



THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council: (BBC)

Coorong District Council: (CDC)

District Council of Karoonda East Murray: (DCKEM)

District Council of Loxton Waikerie: (DCLW)

Mid Murray Council: (MMC)

The Rural City of Murray Bridge: (RCMB)

Renmark Paringa Council: (RPC), and the

Southern Mallee District Council: (SMDC)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

Now in my third term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual Report for the period 2009 to 2010.

The year's activities have not only concentrated on the core activities of the Association as detailed in the Annual Business Plan, but also contended with an increasing number of new issues imposed on Local Government by external conditions and increased governmental regulations, provisions and initiatives.

However, concentration on these matters has always been underpinned by the Association's desire to ensure any activities are to result in ultimate benefits to the Community.

Once again, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vice President, Mayor Ian Mann, OAM, Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present and Member Council CEO's, many of whom have provided local government representation on internal and external committees and working parties.

Under increasing local Council workloads, I am grateful for their involvement and urge them to continue into the future.

The main matters and issues addressed over the past year are summarized as follows:

Projects and activities completed:

Expansion of Member Council representation on the Association's Regional Transport Strategy Committee.

Review of the Association's Strategic Plan 2008-2011.

Completion of the NRM/Local Government Protocol – Memorandum of Understanding.

2010-2011 Special Local Roads Funding Submissions.

Successful applications for Special Local Roads funding totaling \$1.5m for the 2009-2010 funding round.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Southern Mallee District Council and Association supplementary funding with \$310k Broadband Development Fund funding for regional Broadband Project stage 6.

Submissions made to the LGA for changes to the Native Vegetation Act.

Completion of arrangements with Member Councils allowing the SA MDB NRM Board to erect signage on land accessed for NRM works.

Further expansion of the Association's website.

Projects and activities forwarded:

Consideration by Councils on suitability of the REMPLAN Program to assist with forward planning of Council activities.

Further facilitation of the potential review of the River Murray 1956 Flood Line.

Continued provision of Local Government representation on external Boards and Committees including the SA MDB NRM Board, the LGA State Executive Committee, the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC), the Regional Development Australia Intergovernmental Working Group, the Regional Fire Prevention Committee, the River Murray and Lower Lakes Risk Assessment Committee, the SAMRIC Management Committee, the South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee, the Murray and Mallee Country Arts Board, the LGA Native Vegetation Working Party, the Riverland Drought Taskforce and the LGA's Land Access Working Party.

Further facilitation of Regional Waste Management strategies.

Ongoing support and lobbying of the State Government to expand governmental assets availability for Community Transport needs.

Forwarding of the Rural Property Addressing Standard program.

Facilitation of aggregation of Storm-water Harvesting Project funding submissions.

Continuation of efforts to ensure completion of the review of the Impounding Act.

Lobbying of State Government for continuation of funding support for both the Riverland and Murraylands Drought Offices.

Further consideration and input provided for the revised Heavy Vehicle Access Framework (HVAF) project.

Support provided for the Federal Government's Adelaide Rail Freight Study Project and the Common Purpose Group to forward rail freight integration and the formation of an intermodal transport hub at Monarto.

New Projects and activities:

Facilitation of incorporation of the Federal Government's Area Consultative Committees, the Murraylands Regional Development Board and the Riverland Development Corporation into the new

Regional Development Australia framework, including Local Government representation determination.

Facilitation of the formation of the new Zone Emergency Management Committee, including Local Government representations as Chair and Committee Members.

Support and facilitation provided for the Strengthening Basin Communities Program, Planning Element funding submissions, with subsequent approval of \$1.6m funding availability from the Federal Government along with further contributions, taking the total project funding to \$2.4m.

Consideration of future Charter amendments.

Submissions made to the Federal Government requesting changes to the proposed Independent Youth Allowance.

Consideration of changes made and implications to Local Government on School/Community Pool Maintenance funding.

Provision of input into the MDBA Sustainable Diversion Limits survey.

Resolution to completely review the Association's Regional Transport Strategy and awarding of the contract to undertake the project in the latter half of 2010.

