitjantjatjara are members. In addition to Councils, a number of other organisations have also chosen to join as Associate Members including the Outback Areas Community Development Trust; the Nepabunna Community Council; the Gerard Community Council; West Beach Trust and a number of Animal and Plant Control Boards.

The Local Government Association is recognised as the peak representative body for Local Government in this State and prides itself on being the voice of Local Government. Councils receive many direct and indirect benefits as a result of being a member of the Association, many of which are outlined in this Report.

The LGA is federated nationally with interstate associations in the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Our Mission and Goals

The mission of the LGA is to promote local governance, provide leadership and represent the interests of Local Government for the benefit of South Australia. To ensure this mission is achieved the Association has set itself four priority goals which are to:

- further develop effective working relationships with all spheres of government;
- progress partnership opportunities through functional and financial reform;
- facilitate the continued development and enhancement of Local Government;
- promote a positive image of, and participation in Local Government.

Decision Making

The Association's ultimate decision making and policy setting body is its biannual General Meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to collectively determine the policy direction of the Association. The 2001 Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 4 October at the Adelaide Convention Centre and the half-yearly General Meeting was conducted at the Festival Centre on Friday 22 March 2002.

Key Documents

The LGA works to three key documents – the Constitution, the Policy Manual and the Strategic Plan. The Constitution sets out the structure and operation of the Association. The Policy Manual is a compilation of the policies which are determined and amended by members at the General Meetings.

To assist in setting the LGA's broad priorities the Association has in place a Strategic Plan. During the year, a revised Plan for the period 2001 – 2003 was adopted.

These three documents are available on LGA.net.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

State Executive Committee Members

AS AT 30 JUNE 2002

PRESIDENT

Mayor Johanna McLuskey

VICE PRESIDENTS

Cr Max Amber
Metro

Mayor Joy Baluch
Spencer Gulf Cities

Cr John Legoe
South East

Mayor Brian Nadilo
Metro

IMMEDIATE PAST

PRESIDENT

Mayor Brian Hurn OAM



(l-r) Senior State Executive Members: Mayor Brian Hurn (Immediate Past President), Mayor Joy Baluch (Spencer Gulf Cities), Cr Max Amber (Metro), Mayor Johanna McLuskey (President), Cr John Legoe (South East) and Mayor Brian Nadilo (Metro).



(l-r) Members and Proxy Members of the State Executive Committee Cr Don Pegler (Proxy Member – South East), Mayor James Maitland (Central), Cr Marino Nassig (Metro), Mayor Jan Cass (River Murray), Mayor John Rich (Metro), Cr Frank Stock (Metro), Cr Trevor Fletcher (Proxy Member – Metro), Mayor Felicity Lewis (Metro), Cr David Matthews (Proxy Member – Metro), Mayor Rod Thomas (Proxy Member – River Murray), Mayor Tony Zappia (Metro), Cr Jeff Burgess (Central) and Mayor Ivan Brooks (Metro).

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Ivan Brooks Metro	Cr Jeff Burgess Central	Mayor Jan Cass River Murray	Mayor John Crompton Southern & Hills	Mayor Felicity Lewis Metro	Cr Ned Luscombe Eyre Peninsula
Mayor James Maitland Central	Mayor Ian Mann River Murray	Cr Marino Nassig Metro	Mayor John Rich Metro	Cr Frank Stock Metro	Mayor Tony Zappia Metro

Proxy State Executive Committee Members:

Metro Proxies: Cr Candice Bowey, Cr David Matthews, Cr Michael Harbison, Cr Trevor Fletcher

Regional Proxies: Cr Don Pegler (South East), Cr Jeff Cook (Central), Cr Wendy Hunt (Southern and Hills), Mayor John Smith (Eyre Peninsula), and Mayor Rod Thomas (River Murray).

In addition to Committee Members and proxies, representatives with observer status are appointed by Local Government Managers Australia (Peter Vlatko) and the Metropolitan Chief Executive Officers Association (Mark Searle). ALGA President, Cr John Ross also attended most meetings.

