

Annual Report 2004-05



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The LGA continues to adopt leading practices in Australia the most recent being the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government. The Inquiry looked at the financial history and projections of Councils whilst at the same time considering the roles and responsibilities of Councils. The LGA and the sector will respond positively to the recommendations of the Inquiry.

This rating period saw intense media interest in Council rates. The LGA assisted Councils by focusing on improving communication with communities before setting rates and providing improved and easy to read rates notices.

Information Technology



Communication between Councils and the community has been strengthened through the LGA's Electronic Services Program. The LGA website continues to be a valuable resource for Councils and the public.

The bulk jobs advertisement in the Saturday Advertiser careers listing is providing branding for careers in Local Government together with significant savings for Councils.

The LGA Education Kit website is improving communication and engagement between Councils and schools. It includes information for students to help them understand Local Government and includes lesson plans to assist teachers.

Education and Training



Over 1700 participants took part in 82 programs organized by the LGA's Education and Training Service.

The Council Members' residential seminar was again a successful event. It provides Council Members with opportunities for training, networking, sharing ideas and understanding their roles and responsibilities.

The LGA released the draft Education and Training Strategic Plan. The Plan provides for forward planning to improve skills development in Councils and consultation between Councils to better meet training needs.

Minister's Local Government Forum

Hawker Response

Making Connections



The Minister's Local Government Forum chaired by the Minister for State/ Local Government Relations has progressed a number of issues including Stormwater and Regional Passenger Transport.

The Commonwealth Government response to the Hawker report was issued in June 2005. The Government has referred the issue of a longer-term solution to inequitable road funding to the Commonwealth Grants Commission and has also given its support for the first tri-partite inter-governmental agreement to deal with Local Government and cost shifting.

The LGA's "Making the Connections" project has identified linkages between the SA Strategic Plan and Local Government Plans. Consistent with the State/Local Government Relations Agreement, the Minister's Local Government Forum will be the vehicle to seek greater alignment of plans.

Legislation



A range of legislation was debated by the Parliament and the LGA played a major role in representing SA Councils in the Parliamentary process.

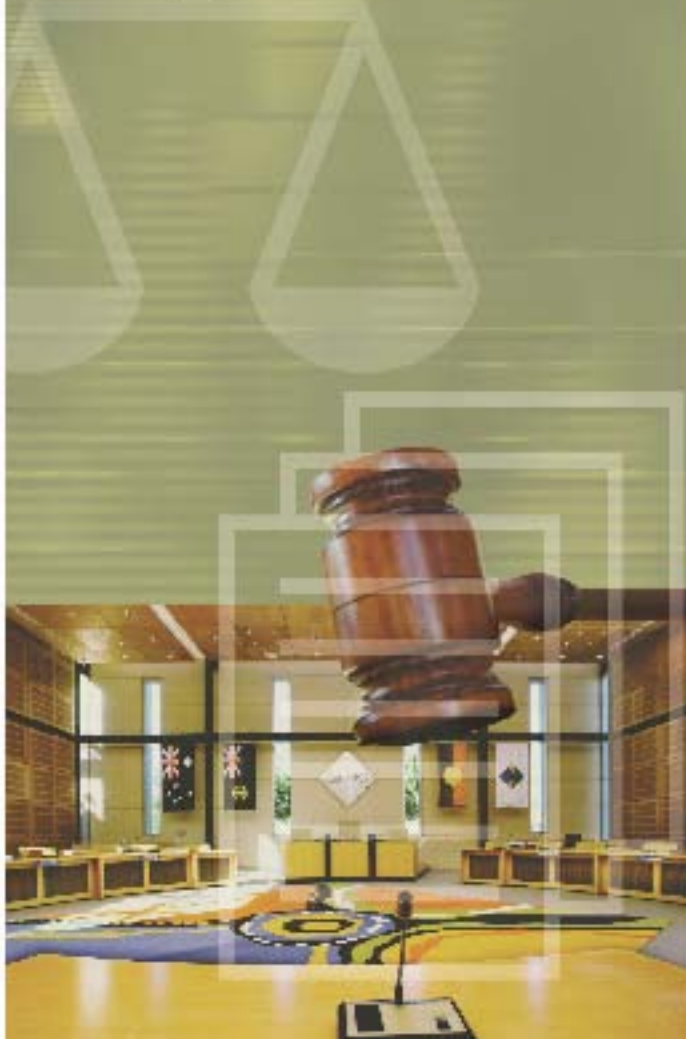
The passage of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Elections) Bill through Parliament marked the conclusion of an extensive period of lobbying by the LGA on behalf of the sector.

The LGA successfully lobbied for a number of Local Government provisions to be included in the Natural Resource Management Bill. Of significance is the provision for guaranteed representation on regional NRM Boards.

On 3 March 2004, the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill was introduced in the Parliament. As at 30 June 2005, the LGA was continuing to clarify and discuss further improvements to the Bill. Discussions are also continuing with regard to the Sustainable Development Bill.

