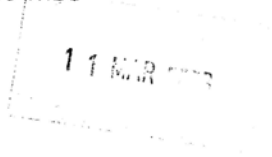


APPENDIX 1 - Item 4.2 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

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Ms Wendy Campana
Executive Director
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Dear Ms Campana

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2008 about potential bushfire hazards in the Murray and Mallee region.

I have been advised by the Chief Officer of the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) that the CFS Regional Prevention Officer has visited and requested Fire Prevention Officers from the affected Local Government areas to map areas of concern within their districts where trees and grass have been left to die off. This mapping is then to be provided to Local Government to enable the issuing of Section 83 Notices if necessary.

CFS Region 3 has also offered the assistance of Community Education Officers in any areas identified as needing support, and the general public has been alerted to potentially hazardous areas via a number of media releases.

The Region 3 Office has been in contact with PIRSA regarding the situation and is liaising with Mr Longbottom and the Drought Relief Task Force.

I appreciate you taking the time to raise this matter with me and I trust this clarifies the issues raised in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Hon Carmel Zollo MLC
Minister for Emergency Services

6 March 2008

APPENDIX 2 - Item 4.3 - Annual General Meeting - 6th June, 2008.

TO: Meeting of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association – 6 June 2008

FROM: Tom Avery – Director Infrastructure Services - District Council of Loxton Waikerie

SUBJECT: Rural Property Addressing – Naming of Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure Controlled Roads

GDS NO.:

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide the MMLGA (Murray and Mallee Local Government Association) with information relating to arterial roads within the region under the control of The Department for Transport Energy and Infrastructure and the necessity to formally assist with naming of these roads in accordance with the implementation of the National Rural Property Addressing Standard.

2 DISCUSSION

2.1 As part of the implementation of the National Rural Property Addressing Standard, Councils are required to formally name and gazette roads with its boundaries. This task has been completed by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and rural property addresses have been allocated to properties adjoining Council controlled roads.

At recent Rural Property Addressing Steering Committee meetings problems have arisen in relation to the allocation of addresses to properties adjoining roads under the control of the Department for Transport Energy and Infrastructure.

The Department has many roads under its control which are identified by a road number or by destination names ie Loxton-Murray Bridge Road. To facilitate the effective implementation of the Rural Addressing Standard it is necessary to assist (DTEI) Department Transport Energy and Infrastructure to formally name the arterial roads within the region and to liaise with adjoining Councils to name roads linking townships outside of individual Council areas. There are 12 arterial roads within the boundaries of District Council of Loxton Waikerie and are listed as follows (map attached).

	Road (Local Name)	DTEI Name	Proposed
1	Alawoona Road	Loxton-Murray Bridge	Cameron Highway
2	Pinnaroo Road	Loxton-Pinnaroo	Browns Well Highway
3	Swan Reach Road	Angaston-Loxton	Stott Highway
4	Blanchetown-Swan Reach	Blanchetown-Swan Reach	Name required
5	Sturt Highway	Sturt Highway	Sturt Highway
6	Kingston Road	Kingston-Loxton	Thurk Road
7	Cadell Road	Cadell-Waikerie	Name required
8	Taylorville Road	Taylorville-Waikerie	Taylorville Road
9	Alawoona-Paruna	Alawoona-Paruna	Griffiths Road
10	Bookpurnong Road	Bookpurnong Road	Bookpurnong Road
11	Stanitzki Road	Paringa-Loxton	Stanitzki Road
12	Renmark-Morgan	Morgan-Renmark (Goyder Highway)	Goyder Highway

Roads which link the District Council of Loxton Waikerie to other council areas are as follows:

	Road (DTEI)	Road Link to Adjoining Councils
1	Loxton-Murray Bridge	Karoonda-East Murray, Murray Bridge
2	Loxton-Pinnaroo	Southern Mallee
3	Angaston-Loxton	Mid-Murray, Barossa
4	Blanchetown-Swan Reach	Mid Murray
5	Sturt Highway	(No consultation required)
7	Cadell-Waikerie	Mid Murray
10	Bookpurnong Road	Berri-Barmera
11	Paringa-Loxton	Renmark-Paringa
12	Renmark-Morgan	Berri-Barmera, Renmark-Paringa

The previous table showing the proposed names was prepared based on the following:

Road No. 1 DTEI Name: Loxton-Murray Bridge
Local Name: Alawoona Road

Proposal: Cameron Highway - In honour of **Archie Cameron**, undoubtedly our region's and perhaps our State's highest ranking public figure. [Not to be confused with Alex Cameron, former Browns Well Council Chairman.] We propose that this road be so named from the 'TV Tower' junction to Murray Bridge.