Facilitation of a Community Liaison appointment to assist with the changeover from analogue to digital TV reception.

Submission forwarded to DTEI for increased maintenance and reconstruction of sections of the Karoonda Highway.

Provision of Local Government representation on the Riverbank Collapse Hazard Advisory Group.

Lobbying of the MDBA for the formation of a regional office within the Murray and Mallee region.

Provision of forum facilities for Local Government input into the LGA State Election Platform.

Representation of Local Government views on the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program review.

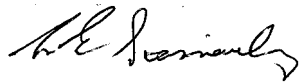
I will also take this opportunity to recognize the support and timely information provided to the Association over the past year from the Local Government Association of SA, specially mentioning the efforts of Wendy Campana, the LGA SA Executive Director, Barry Parsons, Manager - Member Services & Strategic Projects and more recently, Chris Russell, Director, Government Relations and Communications.

I would once again thank our CEO, Peter Campbell for his commitment and support over the past year.

2010 is the year of the periodical Local Government Elections and there is the potential that there may be a number of new Association Delegates in the future. In accordance with the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, I will continue on in the term as President until the General Meeting to be held on the 2nd December, 2010.

I have noted that the Association's current Strategic Plan is scheduled for a complete and thorough review early 2011, which will provide new Delegates the opportunity to influence the future direction of the Association's activities.

Over the past three years, and now more specifically for the past twelve months, I look back with satisfaction on the achievements of the Association and thank all Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me being your President.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cr. Leon Stasinowsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "L" and "S".

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

President, 2009 – 2010.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

OVERVIEW OF THE REGION.



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

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

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

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

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

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

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, Deputy Mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Berri on the 5th June, 2009 and Mayor Ian Mann OAM, Mid Murray Council was re-elected Vice President. The term of these positions, as per the provisions of the Association's Charter, was for the ensuing 12 months plus an extra period up to the first General Meeting following the Local Government periodical elections (ie: December, 2010).

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

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky and Mayor Ian Mann OAM continued to serve on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge, as proxy.

ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.

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

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process in February, 2010, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2010-2011 Annual Business Plan and draft 2010-2011 Budget. This process is now to be undertaken annually in the June of each year.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association and Dean Gollan, CEO Mid Murray Council and Barry Hurst, CEO of the Renmark Paringa Council. The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer service has been provided.

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

To ensure legal compliance with the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Charter took place in 2008-2009, the outcome being that it was considered by Delegates that no changes were deemed necessary at that point in time. It should be noted that the Charter is scheduled to be revised in this current calendar year.

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, the Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007 (reviewed June 2009) as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

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

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

During 2009 – 2010, the Association has met bi-monthly for General Meetings.

Meetings of the Association were convened on:

8th August, 2009 - General Meeting - at the Peake Sporting Club, Mallee Highway, Peake - the Coorong District Council as host.

2nd October, 2009 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Chamber, Karoonda - the District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host with the LGA SA Mutual Liability Scheme as sponsor.

4th December, 2009 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

5th February, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Offices, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council as host.

1st April, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Renmark Community and Civic Centre, Eighteenth Street, Renmark - the Renmark Paringa Council as host.

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

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

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

Hon. Adrian Pederick, MP, Member for Hammond.

Hon. Ivan Venning, MP, Member for Schubert.

Hon. John Dawkins, MLC.

Brenton Lewis, CEO, RDA (Murraylands and Riverland) Board, previously the Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Ray Najar, Murray Darling Association.

Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer.

Supt. Ian Parrott, OIC, Murray and Mallee Local Service Area, SAPOL.

Robyn Daly, LGA Mutual Liability Scheme.

David Ball, InTrinsic.

David Semler, Strategic Purchasing.

Justin Dixon, SAMRIC, and

Jan Whittle, Dept. Land, Water, Biodiversity and Conservation.

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

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

The President has continued the practice of giving each of our guests the opportunity to address our meetings briefly about matters and issues before them that may be of interest to the Association and Member Councils. The contribution from all of the speakers, presenters and guests has kept the

Association and the Delegates abreast of a wide ranging number of issues that impact on Local Government and the communities in the Region.

MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the AGM of the 4th June, 2010:

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

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Deputy Mayor Paul Simmons and Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy).

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

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Dean Maywald, Deputy Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, (President) and Peter Sellar, Acting CEO (proxy).

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

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, Cr. Barry Laubsch, Cr. Milton Weinert, (proxy) and Damien Moloney, CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Barry Hurst, CEO, Deputy Mayor Louis Dimou (proxy) and Robert Wood, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor George Gum, Cr. Robert Sexton, Cr. John Ramke (proxy) and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following are the current Association Committee Members as at the AGM of the 4th June, 2010.

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

President M&MLGA as Chair, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

Cr. Barry Laubsch, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Barry Hurst, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council. (by virtue of position held).

A representative from Coorong District Council.

Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

Murray Bartsch, Renmark Paringa Council. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council.

Jon Fry, Works Manager, Mid Murray Council. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Peter Sellar, Acting CEO, District Council of Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Peter Broughill, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray - proxy John Claydon. *(by virtue of positions held)*.

Tom King, Manager Infrastructure Services, Berri Barmera Council. *(by virtue of position held)*.

David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Martin Waddington, Environmental Services Manager, Rural City of Murray Bridge. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Tom Avery, Infrastructure Director, District Council of Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Mayor George Gum, Southern Mallee District Council.

Cr. Trevor Kerley, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Justin Lang, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment).

Marina Wagner, EPA. (external appointment).

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council, Chair.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President (ex officio).

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA.

Murray Bartsch - Renmark Paringa Council.

Cr. Barry Fletcher - Berri Barmera Council.

Tom Avery - District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray (Ron Palm - proxy).

Martin Waddington - Rural City of Murray Bridge (David Allen - proxy).

Peter Broughill - Southern Mallee District Council.

A representative of Coorong District Council.

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

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

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Broadband Steering Committee:

Anthony McCabe, Southern Mallee District Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Craig Chadwick, Mid Murray Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President (ex officio).

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

Peter Sellar, District Council of Loxton Waikerie *(by virtue of position held)* with proxy Nathan Wishart *(by virtue of position held)*.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

Brenton Lewis, Murraylands Regional Development Board (external appointment).

Peter Triantafilou, DFEEST (external appointment).

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

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

A nomination by Berri Barmera Council.

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

Anthony McCabe - Southern Mallee District Council.

Damien Moloney, CEO - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

David Beaton, CEO - Berri Barmera Council.

John Claydon - District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Peter Sellar, Acting CEO - District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Robert Wood- Renmark Paringa Council.

Robin Bourne - Mid Murray Council.

Michael Boyd - Coorong District Council.

David Hitchcock - LGA (external appointment).

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

Trevor Bennett - DTED (external appointment).

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION – OTHER BODIES.

During the year the Association has made and or continued the following appointments to other bodies, as at the AGM of the 4th June, 2010.

LGA State Executive Committee:

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky *(by virtue of position held)*.

Vice President, Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

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

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, DC Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*.

Vice President Mayor Ian Mann, OAM, Mid Murray Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon.

CEO – Peter Campbell *(by virtue of position held)*.

SA MDB NRM Board:

Rodney Ralph, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council.

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board:

Mayor Allan Arbon - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Deputy Mayor Dave Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

David Beaton - CEO, Berri Barmera Council.

Regional Fire Prevention Committee:

Mayor Ian Mann Mid Murray Council and Cr. Jodi Flavell - District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

River Murray and Lower Lakes Risk Assessment Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

SAMRIC Management Committee:

Neil Martinson, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee:

Cr.Les Hill, Berri Barmera Council.

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Ian Mann OAM, Mid Murray Council - Chair.

Mayor Peter Hunt - Berri Barmera Council.

Damian Moloney, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Tom Avery, Director, Infrastructure Services, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Manager, Asset Services, Coorong District Council.