Governance

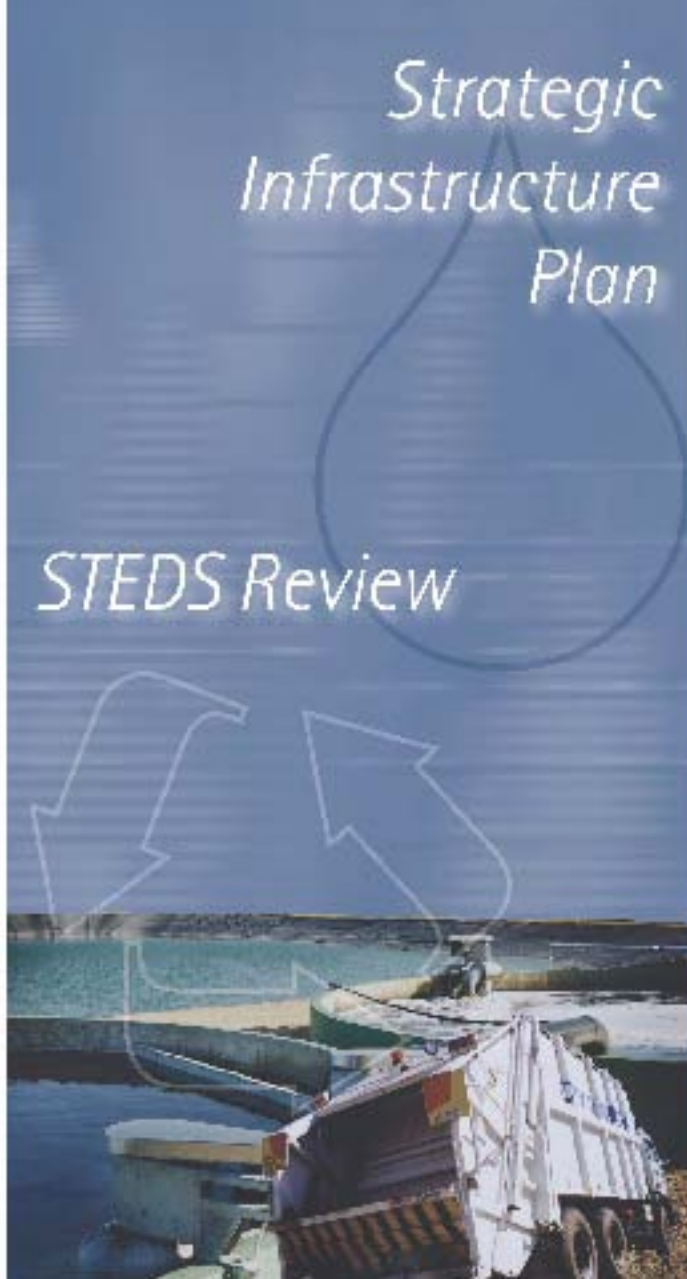
Elections Review



The LGA's Governance Advisory Committee has provided focus on the need to assist Councils with resources for governance issues. This has included the production of a meeting procedures manual, standard reporting format for register of allowances and benefits exploring issues at the interface of Council Member/staff relationships. Further work has also been completed around developing Governance Standards for Local Government and this work will be progressed over the next 12 months.

Amendments to the Local Government Elections Act Bill bring four-year terms and November elections, commencing in 2006.

Infrastructure



The Government released its Strategic Infrastructure Plan for SA. It is anticipated that, the Minister's Local Government Forum will be the vehicle to seek greater alignment between the infrastructure plans of both spheres of government.

STEDS reform has been high on the agenda for the LGA. The reform program has been provided by the STEDS Committee to Councils to assist them to achieve environmental and financial sustainability in their schemes.

President's Report

Cr John Legoe



The 2004/2005 financial year is one in which Local Government was called to publicly justify the increasing autonomy and responsibility it has taken on over the past 10–15 years.

At times heated debate found a vacuum where in the past; perhaps more patronising State Governments would have taken responsibility for such issues and ended up interfering in matters which are better addressed by Councils.

Local Government in South Australia continues to adopt leading practices in Australia the most recent example being the conduct of the first ever independent inquiry commissioned by the sector to consider the financial sustainability of Local Government.

Through the Independent Inquiry we have assured the most significant of our stakeholders that we do have a handle on the real challenges we face. I am pleased that Councils have responded positively to the challenges presented by the Inquiry.

With a fresh and independent view the Inquiry has challenged both our critics and us to separate the wheat from the chaff and to focus on the real issues.

This year Councils have responded particularly well to the rates debate. There is no single solution for our diverse urban, regional and rural communities but the vast majority of Councils have worked hard to consult and to fine tune rates systems.

The final Commonwealth response to the 'Hawker' inquiry brought some good and some disappointing news for Councils. A long-term solution to the distribution of identified local road grants cannot come soon enough. The proposed Productivity Commission study into Local Government revenue raising will provide an important national focus on these issues. The refusal to deal with the unfair interstate distribution of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) is not a good outcome and signals that much more work will be required over a longer term if we are to challenge this inequity.

Much LGA effort went into the Government's Sustainable Development Bill. Hopefully the rethinking of the Bill will bring an evidence-based approach to improvements rather than the theoretical approaches to Development Assessment Panels.

At the local level, the support for communities in relation to the Eyre Peninsula Bushfires stands out in my mind as Local Government at its best. Whether it was providing trucks, graders, facilities or road blocks in the fire fighting effort, or the response by local and surrounding Councils to the aftermath, we got the job done and therefore left the media to focus on the "front-line" organisations and committees.

I have formed a strong view over my LGA Presidency that Local Government needs to work much harder at communication with communities, the media and local members of State and Federal parliaments. I think we take far too much for granted and do too much ad hoc work when we should have strategic approaches.

I must express my appreciation for the many Councils which have invited individual visits by myself and senior LGA staff. The hospitality has been greatly appreciated as has the opportunity to hear the views of Councils first hand.

As I finish my second year as President I have been strengthened in my view that the advances made by the LGA and the sector are very much a team approach. It has been my privilege to be at the head of the team during this period and I thank you for that opportunity.

I thank all member Councils for their support for the LGA and for me personally during this period. In particular the members of the LGA State Executive Committee and the Secretariat deserve my appreciation. They have worked hard, as a team, and have provided me with both support and direction.

The Senior Executive Committee has been a particular support and I thank former Vice-President Mayor Joy Baluch, and the Vice-Presidents at 30 June, 2005: Mayor Tony Zappia, Cr Jeff Burgess, Mayor John Rich, and Mayor Kym McHugh. A special note of appreciation to Immediate Past President Cr Max Amber who has deputised for me on several occasions.

Lastly, I would like to especially thank my Council, the South East LGA and my wife Gayle and family. I could not have undertaken my role as President without their support.

A strong LGA has served Councils in SA particularly well in recent decades and in my view will play an increasing role in the future. To do so will require the ongoing support of Councils.



Councillor John Legoe
President

Executive Director's Report

Wendy Campana



A tremendous amount of effort has been placed on the issue of rates during this period. The LGA together with Councils has increased public awareness about the rating processes and challenges of Councils across the State and will continue to need to so.

Councils have continued to consider the use of caps in one form or another as a mechanism for responding both to valuation profiles and the needs and demands of local communities. A continuing challenge is to address the matter of our seniors who can find themselves in a situation where their property values have risen but available income has not substantially done so.

The LGA provided significant support during this rating period from advancing the use of leading modeling software, assisting Councils to employ a range of consultation mechanisms, working constructively with the Valuer-General and modeling transparent communication of budget and rating decisions. This area is like riding a bicycle – we need to maintain the effort year on year.

A significant number of issues dealt with by the LGA have revolved around the role of Council Members. Professor Dean Jaensch's survey showed again the enormous commitment which Council Members make and provided a reminder that Members are not volunteers but professional unpaid and under-resourced local politicians over sighting the management of \$10 billion in community infrastructure and \$1 billion of local services each year.

The amendments to the Local Government Elections Act will bring four-year terms and November elections, commencing in 2006. There will need to be a tremendous effort in individual Council areas, regions and on a state-wide basis to ensure that we raise the profile of Local Government and the valuable contributions that can be made as a Council Member. A strategy is currently being developed to support initiatives in this area.

Our Meeting Procedure Guide and residential and other training courses have also provided much appreciated support to Council Members in their roles. Following the release of the Independent Inquiry Board's report the nature and type of training for Council Members will be enhanced and focused on the primary governance and financial management roles and responsibilities of Members.

The provision of training courses to staff have once again produced excellent attendances and enhanced opportunities for learning and for staff to network with Local Government colleagues. The LGA is currently finalising, in consultation with the regions and professional groups, a comprehensive long term strategy to support the training and education of staff and Council Members. The coming year will see the "roll out" of this strategy.

