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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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Mayor John Rich. LGA President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2005/06 year has been one of the most significant in the LGA's history.

The Financial Sustainability Inquiry delivered its report with 62 recommendations in August, 2005. I had the privilege of taking up the reins as your President at the October, 2005 Annual General Meeting, at which the LGA formally endorsed an approach to implementing the recommendations.

This has seen workshops around the State; more than \$350,000 of research and development scheme projects commissioned; endorsement of definitions and policies; similar independent inquiries being set up by our counterparts in NSW and WA; a study commissioned by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA); and a new level of awareness of the financial challenges facing Councils – just to name a few developments.

We felt a sadness and loss on the passing of my predecessor Cr John Legoe and I was pleased to announce the introduction of the annual John Legoe Award for Council Members in his honour.

John was a great communicator and I have adopted 'better communications' as a personal priority of mine. I have pushed the LGA to ensure more frequent and clearer communication with member Councils, introduced a regular President's Message to Councillors and have attended as many Council and regional meetings as possible.

We were pleased to see from our three-yearly customer satisfaction survey of Councils that you continue to appreciate our efforts in all aspects of LGA work and rank our performance highly.

The year saw the second payment of special funding for SA Local Roads (\$9m) resulting from the work done by Cr Legoe and others to highlight inequities. We await a decision by the Commonwealth Government on future funding. We also saw the work of the ALGA bear fruit through additional Commonwealth Roads to Recovery grants of \$27.7m for SA local roads.

In the areas of stormwater management and Community Wastewater Management Systems (formerly STEDS) we have undertaken detailed research and reform work and are starting to see dividends in long-term funding arrangements and improved Commonwealth support.

I was pleased to witness the signing of the national InterGovernmental Agreement (IGA) by the Hon Jennifer Rankine, other State and Territory Ministers, the President of ALGA, Cr Paul Bell, and the Commonwealth Minister, Jim Lloyd in April, 2006.

The Premier has acknowledged the role that Local Government has played in relation to the SA Strategic Plan by leading the debate about aligning plans and adopting targets. I have appreciated the Premier's willingness to meet and progress key issues with the LGA.

All the advances the LGA has made in the past year are part of a set of key interlocked priorities: our own financial sustainability; enhanced support from other governments; better infrastructure management; and community engagement.

An association like the LGA depends on the support of our members – the 68 Councils and their staff and Anangu Pitjantjara. I thank Councils, Regional Associations, the Metropolitan Local Government Group, South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils and professional bodies for supporting the LGA and achieving greater collaboration on

issues of importance that benefit our communities.

I make special mention and appreciation of the many individual members and officers who represent the LGA on boards, commissions and committees in a variety of fields.

The Association continues to look for the support of the Premier, the South Australian Government and of the Prime Minister and Federal Government and Opposition Parliamentarians, smaller parties and independent MPs. I appreciate the growing respect being shown for local democracy and the work of the LGA.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the strong support provided and workload undertaken by the members of the LGA State Executive Committee. Within that committee I rely on the leadership skills of the Senior Executive Committee which has included during the year, the late Cr John Legoe, Cr Max Amber, Mayor Kym McHugh, Mayor Tony Zappia, Cr Jeff Burgess, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, Mayor Steve Perryman and Mayor Joy Baluch. I thank them for their support.

LGA staff work very hard on your behalf and have provided me with outstanding support and I am pleased to publicly thank Wendy and her team.

Lastly, I would like to thank my own Council, Walkerville, and especially my wife Dinah and family, because without their support and understanding I could not have served as your President.

It has been a huge learning curve for me but with the support of the larger LGA family, I believe we have made great strides. We have more objectives within our grasp and as a result will continue to be able to help Councils to make SA a better place to live and work for our communities.

GROUNDBREAKING STEPS

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Wendy Campana. LGA Executive Director



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A brave step which Local Government in SA took bore fruit this year in the report of the first ever independent inquiry into the financial sustainability of Local Government. It was a first for SA and a first for Local Government nationally. Other state associations in Australia are now conducting similar reviews and a national project initiated by the Australian Local Government Association has been commenced.

The SA Inquiry Review Board reported in August, 2005 after commencing its work in mid February 2005. A President's Forum was held on the recommendations resulting from the Inquiry, followed by a series of consultation workshops around the State. As a result we saw Councils support all the inquiry's recommendations in principle or in full and a work program adopted for the LGA.

The Inquiry was one of 9 proposals adopted by the LGA State Executive Committee in August 2004 with the support of Councils and implemented during the year. These proposals addressed a number of issues including changes to the Local Government Act (adopted by the Parliament in late 2005), endorsement for the public release of performance information of Councils, adoption of Local Government Price Indices – an approach initiated by the Local Government Financial Management Group.

The LGA Secretariat has been busy working with Councils, professional groups and the State Executive Committee on implementing the Inquiry recommendations but much work still remains.

Changes to the Local Government Act will require Councils to adopt long-term financial and asset management plans from 2007. These plans will take considerable effort to develop over the coming years. In addition the Act will require Councils to consult with their communities regarding their annual budgets and rating proposals, prior to the rates being adopted. Councils readily adopted this practice this year even though the legislation doesn't require them to do so until next year and no other government does this.

The LGA is also undertaking considerable work in consultation with Councils regarding the establishment of Audit Committees and the preparation of Audit Specifications.

Governance issues, particularly financial governance, featured in the Inquiry recommendations and the LGA is working with its newly established Governance Standards Advisory Committee to develop standards for the sector. This work has been supported by the October 2005 AGM and the March 2006 General Meeting.

Appropriately, the LGA is also looking at its own governance arrangements and has commenced a review of its Constitution, Policy Manual and internal procedures and practices. We have also commenced a review of key policies such as the LGA's

approach to determining representation on outside bodies and reimbursement of expenses of those representing the LGA on various committees.

The legislative issues confronting us have again taken considerable time and resources particularly in relation to development assessment and planning reforms. The Government's decision to split the Sustainable Development Bill into several Bills was a direct response to the considerable support we were able to gain from the Parliament at that time to propose over 162 amendments to the Government's original Bill. The State Election in March 2006 certainly had an impact on the support we were able to gain in at least one area. The LGA's position to retain the right of Councils to determine the nature and composition of their Development Assessment Panels was lost. Time will tell as to whether the proposals of the Parliament will see the outcomes it was seeking in relation to the very small number (generally less than 5%) of applications dealt with by Panels in SA each year.

The 2005 Showcase Conference was a huge success. It provided an opportunity for Councils to share their experiences in a range of areas such as planning and development, recycling and waste management and financial governance. Councils continue to support events enabling them to learn from each other and to find new ways to address difficult issues.

Local Government's relationship with the State Government is now starting to show some results with the signing of the Stormwater Agreement for an unprecedented 30 years with committed State funding being

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

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a great achievement. The legislative arrangements will still require some finetuning however we are now working from a strong base of a shared commitment to address stormwater matters.

The signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement by all State and Territory Ministers, the Federal Minister for Local Government and the President of the ALGA on behalf of Local Government occurred this year. In South Australia we have a State/Local Government Relations Agreement but it is not as robust as it could be in addressing cost shifting issues. Our State agreement combined with the new national Intergovernmental Agreement will set the scene for future discussions where services are proposed to be passed onto Local Government.