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

Peter Broughill, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

The Executive Committee comprises of one Delegate from each Member Council. A Special Executive Committee meeting was held on the 26th August, 2009. Both the Agenda and Minutes can be accessed on the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

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

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

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2010-2011 funding round.
- Submissions to the SAROC Committee, including,
 - Gazettal of Annual NRM Levies.
 - Digital TV.
 - Illegal Fencing on Road reserves.
 - School/Community Pool Maintenance Funding.
 - Recreational Vehicles on Public Land
 - Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Waste Strategy Implementation Program review.
- Submission to the State Government to provide greater geographical broadband coverage for the region including \$310k funding for the Southern Mallee region.
- Submission to the LGA for changes to the Native Vegetation Act.
- Submission to the State Government for continuation of funding for the Murraylands and Riverland Drought Offices.
- Supportive submission provided for funding of the Strengthening Basin Communities Program.
- Submissions to the Federal Government requesting changes to the Independent Youth Allowance.
- Input provided into the Murray Darling Basin Authority Sustainable Diversion Limits survey.
- Submission to the State Government for increased maintenance and reconstruction of sections of the Karoonda Highway.
- Submission to the SA MDB NRM Board on Planning matters.
- Ministerial submission made in respect to the requirement for Audit Committees resulting from Amendment to clause 13(2) of Schedule 2 – Exemption of a regional subsidiary from the requirement to establish an audit committee.

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

- Murraylands Regional Coordination Network Workshop Meetings.
- Federal, State and Local Government RDA Briefing Meetings (6).
- Regional Development Australia Forums (4).
- LGA State Executive Planning Workshop.
- LGA President's Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board's Mayoral and CEO Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board "Strengthening Basin Communities" Planning Workshop.
- LGA State Election Platform Forum.
- Murray Darling Basin Authority Consultation Forum.
- Dept. Broadband, Communication and Digital Economy Clever Networks and ABG Briefings.
- LGA General Meeting and associated forums.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

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

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

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

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

- Community Passenger Network Transport.
- Regional Broadband Coverage.
- Regional Development Australia.
- Regional Drought Programs.
- Off Road Motor Bike and Vehicle Use on Road Reserves.
- Native Vegetation issues.
- Regional Fire Danger Dates.
- SAFECOM MoU for use of Council Assets.
- Rural Property Addressing Standard.
- NRM/LG Relationships.
- Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- SA State Government Shared Services Reform.
- Regional Water-proofing.
- Gazettal of Annual NRM Levies.
- Digital TV.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2010.

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

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

The Association acknowledges and thanks the Local Government Research and Development Fund Scheme for their annual 2009-2010 grant of \$33,661 to the Association.

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

INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES.

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

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

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

NATIVE TITLE AND INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS.

The Association has had the availability to engage Rosemary Craddock LLB, to assist Member Councils in Native Title negotiations in and adjacent to the Region.

The CEO continues to be available to provide executive support and a coordinating role when required, supporting Rosemary Craddock for the Member Councils and other adjacent Council(s) that are involved in the claims impacting on this Region.

PARTNERSHIP/STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES 2009 – 2010.

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

Strategic Focus – Telecommunications.

The project partners are:

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

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

This year, the application to the South Australian Governments' Broadband Development Fund (BDF) to provide \$310,000 funding to further extend the current broadband project referred to above by providing additional coverage in the Mid Murray, Loxton Waikerie and Southern Mallee council districts, has been approved. The project is being further subsidized by contributions of \$20,000 by the Association and \$15,000 by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and a further \$15,000 from the Southern Mallee District Council of which \$10,000 was underwritten by the former Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Given the synergies between the two projects, project management has been assumed by the Dept. Transport Energy and Infrastructure and is due for completion by mid- 2011.

Further to this project, the Commonwealth Government has announced, as part of the National Broadband Network, Regional Blackspots Program, that a new backbone fibre optic connection will be built between Gawler and Mildura through the Riverland. Nextgen Networks will construct the fibre optic cable for the Commonwealth and NBN Company.

