
From our understanding of the information, the proposed signage will be produced and placed in certain locations on a national scale and utilising best practice tools such as Australian Standards. This is a prudent risk management approach.

From a liability perspective, my discussion with Mel Burton, our legal adviser, centred on exposure as well as the benefits of providing the new system. In reality the liability exposures, would be minimal. When balancing all "competing" needs, the benefits of such a system should be assessed against some of the negatives.

We do not think that the frangibility issue should stop Councils/residents from placing the signs at certain strategic locations. Any potential claims would be defended on the basis for the national approach being applied. On the issue of Council's electing "not" to adopt the new standard, liability exposure would depend on legislative requirements (not an issue in this case) and reason for not applying new system. For instance there could be a cheaper alternative that would allow compliance with such a national system.

In conclusion, the benefits of standardisation would probably outweigh the liability exposures in this scenario.
Mr Peter Campbell  
Chief Executive Officer  
Murray and Mallee  
Local Government Association  
PO Box 1014  
Goolwa SA 5214

Dear Mr Campbell,

Thank you for your letter concerning representation from the Office for State/Local Government Relations (OSLRG) at Murray and Mallee Local Government Association General Meetings. I apologise for the delay in this response.

Please be assured that every effort is made by OSLRG staff to attend regional meetings wherever possible. However, given the number of regional meetings across the State, attendance is not always possible.

If an officer is unable to attend and particular issues or topics of interest are noted for consideration, please contact OSLRG who can provide a written briefing or alternatively follow up with you by telephone.

To assist this process, please have your office provide the Notice of Meetings to Ms Amanda Acorn, Executive Assistant to Mr Mick Petrovski, Director, OSLGR. Ms Acorn can be contacted on telephone 8204 8721, or via email at amanda.acorn@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for writing to me on this matter and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

HON GAIL GAGO MLC

25/6/2009
KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY

Phil Harrison, SAFECOM – Fire and Emergency Services Act Amending Bill
The SAROC Committee received a presentation from Phil Harrison (SAFECOM) and Mick Ayres (CFS) regarding the Fire and Emergency Services Act Amending Bill.

Julie Mason, DC Yorke Peninsula Community Passenger Transport also provided a presentation.

Regional Development - the SAROC Committee noted the recommendations in the report being presented to the LGA State Executive Committee on 16/7/09.

Broadband – the SAROC Committee resolved to invite Carolyn Anderson, Director Information Economy (DFEEST) to make a follow up presentation to SAROC in relation to maximising the collaboration and efficiency of SA effort in the rollout of the national broadband network (NBN).

Digital Television – the SAROC Committee also noted it would be appropriate to invite a representative from the Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy to discuss issues associated with the changeover to digital television.

School Bus Audits - the SAROC Committee resolved to invite a representative from the Minister of Education’s office to present further details of the process for audit of school buses.

Water Security – the SAROC Committee resolved to support the LGA Secretariat preparing an aggregated submission of smaller regional council stormwater harvesting projects for the second round of the Australian Government’s Stormwater Harvesting funding Program and encourages regional councils to prepare stormwater harvesting project design and cost estimates to a sufficient level of detail to be eligible.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LGA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ensuring Provision of Local Government Services – Peter Campbell
That the LGA State Executive Committee recommend that the LGA Secretariat:

1. undertake discussion with DTED to facilitate State Government recognition of REM Plan outputs; and

2. prepares a further report on applicability or otherwise of REM plan and RISE and provide recommendations of options how best to implement use thereof amongst all Councils.
Youth Allowance and its impact on Rural & Regional (Country) Students

That the LGA State Executive Committee:

1. raises with the Australian Government and ALGA the issue of equitable access to post secondary education opportunities to students from rural and regional communities attending educational institutions in metropolitan cities;

2. requests a review of the Youth Allowance Eligibility criteria and in particular, the impact of changes resulting from the Australian Government’s 2009/10 Budget announcements that disadvantage country students who plan to relocate to undertake tertiary studies; and

3. raises items 1 and 2 with the SA Senators and the Senate Inquiry into the adequacy of government measures to provide equitable access to post secondary education opportunities for students from rural and regional communities.
APPENDIX 4 - Item – 5.4 –General Meeting 7th August, 2009.

CEO’s Activity Report

During this period, the following items have been attended to, but not those of a more minor or recurring nature:

Independent checks completed on REMPLAN national pricing policy.

Hard copies of Agenda Items to individual hard files.

Completion of draft M&MLGA Annual Report 2008/9, PDF and distribute for comment.

Completion of M&MLGA Financial Accounts to 31st May, 2009 including reconciliations.

Completion of end of year earnings advices as per Auditor’s prior instructions.

Completion of 2009/10 Annual Budget spreadsheet and bi-monthly spreadsheets.

Liaison with Steed and Pohl re Review of River Murray Flood Line project.

Completion of President’s meeting notes for AGM.

Completion of M&MLGA Minutes, uploading to website and distribution.

Hard copies of resolutions to individual hard files.

Update of commentary on M&MLGA website.

Raising of Member Council and LGR&DF subscription invoices and distribution.

Liaison with LGA re potential Charter alterations, preparation of report including selected distribution for initial comment.

Completion of M&MLGA Murray Mallee Briefs Newsletter, uploading to website and distribution.


Completion of LGR&DF Annual Report and submission.

Completion of interim report to LGR&DF on ELGSP Project as per contractual obligations.

Completion of draft Auditor requirements letter.