The LGA also completed a comprehensive review of Council Member Allowances that will be finalised in time for the November Local Government elections. In preparation for these elections extensive work has occurred to promote the elections and encourage a diversity in people putting themselves forward as candidates.

I must acknowledge the work of Cr John Legoe, whose sad passing during the year was keenly felt by the Secretariat staff who had formed a close working relationship, as they do with each President. Cr Legoe worked tirelessly for his community and for the LGA and its great to have the support of Councils to establish an Award in his honour.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all Councils for

their support during the year and in particular President John Rich, the LGA State and Senior Executive Committees, regional LGAs, Metropolitan Local Government Group, South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils and the professional groups. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the LGA Secretariat. Local Government is fortunate to have such a committed group of people who provide a tremendous contribution to the work of the LGA, particularly in their dealings with the above groups.

We have many challenges in the coming year particularly on issues such as waste management, NRM, CWMS (formerly STEDS) to just name a few. We have, however, laid sound foundations to enable Councils to meet those challenges for their communities alongside and in partnership with State and Federal Governments.

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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 sets priorities to effectively meet the needs of all our members. As the needs and priorities of Councils, communities and other governments change the LGA must also have the flexibility to respond.

The focus areas for 2005/06 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.

The annual priorities for 2006/07 can be found at the end of the annual report.

REPRESENTATION

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (LEGISLATION)

During the September 2005 sitting of Parliament, the Minister for Urban Development and Planning announced that the Development (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill which was introduced into Parliament in April 2005 was to be 'split' and introduced in stages.

The first of these Bills was the Development (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill which was passed by Parliament in December 2005. In May 2006 the Government introduced the Development (Panels) Amendment Bill which proposed,

amongst other things, changes to the composition of Council Development Assessment Panels. The Bill was passed by Parliament in June 2006 but the Government is yet to advise when the legislation will come into operation.

The LGA undertook extensive lobbying with the key political parties in regard to Councils retaining the choice to decide the composition and membership of Council Development Assessment Panels. The anticipated costs of establishing panels with a majority of independent members and the difficulty of finding these independent persons, particularly in country areas, were also key issues raised.

While a number of amendments to the Bill were passed, which went some way to support the LGA position (such as the removal of the need for Ministerial concurrence for the appointment and removal of both Council and independent members of DAPs) the requirement that a Council Development Assessment Panel is to have a majority of independent members and an independent Chairperson was passed.

The Development (Development Plans) Amendment Bill was introduced to Parliament in late June 2006, and deals with Strategic Planning, the Development Plan Amendment process and the Major Developments process.

In addition, the schedule of fees for development applications, assessment and approvals has been varied by amendments to the Development Regulations. This represents the first major changes to the schedule since 1994, and follows examination by a joint State/Local Government working group. New fees apply from 1 July 2006.

WORKING COLLECTIVELY TO GROW

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L to R: Heather MacKenzie, Victoria Gailit and Michael Barry.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SYSTEMS INDICATORS)

The Development Regulations were amended to include a set of Planning System Indicators to assist in the ongoing improvements to the State's Planning System. These Regulations require State Agencies, Councils, the Development Assessment Commission, private building certifiers, referral agencies and the Environment, Resources and Development Court to provide the specified data on a quarterly basis to the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. The LGA and Planning SA conducted joint workshops across the State for Councils to provide assistance in complying with the electronic data collection requirements. The LGA website system is being used by Councils for the input of their data.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION

In February 2006 the LGA President and the Minister for Infrastructure signed the Stormwater Management Agreement between the State Government and the LGA. This milestone agreement sets out, for the first time in South Australia, the roles and responsibilities of State and Local Government and long-term funding and governance arrangements. The funding agreement, guaranteeing a minimum annual State Government contribution of \$4 million per annum, indexed for 30 years is unique in South Australia. Nevertheless, the LGA will continue to advocate for an increase in the annual State Government contribution when better information is available on the final detailed estimated costs of approved projects.

GAWLER RIVER

During 2005/06, the LGA assisted the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority in obtaining State and Federal Government funding for the construction of the flood mitigation dam and associated works required for the Gawler River. The Federal Government contribution of \$7.75 million was received in late June 2006.

LG MINISTERS FORUM

An annual review of the Minister's Local Government Forum was completed and Members noted the value of the Forum in progressing issues such as Community Waste Water Management Systems and Stormwater Mitigation through the Forum. The Forum is established to provide advice to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations, the Premier and the LGA on issues that are a priority to both sectors of government. The Forum meets on a quarterly basis and continues to include equal representation between State and Local Government. Five Cabinet Ministers sit on the Forum and the current membership includes Ministers Holloway, Conlon, Maywald, Gago and Minister Rankine Chairs the Forum.

The Local Government representatives on the Forum are Mayor John Rich, Cr Jeff Burgess, Mayor Tony Zappia, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, Mayor Steve Perryman, Wendy Campana, Judith Jones and Peter Vlatko. The LGA would like to acknowledge the contribution of those people who served on the Forum during the year including: the late Cr John Legoe, Mayor Kym McHugh, and Ministers Weatherill, Hill and Key. The LGA also acknowledges the contribution of the former Minister for State/Local Government Relations, the Hon Rory McEwen MP.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S STRATEGIC PLAN

The LGA continued work on its 'Making the Connections' project, encouraging Councils to have regard to South Australia's Strategic Plan (SASP) when reviewing their own strategic management plans. The LGA partly funded a pilot project to identify and prioritise Local and State strategic initiatives in Adelaide's North. A close working relationship with the Department of Premier and Cabinet was maintained during the first review of the SASP, including participating in the review process, and submitting to the review highlighting Local Government's views on the Plan. LGA President Mayor John Rich joined the SASP Update Team following an invitation by the Premier.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The LGA Waste Management Committee provides strategic advice to the LGA State Executive Committee to enable a coordinated approach to waste issues.

Membership of the committee comprises representation from LGA State Executive Committee, LGA Metropolitan Local Government Group, Metropolitan Chief Executive Officers Association, South Australian Regional Organisations of Councils, Local Government Managers Association (country officer) and two nominations from Councils. The LGA would like to thank Cr Max Amber who chaired the Waste Committee prior to the appointment of Mayor James Maitland.

In November 2005, the Committee conducted its annual review and identified that the EPA Landfill Guidelines, waste to resources policy and regional governance options as areas to be addressed in the activities of the LGA in 2006.

The LGA, Office of State/Local Government Relations, the EPA and Zero Waste worked together to complete an audit of selected rural landfill facilities to estimate the costs for Councils to comply with the revised EPA Landfill Guidelines. The project was sponsored by the Minister's Local Government Forum. The audit was conducted on six landfills covering different sizes and environmental conditions. The audit revealed that there will be an increase in the unit costs to Councils to implement the revised Landfill Guidelines with the actual increases varying between different landfill categories. The most significant increases were in the 'medium' size landfills. The audit will be used to inform further discussions with the EPA on the phased implementation of the guidelines.