I believe the work undertaken by the LGA on the SA Strategic Plan is much more likely to bear fruit in the coming year. However, we still have a long way to go in achieving the ideals of 'alignment' that both spheres of government are seeking. I was particularly pleased with

the attendance and reaction to our October, 2004 conference with its focus on population issues, a primary social and economic issue for this State and local communities.

I could comment further on many significant issues that the LGA has tackled, in consultation and with the support of Councils, in this past year. Some of these of course are stormwater, STEDS, and Natural Resources Management but each of these matters are well documented in this Annual Report.

I would like take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support given to me by Councils and in particular would like to thank President John Legoe, the LGA State and Senior Executive Committees and the Secretariat Staff for their commitment and contribution to the Local Government sector.

I look forward to continuing to ensure that Local Government is well represented in the Parliament and in public policy debates as we together tackle the challenges that will face Local Government in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Campana". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wendy Campana
Executive Director

Focusing 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. Each year the LGA State Executive Committee establishes a list of annual priorities, which are provided later in this report.

The focus areas that the Association has identified fit under the following broad headings: Representation; Leadership; Capacity Building; Finance and Resources; Participation; LGA enterprises; Research and Development and LGA Management.

Representation

Commonwealth Cost Shifting Inquiry – 'The Fair Share Report'

The Commonwealth Government response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration's report, *Rates and Taxes: A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government* was delayed due to the Federal election. The LGA directly, and through the ALGA, maintained pressure on the Commonwealth in relation to the key issues canvassed in the report.

The formal Commonwealth Government response was issued in June 2005 and delivered on a number of key objectives. A longer-term solution to inequitable distribution of local road funding is being referred to the Commonwealth Grants Commission. However, the Commonwealth Government has given its support to the first tripartite inter-government agreement to deal with Local Government and cost shifting. Agreement was also given to a study by the Productivity Commission into revenue raising for Local Government. We were disappointed nevertheless to see the Commonwealth reject a recommendation to review the unfair interstate distribution of Financial Assistance Grants and we will develop further strategies on this issue.

Minister's Local Government Forum

The Minister's Local Government Forum meets on a quarterly basis and continues to include equal representation between State and Local Government. Six Cabinet Ministers sit on the Forum as follows: Ministers Weatherill, Hill, Key, Holloway, Conlon with Minister McEwen as the Chairperson. There have been several changes in Ministerial portfolios throughout the year and the membership indicated previously is the current membership.

The Local Government Representatives on the Forum during the year were the LGA President, Cr John Legoe, Cr Jeff Burgess, Mayor Tony Zappia, Mayor Kym McHugh, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, Wendy Campana, Judith Jones and Peter Vlatko.

Meetings of the Forum are advised via LGA Circulars and Councils are encouraged to send representatives along as observers. The Forum has addressed the following matters:

- State Housing Plan
- South Australia's Strategic Plan

- Strategic State Infrastructure Plan for SA
- Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation
- Strategic Assessment of Public Land
- Regional and Rural Landfills
- Environment Protection Act – Sharing Functional Responsibilities
- Financial Sustainability Inquiry
- Rates and Taxes: A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government Report
- Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme (STEDS)
- Regional Passenger Transport

Planning and Development

The 'Development (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill 2005' (the Bill) was scheduled to be debated in the Legislative Council in July 2005. The LGA provided its submission to the State Government on the Bill, based on extensive consultation with Councils and valuable input and direction from the LGA Reference Group. In addition, Mayors and CEOs willingly made themselves available during the negotiations with Members of Parliament, which was greatly appreciated.

Key issues of concern for Local Government in the Bill included:

- consultation requirements in relation to the State Planning Strategy;
- Council Development Assessment Panels and Regional Development Assessment Panels;
- developer responsibilities/contributions; and
- the potential resource impact on Councils as a result of the proposed changes to the planning system and additional development assessment related processes.

The discussions the LGA undertook with the Opposition and the Democrats in regard to Council Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) led to both these parties supporting the LGA position that Councils should be able to retain the status quo in relation to DAP membership, composition and procedures. Following 162 amendments being progressed to the Bill the Minister indicated his desire to have further negotiations prior to progressing the Bill in the Parliament.

The LGA's achievements to date are promising and will assist Local Government in continuing to pursue further amendments to the Bill to ensure the introduction of legislation that is in the best interests of the planning and development system for the State.

South Australia's Strategic Plan

The State Government released South Australia's Strategic Plan in March 2004. The plan contains 79 separate targets, many of which are highly relevant to Local Government. The LGA responded to the Plan by commencing a project titled 'Making the Connections', in September 2004, and by arranging (with the Office of Local Government) a workshop of State and Local Government representatives in October 2004. The first stage of 'Making the Connections' involved an audit of the degree to which Local Government Strategic Plans align with South Australia's Strategic Plan, primarily at the regional LGA level. This audit was substantially completed by the end of June 2005 and demonstrated a high degree of alignment in the plans of the two spheres of government in some areas. However, there is still much work to do to achieve alignment in other areas and to ensure implementation of strategic projects and initiatives.

Consistent with the State/Local Government Relations Agreement and through an exchange of letters between the Minister for State/Local Government Relations and the LGA President, the Minister's Local Government Forum will be the vehicle to seek greater alignment between the SA Strategic Plan and Local Government Plans.

Stormwater Management

Throughout 2004–05 the LGA continued to invest significant resources in working with the State Government and Councils on a new partnership approach to stormwater management and flood mitigation planning and works in metropolitan and regional areas. While progress in reaching an agreed position with the State Government has been painstaking and was not complete as at 30 June 2005, there were some major developments during the year, including:

- State and Local Government approving the 'Urban Stormwater Management Policy for South Australia' and the public release of this policy by the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the President of the LGA on 24 May 2005;
- the preparation of proposals to establish long term funding and governance arrangements proposed to be underpinned by legislation; and
- the commencement of an audit of outstanding stormwater management and flood mitigation works required in regional areas of the State.

The LGA contributes significantly to the development of this work through a joint State–Local Government working group (the Urban Stormwater Initiative), the Metropolitan Local Government Group and the Metropolitan Chief Executive Officers' Association.

LGA Waste Committee

The LGA Waste Committee has continued its role in advising the State Executive Committee on waste matters and providing leadership to Local Government on waste and resource management. The Waste Committee has been intensively involved

in providing Local Government input into the 'State Waste Strategy 2005–2010'; the 'Environment Protection (Miscellaneous) Amendments Bill' (post-closure provisions); the 'National Packaging Covenant Mk II'; the development of the 'Environment Protection (Waste) Policy'; and the Environment Protection Agency's revised draft 'Landfill Guidelines'. During the report period, the LGA's Waste Committee also developed an Action Plan and Communication Strategy to improve communication between it and the LGA membership.