Alternatives: Karoonda Highway – Karoonda Township located mid route.
Thiele Highway – JW Thiele travelled from Callington via Murray Bridge to settle in Loxton in 1895.
Stott Highway - In recognition of long-serving, hard working and influential local member of State Parliament.

Road No. 2 DTEI Name: Loxton-Pinnaroo
Local Name: Pinnaroo Road

Proposal: Browns Well Highway - In recognition that this road is widely known by that name at both ends of the road, that Browns Well is a locality and not a town, and it is an area in common to both Councils involved ie abutting Loxton Waikerie and Pinnaroo Council areas.

Road No. 3 DTEI Name: Angaston-Loxton
Local Name: Swan Reach Road

Proposal: Stott Highway - In recognition of long-serving, hard working and influential local member of State Parliament, **Tom Stott**, widely known across the region covered by the road. The name is especially fitting since the road transects an area that was a major part of his electorate.

Alternatives: Kaesler Highway: Johannes Kaesler and son Carl travelled from Sedan to settle at Loxton Hut in 1896.

Road No. 4 DTEI Name: Blanchetown-Swan Reach
Local Name: Blanchetown-Swan Reach

Proposal: Name required

Alternatives:

Road No. 5 DTEI Name: Sturt Highway
Local Name: Sturt Highway

Proposal: Sturt Highway - In recognition of the existing and widely known name, in honour of renowned Australian explorer and respected citizen of Adelaide, **Captain Charles Sturt**.

Road No. 6 DTEI Name: Kingston-Loxton
Local Name: Kingston Road

Proposal: Thurk Road - This road from Bookpurnong Terrace to the Sturt Highway at Kingston traverses much of Thurk Station, the area's first pastoral station. The name commemorates the endeavour of the pastoralists who laid the groundwork in pioneering closer settlement and later agricultural pursuits. The name also removes any confusion with Kingston, SE.

Alternatives: Kingston Road – As listed on Councils GIS System and property files.

Road No. 7 DTEI Name: Cadell-Waikerie
Local Name: Cadell Road

Proposal: Name required

Road No. 8 DTEI Name: Taylorville-Waikerie
Local Name: Taylorville Road

Proposal: Taylorville Road – As listed on Council GIS System and property files.

Road No. 9 DTEI Name: Alawoona-Paruna
Local Name: Alawoona-Paruna

Proposal: Griffiths Road - In recognition of the significant community service made by Ken Griffiths as long-standing former Chairman of the District Council of Browns Well among an array other district agencies.

Alternative: Cameron Road: Named after Alex Cameron who served as Chairman of the Browns Well council from March 15 1919 to July 8 1939 and his family lived on this road, owning property at both Paruna and Malpas.

Road No. 10 DTEI Name: Bookpurnong Road
Local Name: Bookpurnong Road

Proposal: Bookpurnong Road - No change from longstanding local usage. Note: this road starts from the northern end of Bookpurnong Terrace Loxton and continues to Berri township.

Road No. 11 DTEI Name: Paringa-Loxton
Local Name: Stanitzki Road

Proposal: Stanitzki Road - From the junction of Bookpurnong Road in the west, to the Sturt Highway at Paringa in the East, the first one-third of this roadway is already named Stanitzki Road. This appropriately recognises the pioneering family of that name who were first settlers in the area and whose farms extended for some distance along that road. Some of the Stanitzki family have proudly retained portions of the original farm thereby remaining one of few families in the entire district to retain a connection with the land of their pioneering ancestors.