As at 30 June 2006 the LGA was awaiting the release of the final version of the Landfill Guidelines, together with the proposed implementation arrangements and timetable. The LGA continues to advocate for an implementation approach that recognises the financial capacity of individual Councils and the cost benefit and risk management issues in achieving environmental objectives.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

The LGA and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) agreed to establish a 'Local Government Sub-committee' of the EPA which met for the first time in September 2005. The Sub-committee is chaired by EPA Board member, Mr Stephen Hains (Salisbury) and comprises representatives from Local Government and the EPA. While still in its formative stages, the sub-committee will advise the EPA Board on issues affecting the EPA's relationship with Local Government and to act as an interface between the EPA and Local Government. In March 2006 the LGA State Executive Committee endorsed a protocol between the EPA and those Councils that choose to 'opt in' as an administering agency under the Environment Protection Act.

ROAD FUNDING

During 2005/06 the Commonwealth Government provided a further \$ 307.5 million for local roads under the Supplementary AusLink Roads

Australian Grants Commission and Local Government. The LGTAP made two calls for road funding applications during the reporting period to cater for the separate processes for the 'once off' additional AusLink Strategic Regional Funding Program and the annual SLRP process.

COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION REVIEW

The second instalment of the \$26.25m provided to Councils by the Prime Minister in March 2004 of \$9m was provided to Councils through the identified Local Roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants.

The LGA provided a submission to the review of the Interstate Distribution of Identified Local Road Grants being undertaken by the Commonwealth Grants Commission as part of its work to provide a long-term solution for the inequity in Federal road funding to South Australia. The Federal Government foreshadowed this review in its formal response to a recommendation of the 'Hawker' Report.

LEADERSHIP

INQUIRY

The independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government – an historic initiative of the LGA – reported in August, 2005 providing 62 recommendations for the LGA and Local Government to consider. It was the first such independent inquiry to be commissioned by Local Government in Australia's history and has now been followed by similar inquiries in NSW and WA. The LGA's 2005 AGM endorsed the State Executive Committee's approach to the implementation of the recommendations, in consultation with Councils. All 62 recommendations were endorsed in principle or in full.

The LGA ran a series of well-attended workshops in March-April 2006 following the endorsement of an implementation program and has established a Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) to advise the State Executive on these issues. The program involves substantial input from LGA

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY DIRECTION

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L to R: Bill Furse, Alison Gill and Chris Russell.



to Recovery Fund. This resulted in an additional \$21.25 million direct to SA Councils and an additional \$3.75 million to be allocated through the SA Special Local Roads Program (SLRP).

The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) considered regional submissions for strategic road funding under the SLRP and the strategic pool of Roads to Recovery 2. The LGTAP is chaired by LGA Vice President Cr Jeff Burgess and includes representatives from the State Government, the South

REGIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The LGA with the Provincial Cities engaged with the Minister for Transport to review the provision of passenger transport services in their cities. The reviews have been completed and are being implemented. The LGA is finalising guidelines with the Minister for the Provision of Integrated Passenger Transport Services in Regional South Australia to ensure that there is a framework for discussions for the provision of services in the future.

staff and bodies including the Local Government Financial Management Group, State Treasury, and private auditors and financial consultants to Local Government. Approximately \$360,000 of Local Government Research and Development Scheme projects are also supporting the program.

The LGA was disappointed that the State Government did not formally respond to the report as a whole but appreciates input from both Treasury and the Office for State/Local Government Relations.

IGA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Australia's first intergovernmental agreement (IGA) designed to improve relationships between all governments in Australia was signed by the Federal, State/Territory governments and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in April 2006.

The agreement stems from the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Cost Shifting which resulted in the report "Rates and Taxes: A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government" – also known as the "Hawker" Report. That report emphasised the importance of partnerships and agreements and recognised Local Government as a leader in partnerships at the State level.

STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AGREEMENT

The Agreement is in its third year of operation and provides a framework for the manner by which the State and Local governments will work

breakfast attended by more than 100 community leaders, including 30 Members of Parliament. The document was endorsed in draft format at the LGA's Annual General Meeting in October 2005 and was designed to raise Local Government issues and challenge political parties to respond. Regional LGA's and the Metropolitan Local Government Group, with the assistance of the LGA, produced complimentary documents to identify priorities for action at a regional level.

ALGA

During the reporting period the ALGA has worked towards the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement and recognition of Local Government by the Federal Parliament. The ALGA is working to achieve a fair share of Federal taxes for Local Government. The President of the Local Government Association and Immediate Past President are the South Australian representatives on the Australian Local Government Association Board.

The report was endorsed by the LGA State Executive Committee and by members at the 2005 LGA AGM.

As a result a new Committee comprising Mayor Kym McHugh, Mark Booth, Vanessa Bouilly, Wendy Campana, Graham Foreman, Jill Hoare, Felicity-ann Lewis, Mick Petrovski, Stephen Hains and Mayor John Rich was established to consider the final review report and a more formalised approach to governance standards across Councils.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

An essential element of the Federal Government's plan for the new workplace relations structure is the introduction of a simplified national system. For Local Government however it has started a period of confusion and uncertainty, regarding the application of the reforms to Local Government as 'constitutional corporations'.

In response to the introduction of the amendments to the Workplace Relations Act the LGA held a series of briefings across the state to inform Councils of the new provisions and the impact on future agreement making and awards.



SETTING POLICY

"During the State Election campaign the LGA launched its State Election document titled A Platform for Communities. The document provides policy direction for the State to work with Local Government."

L to R: Wendy Campana, Tartie Baker, Jacqui Kelleher and Beverley Barber.

together, including engagement with the Federal Government. Key priority issues for intergovernmental relations are addressed in the Schedule to the Agreement. The LGA has been working closely with the Office for State Local Government Relations to review the Agreement, including the Schedule.

STATE ELECTION

During the State Election campaign the LGA launched its 'A Platform for Communities', election document at a

GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

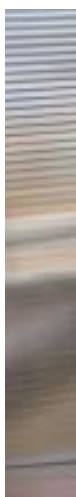
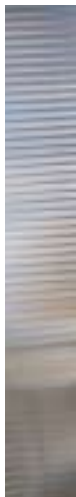
In 2005 the LGA commissioned a review of the governance research work undertaken by the LGA Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) including consultation on this work with Councils.

The final report identified five priority areas for the development of governance standards and also recommended that the membership of the then GAC be reviewed.

The future remains unclear regarding the application of the Act for Local Government while it is hoped that there will be some certainty arising out of legal challenges currently underway. The LGA is assisting Councils to develop both long-term strategies and interim solutions to meet their immediate needs.

NATIVE TITLE

Significant progress was made during the year in negotiations for Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) involving Councils in SA. A second ILUA



(following the Yorke Peninsula agreement involving 4 Councils) dealing with the Ceduna Keys Marina has been signed and negotiations have commenced in:

- The Far West Coast area (Ceduna);
- Antakirinja (Coober Pedy); and
- First Peoples of the River Murray (Renmark-Paringa, Berri-Barmera, Loxton-Waikerie, Mid Murray, Southern Mallee, Coorong and Murray Bridge).

Preparations have been made for the commencement of negotiations in the Kaurana area (29 Councils from Pt Pirie to Victor Harbor) late in 2006.

A "template" was agreed to by the State Executive Committee in November, 2005 and following endorsement by the Statewide ILUA Negotiation was published on the LGA website including an explanatory document. The State-wide ILUA Negotiations has established a strategic plan in liaison with the National Native Title Tribunal to program negotiations into the future. No other State has such a plan.