Environment Protection Responsibilities

The Environment Protection (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2005, which amends the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, was assented to on 9 June 2005. Most of the amendments came into operation on 1 July 2005, while implementation of the remaining provisions will be delayed until July 2006. Key changes implemented in 2005 included powers relating to Administering Agencies; Environment Protection and Clean Up Orders; and ceasing 'activities of environmental significance'. Key changes to come into force in 2006 will include amendments to civil penalties and to the offence of 'environmental nuisance'. A sub-committee of the EPA Board, which has equal representation from State and Local Government, will continue to address the resource implications for Councils regarding accepting the role of Administering Agencies.

Road Funding

The first instalment of the \$26.25m provided to Councils by the Prime Minister in March 2004 of \$4.25m was paid to Councils through the Identified Local Road component of the Financial Assistance Grants. Further work to provide a long-term solution for the inequity in Commonwealth Road funding to South Australia has been continuing over the reporting period. It is anticipated that the Commonwealth response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration's report, *Rates and Taxes: A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government* will deliver the outcome South Australian Councils are seeking for road funding.

During the reporting period the LGA assumed administration of the Special Local Roads Program. As a result the LGA established the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) to assess and recommend projects to the SA Grants Commission for funding under the program. The LGTAP is chaired by LGA Vice President, Cr Jeff Burgess and ensures that Local Government influences, where appropriate, the decision making process for road funding under the program.

AusLink

'Roads to Recovery 2' was announced as part of the Federal Government's 'AusLink' program during the 03–04 financial year. The announcement resulted in a decrease of funding to local government to \$200m p.a. nationally over the next 4 years. Through intense lobbying by Councils, State Local Government Associations and the Australian Local Government Association the funding was returned to \$300m p.a. nationally over 4 years, with an additional strategic funding pool of \$150m p.a. nationally over 5 years.

Regional Passenger Transport

In May 2005 a delegation of the Provincial Cities Association, the LGA President and officers of the LGA met with the Hon Patrick Conlon, Minister for Transport, to discuss the provision of bus services in provincial cities. It was agreed that all provincial city bus services would be reviewed and the Minister encouraged Councils to enable current funding arrangements to continue during the 3 month review periods. The Minister also agreed to develop with the LGA an agreement on roles and responsibilities for the provision of passenger transport services in all regional communities.

Media Relations

During the year the LGA issued 47 media releases and responded to an increasing number of media queries. The LGA also established a web portal to display participating Councils' media releases in chronological order and agreed, with the support of councils, to undertake surveys of Councils for the media. Late in the financial year the LGA appointed a Media Research Officer to assist it in providing information to the media from across the sector. Media release templates have also been issued to encourage consistent information provision in key areas, including rates.

Leadership

Financial Sustainability Inquiry

During the debate on Council rates, which occurred in July and August 2004, a number of significant stakeholders lost confidence in the information that we and others had been providing regarding the financial circumstances of Councils. As a result the LGA State Executive Committee determined that, following consultation with Councils, an Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government was warranted. As a result, Mr Bill Cossey, Ms Juliet Brown and Mr Wayne Jackson, with support from Access Economics, were commissioned to conduct a six month inquiry.

The inquiry, the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government, issued a discussion paper and an interim report at the end of the financial year. Prior to this the Board had invited the community to make submissions and also held a series of public hearings. The process began to restore confidence that Local Government is a robust and credible sphere of government. The Board's final report was released shortly after the end of the financial year and the LGA will respond to the report.

State/Local Relations Agreement

The Agreement moved into its second year of operation and the schedule was updated and continues to be a useful document in highlighting the manner in which State/Local governments will work together, including engagement with the Commonwealth. Key priority issues for intergovernmental relations are addressed in the schedule and include Alignment of Strategic Plans, Governance, Economic Development, Commonwealth – South Australian Issues, Financial Information, Consultation guidelines, Infrastructure, Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation, STEDS, Waste Management, Natural Resource Management, Planning and Development, Strategic Assessment of Public Land, Regional Passenger Transport, Libraries Agreement and Sharing Functional Responsibilities under the Environment Protection Act, 1993.

Financial relationships continue to be an area where State/Local government relations can improve. It continues to be a struggle to gain agreement from the Government to progress to a more mature relationship in this regard.

Governance Advisory Committee

This Committee's work has focused on the need to assist Councils with resources such as production of a meeting procedures manual, standard reporting format for register of allowances and benefits and exploring issues at the interface of Council Member/staff relationships such as in the area of access to information. The Committee has also addressed development of governance standards for the sector in response to a resolution at the March LGA General Meeting. The issue of governance standards has been highlighted by the Independent Inquiry. In this coming period emphasis will be given to this matter including the establishment of an appropriate framework for the development and adoption of standards and support to Councils to adopt them.

ALGA

President Cr John Legoe and Past President Cr Max Amber continued to be SA members of the Board of the ALGA during this reporting period. Key activities of the ALGA during this period have been progressing a response to the Hawker Report and dealing with a myriad of other national issues, including the development of a tripartite intergovernment agreement.

Industrial and Employee Relations Service

The LGA's Employee Relations service continues to be highly used by Councils. Bi-monthly Employee Relations Briefings are conducted and designed to assist Senior Officers and Human Resource Specialists of Councils to stay up to date with developments regarding industrial legislation at both the Federal and State level, Enterprise Bargaining, and emerging local industrial issues. The new State Fair Work Act was passed during this period and the LGA submitted to the Government on the legislation. Early work has also occurred regarding Federal proposals for Industrial law changes and their potential impact on Councils.

Indigenous Issues

In December 2004 the first claim-wide Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) involving Local Government in South Australia was signed. The District Council of Yorke Peninsula, the Barunga West District Council, the District Council of the Copper Coast, and the Wakefield Regional Council signed the ILUA with the South Australian Government and the Narungga Nation. This agreement is being used as the basis for the preparation of a model template to assist other Councils in the State-wide ILUA process in which the LGA participates.

The LGA continued to support a project designed to identify processes involved in negotiating service agreements with Indigenous communities. The Coorong District Council and the Raukkan Community Council agreed to be a pilot in this project and were well advanced in negotiating an 'Alliance' agreement by the end of the financial year.

Capacity Building

Economic Development

During the year the State Government committed to a review of Business Enterprise Centres in the metropolitan area. The Hon Paul Holloway, Minister for Industry and Trade gave positive and clear commitments to a partnership approach and the review committee made wide-reaching recommendations in December 2004. These recommendations included the need for additional State funding. This funding was allocated in the State Budget but some opportunity for partnership was lost in the initial implementation of the review. A joint review of the number of Regional Development Boards was also completed this year, which concluded that a range of policy initiatives rather than boundary change was the appropriate way to progress in regional areas.

Electricity

In 2002 joint State and Local Government retail electricity contracts were entered into with Origin Energy Electricity Ltd for the provision of electricity to general sites and AGL (South Australia) Pty Ltd for the provision of electricity for public lighting. This process provided savings for Local Government of approximately \$1.2 million a year. Both contracts (Origin Energy and AGL) expire on 30 December 2005 and discussions are occurring with the Department for Administrative Information Services (DAIS) on how to provide a cost effective transition to new retail electricity contracts.