Completion of arrangements and Agenda for M&MLGA regional RDA Forum.

Notice of Meeting completion, PDF, upload to website and distribution.
Completion of M&MLGA Financial Accounts to 30th June, 2009, including reconciliation of all accounts, financial declarations and Auditor engagement letter, submit to Auditor including follow-up advices as required.

Arrangements made for ZEMC presentation for General Meeting.

Follow-up on Riverland Futures progress on Review of River Murray Flood Level Line.

Completion of M&MLGA BAS Return to 30th June, 2009.

Downloading of all correspondence and financial account details to separate hard drive for safe keeping.

Collation of completed audit report including preparation of CEO’s statements of Auditor Independence.

Undertaken comparison of completed audit accounts with current MYOB records.

Liaison with Regional Broadband Project Officer, EPLGA< CLGR and SELGA re extensions of Regional Broadband Project Officer’s contract arrangements.

Completion of potential Climate Change Agenda and meeting and distribution to Member Councils.

Completion of General Meeting Agenda, Reports and Appendices, PDF, upload to website and distribution.

The following Meetings have been attended:

29/05/2009 – SA MDB NRM Board Mayoral and CEO Forum – Murray Bridge.
22/06/2009 – Regional LGA CEO’s Teleconference – Goolwa.
Contractual Hours from 23/05/2009 to 24/07/2009: 216 hours.
Actual Hours from 23/05/2009 to 24/07/2009: 228.75 hours.
Contractual Hours YTD (for 2009/10 year): 86.4 hours.
Actual Hours YTD: 104.0 hours (plus 213 hours carry-over).

Leave taken from 23rd June, 2009 to 26th June, 2009 due to family commitments.
Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2009
Murray & Mallee Local Government Association
Incorporated

For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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As At 30 June 2009

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Statement of Recognised Income and Expense
For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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Cash Flow Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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<td>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</td>
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<td>14,019</td>
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Net increase (decreases) in cash held | 80,268 | 14,019 |
Cash at beginning of financial year | 47,174 | 33,155 |
Cash at end of financial year | 127,442 | 47,174 |
Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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 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.
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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2 Revenue

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3 Profit from Ordinary Activities

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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.

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<td>Local Government Research and Development Scheme</td>
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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

8 Cash Flow Information

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

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<td>Net income/loss for the period</td>
<td>12,404</td>
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<td>Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities</td>
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<td>Non-cash flows in profit</td>
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<td>changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries</td>
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<td>(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables</td>
<td>205</td>
<td>(407)</td>
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<td>(Increase)/decrease in GST Rec/Pay</td>
<td>(248)</td>
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<td>Increase/(decrease) in creditors</td>
<td>73,950</td>
<td>10,737</td>
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<td>Increase/(decrease) in Retained earnings from transfers</td>
<td>(6,043)</td>
<td>(11,735)</td>
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<td>80,268</td>
<td>14,019</td>
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9 Financial instruments

Credit risk

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

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

(i) Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis

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

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

9 Financial instruments continued

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<th>Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate</th>
<th>Floating Interest Rate</th>
<th>Non-interest Bearing</th>
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<td>Financial Assets:</td>
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<td>LGFA Investment</td>
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<td>7.00</td>
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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Trade and other receivables</td>
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<td>Money held in trust</td>
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<td>Total Financial Assets</td>
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<td>127,342</td>
<td>47,074</td>
<td>6,780</td>
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Financial Liabilities:
Trade and other payables                | -                       | -                   | -     | 1,733  | 1,287 | 1,733 | 1,287   |        |
Unexpended project funds                 | -                       | -                   | -     | 93,234 | 19,730 | 93,234 | 19,730   |        |
Native title claims                      | -                       | -                   | -     | 2,962  | 2,962 | 2,962 | 2,962   |        |
Total Financial Liabilities              | -                       | -                   | -     | 97,929 | 23,979 | 97,929 | 23,979   |        |

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 reflected in the balance sheet and in the notes to the financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2009, 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 $2,546 (2008: $341).
10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2009, 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 2009, 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

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<td>2008</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>87,360</td>
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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 and Mallee Local Government Association for the financial year;
   (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 and other mandatory professional reporting requirement.

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

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CEO

Dated
Murray & Mallee Local Government Association
Incorporated

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


We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association
Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, 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.
Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

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

Independence

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

Auditor’s Opinion

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

(a) giving a true and fair view of the association’s financial position as at 30 June 2009 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and

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

WHK THOMSONS AUDIT SERVICES

Grant Martinella  CA

Signed at Berri SA
Funding available for Murray Darling councils facing climate challenges

Councils in the Murray-Darling Basin have been asked by the Federal Government to submit proposals for funding to help them deal with the challenges posed by reduced access to water.

Federal Climate Change Minister, Penny Wong, says the government will allocate funds to the councils so they can assess the impacts of less water on their local area and undertake community-wide planning for the future.

Ms Wong says the funding will allow councils, or groups of councils, to be better able to update existing plans or develop new plans that better prepare their communities for the impacts of climate change. The minister says the funding initiative is part of the $200 million Strengthening Basin Communities program.

Ms Wong says funding will be reimbursed based on actual costs incurred up to a maximum of $200,000 per local government area. She says a consortium or regional organisation can pool funds for each local government area involved, up to a cap of $800,000 for four or more councils. Projects must be completed within 24 months of approval.