Road No. 12 DTEI Name: Formerly Renmark-Morgan, now named Goyder Highway
Local Name: Renmark Morgan

Proposal: Goyder Highway – In honour of famous South Australian George Woodroffe Goyder, CMG, Surveyor-General, who valued and wisely assessed so much of our State's agricultural and pastoral lands. He was responsible for demarking 'Goyder's Line' that in the 1860's, accurately separated between reliable and unreliable farming country.

APPENDIX 2: Major District 'Destination' Roads

Information supporting recommendation of names forwarded.

Road 1. Cameron Highway:

Archie Galbraith Cameron

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Federal Parliament

Archie Cameron, born at Happy Valley on March 22nd 1895, attended school at Nairne till aged twelve, then farmed with his father at Pungonda, near Loxton. From 1916, he served with the AIF on the Western Front.

After WW1, he returned to farm at Noora, east of Loxton. From 1920-1923, he was a Loxton District Councillor and in 1924, was president of Taplan RSL¹⁵⁰. From 1927-1934, he was Member of SA House of Assembly. In 1932, as leader of the Country Party, he helped form the Liberal and Country League (LCL) and from 1934 until his death in 1956, he was Member for Barker, in Federal Parliament.

He was Post Master General and Minister for Commerce and the Navy before being elected leader of the Country Party and Deputy Prime Minister of Australia in 1939, becoming Loxton and South Australia's highest ranking public servant.

A strong royalist, this 'dour, irascible Scot' resigned from the Country Party in dramatic circumstances. During WW2, he joined 2nd AIF in the Directorate of Military Intelligence, combining that with his parliamentary duties.

From 1949, when the Liberal and Country Parties regained government, Archie was appointed Speaker of the House of Representatives and though making a few enemies, his namesake, SA Labor member Clyde Cameron described him as '*the best Speaker in living memory*'. His harshest critics never challenged this. Said friend Donald Braund, '*There are a lot of Camerons on this earth, but there was only one Archie Cameron*'.

He was afforded a State funeral in Adelaide in August 1956.

Our recommendation of Archie honours undoubtedly our region's and perhaps our State's highest ranking public figure.

Prepared by Jan Cass, Rex Fielke and Peter Magarey

From Street Names Tell Stories of Loxton – The History Behind the Names, (2007)

Road 3. Stott Highway:

Tom Cleave Stott, (1899-1976)

A wheat-farmer and politician, born on 6 June 1899 at St Peters, Adelaide, third of five children of South Australian-born parents Thomas Henry Stott, blacksmith, and his wife Ellen, née Watkins. Young Tom attended Norwood Public School and thereafter taught himself by reading. He claimed, with some licence, to have attended secondary school, as well as classes run by the Workers' Educational Association of South Australia and by a business college. In 1914 his father took up a selection at Peake, about 100 miles (161 km) south-east of Adelaide. The soil was unsuitable for cropping. Next year the family moved north to Mindarie, a desolate whistle-stop on the railway line running through the Murray Mallee to Paringa. The Stotts worked strenuously to carve a 5500-acre (2226 ha) farm out of virgin scrub, and knew continual hardship and poverty.

On 18 August 1926 at St Margaret's Church of England, Woodville, Adelaide, Stott married Linda Florence Verrall; they were childless. Clearing a farm for himself adjacent to his father's block, he became preoccupied with the problems that faced wheat-farmers, particularly low prices. By 1927 he saw the need for producers to organize themselves into pressure groups. Largely due to his efforts, the Farmers Protection Association was formed in 1929, with Stott its paid secretary. After several amalgamations and changes of name, the association eventually became the United Farmers and Graziers of South Australia in 1966; apart from a break in 1933-46, Stott was to remain secretary until 1969. When the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation was established in 1931, he also became its energetic and dedicated general secretary, and was to hold that post until the same year, 1969. Having failed to gain Liberal and Country League pre-selection to contest the seat of Albert for the House of Assembly in 1933, he stood as an Independent and was one of two candidates elected. He sat in parliament for an unbroken thirty-seven years, representing Ridley from 1938 as an Independent.