Infrastructure

This year the Asset Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) has continued the 'Step by Step Mentoring Program for Asset Management'. The 'Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill 2005', as introduced to Parliament, will require Councils to develop long term infrastructure and asset management plans. Subject to further debate on the Bill by Parliament it is anticipated that all Councils will be required to have appropriate plans in place by 2008-09.

Natural Resource Management

Natural Resource Management (NRM) continues to be a priority for the LGA with a number of significant issues and events being progressed this year. In October 2004, the LGA employed a dedicated Local Government NRM Facilitator under a partnership agreement with the Australian Government to assist Councils in South Australia with regional NRM delivery. Through extensive negotiations with the State over the 'NRM Bill' the LGA successfully lobbied for a number of Local Government provisions including guaranteed representation on regional NRM Boards. The appointment of LGA President, John Legoe to the State NRM Council under the NRM Act has ensured our issues in NRM will be raised at the highest level. The LGA continues to negotiate with the State regarding the collection of the NRM levy to ensure Councils are adequately compensated for the levy's collection.

Coastal Management

The LGA has continued to work on mechanisms to realign local government decision-making structures to ensure all Councils with

a coastal responsibility are active in the development of a coastal strategy. Issues under consideration include those that relate to responsibilities, resources and representation. Involvement with the Coast Protection Board. The Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee has been maintained and LGA officers regularly attend their meetings.

Environmental Management in Country Landfills

The EPA's revised draft 'Landfill Guidelines' continue to cause significant concern for country Councils. The LGA has commissioned two technical reports assessing the guideline requirements and has provided a number of opportunities for Councils to communicate directly with the EPA on the issue. The LGA has secured the following assurances related to the guidelines from the EPA: that the timeframe for compliance be extended and that an approach is negotiated by the EPA and Local Government on a site-specific basis to develop mutually acceptable solutions to the issue. The LGA is also project managing a study comparing the cost of complying with current EPA requirements and the revised draft 'Landfill Guidelines' in conjunction with the EPA, Zero Waste SA and the Office of Local Government.

Council Members' Allowances

In early 2005, the LGA appointed an independent review panel to report to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations and the LGA President about the allowances and benefits applicable to Council Members. The panel released a discussion paper in April 2005 calling for public submissions on this matter and surveyed a number of Councils about current support levels for Councillors and Principal Members. The Panel released an interim report, including recommendations for feedback from Councils. The final report from the Panel will be available in late October 2005.

European Wasp Equalisation Fund

This year the LGA continued to administer the European Wasp Equalisation Fund on behalf of Councils. Twenty-five Councils participated in the Fund for the 2004-05 season, with a handful of country Councils entering the fund for the first time due to increased reports of European Wasp activity in their areas.

Dog and Cat Management

As a result of amendments to the 'Dog and Cat Management Act', which came into operation in July 2004, the LGA employed a Dog & Cat Management Support Officer to assist Councils to implement the changes. This position was funded by the Dog and Cat Management Board and was located at the LGA for a period of six months, ceasing in May 2005. During this time, a number of milestones were achieved, including:

- a State-wide survey of Council requirements;
- assistance to Councils for the development of Animal Management Plans; and
- the rectification of malfunctioning micro-chip scanners.

On a strategic level, the LGA presented several reports to the Board, including options for reserve and parks signage and options available to the Board to support Councils for micro-chipping activities.

Education and Training

During the year approximately 1700 Council Members and staff participated in the 82 programs organised by the LGA's Education and Training Service.

Another highly successful Council Members' Residential Seminar was held, in June 2005 with 95 participants attending. The LGA and the Office of Regional Affairs jointly hosted a Consultation Seminar in August 2004, which attracted 106 participants, and a Plan Amendment Reports (PARs) Consultation Seminar, which was held in March 2005 attracted 94 participants.

The LGA established a Local Government Education and Training Reference Group which contributed to the development of a draft Local Government Education and Training Strategic Plan. Consultation on the draft Strategic Plan is currently being undertaken with Councils and Local Government professional organisations and networks.

Education Kit Website

An on-line education resource has been developed by the LGA using funds from the Local Government Research and Development Scheme. The website – www.localstuff.sa.gov.au – contains information for students, teachers and Council staff and can be used to improve communication and engagement between schools and Councils. A comprehensive careers section of the website is also planned to provide information for students and the general public about careers in Local Government.

Government Youth Traineeship Program

The LGA again negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding for this period with the State Government to formalise Local Government's access to and involvement in the State's Youth Traineeship Program. This year 22 Councils took advantage of the program and a total of 39 trainees were engaged by Local Government. A new MOU has recently been signed, which will provide Local Government with access to an expanded range of traineeships, apprenticeships and cadetships next year.

Young People

Three projects focussing on young people were commenced during the year. The first explored Council involvement with young people through the Local Government Youth Services Forum with support from the South Australian Office for Youth and the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia. This project is well on the way to producing a guide for Councils and a draft youth policy for the LGA to consider. The second project was commissioned to look at legal and best practice issues associated with child abuse, and minimising harm to vulnerable groups. In addition the LGA through the Local Government Research and Development Scheme provided financial support to the conduct of this year's Youth Parliament. This gave youth parliamentarians the opportunity to experience all three spheres of government.

Finance and Resources

In response to intense media focus on the Local Government rating issues in the 2003–04 financial year, the LGA undertook a range of strategic activities relating to Local Government's finances and resources. A prominent feature of the LGA's approach was

the establishment of the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability Review Board (separate report included in this Annual Report).

In addition, the LGA proposed changes to the Local Government Act with support of the Minister for State/Local Government Relations. After extensive consultation with Councils on a draft Bill, the LGA made recommendations for change to the Bill. Many of these changes were adopted by the Minister.

On 3 March 2005, the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill was introduced in the Parliament. As at 30 June 2005, the LGA was continuing to clarify and discuss further possible improvements to the Bill.

Performance Measurement

The LGA's 'Comparative Performance Measurement Project' provides data to Councils on their performance against 18 indicators, grouped under the four headings of 'Governance', 'Community Satisfaction', 'Finance and Asset Management', and 'Quality of Life'. Data for the performance indicators is drawn from a number of agencies and from a voluntary community survey. Twenty-nine Councils are participating in the survey in 2005. The results of the project in 2004 were provided to all Councils in a detailed report, and on a secure website. In 2005, work commenced on a proposal to make the results of the project publicly available to ensure that Councils are open and accountable especially during rating periods.

State Budget

This year the LGA presented an 'Intergovernmental Financial Planning 2005–06' paper to the Treasurer and other relevant Ministers seeking appropriate funding outcomes for Local Government from the State. Notwithstanding small increases in some programs our assessment is that we continue to receive the lowest per capita funding of any mainland State. The Budget Papers have maintained an overview of Local Government finances and State-local transfers which leads most States. The LGA has proposed a review of State-local transfers in the wake of the final report of the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government.