A component of the LGA State Executive Committee, is the Senior Executive, which comprises the President, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents and the Executive Director. The role of the Senior Executive is to carry out tasks assigned to it by the State Executive Committee and consider issues as necessary between State Executive meetings.

Representatives

Representatives on Local Government and outside bodies

The Association has numerous representatives on various working parties, boards and committees including many State Government bodies. The majority of representatives are Members and officers of Councils.

Through our representatives the Association is kept abreast of and helps influence changes in plans, programs, projects and initiatives. At the same time Local Government views in relation to policy and proposals for amendments to legislation are also represented.

The LGA thanks all of those who have given of their time, in most cases without reward and for their contributions to these bodies in the interests of Local Government. Key bodies pursuant to Acts of Parliament and representatives, as at 30 June 2002 include:

Animal & Plant Control Commission

Representatives:

Cr Christine Johnson

NARACOORTE LUCINDALE COUNCIL

Cr Bill Watkins

DC OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

Proxies

Mr Murray Mathison

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

Cr Tom Megaw

DC OF GRANT

Australian Local Government Association

Representatives:

Cr John Ross (ALGA President)

DC OF TATIARA

Mayor Johanna McLuskey

PORT ADELAIDE ENFIELD COUNCIL

Proxy:

Mayor Brian Hurn

BAROSSA COUNCIL

Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel

Representatives:

Ms Val Bonython

FORMERLY ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

Mr Bruce Eastick,

FORMERLY TOWN OF GAWLER

Cr John Legoe

KINGSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Coast Protection Board

Representative:

Mayor Brian Nadilo

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

Consumer Advisory Committee – Electricity

Representative:

Cr Trevor Owen

CITY OF WEST TORRENS

Council Purchasing Authority Pty Ltd (owner of LG House)

Representatives:

Mayor Johanna McLuskey

PORT ADELAIDE ENFIELD COUNCIL

Mayor Brian Hurn

BAROSSA COUNCIL

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Country Fire Service Board

Representatives:

Mayor Kym McHugh

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Cr Jeff Cook

DC OF YORKE PENINSULA

Development Assessment Commission

Representative

Cr Jeff Cook

DC OF YORKE PENINSULA

Dog & Cat Management Board

Representatives:

Cr Jeff Cook

DC OF YORKE PENINSULA

Mr Ken Coventry

FORMERLY RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE

Cr Bill Watkins

DC LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

eCouncils.com

Representatives:

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones

CITY OF SALISBURY

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Environment Protection Authority

Representative:

Cr Trevor Fletcher

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Libraries Board of SA

Representatives:

Ms Rosemary Craddock

FORMERLY TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

Ms Beth Davidson-Park

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Ms Janice Nitschke

WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

Local Government Finance Authority

Representatives:

Mr John Keough

FORMERLY TOWN OF THEBARTON

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones

CITY OF SALISBURY

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Local Government Association Asset Mutual Scheme

Representatives:

Cr Max Amber

CITY OF CAMPBELTOWN

Cr John Ross

DC OF TATIARA

Mr Mark Searle

CITY OF MARION

Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme

Representatives:

Cr John Ross
DC OF TATIARA

Cr Max Amber
CITY OF CAMPBELLTOWN

Mr Trevor Burgemeister
DC OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

Mr Greg Perkin,
CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme

Representatives:

Cr John Ross
DC OF TATIARA

Mr Paul Perry
CITY OF CHARLES STURT

Cr George Hallwood
CITY OF CAMPBELLTOWN

Mr Trevor Burgemeister
DC OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Local Super

Representatives:

Mayor Brian Hurn
BAROSSA COUNCIL

Mr John Comrie, LGA

Proxy:

Mayor John Rich
TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

Native Vegetation Council

Representative:

Cr Graham Smith
KANGAROO ISLAND COUNCIL

Proxy:

Cr Bill Murray
WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

Public & Environment Health Council

Representatives:

Mr John Coombe
ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
CITY OF MARION