CAPACITY BUILDING

BULK PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY

The LGA has worked with Councils and the State Government to facilitate the participation of 66 Councils in the State/Local government electricity supply contracts. The contracts which see Councils receive substantial savings are with Origin Energy Electricity Ltd for the sale of electricity to general sites and AGL (South Australia) Pty Ltd for the sale of electricity to lighting assets (i.e. public lighting/street lights).

INFRASTRUCTURE

The LGA has established an Asset Management Project Group to oversee a number of projects. In particular the Sustainable Asset Management in SA project was established to assist Councils to develop and implement infrastructure and asset management plans. The project will deliver good practice asset management plan templates, support and training to Councils.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Through the Local Government NRM Facilitator Project the LGA has commenced the development of two complementary projects; the local government NRM partnership agreements project and the integration of regional NRM planning and Local Government strategic planning project. The former project has secured funding from the Local Government Research and Development Scheme whilst the latter has attracted funding from the Federal Government through the Natural Heritage Trust. An additional partnership project with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation (DWLBC) has also been negotiated to undertake a state wide survey of all Councils relating to their development assessment processes for water affecting activities under the Development Act 1993 and NRM Act 2004. Feedback from the survey will aid in the development and delivery of appropriate tools to assist Councils in the assessment of water affecting activities.

The LGA NRM Facilitator as part of the National Facilitator network contributed to the

ASSET MANAGEMENT

"The LGA Asset Management project group is overseeing a number of projects including the Sustainable Asset Management Project established to assist Councils with Asset Management Planning."

L to R: Marcus Walters, Chris Lease and David Hitchcock.



development of a number of national initiatives within the reporting period to raise the profile of Local Government as a key partner in regional NRM delivery. Our efforts are starting to pay dividends with Local Government being increasingly recognised nationally.

The LGA has been working closely with the DWLBC to develop clear information for Councils and their communities on the NRM Levy. A model rates notice was prepared clearly identifying the provisions for the NRM levy. An NRM levy communication strategy and a quick reference Q&A sheet have been jointly produced for Councils and NRM boards.

DWLBC approached the LGA earlier this year regarding the formation of a high level NRM forum in an attempt to increase the level of involvement by Local Government in regional NRM delivery in South Australia. The Executive Director is chairing the forum and one meeting has been held so far in which a number of initiatives were discussed to better support and encourage Local Government participation in NRM.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

In late 2005, the State Government released the Encounter Marine Park Draft Zoning Plan as the 'pilot' Marine Protected Area (MPA) which will inform the development of subsequent MPAs and proposed legislation to deal with marine parks. A key Stakeholder Group was established by the Minister for Environment and Conservation, which includes a representative from the LGA, to assist with the consultation process. LGA officers have continued to attend meetings of the Coast Protection Board

and the Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

During the reporting period 1310 Council Members and staff participated in the 81 programs organised by the LGA's Education and Training Service.

A highly successful Council Members' Residential Seminar was held in June 2006 with 63 participants attending. A 'Translating Strategic Plans into Action' Seminar held in March 2006 attracted 70 participants and a Personal Assistants' Residential Seminar held in September 2005 attracted 63 participants.

GOVERNMENT YOUTH TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

A Memorandum of Understanding negotiated by the LGA with the State Government formalised Local Government's access to and involvement in the State's Youth Traineeship Program, Government Apprenticeship Scheme and Public Sector Cadetship Program.

This year 24 Councils took advantage of the Youth Traineeship Program with a total of 44 trainees engaged by Local Government, 2 apprentices were engaged by Councils under the Government Apprenticeship Scheme and 1 cadetship was taken up by a Council under the Public Sector Cadetship Program.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALLOWANCES

The final report of the Independent Allowances Review Panel was received by the LGA State Executive Committee in November 2005. The LGA subsequently undertook further

consultation with Councils before preparing a report to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations based on the use of 7 bands of allowances.

Since Minister Rankine's appointment in March 2006 several discussions have been held. New are likely to be determined so that candidates to the Local Government Elections in November 2006 will be aware of the allowances applicable. The Minister has indicated that she wishes to explore an independent body setting allowances but this will take at least 12 months to be introduced.

DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT

The LGA worked with the Dog and Cat Management Board on a variety of matters for the benefit of Local Government. Some of the highlights include:

- The development of the declared dogs database for use by Councils allowing better tracking of nuisance, menacing and dangerous dogs.
- Co-ordination and subsidisation of a micro chipping day across ten Councils.
- Provision of training on dog behaviour and management and the rights and responsibilities of Councils and their officers.
- Bi-monthly meetings with Senior Council Officers to ensure that Councils and the Board have shared priorities and aspirations.
- The finalisation of a Grants Policy and a Research Grants Policy to ensure that available funding is



PROVIDING SERVICES

"The LGA's Education and Training Program continues to be a success with 1,310 Council Members and staff participating in 81 programs this year."

L to R: Emma Wall, Patricia Coonan and Sandy Semmens.

directed to the areas of greatest need and benefit.

- A Dog Registration Reminder Campaign (utilising print and radio media).
- Dog and Cat Management Board website using the LGA 'Unity' package to ensure compatibility with the majority of Councils.
- Promotion of the 'Select a Pet' program on behalf of Councils which provides information on the suitability of breeds of dogs and cats as pets.

Rating) Amendment Act 2005. The LGA was active in the preparation of the Bill and during the Parliamentary process, gaining agreement to amendments to make the Act more responsive to Councils and their communities. The amendments are consistent with the LGA financial sustainability program especially in relation to asset management planning, financial reporting and accountability. The financial sustainability program will also assist Councils to meet their requirements under the Act. In consultation with the LGA,

Introduction of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Act 2005 requires Councils to prepare strategic management plans, undertake community consultation on rating processes and develop administrative policies and standards.

An LGA program has been initiated to provide Councils with appropriate resources and documents to meet the new requirements. Resources are scheduled to be delivered to Councils by January 2007.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE IN KEY AREAS

"Councils embraced the comparative performance measurement project and the LGA continued to provide Councils with information about their performance in key areas."

L to R: Barry Parsons, Julie Tolley and Adam Renfrey.



TOURISM

This year saw the completion of a report on 'Local Government's Engagement in Tourism', which outlined the results of a survey undertaken jointly by the LGA and the South Australian Tourism Commission.

72% of Councils responded to the survey, which explored Local Government's involvement in tourism across six key areas including strategic planning, industry assistance, and relationships with tourism partners.

All Councils responding agreed that tourism offered economic development opportunities for their areas. The findings of the survey will assist in the development of draft LGA tourism policies and strategies, for consideration by Councils.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Amendments to the Local Government Act 1999 passed the Parliament in November 2005 in the form of the Local Government (Financial Management and

the Minister for State/Local Government Relations agreed to delay bringing the new provisions into operation and has agreed to introducing them in stages over a period of two years. The LGA is preparing tools, guidelines and training programs to assist Councils with the implementation of the new provisions.

RATING IMPROVEMENTS & RATING INFORMATION

The LGA has continued to provide support for rating processes with the provision of resources and training programs to Councils and staff. Resources provided included a good practice rates notice, community consultation documents and a consistent budget reporting framework.