Strengthening Basin Communities program

Map showing the Murray-Darling Basin boundary overlain with local government boundaries

- Murray-Darling Basin and local government boundaries - detailed map (PDF 1,245 KB)

The Australian Government has committed $200 million from Water for the Future to establish the Strengthening Basin Communities program.

Under this program competitive grants will be available for local governments in the Murray-Darling Basin to:

- assist them in community-wide planning for a future with less water, and
- invest in water savings initiatives including cost effective water infrastructure that meets the needs of communities now and into the future.
Funding

The program will be implemented through two separate elements – the Planning element and the Water Saving Initiatives element.

Planning element

Local government bodies in the Murray-Darling Basin are eligible to apply, either as an individual local government, a consortium of local governments or an established regional organisation of councils.

Funding is available to systematically assess the risks and implications associated with climate change, with a particular focus on water availability, and then review existing plans or develop new plans to take account of these risks and implications.

The updating or development of plans may identify a range of potential adaptation initiatives. Funding can be used to prepare plans and business cases for adaptation initiatives which may be eligible for funding under the Water Saving Initiative component of the Strengthening Basin Communities program.

Funding will be reimbursed based on actual costs incurred up to a maximum of $200,000 per local government area. A consortium or regional organisation can pool funds for each local government area involved, up to a cap of $800,000 for four or more councils. Fifteen per cent of the funding requested is available to meet internal project management costs of councils.

Applications will be prioritised for funding based on the following criteria:

- Forecast impact of climate change
- Extent of water dependent industries
- Population
- Quality of proposal and value for money.

Projects must be completed within 24 months of approval.

Download the Strengthening Basin Communities - Planning element documents

- Guidelines for Strengthening Basin Communities program: Planning element (PDF 400 KB) | (RTF 629 KB)

Initial funding round closes 5pm (EST) Friday, 21 August 2009.
APPENDIX 7 – Item 7.3.2 – General Meeting 7th August, 2009.

Broadband Development Project Report
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

July 2009

DTEI / Regional High Speed Broadband Project

Progress:

Backhaul sites in Maggea and Black Hill now have signed leases for the tower sites, and the next phase of ordering and assembling the towers for the backhaul leg of the project has begun. Relevant councils have been contacted in regards to the provision of in-kind assistance (trenching, provision of rubble etc), which will be of great benefit to the project due to the savings in both cost and time. A new site with a private landowner was found in Black Hill, and arrangements quickly made.

The initial rollout of fibre optic cable around Murray Bridge has been completed, and connection to the backhaul link to Adelaide was made in late May. Testing of the link and then connection of the listed sites to the network is the next step for Murray Bridge locations.

If all planning applications proceed as expected, then the towers should be in place, and the microwave backhaul link from Berri to Murray Bridge, then Murray Bridge to Adelaide should be fully operational by September.

Other Broadband Issues

Local update

An application to the South Australian Governments Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology’s (DFEEST) Broadband Development Fund (BDF) is in final draft stage, and is expected to be lodged by the end of June 2009, and will be in a position to be lodged after final cash flow projections are complete.

The application is to extend the wireless coverage provided by the DTEI High Speed Broadband Project in the District Council areas of Loxton Waikerie, Mid Murray and Southern Mallee. Initial locations for tower builds are Morgan, Wunkar (will cover Loxton also), One Tree Hill, lameroo and Pinnaroo.

With uncertainties around the format of the Australian Broadband Guarantee past June 2010, the project would be run over a very short, strict timeframe. The infrastructure would be built and fully operational by year end 2009, with customer signups and promotion taking place immediately in order to ensure the financial viability of the network.
Other Issues

Six locations have been mentioned for fibre optic backhaul upgrades as part of the National Broadband Network. One has been placed in South Australia, which will extend to Victor Harbor from Adelaide. Until the successful bidder is known, what path that will take and other towns covered is unknown, however it is unlikely the benefit the Murray Mallee region directly.

For at least the medium term, any expansion of broadband services in the region is likely to be wireless broadband, either fixed wireless, or in the expansion and/or upgrade of broadband services provided by mobile (3G) networks.

Aside from the infrastructure projects, the remaining time in the project which will be complete at the end of the calendar year will be devoted towards the improvement of education and training, either in regards to using the internet, or using broadband as a delivery method to provide services such as training, workshops etc.

Providing broadband services is an essential step to begin with, and so far through the life of this project has been delivered, but the social and economic benefits to a region or community are gained from the effective use of the applications and services that are available online, not from simply having a broadband connection available.
APPENDIX 8 - Item 7.5.1 – General Meeting 7th August, 2009.

THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION’S

(DRAFT) ANNUAL REPORT 2008 – 2009

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:
PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT

Over the 2008-2009 period I am proud to report that the Association has conscientiously followed the essential actions outlined in the Association’s Strategic Plan 2008-2011 and Annual Business Plan 2008-2009. We have addressed many new issues with special emphasis on those arising from the effects of the prolonged drought on irrigators, farmers and general water availability for the community.

As this is my second term as President, I again take this public 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.

This Local Government Association would not have been able to achieve outcomes or address issues detailed below without the continued full participation of Member Councils. 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:

Completion of Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) funding applications for road construction and improvements, resulting in $1.346m funding assistance for the region.

Regional Zero Waste SA priority funding application completion resulting in $42,950 funding assistance for the region to forward the aims and outcomes tabulated in the Association’s Regional Waste Strategy Management Report.

Expansion of the Association’s website.

Annual Review and adoption of the Association’s new Strategic Plan 2008-2011.

Provision of a Report to Member Councils on Community Waste-water Management Scheme (CWMS) management options.