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

This undertaking is a backhaul project as distinct from the NBN which is the "last mile" venture.

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

Project construction has commenced with completion due mid 2011. There will be no partial release of infrastructure but end to end commissioning on completion.

There will be splice points in the fibre every 10km providing some options for other projects to spur off this backbone. VisionStream are contracted to NextGen to undertake on ground works.

Strategic Focus – Transport Infrastructure.

Our Project Partners are:

Transport SA,

The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP),

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

Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty. Ltd.

For the period 2009-2010, Member Councils resolved not to review the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan to support this year's road funding submissions. It has been subsequently agreed that the matter of a review will be undertaken in the 2009-2010 year.

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

Applications for funding in the 2008-2009 round were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2009 resulting in \$1.5m funding availability for identified road construction in the region.

Applications for funding in 2009-2010 were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the 30th April, 2009, and the Association awaits the results of the Panel's recommendation for the Special Local Roads component to the Local Government Grants Commission.

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

Our partners are:

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC),

The Local Government Association of SA,

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

The Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network, and

Dept. of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

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

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

However, this process has been hindered by individual agency policies, and coupled with the lack of any increased State Government funding, has resulted in no increased service availability for demand indicated areas.

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

It is pleasing the report that the greatest majority of services provided are highly patronized. We make special mention of the medical bus services, available to provide regionally or city based medical assistance to those who are geographically and socially disadvantaged.

The Association will continue to work towards equitable State Government funding for transport services for regional areas, on a similar parity to that enjoyed by metropolitan residents.

Strategic Focus – Environment - Drought.

Our partners are:

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

Primary Industries and Resources SA,

Riverland Futures Project,

Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network,

Riverland Drought Taskforce,

Lower Murray Drought Collaboration Group,

Irrigation Authorities and Associations,

The SAROC Committee, and

The Local Government Research and Development Fund (LGR&DF), and

The SA MDB NRM Board.

The Drought and reduced irrigation water allocations has severely affected environmental and economic stability and planned growth throughout the region.

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

Despite minimal outcomes from sustained effort to forward this project, the Association is pursuing negotiations to incorporate it into, and add value to, the Federal Government funded “Sustaining Basin Communities – Planning Element” Program. The Association is expecting a timely favourable response.

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

- Continued provision of an Association representative on the River Murray Water Quality Risk Assessment Committee.
- Provided a Local Government non-voting Member to the SA MDB NRM Board.
- Provided information to Member Councils regarding Adaptation Actions for Local Government on Climate Change issues and promotion of Climate Change Forums.
- Provided Association representation on the LGA Native Vegetation Working Party and input into legislative review.
- Facilitation of the Local Government/NRM Regional Delivery Relationships Project.
- Submission provided to the MDB Consultative Committee regarding the Lower Lakes sulphate trigger levels.
- Forwarding of Climate Change templates and workshops as it relates to Local Government activities.
- Provision of M&MLGA regional representation on the LGA Water Project Working Party.
- Comments provided on the Murray Darling Basin Authority Sustainable Diversion Limits survey.
- Further facilitation of the potential review of the River Murray 1956 Flood Line and alignment of Council Development Plans.
- Lobbied State Government for extensions of the Drought Program funding into the year 2009-2010.
- With the SA MDB NRM Board and Member Councils, provided support and assistance in the gaining of \$1.5m funding for the Strengthening Basin Communities- Planning Element Program.

BEYOND 2010.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2010-2011 on the first Friday in the months of August, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will be held throughout the Region, hosted alphabetically by the Member Councils.

At the General Meeting held on the 1st April, 2010, the Association endorsed their revised Strategic Plan, 2008-2011. The Annual Business Plan 2010-2011, extracted from the Strategic Plan 2008-2011 (*revised*)

and associated Annual Budget were adopted at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 4th June, 2010. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2010-2011 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting as per the provisions of the Association's Charter.