A media briefing and Council survey were undertaken to supply media with factual information about 2006 Budgets.

A briefing was also undertaken by the Office of State/Local Government Relations, the Valuer-General and the LGA for electorate officers of State Members of Parliament.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

During the year the LGA continued to provide Councils with information about their performance in the key areas of Governance, Community Satisfaction, Financial and Asset Management, and Quality of Life. In line with a previous decision by the LGA State Executive Committee to make performance information public (subject to the approval of Councils) a publicly accessible website for performance information was created and piloted by four Councils, selected on the basis of their geographical diversity. Other Councils were invited to view and join this website.

LIBRARIES

A high level of co-operation by Councils via both Public Library Services (formerly PLAIN Central Services) and Public Libraries SA (the professional body) continued during the year. The LGA maintained its representation on the Libraries Board of SA and its Public Libraries Standing Committee. Prior to the State election the Premier and the LGA President exchanged letters confirming broad points of agreement on the proposed 2006

– 2011 five year funding agreement involving approximately \$80m in State funding and an estimated more than \$205m in Local Government funding.

During the year a review of Public Library Services triggered by its impending move to North Terrace was commenced. This review will assist in identifying how the common needs of libraries can best be serviced over the next five years.

WASTEWATER

The STEDS (Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme) was renamed

management options which would see a more aggregated approach to management of CWMS on a regional basis.

The CWMS construction program continued with completion or near completion of 5 new CWMS, 2 schemes under construction and a further 4 schemes in differing stages of design and community consultation.

STATE BUDGET

The LGA's proposals for the State Budget 2006/07 were provided to the Premier, Treasurer and key Ministers in advance of the



ONGOING PROGRESS

“The Community Wastewater Management Systems construction program continued with completion or near completion of 5 new systems.”

L to R: Richard Crabb, Richard Gayler and Mike Meachan.

to the Community Wastewater Management Systems to better reflect the current arrangements and to reinforce the changes in management being promoted by the reform program.

The LGA's Statewide Wastewater Recycling Project submission to the Water Smart Australia programme was forwarded to the National Water Commission in June 2006. The submission sought substantial funding for both the construction of new and upgrade to existing schemes. The submission is based on both existing and new schemes being upgraded to a standard to enable treated wastewater to be recycled for irrigation to reduce the drain on existing water resources. The funding has been sought on the basis of the Federal Government meeting 50% of the up front capital costs.

The major element of the CWMS reform program for the year aimed at gaining a better understanding of the state of the asset and providing Councils with information and guidance to enable improved management of CWMS through an audit of all schemes. The March 2006 LGA General Meeting endorsed further investigation into two possible

finalisation of the delayed State Budget in September 2006.

The proposals give due weight to the recently signed Intergovernmental Agreement and the South Australian State/ Local Government Relations Agreement. The document sets out opportunities for State and Local Government to collaborate on a variety of issues and seeks to establish an agreed model for State and Local Government to work together for the benefit of all South Australians.

The LGA's proposals provide information on a variety of current projects and issues and highlight key areas in which developments are expected in 2006/07. In particular these are:

- Stormwater Management
- Community Waste Management Systems (Formally STEDS)
- Regulatory fees, levies and charges
- Grant Funding
- Development fees/charges

The proposals also highlight key areas of importance for the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government.

PARTICIPATION

LG ELECTIONS

Substantial LGA work resulted in key reforms, supported by Councils, to Local Government elections including:

- Council Members terms of office being extended to four years;
- Local Government periodic elections being moved to November 2006;
- The term of office of current Council Members being extended from May to November 2006;
- New requirements for Council Members' code of conduct, allowances, representational review and casual vacancies; and
- New requirements for Councils to adopt a training and development policy for Council Members.

A number of new resources were produced to assist Councils with their own promotional efforts including tool kits; model documents and promotional materials.

MEDIA RELATIONS

The LGA increased its level of support for Councils through enhanced data gathering from Councils. The data is used generally to promote and communicate Local Government interests via the media and to undertake radio interviews. During the year the LGA issued 42 media releases, an increased number of letters to the editor and created a new media index page on its website. LGA activities have been designed to continue to improve and encourage greater transparency for Local Government and have built on initiatives such as the Financial Sustainability Inquiry, the Local Government Price Index and the publication of Comparative Performance Measurement data.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

During the later part of 2005 the LGA assisted a number of Council groups to apply for funding under the Federal Government's Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund

PROMOTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

"Council elections moved to November 2006. A number of new resources were produced to assist Councils with their promotional efforts, including tool kits, model documents and promotional materials."

L to R: Jane Hyatt and Jill Hoare.



Other technical resources and guidelines, produced for the 2003 elections, have been updated and distributed to Councils.

In addition to the LGA strategy, the LGA has also been working with various State Government departments, through the Office for State/Local Government Relations, on a number of specific initiatives designed to improve participation with under-represented groups including Aboriginal people, young people, Multicultural groups and women.

(RRIF). In December 2005 a total of \$3,425,559 in funding was announced and allocated to the majority of SA Councils. In addition the LGA maintains a presence on the South Australian Telecommunications Strategy Implementation Group (SATSIG) which provides policy input into the State Government's Broadband Development Fund (BDF). Councils across the State have been very successful in accessing funds to improve broadband access in their regions.

ONLINE SERVICES

Throughout 2005/2006 the Electronic Services Program team has consolidated its support for Council use of the following on-line systems:

- Unity(tm) public websites
- Unity(tm) Council Intranets for Council Members and Staff
- SA Tenders & Contracts on-line tendering system and composite advertisement
- BizGate on-line payment gateway for rates, dog registrations etc.

Public use of Council on-line transactions continued to grow with over 151,000 credit card transactions valued at over \$30million being processed via the State Government's BizGate Payment Gateway.

In addition, analysis of Council use of the LGA and LGCS facilitated tenders composite advertisement has revealed a saving of over \$84,000/annum to SA Councils as a result of this ongoing collaborative initiative.

Training in the use of the Unity(tm) Content Management System continued to be a high priority for the ESP team

Children's Services and a group of civics teachers from primary and secondary schools. 'Local stuff' includes Local Government information for students, teachers and Councils, which is structured to deal with specific year level curriculum objectives and career information about Local Government.

The LGA website is also used as a portal for the wider public to access information about Local Government. The site has been expanded with the introduction of a holiday services web page which provides information about holiday services and links to Council websites. The careers webpage which lists most job vacancies in Councils continues to be popular.

Statistics gathered via the website software has also found that usage of the LGA website has doubled over the past 12 months, with 135,028 "page views" of the homepage in May 2006.

LGA ENTERPRISES

LG CORPORATE SERVICES

LGCS Pty Ltd trading as Local Government Corporate Services

services projects as a result of the Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government.

LGA CORPORATE ENTITIES

The Workers' Compensation and Mutual Liability Schemes continue to provide benefits and savings to Councils.