Association files sentencing and archiving.
Expansion and a revised format of the Murray and Mallee Briefs bi-monthly Newsletter.

Completion of an independent Report on the suitability of the REMPLAN Program to assist regional Councils throughout the State.

**Projects and activities forwarded:**

Continuation of support for the Riverland and Murraylands Waste Management sub-groups including hosting a forum and providing comment on the proposed Waste to Resources Environment Protection Policy (EPP).

Working with the Regional Broadband Project Officer, DFEEST, DTED, Member Councils and the Association’s Regional Broadband Steering Committee to successfully obtain $2.47m funding from both State and Federal Governments to expand the Clever Networks Project to include Broadband availability to the western section of the Murray and Mallee region.

Rural Property Addressing Standard and implementation program.

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 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 and the Riverland Drought Taskforce.

Ongoing assistance provided to the region’s community transport schemes, including, forwarding with the LGA the proposed formation of a Community Transport Peak Body to assist with lobbying the State Government for equitable funding arrangements akin to our metropolitan cousins.

Provision of further input into the State’s Regional Infrastructure Plan.

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

Facilitation of the Local Government/NRM Regional Delivery Relationships Project.

Submission provided to the MDB Consultative Committee regarding the Lower Lakes sulphate trigger levels.

Input and representation provided for the Federal Government’s Adelaide Rail Freight Study Project.

Successful application to the Local Government Research and Development Fund for $70,000 to undertake the Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project, currently underway.

Addressing the proposed Country Health Reform and Shared Services Reform proposals both directly and through the SAROC Committee.
Continued Local Government membership provision on the Riverland and Murraylands State Government Regional Coordination Networks.

Working with the LGA and directly to request the State Government to provide continued Drought Program availability for eligible farmers and businesses due to the continuing drought.

Regional and sub-regional input provided into Planning SA’s Regional Landuse Planning Framework project.

Provision of support for the Common Purpose Group to forward rail freight integration and the formation of an intermodal transport hub at Monarto.

In conjunction with SAROC and the LGA, addressing the matter of agreements with SAFECOM for the utilisation and hire of Council resources during emergency incidents, including the formulation of a model agreement.

With the LGA, State Government and the SA CFS Region 3, addressing the matter of Dead Plantings and associated bushfire hazards resulting from the drought and abandoned land.

**New Projects and activities:**

Addressing issues referring to the proposed merger of the activities of rationalized Regional Development Boards with Area Consultative Committees including CEO representation as the SAROC representative on the Intergovernmental Working Group.

Submission provided to Planning SA on the proposed River Murray Houseboat Strategy, resulting in a further review of proposals.

Successful submission provided to the SAROC Committee requesting greater uniformity and adequate announcements of Fire Danger Season dates.

Successful submission provided to the SAROC Committee to address issues relating to the illegal off-road use, with special emphasis on vegetation degradation and destruction culminating in a proposed LGA Stakeholder Forum.

Comment provided via the LGA on the draft Miscellaneous Amendment Bill as it relates to the operations of Regional Subsidiaries.

Forwarding of Climate Change templates and workshops as it relates to Local Government activities.


Consideration of Services SA provision of services to Member Councils.

Position determined and relayed to the State Government on opposition to the extension of Daylight Saving proposals.

Presentation of regional community expectations on State Government Agency local purchasing arrangements with the Regional Coordination Networks.
Commencement of the process for a potential review of the River Murray 1956 Flood Line.

Support provided for the “Touched by the Road Toll” internet project.

I 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 and Barry Parsons, Manager - Member Services & Strategic Projects.

I would also thank our CEO, Peter Campbell for his commitment and support over the past year. I look forward to working with him in the future, albeit as an office holder or Association Delegate.

During 2008-2009 I have enjoyed being your President and once again thank the Association for the opportunity provided to me.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.
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 km$^2$ 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 Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Networks, the Murraylands Regional Development Board and the Riverland Development Corporation.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, 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, is for the ensuing 12 months.

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 April, 2009, coinciding with the production of the Association’s draft 2009-2010 Annual Business Plan and draft 2009-2010 Budget. This process is undertaken annually.

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 services have 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.

This 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 2008 – 2009, the Association has met bi-monthly for General Meetings.

Meetings of the Association were convened on:
1st August, 2008 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

3rd October, 2008 - General Meeting - at the Barn Conference Centre, Randell Street, Mannum, the Mid Murray Council as host.

5th December, 2008 - General Meeting - at the Community and Civic Centre, 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark, the Renmark Paringa Council as host.

6th February, 2009 - General Meeting - at the Local Government Centre, Rural City of Murray Bridge, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge, the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

3rd April, 2009 - General Meeting - at the Lameroo Bowling Club, Needs Road, Lameroo, the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

5th June, 2009 – Annual General Meeting – at the Berri Barmera Council Town Hall, 19 Wilson Street, Berri, the Berri Barmera Council as host.

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

A number of guest speakers have made presentations to the Association meetings throughout the year. They include:
Hon. Karlene Maywald, MP, Member for Chaffey.
Hon. Adrian Pederick, MP, Member for Hammond.
Hon. Ivan Venning, MP, Member for Schubert.
Hon. John Dawkins, MLC.
Wendy Campana, Executive Director, LGA SA.
Brenton Lewis, CEO, Murraylands Regional Development Board.
Bob Stevenson, Planning Officer, SES.
Mayor Miriam Smith, Tea Tree Gully Council.
Mike Penhall, SA MDB NRM Board.
Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer.
Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board.