Proxies:

Cr Ann Irving
CITY OF SALISBURY

Cr David Rowe
CITY OF MITCHAM

SA Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee

Representatives:

Mayor Ivan Brooks
CITY OF MITCHAM

Mayor Trevor Roocke
DC OF MT REMARKABLE

SA Country Arts Trust

Representative:

Mr David Lane
DC OF STREAKY BAY

SA LG Disaster Fund

Representatives:

Mr Malcolm Germein
FORMERLY CENTRAL YORKE PENINSULA

Mr John Comrie, LGA

SA LG Grants Commission

Representatives:

Mr Malcolm Germein
FORMERLY CENTRAL YORKE PENINSULA

Mr Keith Adams
FORMERLY CITY OF UNLEY

SA Water Resources Council

Representative:

Mr Ray Williams
FORMERLY CITY OF PAYNEHAM

South Eastern Water Conservation & Drainage Board

Representative:

Cr Keith McBride
KINGSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

State Disaster Committee

Representative:

Cr Shiralee Reardon
CITY OF SALISBURY

Proxy:

Cr Ricardo Santucci
CITY OF WHYALLA

State Heritage Authority

Representative:

Mr Anthony Presgrave,
FORMERLY ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Proxy:

Cr Cathryn Hart
CITY OF MITCHAM

State Records Council

Representative:

Cr Judith Black
CITY OF CAMPBELLTOWN

Supported Residential Facilities Advisory Committee

Representative:

Mr John Veldhoen
EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY

Ms Alison Creaser
CITY OF PT ADELAIDE ENFIELD

Cr Judy Lovett
CITY OF NORWOOD, PAYNEHAM
& ST PETERS

Waste and Resource Management Committee

Representative:

Mr John Coombe
ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Financial Statements

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	2001 \$	2000 \$
INCOME		
Administration charges	754,581	731,380
Interest received	122,211	150,942
Local government conference	75,224	139,633
Recoupment of costs incurred on projects	174,973	218,333
Publications sold	12,774	16,428
Seminars and conferences	1,709	11,655
Subscriptions	1,371,051	1,335,621
Sundry income	64,321	49,919
	2,576,844	2,653,911
EXPENDITURE		
Audit fees	11,613	6,871
Annual general meeting expenses	11,000	19,716
Annual Report	10,596	9,343
ALGA subscriptions	140,469	137,748
Allowances	29,263	27,596
Bank charges	1,919	7,945
Cleaning	12,267	13,017
Computer licenses, equipment, maintenance and rental	23,974	18,909
Contribution to building trust fund	184,300	190,033
Consultants fees	108,059	136,392
Depreciation	98,979	66,704
Electricity, light and power	27,665	36,069
Equipment rental & maintenance	33,601	44,727
Fringe benefits & goods and services tax	43,018	22,117
General meeting expenses	15,740	17,452
Insurance	13,984	13,949
Legal expenses	91,071	70,355
Library and parliamentary bills	11,636	1,523
Local government conference	78,932	104,975
Long service leave	34,280	32,178
Maintenance	12,478	12,843
Motor Vehicle expenses	15,044	14,190
Office expenses	44,189	44,619
Payroll tax	28,581	26,391
Postage and messengers	25,010	28,156
President's Dinner/Forum	8,299	7,020

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

		2001 \$	2000 \$
EXPENDITURE			
CONTINUED			
Printing and stationery		21,723	28,578
Promotions & public relations		18,348	64,795
Rates and taxes		22,568	14,744
Recruitment costs		13,818	3,297
Salaries		951,725	863,232
Security costs		520	551
Staff Development		14,976	7,523
Subscriptions & seminars		14,319	13,677
Superannuation		73,925	70,496
Telecommunications		46,171	49,998
Travelling and accommodation		40,830	37,414
Workers Compensation		2,191	2,114
		2,337,081	2,267,257
OTHER INCOME			
Contribution toward investments & capital improvements	1	–	299,900
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Share of net losses in Joint Venture	2	50,000	–
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure for year		189,763	686,554
Association funds at the beginning of the financial year		1,447,311	760,757
Transfer to Reserves	3	(717,982)	–
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		919,092	1,447,311
Reserves		742,982	25,000
Total Association funds at the end of the financial year		1,662,074	1,472,311