The Workers Compensation Scheme has been serving Councils for 20 years and on 30 June 2006 celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The Scheme's continued success has resulted in accumulated reserves of approximately \$11m (unaudited) as at 30 June 2006, with a record bonus allocation to members of \$7.4m declared for the coming year. Positive prevention initiatives by members and supported by the Scheme have continued to reduce the number of new claims, with 2006 results being some 60% below those of the early 1990s. The Scheme's excellent performance was recognised by WorkCover granting a further maximum three year



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

"With the assistance of the LGA a number of Councils applied for funding from the Federal Government's Regulation Reduction Incentive Funds. SA Councils received \$3,425,559."

L to R: Tania Erzinger, Kara Lemm and John Mundy.

with numerous group training sessions being conducted at Council offices across the State.

LGA WEBSITE

The LGA public website continues to be updated daily. New circulars are listed weekly; new or updated key guidelines and reports uploaded and new pages of information added around new LGA projects and initiatives. During the year a new education web area was added: www.localstuff.sa.gov.au following extensive involvement of the Department of Education and

(LGCS), is a joint venture between the LGA and the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA). It has made significant progress over the past 12 months towards providing SA Councils with products and services such as the CarFleet Project and the Local Government Corporate Wardrobe project. Projects, including the Microsoft Agreement continue to provide significant benefits and savings to Councils. The LGCS and LGA are working together on a variety of shared

self insurer licence renewal in December 2005.

The Mutual Liability Scheme has continued to perform strongly, and with the net accumulated surplus in excess of \$10 m (unaudited) as at 30 June 2006, the total bonus allocation to members for the 2006 financial year was \$1.87m. The Treasurer's Indemnity which provides security for the Scheme has been approved for a further five years. The Mutual Liability Scheme's healthy trading position will

continue to benefit from claim outcomes, which are assisted by favourable legislative changes and Court decisions.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Local Government Research and Development Scheme continues to be a

- Infrastructure and Asset Management Planning (LGA)
- Development Fees Review (City of Charles Sturt)
- Collaboration models for a sustainable Public Library Network (Public Library Services)
- Work Choices: Human Resource Management Tools, Policy & Guidelines (LGA)
- Strategic Action Planning Guide for Sustainable Public Lighting

AGM AND LGA ELECTIONS

The LGA AGM and General Meetings were well attended by Councils. The Minister for State/Local Government Relations had been in office for only a few days and accepted the invitation to address the General Meeting in March. It was an opportunity for Councils to hear her early thoughts and priorities for the portfolio. Mayor John Rich (Walkerville) was elected unopposed as President of the LGA.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION

“The LGA is able to fund our liabilities, upgrade equipment and respond to urgent requirements.”

L to R: Catherine Prosser, Lou Pisaniello and Sandra Von Holst.



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 State/Local Government Relations, the LGA Secretariat, Local Government Managers Australia, the Metropolitan CEO's Association, relevant unions and South Australian universities.

Since its inception the Scheme has invested in 300 projects, paid out \$11,293,626 and attracted significant matching funds and in-kind support from other sources.

Key projects funded this year include:

- Regional Capacity Building funding allocations of \$30,000 per region to all regional LGAs and the Metropolitan Group
- Financial Management Framework & Reporting for Local Government (LG Financial Management Group)

(International Council for Local Environment Initiatives)

- Alignment of Regional Local Government Waste Management Plans and SA Waste Strategy (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 and the consultation on draft Stormwater legislation continue to stretch resources and Councils will need to consider growing demands on the LGA and how best the LGA will be resourced in the future.

LGA SHOWCASE CONFERENCE

In October 2005 more than 350 delegates attended the LGA Showcasing Local Government conference to learn and share new ideas. Delegates were able to choose from 35 presentations on 18 topics to find out about SA Councils' innovations and practices. In addition to the formal presentations an exhibition of Council displays provided further opportunities for delegates to explore how other Councils are running their business and initiatives they have developed. The Showcase format continues to be very well received and the LGA acknowledges the significant commitment that Councils and staff make towards its success.

LGA METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP

The Metropolitan Local Government Group (MLGG), whose membership comprises the Mayors

and Chief Executives of all Metropolitan Councils, continued to provide advice to the State Executive on matters affecting Metropolitan Councils. The MLGG provides a forum for Councils to discuss issues of common concern. Some of the issues considered by this Group during the reporting period included significant trees, telecommunications, electoral processes and emergency management. The Group also undertook a review of its governance arrangements including recommending changes to voting systems, developing a draft strategic plan, and forming a Chief Executive Committee to advise on significant strategic issues.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS COMMITTEE

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee provides advice to the LGA on issues affecting country Councils and provides a forum for Regional LGA's to work collectively. Membership of the committee comprises the Mayors/ Chairpersons and Executive Officers of the Regional Local Government Associations and the Provincial Cities Association.

Priority issues considered by the committee for the year involved equitable distribution of both State and Federal funding, road and rail transport, delivery of CMWS services, Waste Management and Natural Resource Management. The committee also revised its Business Plan.

LGA SECRETARIAT

Led by the LGA Executive Director, Wendy Campana, the LGA Secretariat consists of a small number of employees who provide support to the State and Senior Executive Committees, South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils, Metropolitan Local Government Group and other LGA committees.

The LGA Secretariat carries out activities determined collectively by Councils through Annual and General

meetings and the State Executive Committee. The Secretariat maintains close contact with Councils, Council officers and professional organisations by seeking advice on specific issues.

The activities of the Secretariat support the LGA, in consultation with Councils,

- Lobby and liaise with government agencies on behalf of Councils;
- Ensure appropriate representation in a wide range of forums;
- Respond to legislative change which affects Local Government;
- Liaise with the media to convey an accurate image of Local Government;
- Provide support for Local Government enterprises;
- Undertake research to assist in policy setting and decision making; and
- Initiate the development of various codes and guidelines to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Council operations.

During the reporting period John Comrie resigned from the Local Government Association and Wendy Campana was formally appointed to the position of Executive Director. Wendy has been leading the organisation since John's secondment to the Office for State/Local Government Relations in 2004.

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 left the LGA to work in Dubai and the LGA commissioned the services of Bill Furse, Mike Meachan and Richard Crabb to work in the Community Wastewater Management Systems area. Chris Lease continued in the role of Waste and Environment and his knowledge and experience has seen the continuation of a high focus on waste issues in the LGA. Marcus Walters continued to provide high level advice as our NRM Facilitator (funded by the Federal Government) and focussing on both State and National NRM issues.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

PRIORITIES 2006/07

The LGA State Executive Committee has resolved that the following areas will be of the highest priority for the LGA during 2006/07.

LGA ANNUAL PRIORITIES

The State Executive Committee reviewed its Annual Priorities for this reporting period. The planning processes in which the State Executive Committee engages 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 considered.

1. RESOURCING AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

1.1 Financial Sustainability

Implement the LGA's Financial Sustainability Program including supporting Councils with long term financial planning and the adoption of financial governance standards.

1.2 Intergovernmental Relations

1.2.1 Establishment of an agreed process for negotiations between the two spheres of government regarding State funding to Local Government.

1.2.2 Participate in the Commonwealth Grants Commission Review into the Distribution of Identified Local Road Grants and negotiate with the Commonwealth to ensure a fair share of Identified Local Road Grants and General Purpose Grants from the Commonwealth Government for South Australian Councils and ensure

appropriate flexibility in such funding.

1.2.3 Ensure that Local Government is well placed to respond and work with the recently released Commonwealth of Australian Governments (COAG) reform agenda.