Stott began his parliamentary career as an aggressive rebel who tried to secure advantages for primary producers. His persistence and resourcefulness led many to detest him. The premiers (Sir Richard Butler and (Sir) Thomas Playford worked hard to unseat him at subsequent elections. In 1939 Playford tried unsuccessfully to have him expelled from parliament on the ground of bankruptcy. Yet, Playford and Stott both had tolerance for the infinite capacity of human folly. They gradually came to see the benefits of co-operation. From 1945 Stott developed a fervent admiration for Playford, and the two worked together to push through legislation to secure a stable price for wheat (1948) and to enable bulk handling of grain (1955).

Although Stott was prominent in bringing prosperity to the wheat industry, he rarely acknowledged the effort and commitment of the many other growers and officials who worked for similar objectives. He tried to create the impression that he alone achieved everything. This characteristic led him to make enemies, among them (Sir) John Teasdale and (Sir) John McEwen. In 1946 he was elected to the West Torrens Council. He fulfilled his duties conscientiously, but his support for the proclamation of the district as a city lost him his seat in 1950—his only electoral defeat—and he regarded the years he spent in local government as the most difficult of his life.

Following the 1962 election, Stott held the balance of power in the House of Assembly and was elected Speaker. Consistently voting in favour of the Playford government, he saw his role as being to keep the Australian Labor Party out of office. He lost the speakership in 1965 when Labor won the election. Playford retired in 1966 and was succeeded as party leader by Raymond Steele Hall. When the Liberal and Country League was returned to government in 1968, Stott again held the balance of power and was again made Speaker. Hall was determined that a new dam should be built at Dartmouth, Victoria, rather than at Chowilla, in Stott's electorate. On 30 April 1970 Stott voted with the Opposition to defeat Hall's government. He claimed that he was too ill to contest the ensuing election, but Ridley had been altered in an electoral redistribution and he had little hope of retaining the seat. One year earlier he had resigned from his posts in the wheat industry.

A short, stout man, Stott was able to hide his personal animosity behind an open and friendly manner. He was vain and combative in nature, forceful and single-minded, and contemptuous of most of his political contemporaries. Politically astute, he proved to be a competent administrator and a deft critic, with an amazing ability for rapid analysis. A Freemason and a nominal Anglican, he hated cant and cared not a jot that some clergymen criticized him during election campaigns for smoking, drinking, and betting on racehorses. As Speaker he was exemplary—patient, tolerant, firm and unruffled; he never had to name or discipline a member, and even his opponents grudgingly admired him. Gregarious and gifted with a sense of humour, he enjoyed the affection and loyalty of his staff.

Above all, Stott possessed extraordinary energy. He was a shrewd investor who nurtured the investments made from his multiple sources of income. In 1954 he had been appointed C.B.E. Thereafter, he shamelessly and unsuccessfully sought a knighthood. The conservatives never forgave him for bringing down the Hall government; Labor considered it his only useful political achievement. Survived by his wife, he died on 21 October 1976 at Glenelg and was buried in Centennial Park cemetery.