Libraries

Negotiations commenced prior to the end of the financial year on the State-Local Memorandum of Agreement that underpins libraries' funding. During the year library funding from the State Government to Councils rose by CPI to \$15.3m. Research into the age of the book stock in South Australia and other key indicators has also commenced.

STEDS Reform

Following the formation of the joint State-Local Government STEDS Advisory Committee, numerous investigations into the most appropriate way forward for the STEDS sector have been completed and are currently underway. The Committee is focusing on providing STEDS operators with the tools they need to become financially and environmentally sustainable in the long term.

Construction has commenced on the new STEDS at Gladstone, whilst planning and tender processes are being finalised for the proposed schemes at Springton, Kingston on Murray, Loveday

and Allendale East. Design consultants have been appointed and preliminary design procedures are underway at Moonta and American River.

An active STEDS reform program has been provided by the Committee to Councils to assist them to achieve environmental and financial sustainability for their schemes. The program has included Regional Forums attended by all 'STEDS Councils', a STEDS Information Package covering all the issues related to the management of STEDS and a subsidised audit program of schemes to determine sustainable pricing.

Participation

Local Government Elections and Representation Review

On 30 June 2005, Parliament passed the 'Statutes Amendment (Local Government Elections) Bill'. The passage of this Bill through Parliament marked the conclusion of an extensive period of lobbying by the LGA on behalf of the Local Government Sector, to ensure that the views of Councils were taken into account during the Parliamentary process. Key changes introduced by the Bill included a four-year term of office for Council Members, and the shifting of Local Government elections from May to November, commencing in 2006.

Online Services

During the year the Electronic Services Program Team conducted numerous on-site training sessions and supported staff in Councils to use the following statewide on-line applications:

- Unity™ public websites
- Unity™ Council Intranets for Elected Members and Staff
- SA Tenders and Contracts on-line tendering system and composite advertisement
- The 'Careers in Local Government' composite advertisement
- BizGate on-line payment gateway for rates, dog registrations etc.

In partnership with Chimo Pty Ltd the Unity™ system continued its development throughout the year with strong support from Councils – as at June 2005 there were 62 South Australian Councils using the Unity™ system.

These shared services initiatives, which are conducted in collaboration with Local Government Corporate Services (LGCS), continue to increase efficiencies in Councils and save them thousands of dollars in individual development costs and advertising.

Local Government Jobs Advertisement

The LGA, in conjunction with the Local Government Human Resources Group, developed a 'Careers in Local Government' composite advertisement which is placed in *The Advertiser's* CareerOne lift-out every Saturday. The advertisement creates a "brand" for careers and job opportunities in Local Government and assists Councils to save money by "bulk purchasing" advertising space resulting in a considerable saving. A three month trial of the service was held from April to June 2005, with varying degrees of success each week. Following a review, modifications were made to the brand and to the administrative processes. The LGA committed to extend the trial for a further 3 months.

LGA Enterprises

LGA Corporate Services

LGCS Pty Ltd trading as Local Government Corporate Services (LGCS), is a joint venture between the LGA and Local Government Financial Authority (LGFA). It has made significant progress over the past 12 months towards providing SA Councils with products and services such as the After Hours Call Service, CarFleet Project and Microsoft Agreement which have provided significant benefits and savings to Councils throughout the State. Following the outcomes of the Inquiry, LGCS looks forward to working with the LGA and Councils on various aspects of shared services which will benefit the whole Local Government sector.

Local Government Corporate Entities

The strong performance of the LGA's Workers Compensation Scheme continued with a reduction in the net contribution rate and annual cost savings of over \$9 million arising from the self insurance arrangement. This year, WorkCover commenced its independent evaluation of Local Government's performance with early signs showing positive results in Occupational Health and Safety. The evaluation will be completed by December 2005. Workers Compensation claims continued to reduce during the 2004/05 period.

The LGA's Mutual Liability Scheme continues to maintain steady growth in a volatile environment with surplus funds reaching almost \$10m in June 2005. With risk management principles underpinning this Scheme, Local Government has seen a decrease in claim numbers and steady premium contributions. This contrasts dramatically with the commercial insurance industry which has passed on significant premium increases to commercial business. The Scheme's healthy trading position should continue as benefits from claim outcomes are assisted by favourable legislative changes and favourable Court decisions.

Research and Development

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 that comprises representatives of the LGA State Executive Committee, the Office of Local Government, the LGA Secretariat, Local Government Managers Australia, the Metropolitan CEOs Association, relevant trade unions and South Australian universities.

Since its inception the scheme has invested in 252 projects, paid out \$10,325,972 and attracted matching funds and in-kind support from other sources.

Key projects funded this year include:

- Regional Capacity Building funding allocations of \$25 000 to all regional LGAs and the Metropolitan Group
- the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government (LGA)
- support for Councils to Address Rating Matters (LGA)
- promoting employment in South Australian Local Government via participation in the 2005 Careers and Employment Expo (LG Managers Australia)

- Sustainability On-line – a sustainability indicator and data resource for Local Government (Australian Institute for Social Research, University of Adelaide)
- South Australian Local Government Cost Index (SA Local Government Financial Management Group)
- Audit and Disposal Program of Local Government Records (Northern Records Management Group)
- Local Government 2003 Elections and Representation Review (LGA).

LGA Management

Financial (LGA)

The LGA is in a sound financial position based on the system of Councils subscribing to fund the major part of services and work undertaken by the Association. We are able to fund our liabilities, upgrade equipment and respond to urgent requirements.

Issues such as the response to the recommendations of the Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government will stretch resources and Councils will need to consider growing demands on the LGA and how best they will be resourced in the future.

LGA State Executive

To best serve the needs of its members, the Association is managed by a democratically structured LGA State Executive Committee. The committee consists of Council Members who have either been elected or appointed to represent their geographic region. The members of the Committee, other than the President serve 3 year terms. The President has a one year term with the potential to serve up to three years and an allowance of \$26,730 is paid. President Cr John Legoe moved into his second term of office during this period. The role of the Committee is to manage the affairs of the LGA between Annual and General Meetings. A list of all State Executive Members is included in this report.

The State Executive Committee members continue to place a high commitment to their work in supporting Local Government and the LGA Secretariat. During the August to December period the State Executive virtually met on a monthly basis in lieu of its traditional bi-monthly meetings. This was necessitated by the emphasis it placed on rating issues, establishment of the Inquiry and the significant legislative proposals before Local Government such as the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill and Sustainable Development Bill. In addition the State Executive Committee reviewed its strategic plan, adopted its annual priorities and considered resourcing issues.

LGA Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities

The State Executive Committee comprehensively reviewed its Strategic Plan and set its Annual Priorities for this period. This occurred over 2 months and in consultation with Councils. These planning processes underpin the resource allocation by the LGA and result in focusing the work of the LGA onto priority matters for the sector. The reports to the State Executive Committee continue to focus on linking strategic plan objectives/strategies and annual priorities to each matter debated.