1.3 Intergovernmental Agreements

1.3.1 Explore with the State Government an appropriate legislative framework to secure a long term approach to intergovernmental relations e.g. requiring a State/Local Government Relations Agreement.

1.3.2 Keep under review the tri-partite Intergovernmental Agreement on cost shifting.

1.4 Legislation

Work with the Parliament to represent the interests of Local Government and assist Councils to meet new requirements.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1 Infrastructure Planning

Provide support to Councils regarding long term infrastructure planning.

2.2 Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation

Implement the Stormwater Management Agreement to meet agreed LGA objectives including enabling legislation for the Stormwater Management Authority.

2.3 Community Wastewater Management Systems

Implement the plan for the reform of the Community Wastewater Management Systems (formally STEDS) throughout the State, including securing State and Australian government

financial contributions and new management arrangements.

3. ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Planning and Development

Work with the Parliament to represent the interests of Local Government regarding the revised Planning Bills and assist Councils to meet the requirements of new legislation. Assess the performance of both State and Local Government through the use of data collected through the new systems indicator provisions under the Development Regulations.

3.2 Waste Management

Clarify the scientific basis to the EPA Landfill Guidelines and ensure that the Guidelines address Local Government concerns.

Influence the implementation of the SA Waste Strategy and raise with the Government the difficulties encountered by Local Government which are compounded by the dual role of the EPA in both regulatory and policy areas.

3.3 NRM

Support Councils to influence regional and State NRM Plans and the delivery of NRM programs.

4. COMMUNITY

4.1 Resource Sharing

Assist Councils to identify strategies to encourage and support good governance and innovation in the delivery of Local Government services, including, where appropriate, agreed structural reform and resource sharing.

4.2 South Australia Strategic Plan

Enhance intergovernmental relationships and promote collaboration between Local Government and the other spheres of government on projects of mutual strategic importance, including the closer alignment of local and regional strategic plans with the South Australia Strategic Plan.

4.3 Promoting Local Government

Implement the LGA's communications strategy to support, encourage

and supplement the efforts of Councils to maintain a media presence addressing the broad range of roles and functions of Local Government.

4.4 Local Government Elections

Implement the Local Government elections strategy to promote Council elections and increase the number of candidates and voter turn out.

4.5 Emergency Management

Assist Councils in preparing for emergency management and disaster recovery.

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 LGA Governance

5.1.1 Communicate effectively with Regional LGA's, Councils, Council Members and the community about the role, functions and current activities of the LGA.

5.1.2 Review the LGA's governance arrangements, including the Constitution and Policy Manual.

5.2 Education and Training

5.2.1 Provide support through education and training in the lead up to and following the Local Government Elections.

5.2.2 Continue to provide the LGA Education and Training Program with an emphasis on training for Council Members.

5.3 Electronic Services

5.3.1 Develop innovative approaches to assist Councils with electronic services including accessing and managing State and/or Australian government grant funding.

5.3.2 Provide helpdesk support and training to assist Councils with the ongoing management of the Unity System.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L to R: Mayor John Rich, Wendy Campana, Mayor Joy Baluch, Mayor Tony Zappia, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, Cr Jeff Burgess and Mayor Steve Perryman.



LGA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 geographical region. As a result of amendments made to the LGA Constitution all members of the State Executive

Committee will serve two year terms including the President. An allowance of \$22,252 is paid to the President and Vice Presidents and Immediate Past President receive an allowance of \$2225.20. The role of the State Executive Committee is to manage the affairs of the LGA between Annual and General Meetings.

As a result of the election of Mayor John Rich as LGA President an election was held for a metropolitan representative on the LGA State Executive Committee.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L to R: Mayor Ivan Brooks, Mayor Lesley Purdom, Mayor Kristina Barrett and Lord Mayor Michael Harbison.



L to R: Mayor James Maitland, Mayor Allan Arbon, Mayor Marilyn Baker, Cr Clem Fitzgerald and Mayor John Trainer.





Mayor John Trainer (West Torrens) became the metropolitan member with Cr William Woods (Campbelltown) as proxy member.

The death of Immediate Past President Cr John Legoe was a very sad occasion for everyone in Local Government. Cr Legoe made a significant contribution to Local Government. He was replaced on the State Executive Committee by Mayor Joy Baluch (Pt Augusta) and Mayor Peter Davis (Pt Lincoln)

is now representing the Spencer Gulf Cities Association as a result of the vacancy created by Mayor Baluch.

The State Executive Committee members continue to place a high commitment to their work in supporting Local Government and the LGA Secretariat.



STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

PRESIDENT

Mayor John Rich
(Statewide)

VICE PRESIDENTS

Mayor Steve Perryman
(Country)

Cr Jeff Burgess
(Country)

Mayor Tony Zappia
(Metro)

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
(Metro)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Mayor Joy Baluch
(Statewide)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Ivan Brooks
(Mitcham)

Lord Mayor Michael Harbison
(Adelaide)

Mayor Lesley Purdom
(Tea Tree Gully)

Mayor Kristina Barnett
(Prospect)

Mayor Marilyn Baker
(Playford)

Mayor John Trainer
(West Torrens)

Mayor James Maitland
(Wakefield Regional)

Mayor Kym McHugh
(Alexandrina)

Mayor Peter Davis
(Port Lincoln)

Cr Clem Fitzgerald
(Kimba)

Mayor Rod Thomas
(Renmark Paringa)

Mayor Allan Arbon
(Murray Bridge)

PROXY MEMBERS

Cr Trevor Fletcher
(Onkaparinga)

Cr Allison Miller
(Charles Sturt)

Mayor Ken Rollond
(Holdfast Bay)

Cr William Woods
(Campbelltown)

Cr Jeff Cook
(Yorke Peninsula)

Cr John Ross
(Tatiara)

Mayor Tony Wales
(Mt Barker)

Mayor Jim Pollock
(Whyalla)

Mayor Ian Mann
(Mid Murray)

INVITED OBSERVERS

In addition to Committee Members and proxies, representatives with observer status are appointed by Local Government Managers Australia (Russell Peate) and the Metropolitan Chief Executive Officers Association (Peter Vlatko).

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.

Other Members who served as part of the State Executive during the reporting period – Cr John Legoe (deceased), Michael Pengilly elected to State Parliament.