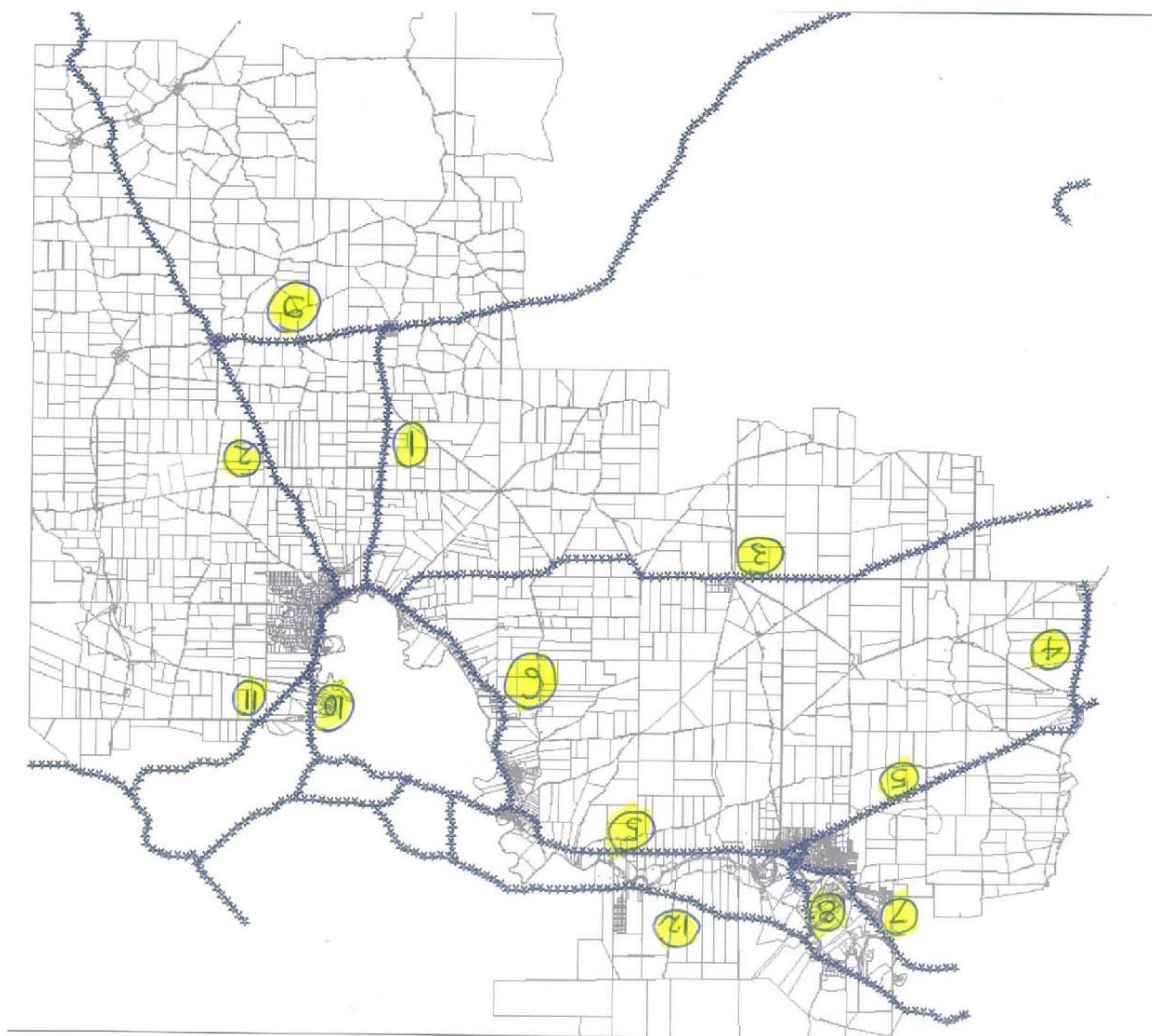
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APPENDIX 3 – Item 5.4 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

Association Procedural and Policy Decisions

Policy item 1. – Bank Account. (25/5/01).

Policy – the Association appoint the President and Vice President, the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Ian Mann and Cr. Milton Weinert as the signatories, with any two to sign.

Any payments made by electronic funds transfer must be made in accordance with the following procedures (**amended 5/4/2007**):

- 1) Each invoice to be paid must be approved for payment by the application of a cheque signatory's signature to each invoice (minimum of two) and that this procedure may be exercised by the use of facsimile. Payment of the invoice cannot be processed until the invoice is appropriately approved and dated.
- 2) That the Delegates be provided with a listing of payments made during the period at each General Meeting ensuring that where bulk electronic transfers have taken place that the payments be separately identified.

Policy Item 2. – Budget Expenditure (1/9/00).

Policy – that the authority to expend funds of the Association be vested in the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with other signatories (any one of), with all expenditure to be maintained within budget allocation, unless by specific resolution of the Association, or its Executive.

Policy Item 3. – Funds Management. (1/9/00).

Policy – that the authority to manage the funds of the Association be vested in the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the other signatories (any one of), and in accordance with the principles of Section 139, Local Government Act, 1999.

Policy Item 4. – Business Accounts. (1/9/00).

Policy – that the arrangements of trading accounts be vested in the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy Item 5. – Financial or Policy Late Agenda Items (6/08/06).

That issues requiring decisions on policy or financial matters not be accepted as Late Agenda Items unless details of the issue(s) are distributed to Member Councils not less than three days prior to any General or Annual General Meeting.