LGA AGM

An excellent attendance from Council representatives contributed to a highly successful LGA Annual General Meeting in October 2004. The AGM was held in conjunction with the LGA conference 'People, Prosperity and Place'. Councillor John Legoe was elected unopposed for a second year as President.

LGA Conference

Over 300 delegates attended the LGA Conference on 7 and 8 October to explore population issues and Local Government. Guest speakers included Bernard Salt; Pru Goward; a panel session made up of state and local representatives; and the Premier, the Hon Mike Rann, who used his official opening speech to launch a major advertising and marketing campaign to attract people to live in South Australia. A number of other events were included in the two-day program, including the presentation of the Local Government Risk Management and Occupational Health and Safety Awards, and the 20 year service certificates to long-standing Council Members.

LGA Elections

Councils elected/appointed a number of new members to the LGA State Executive Committee this year as vacancies became available. The term of office for the Committee is three years with the exception of the position of President. A list of serving LGA State Executive Members is provided later in this report.

LGA Metropolitan Local Government Group

The Metropolitan Local Government Group comprises the Mayors and Chief Executives of all metropolitan Councils, and is a forum for discussion of issues of metropolitan significance. It also provides advice to the LGA State Executive Committee on relevant matters. In March 2005 the Group decided to review its operations and governance, and established a review subcommittee to oversee the arrangements review, assisted by the LGA Secretariat.

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC)

This year the SAROC Committee met on six occasions before the LGA State Executive Committee, including a meeting held in Kingston. Under the chairmanship of Cr Jeff Burgess the committee continued to consider country issues and provide advice to the State Executive Committee.

LGA Secretariat

Led by Wendy Campana, the LGA Secretariat consists of a small number of employees who provide support to the State and Senior Executive Committees, SAROC, Metropolitan Group and other LGA committees.

The Secretariat carries out activities determined collectively by Councils at LGA General Meetings. The Secretariat maintains close contact with Councils and consults with Council Members, Council officers and professional organisations for advice on specific issues.

The activities of the Secretariat are many and varied and include:

- lobbying and liaising with government agencies on behalf of Councils;
- ensuring appropriate representation in a wide range of forums;
- responding to legislative change which affects Local Government;

- proactively liaising with the media to convey a positive image of Local Government;
- providing support for Local Government enterprises;
- undertaking research to assist in policy setting and decision making;
- initiating the development of various codes and guidelines to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Council operations.

During this period John Comrie continued in his second year of secondment to the OLG. This secondment has proved to enhance State/Local relationships but put pressure on the resourcing of the LGA as roles/positions needed to be adjusted.

Project Officers

The LGA continues to have a small group of officers appointed to the Secretariat for specific project areas. During this period Jamie Roodenrys continued to work in the STEDS program with the support of part-time officer Richard Crabb. Fiona Jenkins continues on a secondment with Zero Waste and Chris Lease was appointed to this role on a short term basis. Chris has quickly become familiar with the workings of the LGA and his knowledge and experience has seen the continuation of a high focus on waste issues in the LGA. Marcus Walters was appointed to the NRM Facilitator position (funded by the Commonwealth) with a position focused on both State and National NRM issues. During this period Darren Smith was seconded from Transport SA to a 12 month position to consider road safety issues. Darren's position was jointly funded by Transport SA and the Local Government Research & Development Scheme and produced a report and recommendations regarding key road safety issues for both State and Local Governments. A short term secondment also occurred to provide support to Councils in the area of dog and cat management particularly with the passing of new legislation in this regard. Marco Wenzel held this position and was previously employed with Marion Council.

John Mundy, Michelle Bockman and Tania Erzinger together manage the Electronic Services Program project supporting Councils in the development of their websites using the unity system. This program continues to offer outstanding innovation and support for Councils.

Serving our Members

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.

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.

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 provide leadership to Councils for the benefit of the South Australian community.

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 2004 Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 8 October at the Adelaide Convention Centre and the 2004 General Meeting was conducted at the Festival Centre on Friday 26 March.

Key Documents

The LGA works to four key documents – the Constitution, the Policy Manual, Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities. 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. The Annual Priorities are adopted in line with the LGA Strategic Plan on an annual basis. These four documents are available on LGA.net.

State Executive Members

State Executive Members as at 30 June 2005

President	Cr John Legoe (Statewide)
Vice Presidents	Mayor Kym McHugh (Country) Cr Jeff Burgess (Country) Mayor Tony Zappia (Metro) Mayor John Rich (Metro)
Immediate Past President	Cr Max Amber (Statewide)
Committee Members	Mayor Allan Arbon (River Murray) Mayor Marilyn Baker (Metro) Mayor Joy Baluch (Spencer Gulf Cities) Mayor Kristina Barnett (Metro) Mayor Ivan Brooks (Metro) Lord Mayor Michael Harbison (Metro) Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis (Metro) Mayor James Maitland (Central) Mayor Steve Perryman (South East) Mayor Lesley Purdom (Metro) Mayor Rod Thomas (River Murray) Cr Brian Treloar (Eyre Peninsula)
Proxy Committee Members	Cr Jeff Cook (Central) Mayor Peter Davis (Spencer Gulf Cities) Cr Trevor Fletcher (Metro) Mayor Tony Wales (Southern Et Hills) Cr Judith Jackson (Eyre Peninsula) Mayor Ian Mann (River Murray) Cr Allison Miller (Metro) Cr John Ross (South East) Mayor Ken Rollond (Metro) Mayor John Trainer (Metro)

In addition to Committee Members and proxies, representatives with observer status are appointed by Local Government Managers Australia and the Metropolitan Chief Executive Officers Association. Peter Vlatko and Ron Green hold these observer positions.

A key component of the LGA State Executive Committee is the Senior Executive, which comprises the President, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents and the LGA 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.

Other Members who served as part of the State Executive during the reporting period – Mayor Don Pegler and Cr Diana Penniment AM (South East Zone).