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

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

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

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the AGM of the 5th June, 2009.

**Berri Barmera Council (BBC):** Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Bruce Richardson 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. Kevin Myers (proxy) and Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy).

**The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB):** Mayor Allan Arbon, Cr. Barry Laubsch, Cr. Milton Weinert, (proxy) and Kym Miller, Acting 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 John Ramke, Deputy Mayor George Gum, Cr. Robert Sexton (proxy) and Rodney Ralph, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIPS:

The following are the current Association Committee Members as at the AGM of the 5th June, 2009.

**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)

Stephen Yam, 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)

Cr. George Gum, Southern Mallee District Council.

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

Justin Lang, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)

Ken Coventry, Murraylands Regional Development Board. (external appointment)

Marina Wagner, EPA. (external appointment)

Ken Smith, CEO, Riverland Development Corporation or nominee. (external appointment)

**Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Community Water Management Scheme (CWMS) Committee: (previously termed STEDS Committee)**

Cr. Bob England, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Cr. Mark Ward, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Cr. Ted Freak, Coorong District Council.

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

Cr. Gordon Hancock, Southern Mallee District Council.
Stephan Yam, Coorong District Council.

Kelvin Goldstone, Mid Murray Council (by virtue of position held)

Martin Waddington, Rural City of Murray Bridge (by virtue of position held)

Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Mary deacon, Berri Barmera Council (by virtue of position held)

Neil Martinson, District Council of Loxton Waikerie (by virtue of position held)

Peter Broughhill, Southern Mallee District Council (by virtue of position held)

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

Robert Wood, Renmark Paringa Council (by virtue of position held)

Richard Crabb and Richard Gayler, LGA SA (external appointments)

**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.

Chair, Murraylands Regional Development Board (external appointment)

Brenton Lewis, Murraylands Regional Development Board (external appointment)

Chair, Riverland Development Corporation (external appointment)

Ken Smith, CEO, Riverland Development Corporation (external appointment)

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)*

Ken Coventry, Murraylands Regional Development Board *(external appointment)*

Ken Smith, CEO, Riverland Development Corporation *(external appointment)* - with proxy Robyn Ormsby.

Peter Triantafilou, DFEEST *(external appointment)*

Paul Muskett, Murray and Mallee Regional Broadband Project Officer.

**M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. – Community Transport:**

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

Andrew Haig, Berri Barmera Council *(by virtue of position held)*

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

Anthony McCabe - Southern Mallee District Council.

Kym Miller, Acting 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.

Tim Drew - 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 5th June, 2009.

**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 DC.

**Regional Fire Prevention Committee:**

Mayor Ian Mann, OAM, Mid Murray Council and Cr. Jodi Flavell, DC Loxton Waikerie.

**SAMRIC Management Committee:**

Neil Martinson, DC Loxton Waikerie.

**South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee:**

Cr. Les Hill, Berri Barmera Council.

**LGA Native Vegetation Working Group:**

Cr. Inez Bormann, Mid Murray Council with Cr. Les Hill, Berri Barmera Council as proxy.
**Murraylands Regional Coordination Network:**

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA.

**Riverland Regional Coordination Network:**

David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council.

**Riverland Drought Taskforce:**

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

**State Strategic Plan Regionalisation Working Groups:**

**Murraylands sub-group:**

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

**Riverland sub-group:**

Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.

**River Murray and Lower Lakes Water Quality Risk Assessment Committee:**

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong DC.

**LGA Bushfire Management Reference Group:**

Mayor Ian Mann, OAM, Mid Murray Council.

**Country Arts Board:**

Mrs. Poppy Papageorgio.

**EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:**

The Executive Committee comprises of one Delegate from each Member Council. No Executive Committee meetings were held during the year.
GENERAL ACTIVITIES:

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

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

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2009-2010 funding round.
- Further submissions to the SAROC Committee with reference to integrated Community Passenger Transport Services.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Waste Strategy Implementation funding assistance.
- Submission to the State and Federal Governments to provide greater geographical broadband coverage for the region.
- Provision of comment to Planning SA’s Regional Landuse Planning Framework.
- Review and referral to the State Government on the Murray and Mallee Regional Infrastructure Plan.
- Ministerial submission with reference to the proposed Country Health Reform.
- Submission to the MDB Community Advisory Committee on River Murray issues.
- Comment provided on the proposed River Murray Water Allocation Concept Plan.
- Review and comment provided on the Agri-Food Industry Workforce Development Plan.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program.
- Review and comment provided on DTEI Broadband proposal.
- The submitting of comment to the LGA SA on the Federal, State and Local Government draft MoU on the integration of ACC’s and rationalisation of Regional Development Boards.
- Submission to the SA MDB NRM Board on Planning matters.
- Review of Section 298 Amendment Bill and provision of comment on audit requirements in relation to Regional LGA’s.

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.
- Murraylands Economic Outlook Conference.
- DEH Drought and Water Forum.
- Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Strategic Planning Workshop.
- LGA President’s Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board’s Mayoral and CEO Forums.
- Murray and Mallee Regional CEO’s Workshops.
- LGA Climate Change Summit.
- Country Health SA Reform Briefing.
- NRM/LG NRM Relationships Project Workshop.
- SA MDB NRM Board Community Science Forum.
Dept. Broadband, Communication and Digital Economy Clever Networks and ABG Briefings.
- Planning SA Houseboat and Marina Strategy Workshop.
- 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.
- Country Health SA proposed reforms.
- NRM/LG Relationships.
- Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- SA State Government Shared Services Reform.
- Regional Water-proofing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2009.