NOTES TO SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

1. The LGA received once-off contributions last year from the CPA towards building renovations (\$250,000), and investments in controlled entities (\$49,900).
2. The LGA recognises its share of losses to date in the joint venture, LGCS Pty Ltd, by offsetting \$50,000 against its investment in the joint venture.
3. The LGA has increased its reserves to set aside sufficient funds to enable it to meet future payments of employee entitlements as they fall due and replace existing assets as and when required for business purposes.

The above income and expenditure statement has been extracted from the audited financial statements which are available at the Annual General Meeting and from the Local Government Association.

Financial Statements

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	2001 \$	2000 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	1,071,503	1,041,279
Receivables	491,658	475,178
Project funds held	8,117,580	2,164,355
Other assets	36,427	34,247
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,717,168	3,715,159
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Other financial assets	3	50,003
Property, plant & equipment	606,250	481,124
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	606,253	531,127
TOTAL ASSETS	10,323,421	4,246,286
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	157,239	253,332
Unexpended project funds	8,117,580	2,164,355
Provisions	386,528	356,288
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	8,661,347	2,773,975
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,661,347	2,773,975
NET ASSETS	1,662,074	1,472,311
ASSOCIATION FUNDS		
Reserves	742,982	25,000
Accumulated funds	919,092	1,447,311
TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS	1,662,074	1,472,311

The above statement of financial position has been extracted from the audited financial report which is available at the Annual General Meeting and from the Local Government Association.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Our Valued Members

City of Adelaide

Adelaide Hills Council

Alexandrina Council

Anangu Pitjantjatjara

The Barossa Council

District Council of Barunga West

The Berri Barmera Council

City of Burnside

Campbelltown City Council

The District Council of Ceduna

City of Charles Sturt

Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

District Council of Cleve

District Council of Coober Pedy

Coorong District Council

District Council of the
Copper Coast

The District Council of Elliston

The Flinders Ranges Council

District Council of Franklin Harbour

The Corporation of the
Town of Gawler

Regional Council of Goyder

District Council of Grant

City of Holdfast Bay

Kangaroo Island Council

Light Regional Council

District Council of Karoonda
East Murray

District Council of Kimba

Kingston Regional Council

The District Council of Le Hunte

District Council of Lower Eyre
Peninsula

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

District Council of Mallala

City of Marion

Mid Murray Council

City of Mitcham

The District Council of Mt Barker

City of Mt Gambier

District Council of Mt Remarkable

The Rural City of Murray Bridge

Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Northern Areas Council

City of Norwood, Payneham
& St Peters

City of Onkaparinga

District Council of Ororoo
Carrieton

District Council of Peterborough

City of Playford

City of Pt Adelaide Enfield

City of Pt Augusta

City of Pt Lincoln

Pt Pirie Regional Council

The City of Prospect

District Council of Renmark Paringa

District Council of Robe

Municipal Council of Roxby Downs

City of Salisbury

Southern Mallee District Council

District Council of Streaky Bay

Tatiara District Council

City of Tea Tree Gully

The District Council of Tumby Bay

City of Unley

City of Victor Harbor

Wakefield Regional Council

Corporation of the Town of
Walkerville

Wattle Range Council

City of West Torrens

The Corporation of the
City of Whyalla

District Council of Yankalilla

District Council of Yorke Peninsula

Associate Members

Nepabunna Community

Gerard Community

Outback Areas Community
Development Trust

West Beach Trust

Eastern Eyre Animal & Plant
Control Board

Goyder Animal & Plant
Control Board

Northern Animal & Plant
Control Board

Riverland Animal & Plant
Control Board

Western Animal & Plant
Control Board

Yorke Peninsula Animal &
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