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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	2	33,661	32,904
Interest received	2	6,693	6,177
MBM LGA contributions	2	76,240	76,095
		116,594	115,176
Other operating expenses	3	(109,309)	(102,772)
Profit attributable to members		7,285	12,404

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Balance Sheet

As At 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	136,932	127,442
Trade and other receivables	5	4,272	3,718
Money held in Trust		-	2,962
Total current assets		141,204	134,122
TOTAL ASSETS		141,204	134,122
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	1,530	1,733
Unexpended Project Funds	7	97,946	93,234
Native Title Claim Moneys unexpended		-	2,962
Total current liabilities		99,476	97,929
TOTAL LIABILITIES		99,476	97,929
NET ASSETS		41,728	36,193
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		41,728	36,193
TOTAL EQUITY		41,728	36,193

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Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

		2010	
	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009		36,193	36,193
Profit attributable to members		7,285	7,285
Transfer from retained earnings	7	(1,750)	(1,750)
Sub-total		5,535	5,535
Balance at 30 June 2010		41,728	41,728
		2009	
	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2008		29,832	29,832
Profit attributable to members		12,404	12,404
Transfer from retained earnings	7	(6,043)	(6,043)
Sub-total		6,361	6,361
Balance at 30 June 2009		36,193	36,193

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from members		76,240	76,095
Receipts from Grants		33,661	32,904
Interest received		6,693	6,177
Payments to suppliers		(107,104)	(102,369)
Project receipts		-	70,000
Project payments		-	(2,539)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	<u>9,490</u>	<u>80,268</u>
Net increase (decreases) in cash held		9,490	80,268
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>127,442</u>	47,174
Cash at end of financial year	4	<u>136,932</u>	127,442

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

1 Accounting policies

(a) General information

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

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

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

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

(b) Basis of preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

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

(c) Comparatives

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(e) Income taxes

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

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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1 Accounting policies continued

(g) Financial Instruments

Recognition and Initial Measurement

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

Financial liabilities

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

Impairment

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

(h) Impairment of assets

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

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Key estimates - Impairment

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

2 Revenue

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Interest received	6,693	6,177
MBM LGA contributions		
- Berri Barmera Council	11,741	11,719
- Coorong District Council	7,776	7,762
- DC of Karoonda East Murray	4,117	4,109
- DC of Loxton Waikerie	12,427	12,403
- Mid Murray Council	9,301	9,283
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge	15,553	15,523
- DC of Renmark Paringa	10,445	10,425
- Southern Mallee DC	4,880	4,871
Total MBM LGA contributions	76,240	76,095
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	33,661	32,904
Total Revenue	116,594	115,176

3 Profit from Ordinary Activities

Expenses

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Audit fees	1,395	1,383
Bank charges	136	120
Executive Officer Contract Services	94,410	90,702
Insurance	3,566	2,038
Meeting Expenses	1,851	1,619
Postage	53	37
President's Travelling Allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	807	433
Record sentencing/Archiving	30	-
SAROC Regional Meeting costs	1,064	459
Sundry expenses	191	326
Telephone and fax	3,200	3,050
Website maintenance	106	105
Total expenses	109,309	102,772

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4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	1,204	1,644
LGFA Investment	135,628	125,698
	<u>136,932</u>	<u>127,442</u>

5 Trade and other receivables

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accrued Interest	1,747	997
GST Refund	2,525	2,721
	<u>4,272</u>	<u>3,718</u>

6 Trade and other payables

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	1,530	1,733
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,733</u>

7 Other Liabilities

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

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Water Management Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	4,373	4,373
Total Income	<u>4,373</u>	<u>4,373</u>

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Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2010	<u>4,373</u>	<u>4,373</u>
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7 Other Liabilities continued

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Regional Broadband Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	1,361	1,400
Transfer from Retained Earnings	1,750	-
Total Income	3,111	1,400
Travel expense	-	(39)
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	(3,111)	-
Total Expenses	(3,111)	(39)
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2010	-	1,361
Discretionary Projects		
Income		
Balance brought forward	15,000	13,957
Transfer from Regional Broadband Project	3,111	-
Transfer from Native Title Claim monies	2,962	-
Transfer from Retained Earnings	-	1,043
Total Income	21,073	15,000
Less Expenses		
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2010	21,073	15,000
Provision LG Services Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	72,500	-
Local Government Research and Development Scheme	-	70,000
Transfer from Retained Earnings	-	5,000
Total Income	72,500	75,000
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	-	(2,500)
Total Expenses	-	(2,500)
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2010	72,500	72,500