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 2008-2009 grant of $36,149 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 and Minutes for General and Committee Meetings.

NATIVE TITLE AND INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS.

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

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


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 Riverland Development Corporation,
- The Murraylands Regional Development 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.

The Broadband Development Project commenced in January 2008 with funding secured for a two year period through the Australian Government as part of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy’s (DBCDE) Clever Networks Broadband Development Network Program. The project covers both the Murraylands and Riverland regions.

During the time of this project, the OPEL project (a scheme designed to provide wireless access to underserved areas) was cancelled and a National Broadband Network (NBN) announced and opened for Requests for Proposals (RFP).

The original NBN RFP process was cancelled in April 2009 and significantly remodelled. The new NBN’s stated aim is to provide fibre optic cable to 90% of Australian homes and premises with a service of a minimum speed of 100 Mbps, and to serve the remaining 10% of Australia with a variety of wireless services at a minimum speed of 12 Mbps.

During the year the Association’s Regional Broadband Steering Committee advertised for Expressions of Interest to provide broadband services to the region, with a closing date of 18th July 2008.

Due to several extensions of the application date for providers to the anticipated main funding source for the project, the Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG) deciding on a preferred supplier was continually delayed, until the entire process was cancelled in February 2009 due to a number of issues, including doubts around the availability of ABG funding.

The main reason was the announcement of a new preferred supplier for the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructures’ High Speed Broadband project, funded primarily by Clever Networks. The project will deliver fibre optic cable to the townships of Berri, Murray Bridge and Port Pirie, and wireless access in the three townships and some surrounding areas.

As the two projects were very similar in their scope and in the physical areas they were seeking to cover, it was established to be more efficient to cancel the stand alone M&MLGA regional project and partner with the existing funded project. The Association became a partner in the DTEI project due to the commitment of in-kind support from councils and gained a position on the project management committee.

Six wireless broadband towers broadcasting to surrounding areas will be built as part of the project, and there is the possibility of further towers and broadband services being built off the initial infrastructure if further funding can be secured.
These developments indicate significant progress in gaining high quality broadband services across the majority of the region. This will provide major benefits to the economy of the region, as well as having a positive impact on the lifestyle and experiences of those receiving high quality broadband services.

This past year also saw another long term issue resolved; with a broadband solution provided to the sand mine at Mindarie and surrounds. This connection allows the mine to maintain its administrative staff on-site at Mindarie, due to the provision of a high speed connection between the Mindarie and Adelaide offices.

Due to this added infrastructure, high quality broadband and telecommunication services are now available to areas of the Murray and Mallee that were previously only serviced by satellite.

An application to the South Australian Governments’ Broadband Development Fund (BDF) is currently in the final stages of preparation, and is anticipated to be lodged before 30 June 2009. The application is to provide funding to further extend the current DTEI broadband project to provide additional coverage in the Mid Murray, Loxton Waikerie and Southern Mallee council districts. If successful, it is anticipated that the new infrastructure will be built by the end of December 2009.

Despite of the constantly changing playing field in terms of broadband funding for projects at all levels of State and Federal Government, the broadband project has made significant progress in the last year.

The possibility of future broadband based positions in the region is still unclear; however with just over six months remaining of the current project, the aims will be to ensure the progress of the current broadband project remains on target, progress the application to the South Australian Governments BDF to expand the coverage areas further into the region, and to further develop the use of broadband technology for business, education and personal use.

The Association acknowledges the untiring efforts of Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer. Without his assistance, the Association’s Regional Broadband Project would not have achieved the more than satisfactory outcomes for the year.

**Strategic Focus – Transport Infrastructure.**

Our Project Partners are:
- The Riverland Development Corporation,
- The Murraylands Regional Development Board,
- Transport SA, and
- The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP).

For the period 2008-2009, Member Councils resolved not to review the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan to support this year’s road funding submissions. General agreement is that the matter of a review will be considered for the latter part of 2008-2009.

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 2007-2008 round were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2008 resulting in $1.346m funding availability for identified road construction in the region.

Applications for funding in 2008-2009 were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the 24th 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 Riverland and Murraylands Regional Coordination Networks.

As was actioned during 2007 – 2008, the Association, through the SAROC Committee and the Riverland and Murraylands Regional Coordination Networks, continued to pursue the issue of the integration of Community Passenger Network (CPN) Schemes throughout the region.

Integration allows for the use of agency managed governmental vehicles for the purpose of providing further transport solutions for the disadvantaged.

Following receipt by the SAROC Committee of a report from the Association at the 16th July, 2008 SAROC Committee meeting, the LGA wrote to the Minister for Transport seeking redress to the current financial assistance arrangements for Community Passenger Transport Networks. The Association and SAROC Committee positions are that these arrangements are far from satisfactory.

The subsequent reply from the Minister restated that there would be no change to the current arrangements.

Separate from the Ministers reply the LGA SA commissioned a report to undertake research and development on the most appropriate community transport business model to represent SA community transport providers, coordinators, volunteers and users.

With the report has now been completed, it is the view of the LGA SA that a further report is required which will provide clarification of the following contextual matters:

- current provision of passenger transport services and where the gaps and opportunities exist;
- options for filling the gaps including opportunities and challenges in responding to issues that have emerged;
- how the providers of passenger transport are making their services available, funding options they are securing and issues for the future; and
- the intergovernmental responsibilities for passenger transport service provision.
In conjunction with Partners and sister organisations, the Association will continue to pursue equitable transport arrangements for the region on an equivalent basis as enjoyed by our metropolitan cousins.