Senior and State Executive Committee

as at 30 June 2005



Mayor Tony Zappia, Cr Max Amber, Cr John Legoe, Mayor John Rich, Wendy Campana, Mayor Kym McHugh and Cr Jeff Burgess



Cr Brian Treloar, Mayor John Trainer and Mayor Lesley Purdom



Mayor Rod Thomas, Mayor Kristina Barnett and Cr Trevor Fletcher



Mayor Tony Wales, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis and Peter Vlatko



Mayor Allan Arbon, Mayor James Maitland, Mayor Ivan Brooks and Mayor Steve Perryman

Absent: Lord Mayor Michael Harbison, Mayor Joy Baluch and Mayor Marilyn Baker

Our People

LGA staff as at 30 June 2005

Corporate Services



Kara Lemm, Jill Hoare and Jacqui Kelleher



Lou Pisaniello, Catherine Prosser and Gill Beard



Wendy Campana, Shandelle Gameau, Kirsty Shields and Barry Parsons

Our People

LGA staff as at 30 June 2005

Legislation and Environment



Chris Lease, Heather Mackenzie and Brian Clancey



Victoria Gailit, Marcus Walters and Beverley Barber



Jamie Roodenrys, Richard Crabb and Brian Harvey

Policy and Public Affairs



Sandy Semmens, Patricia Connor and Tameka Leslie



Alison Gill, Jane Hyatt, Chris Russell, Julie Tolley and David Hitchcock



Tania Erzinger, John Mundy and Michelle Chaplin

Our Valued Members

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
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 Orroroo 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
Renmark Paringa Council
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

Associated 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 & Plant
Control Board

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 case 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 2005 include:

Adelaide Cemeteries Authority

Representative:

Mr Frank Stock, formerly City of Prospect

Animal & Plant Control Commission

Representatives:

Ms Christine Johnson, formerly Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Mr Bill Watkins, formerly DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Proxies:

Mr Ross Dawkins, formerly Light Regional

Cr Allan Woolford, Northern Areas Council

Aquaculture Advisory Committee

Representative:

Mr Fred Pedler, Southern & Hills LGA

Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel

Representative:

Cr Ann Irving, City of Salisbury

Cr John Legoe, Kingston District Council

Coast Protection Board

Representative:

Mr Wally Lasiello, Port Adelaide Enfield

Consumer Advisory Committee – Electricity

Representative:

Cr Trevor Owen, City of West Torrens

Country Arts SA Board

Representative:

Mr David Lane, Streaky Bay

Country Fire Service Board

Representatives:

Mr Russell Peate, DC of Grant

Cr Brian Treloar, DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Development Assessment Commission

Representative:

Cr Trevor Owen, City of West Torrens

Dog & Cat Management Board

Representatives:

Cr Jeff Cook, DC of Yorke Peninsula

Cr Ken Coventry, Rural City of Murray Bridge

Mr Bill Watkins, formerly DC Lower Eyre Peninsula

Environment Protection Authority

Representative:

Mr Stephen Hains, City of Salisbury

Gas Technical Advisory Group

Representatives:

Cr Gillian Aldridge, City of Salisbury

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

Representative:

Mr John Keough, formerly Town of Thebarton

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones, City of Salisbury

Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme

Representatives:

Cr John Ross, DC of Tatiara

Cr Max Amber, City of Campbelltown

Mr John Coombe, Alexandrina Council

Mr Greg Perkin, City of Tea Tree Gully

Mr Paul Sutton, City of Salisbury

Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme

Representatives:

Cr John Ross, DC of Tatiara

Mr Paul Perry, City of Charles Sturt

Mr George Hallwood, formerly City of Campbelltown

Mr John Coombe, Alexandrina Council

Local Super

Representative:

Mayor Brian Hurn, Barossa Council

Mayor John Rich, Town of Walkerville

Major Developments Panel

Representative:

Cr David Lykke, Barossa Council

Proxy:

Mayor Tony Zappia, City of Salisbury

Native Vegetation Council

Representative:

Mr Graham Smith, formerly Kangaroo Island Council

Proxy:

Mr Bill Murray, formerly 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

Mr David Rowe, formerly City of Mitcham

SA Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee

Representatives:

Mayor Ivan Brooks, City of Mitcham

Cr Trevor Roocke, DC of Mt Remarkable

Proxies:

Cr Doreen Erwin, City of Onkaparinga

Cr Sandra Brown, City of Onkaparinga

SA LG Grants Commission

Representatives:

Mr Keith Adams, formerly City of Unley

Mr Malcolm Germein, formerly DC of Central Yorke Peninsula

SA Meat Hygiene Advisory Committee

Representative:

Dr Bob Netherton, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Ms Ann Campbell, City of Tea Tree Gully

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 (replaced by the State Emergency Management Committee)

Representative:

Cr Shiralee Reardon, City of Salisbury

Proxy:

Mr John Trainer, City of West Torrens

State Emergency Management Committee

Representative:

Mr Stephen Haines, CEO City of Salisbury

Proxy:

Mr John Coombe, CEO Alexandrina Council

State Heritage Authority

Representative:

Mr Mario Barone, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters

Proxy:

Cr Judith Brine, Adelaide City Council

Supported Residential Facilities Advisory Committee

Representatives:

Ms Alison Creaser, City of Pt Adelaide Enfield

Cr Keith Moorman, City of Marion

Ms Kerry Symons, City of Unley

Cr Peter Smith, Mid Murray Council

Financial Report

Abridged Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2005

	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash assets	1,866,893
Receivables	261,282
Project funds held	9,135,665
Other assets	442,935
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,706,775
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Other financial assets	3
Property, plant and equipment	458,072
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	458,075
TOTAL ASSETS	12,164,849
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payables	449,060
Unexpended project funds	9,135,665
Provisions	471,436
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	10,056,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,056,161
NET ASSETS	2,108,688
ASSOCIATION FUNDS	
Reserves	1,093,861
Accumulated funds	1,014,826
TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS	2,108,688

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.

Abridged Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2005

2005
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INCOME

Administration charges	1,000,608
Interest received	165,679
Local government conferences	159,837
Recoupment of costs incurred on projects	128,600
Publications sold	4,237
Seminars and conferences	23,522
Subscriptions	1,514,895
Sundry income	61,865
	3,059,244

EXPENDITURE

Audit fees	19,757
AGM expenses	10,584
Annual Report	14,384
ALGA subscriptions	161,696
Allowances	32,320
Bank charges	2,103
Cleaning	18,417
Computer licenses, equipment, maintenance and rental	18,963
Contribution to Building Trust Fund	184,300
Consultants fees	203,854
Depreciation	131,562
Electricity, light and power	29,342
Equipment rental & maintenance	16,585
Fringe benefits & goods and services tax and stamp duties	18,578
LGA General meeting expenses	33,266
Insurance	15,658
Legal expenses (including parliamentary bills)	57,103
Library	668
Local government conference	141,290
Provision of Staff Entitlements	45,151
Maintenance	11,111
Motor vehicle expenses	29,140
Office expenses	26,923

Abridged Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2005

	2005 \$
EXPENDITURE (continued)	
Payroll tax	116,427
Postage and Couriers	22,910
President's Dinner/Forum	7,040
Printing and stationery	24,538
Promotions Et public relations	42,259
Rates and taxes	35,055
Recruitment costs	38,574
Salaries	1,202,304
Security Costs	336
Sponsorship	26,150
Staff development	9,486
Subscriptions Et Seminars	27,391
Superannuation	110,017
Telecommunications	49,891
Travel and Accommodation	52,235
Workers compensation	2,962
	<u>2,990,332</u>
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure for year	68,912
Association funds at the beginning of the financial year	1,025,537
Transfer to reserves	
- employee entitlements	(1,486)
- asset replacement	(78,137)
	<u>(79,622)</u>
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	<u>1,014,827</u>
Reserves	<u>1,093,861</u>
Total Association funds at the end of the financial year	<u>2,108,688</u>

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