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7 Other Liabilities continued
Total

	<u>97,946</u>	<u>93,234</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

8 Cash Flow Information

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

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Net income/loss for the period	7,285	12,404
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	2,407	(43)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,548	73,950
Increase/(decrease) in Retained earnings from transfers	(1,750)	(6,043)
	<u>9,490</u>	<u>80,268</u>

9 Financial instruments

Credit risk

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

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

(i) Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis

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

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9 Financial instruments continued

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
LGFA Investment	4.50	2.75	135,628	125,698	-	-	135,628	125,698
Cash at bank	0.01	1.60	1,204	1,644	-	-	1,204	1,644
Cash	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	100
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	4,272	3,718	4,272	3,718
Money held in trust	-	-	-	-	-	2,962	-	2,962
Total Financial Assets			136,832	127,342	4,372	6,780	141,204	134,122
Financial Liabilities:								
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	1,530	1,733	1,530	1,733
Unexpended project funds	-	-	-	-	97,946	93,234	97,946	93,234
Native title claims	-	-	-	-	-	2,962	-	2,962
Total Financial Liabilities			-	-	99,476	97,929	99,476	97,929

All financial assets and liabilities disclosed mature within 12 months, with the exception of money held in trust and native title claims which have a maturity of greater than 12 months and less than 5 years.

(ii) Net fair values

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

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

Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2010, the committee considers that the only material risk arises in relation to interest rates. Should interest rates have increased / decreased by 2%, the associations profit would have increased / decreased by approximately \$2,738 (2009: \$2,546).

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10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2010, the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

11 Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2010, the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

12 Events after the end of the reporting period

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

13 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	Short term	Total
	Benefits	
2010		
Total compensation	94,410	94,410
2009		
Total compensation	90,702	90,702

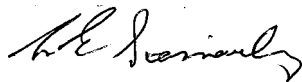
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Statement by the Committee

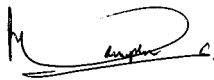
In the opinion of the members of the committee:

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

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



President



CEO

Dated: 6th August, 2010.

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

I, David Beaton, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Berri Barmera Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.

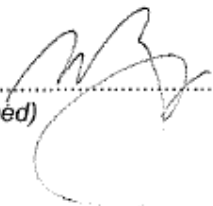


.....
David Beaton, CEO

.....6th August 2010.....
Date

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

I,. Michael Boyd, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Coorong District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.

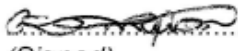


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(Signed)

.....3/8/2010.....
(Dated)

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

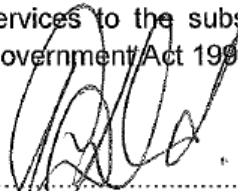
I, Peter Smithson, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


.....
(Signed)

5 August 2010

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

I, Peter Ackland, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKARE Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


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(Signed)

5 AUGUST 2010
.....
(Dated)

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

I, DEAN GOLLAN, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the MID MURRAY Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


(Signed)

6/8/10
(Dated)

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

I, **DAMIEN MOLONEY**..., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the **RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE**..Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


Damien Moloney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


(Signed)

5 August 2010

(Dated)

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


I, Barry Charles Hurst, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Renmark Paringa Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


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(Signed)

2.8.10
.....
(Dated)

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

I, Rodney Layton Ralph, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Southern Mallee District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999.


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(Signed)

3rd August 2010
(Dated)

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

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

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended that date a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the committee..

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

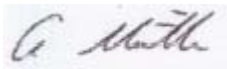
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

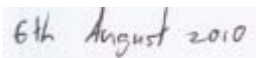
In our opinion the financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act(SA) 1985, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2010 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act(SA) 1985.

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Signed at Berri SA