**Strategic Focus – Environment - Drought.**

Our partners are:
- The Riverland Development Corporation,
- The Murraylands Regional Development Board,
- Primary Industries and Resources SA,
- Riverland Futures Project,
- Regional Coordination Networks,
- 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).

The Drought has severely affected environmental and economic stability and planned growth throughout the region including the potential to affect Local Government services to the community.

In order to quantify this potential effect, the Association sought and received $70k form the LGR&DF for the purpose of determining the availability of a “plug-in type tool” that could be made available to all regional Councils, which would allow Councils to determine the effect on Council and the Community given certain economic impacts.

Such a tool has been identified and forwarding of Council's agreement to the concept will be undertaken in the ensuing year.

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

- Provided 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.
- Provided Association representation on the LGA Native Vegetation Working Party and input into legislative review, and
- With the LGA, State Government and the SA CFS Region 3, addressed the matter of Dead Plantings and associated bushfire hazards resulting from the drought and abandoned land.
- Provision of a Report to Member Councils on Community Waste-water Management Scheme (CWMS) management options.
- 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 proposed River Murray Water Allocation Concept Plan.
➢ Commencement of the process for a potential review of the River Murray 1956 Flood Line.
➢ Lobbied State and Federal Governments for extensions of the Drought Programs into the year 2009-2010.

BEYOND 2009.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2008-2009 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 3rd April, 2009, the Association endorsed their revised Strategic Plan, 2008-2011. The Annual Business Plan 2009-2010, extracted from the Strategic Plan 2008-2011 and associated Annual Budget was adopted at the Association’s Annual General Meeting held on the 5th June, 2009. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association’s website at www.mmlqa.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association’s Annual Business Plan 2009-2010 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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Annual Report on Activities Undertaken with
Local Government Research and Development Scheme Funding
for Regional Capacity Building (2008/2009 Allocation)

Name of Regional Association: Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

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<th>List of Regional Capacity Building Activities Undertaken in 2007/2008</th>
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<td>Completion of Zero Waste SA Regional Funding Assessment Reports and the re-formation of the ZWSA Regional Assessment Group, culminating in $14.95k funding approvals.</td>
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<td>Completion of submissions to SLRP for road construction and improvements resulting in $1.346m funding assistance for the year.</td>
<td>$2,300</td>
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<td>Primary Industry issues: Provision of assistance to Councils re Bushfire Hazards due to dead plantings and abandoned lands. Support provided to the Murraylands and Riverland One Stop Shop Drought Offices and work undertaken with the State Government for Drought Program extensions.</td>
<td>$1,450</td>
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<td>With partners, completion of a submission and direct lobbying to Federal Government for the provision of an extension to the Clever Networks Project providing high speed Broadband Services to the western side of the region culminating in a total of $2.47m grant funding.</td>
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<td>Organisation, facilitation of workshops and provision of regional input into the Murray and Mallee Regional Land Use Planning Framework.</td>
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<td>Provision of representation on the region’s two Regional Coordination Networks.</td>
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<td>Assistance provided to the region’s community transport schemes including the seeking of State Government and Agency assistance to provide integrated services.</td>
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<td>Facilitation and forwarding of the Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project, including identification of an appropriate plug-in program and external assessment of the program. $70k LGR&amp;DF Funding approved.</td>
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<td>Provision of regional reports to Member Councils on CWMS management options.</td>
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<td>Facilitation of Member Council commitments to the LG/NRM Regional Delivery Relationships Project.</td>
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<td>Input and representation provided for the Federal Government’s Rail Freight Study Project and the Monarto Interchange Project.</td>
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<td>Representation provided on the intergovernmental working group on the rationalization of the RDB Framework and facilitation of regional forums, formulation of reports, collation of feedback and provision of reports to the LGA.</td>
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<td>Commencement of processes to undertake a review of the River Murray 1956 Flood Line to allow appropriate economic development.</td>
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<td>Workshop and submission planning for the proposed River Murray Houseboat Strategy.</td>
<td>$560</td>
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<td>Other regional enhancement activities that the CEO participated in but did not project manage: coordination of workshops/consultations within the region – strategic planning sessions for both State and M&amp;MLGA area.</td>
<td>$3,530</td>
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External funding generated = $3,009,950

TOTAL $36,150 (rounded)
As per the LGR&D Scheme funding conditions, please advise:

1. Was the LGR&D Scheme funding allocation used for administration?
   No

2. Was the LGR&D Scheme funding substituted for financial support by Councils to your Regional Association?
   No

Signed: [Signature]

Chief Executive Officer.

Date: 10th June, 2009.
APPENDIX 10 - Item 7.5.3 – General Meeting 7th August, 2009.


As reported at the Association’s Annual General Meeting held on the 5th June, 2009, the Renmark Paringa Council proposed a potential name change of the Association from the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association to the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association.

There are two (2) provisions applicable to a Charter amendment embedded in the Local Government Act 1999, Schedule 2, Part 2, Clause 19 (4): “The Charter may be reviewed by constituent Councils at any time but must be reviewed at least once every 4 years”, and Clause 5: “The constituent Councils must, if they amend the Charter, a) furnish a copy of the Charter, as amended to the Minister, and b) ensure that a copy of the Charter, as amended, is published in the gazette”.