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 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 2006 include:

ADELAIDE CEMETERIES AUTHORITY

Representative:

Cr Sue Clearihan,
Adelaide City Council

AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Representative:

Mr Fred Pedler,
Southern & Hills LGA

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FACILITATION PANEL

Representatives:

Cr Ann Irving,
City of Salisbury

Vacant as a result of the passing of Cr John Legoe,
Kingston District Council

COAST PROTECTION BOARD

Representative:

Mr Wally Iasiello,
City of Port Adelaide Enfield

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ELECTRICITY

Representative:

Cr Trevor Owens,
City of West Torrens

COUNTRY ARTS SA BOARD

Representative:

Mr David Lane,
formerly District Council
of Streaky Bay

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

Representative:

Cr Trevor Owens,
City of West Torrens

DOG & CAT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Representatives:

Chairperson, Cr Max Amber,
Campbelltown City Council

Cr Jeff Cook,
District Council of Yorke Peninsula

Ms Sandie Starr,
City of Charles Sturt

Mr Greg Waller,
City of Salisbury

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD

Mr Stephen Haines,
City of Salisbury

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Representatives:

Mr Michael Barry,
Local Government Association

Mr John Coombe,
Alexandrina Council

Ms Verity Sanders,
City of Port Adelaide Enfield

LIBRARIES BOARD OF SA

Representatives:

Ms Beth Davidson-Park,
City of Onkaparinga

Ms Janice Nitschke,
Wattle Range Council

Mayor Tony Zappia,
City of Salisbury

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Representatives:

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones,
City of Salisbury

Mr John Keough,
formerly Town of Thebarton

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MUTUAL LIABILITY SCHEME

Representatives:

Cr Max Amber,
City of Campbelltown

Mr John Coombe,
Alexandrina Council

Mr Greg Perkin,
City of Tea Tree Gully

Cr John Ross,
Tatiara District Council

Mr Paul Sutton,
City of Salisbury

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

Representatives:

Mr John Coombe,
Alexandrina Council

Mr George Hallwood,
formerly City of Campbelltown

Mr Paul Perry,
City of Charles Sturt

Cr John Ross,
Tatiara District Council

LOCAL SUPER

Representatives:

Mayor Brian Hurn,
Barossa Council

Mayor John Rich,
The Corporation of the Town
of Walkerville

NATIVE VEGETATION COUNCIL

Representative:

Mr Graham Smith,
formerly Kangaroo Island
Council

Proxy:

Mr Charles Crozier,
Tatiara District Council

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Representative:

Vacant as a result of the
passing of Cr John Legoe,
Kingston District Council

Proxy:

Cr Jeff Burgess,
Northern Areas Council

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Representatives:

Mr John Coombe,
Alexandrina Council

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis,
City of Marion

Proxies:

Cr David Blaikie,
City of Prospect

Mr Robert Dunstone,
District Council of Grant

SA BUSHFIRE PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Representatives:

Mayor Ivan Brooks,
City of Mitcham

Cr Trevor Roocke,
District Council of
Mt Remarkable

Proxies:

Cr Sandra Brown,
City of Onkaparinga

Cr Doreen Erwin,
City of Onkaparinga

SA FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Representative:

Cr Doreen Erwin,
City of Onkaparinga

Proxy:

Cr Shiralee Reardon,
City of Salisbury

SA LG GRANTS COMMISSION

Representatives:

Mr Malcolm Germein,
formerly District Council of
Yorke Peninsula

Cr John Ross,
Tatiara District Council

SA MEAT HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Representative:

Dr Bob Netherton,
Naracoorte Lucindale
Council

Proxy:

Mr Michael Placentino,
City of Port Adelaide Enfield

SA WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

Representative:

Mr Ray Williams,
City of Norwood Payneham
& St Peters

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Representative:

Mr Stephen Hains,
City of Salisbury

Proxy:

Mr John Coombe,
Alexandrina Council

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

Representative:

Cr Judith Brine,
Adelaide City Council

SUPPORTED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Representatives:

Cr Keith Moorman,
City of Marion

Cr Peter Smith,
Mid Murray Council

Cr Sue Whittington,
City of Norwood Payneham
& St Peters

Proxies:

Mr Dennis Chamberlain,
City of Holdfast Bay

Cr Val Hall,
Adelaide Hills Council

Dr Jeanette Linn,
The Corporation of the Town
of Walkerville

ZERO WASTE BOARD

Representatives:

Mr Stephen Haines,
City of Salisbury

Mr Jeff Tate,
City of Onkaparinga

Mrs Judith Jones,
Barossa Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	1,516,679	1,866,893
Receivables	582,308	261,282
Project funds held	12,530,859	9,135,665
Other assets	488,437	442,935
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	15,118,283	11,706,775
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Other financial assets	3	3
Property, plant and equipment	406,236	458,072
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	406,239	458,075
TOTAL ASSETS	15,524,522	12,164,850
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	405,435	449,060
Unexpended project funds	12,530,859	9,135,665
Provisions	358,364	471,436
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	13,294,658	10,056,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,294,658	10,056,161
NET ASSETS	2,229,864	2,108,689
ASSOCIATION FUNDS		
Reserves	982,501	1,093,862
Accumulated funds	1,247,363	1,014,827
TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS	2,229,864	2,108,689

The above balance sheet has been extracted from the audited financial report which is available at the Annual General Meeting and from the Local Government Association SA Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ABRIDGED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Administration charges	1,194,163	1,000,608
Interest received	269,065	165,679
Local government conferences	113,100	159,837
Recoupment of costs incurred on projects	154,805	128,600
Publications sold	9,311	4,237
Seminars and conferences	26,778	23,522
Subscriptions	1,561,307	1,514,895
Sundry income	19,658	61,865
	3,348,187	3,059,244
EXPENDITURE		
Audit fees	19,751	19,757
Annual Report	13,333	14,384
ALGA subscriptions	165,751	161,696
Allowances	33,781	32,320
Bank charges	1,310	2,103
Cleaning	20,978	18,417
Computer licenses, equipment, maintenance and rental	21,488	18,963
Contribution to Building Trust Fund	184,300	184,300
Consultants fees	333,683	203,854
Depreciation	110,669	131,562
Deficit projects written off	15,858	-
Electricity, light and power	32,234	29,342
Equipment rental & maintenance	23,003	16,585
Fringe benefits & goods and services tax and stamp duties	41,725	18,578
General meeting expenses	38,306	43,850
Insurance	16,115	15,658
Legal expenses	125,272	57,103
Library and parliamentary bills	1,388	668
Local government conference	135,109	141,290
Local government elections	5,510	-
Provision of Staff Entitlements	57,568	45,151
Maintenance	11,596	11,111
Motor vehicle expenses	29,343	29,140
Office expenses	35,601	26,923
Payroll tax	64,946	116,427

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ABRIDGED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
EXPENDITURE (cont)		
Postage and Couriers	25,088	22,910
President's Dinner/Forum	9,196	7,040
Printing and stationery	34,303	24,538
Promotions & public relations	65,832	42,259
Rates and taxes	38,567	35,055
Recruitment costs	5,528	38,574
Salaries	1,255,395	1,202,304
Security Costs	336	336
Sponsorship	1,400	26,150
Staff development	9,043	9,486
Subscriptions & Seminars	29,568	27,391
Superannuation	115,327	110,017
Telecommunications	40,010	49,891
Travel and Accommodation	54,721	52,235
Workers compensation	4,080	2,962
	3,227,012	2,990,332
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure for year	121,175	68,912
Association funds at the beginning of the financial year	1,014,827	1,025,537
Transfer to reserves		
- employee entitlements	195,275	(1,486)
- asset replacement	(83,914)	(78,136)
	111,361	(79,622)
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	1,247,363	1,014,827
Reserves	982,501	1,093,861
Total Association funds at the end of the financial year	2,229,864	2,108,688

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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 Orreroo 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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Nepabunna Community
 Gerard Community
 Outback Areas Community Development Trust
 West Beach Trust
 Barossa Light Development Board
 Flinders Mobile Library
 Murraylands Region
 Maxima Group
 Centennial Park Cemetary Trust



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