Another provision is embedded in the current Charter of the Association, viz: Clause 8.4 – 8.4.1 – “This Charter will be reviewed by the constituent Councils acting in concurrence at least once every three (3) years”.

The first issue in reference to the above Clause was that in accordance with this provision and having received initial advices from Member Councils that no changes to the Charter were considered necessary, and to be chronologically correct, that the CEO made the Recommendation to the Association at the Association’s Annual General Meeting held on the 5th June, 2009, that being:

“Recommendation: That the Association acknowledges that in accordance with the Association’s Charter, that, following consultation with constituent Councils, the three yearly review of the Association’s Charter has been completed and that no changes, alterations or additions to the Charter at this point in time are deemed necessary.”

This Recommendation, to date has not been resolved and in the interests of compliance with the chronological provision of the Charter, will again be put to Delegates for resolution at the 7th August, 2009.

The second issue in relation to the Charter Clause 8.4.1 is that, for any changes to the Charter to be undertaken, that constituent Councils must “act in concurrence”. Advice from the LGA confirms that to gain concurrence from Member Councils, any proposed alteration must be referred to each Member Council for consideration and that for the CEO to proceed with any change to the Charter, that all Member Councils must agree to the proposed change and that such action be endorsed by Delegates of the Association.
Further matters, including those mentioned above, should be considered and understood when Member Councils propose a Charter amendment. These have been listed below in dot point form and an explanation or advice provided where applicable:

- The cost of gazettal of an amended Charter is approximately $4,000 (plus GST) each time it is gazetted.
- This, or any amount being part thereof, has not been included in the Association’s 2009-2010 Annual Budget and if the expenditure is approved, a call on Member Councils more than likely would be necessary.
- There are no implications, either constitutional or financial, that affects the Constitution of the LGA *(currently being reviewed)*.
- The CEO would be required to provide each Member Council with a Notice of Proposed Amendment(s) including a Statement of Effect and allow a 2 month period for each Member Councils consideration.
- Advice received confirms that the proposed amendment should not proceed without the resolution of all Member Councils.
- A legal fee, again not budgeted, would be incurred to ensure the wording of the proposed amendment(s) is appropriate.
- It is the CEO’s understanding that the SA State Government is currently drafting changes to the Miscellaneous Amendment Bill to be introduced in the last Parliamentary sitting in July, 09, prior to the winter break, following which those changes, which is it understood will have effects on all Regional LGA Charters, will be forwarded to all Councils through the LGA for comment. If these expected changes proceed, all the processes referred to above would again be required to be undertaken.
- Other issues in respect to a name change, some more minor than others, would include:
  1) Changes to all stationery.
  2) Website page(s) complete review and new artwork undertaken.
  3) Change website address, including arrangements with Internode and the LGA SA and domain name provider.
  4) Email address change to coincide with new name, including advice to database clients and disruption until change is embedded.
  5) Bank Account and LGFA Account changes.

It is the CEO’s view that Delegates have three options to consider:

1) Resolve the Recommendation provided at the Association’s AGM on the 5th June, 2009 and generally agree that the CEO write to each Member Council providing a Notice of Charter Amendment and a Statement of Effect for a potential name change and proceed with the processes referred to above, or

2) Resolve the Recommendation provided at the Association’s AGM on the 5th June, 2009 and await the outcomes of the enforced amendments to the
Association’s Charter resulting from the Miscellaneous Amendment Bill, then proceed with those amendment processes, including the potential name change, or

3) Resolve the Recommendation provided at the Association’s AGM on the 5th June, 2009 and by general consensus, agree not to proceed with the potential Association name change and only deal with the enforced amendments (referred to in point 2) when applicable.
7 July 2009

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Dear Peter

At the June meeting of council correspondence from the Chairman of the Loxton High School Governing Council regarding the proposed change to Youth Allowance in the 2009 Federal Budget was tabled for consideration.

As you would no doubt be aware these proposed changes will have a negative effect on all regional communities Australia wide. With this in mind council resolved to support the lobbying of the Federal Government to review and modify the proposed changes to the Youth Allowance as announced in the Federal Budget and to approach Regional and State Local Government organisations for their support.

I understand that this matter will be included in the August meeting agenda with a recommendation to SAROC and the LGA State Executive to also seek their support.

Yours sincerely

Peter Sellar
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Dear Peter

REFERENCE: Council supplied equipment to Councillors

Council is considering a proposal to supply notebook computers to councillors to assist them in fulfilling their electoral duties.

It would be appreciated if the item of Council supplied notebook computers to councillors could be listed as an item for discussion at the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association meeting on the 7th August, 2009.

Yours faithfully

Anthony McCabe
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Mr. Peter Campbell  
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Dear Peter,

School community pool funding

I am writing in relation to correspondence Council has received from schools within the Council area. In this correspondence, two schools in the Council area have advised that the Department of Education and Childrens Services will no longer be providing funding for school/community swimming pools.

In their correspondence to Council, at least one of the local schools is seeking Council's assistance for pool maintenance, on the basis that it is a community asset.

Council has four schools with swimming pools in the Council area and is concerned that it will receive similar requests from each of those schools. Council is not in a position to provide funding or assistance for the maintenance or upgrade of these pools and is of the view that the change in funding arrangements by the State Government is yet another attempt at cost-shifting.

Can this matter please be brought up at the next meeting of the MMGLA to ascertain the extent to which it may be an issue across the region, with the view to having the matter taken to SAROC.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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