Policy Item 6. Transport – Infrastructure. (7/2/03).

The Association's Regional Transport Strategy Committee will meet annually in October to consider:

- Any matter referred to it following review of the Regional Transport Strategy Plan by Member Councils, or
- Such other business as it is required to transact, and as might be required at other times during the year.
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Policy Item 7. River Murray Policy (2/2/2007)

1. The MDA and Member Councils encourage irrigation enterprise that incorporates water use efficiencies and best practice guidelines, and recognises and advocates the use of the "Irrigation Pathways" program, to ensure long-term sustainability of the Industry.

2. The MDA in consultation with the M&MLGA monitors the socio-economic effect on Communities regarding permanent and temporary water trading and the resultant rate reduction revenue and maintenance of stranded assets.

3. Local Government, where applicable, carry out and complete necessary works under its core responsibilities funded by the SA MDB NRM Board and State Agencies.

4. That the MDA, in consultation with the MMLGA, ensures that all initiatives proposed to improve River Murray water quality, are funded jointly by all State Agencies. (Refer Note1)

5. That Stormwater management is in parallel to the SA MDB NRM Board's policies on retention, treatment, disposal and re-use, "where economically practical" and the best endeavours are achieved.

6. That the MDA and M&MLGA supports the Federal Government's views under the National Water Initiative to encourage the introduction and upgrading of all Waste Water Treatment Plants. Best practice upgrades should be to produce "A" Class re-use water only when economically practical to do

so. The levies to ratepayers need to reflect Sustainability i.e. the maintenance and replacement of the systems. (Refer Note 2) Upgrades to utilise Class B water should seek to address all attempts to produce re-use water, and with the provision where practical, to upgrade to “A” class in the future, when the economics dictate it is practical to do so”.

The spread of water-borne noxious weeds is to be reported to the SA Murray Darling Basin, NRM Board by Member Councils, when evident, to enable control measures where practicable to be put in place.

Notes *1 There are certain resource implications when works required are not within the planned budgets.

*2 Smaller schemes often do not produce enough treated water to make it economically viable to do so.

Policy Item 8. Purchasing Policy and Procedure.

MURRAY and MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (M&MLGA) Purchasing Policy & Procedure

OBJECTIVE OF PROCEDURES:

The objective of the purchasing procedures is to:

1. Ensure all purchasing activities have a clear and logical audit trail and there is a coordinated approach to purchasing procedures.
2. Assist the M&MLGA in achieving the best value for money and purchasing conditions.
3. Ensure that the M&MLGA’s purchasing policies, practices and procedures meet the highest level of accountability ensuring a fairness and transparency.

INTRODUCTION:

This policy applies to the purchase of goods and services including consultancy contracts awarded by the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association. The policy also includes contracts awarded by the M&MLGA on behalf of other parties. Policy decisions are those agreed to by the M&MLGA. From time to time Delegates may put forward recommendations for changes

to this policy document for adoption at a full General Meeting of the Association.

Delegates and the Association's Executive Services need to be aware that expenditure is of public funds and as such ensure that best value in all purchasing activities is obtained and that all purchasing activities provide a clear and logical audit trail. Obtaining value for money means ensuring that benefits are commensurate with cost. The lowest cost choice should not be selected automatically if there is a clear and reasoned justification for not doing so.

Although price is important, other factors play an important role in the selection of goods and services.

These include:-

- Quality,
- Relevant Experience,
- Continuity of Supply,
- Ability to meet the M&MLGA's needs,
- Reliability,
- Performance History,
- and, Compliance with the Local Government Act, Trade Practices Act, the National Competition Policy and relevant industrial awards and agreements.

Obtaining value for money is enhanced when there is open competition and the market is tested regularly. If not done appropriately, market testing processes such as tendering, can lead to poor outcomes.

As far as is legally possible, the M&MLGA supports local businesses and hence buys locally where this is justifiable on a cost and delivery basis for equivalent goods or services.

A competitive process may not always mean calling for open tenders. A variety of other competitive processes such as expressions for interest or direct negotiations (selective tendering) may also be used.

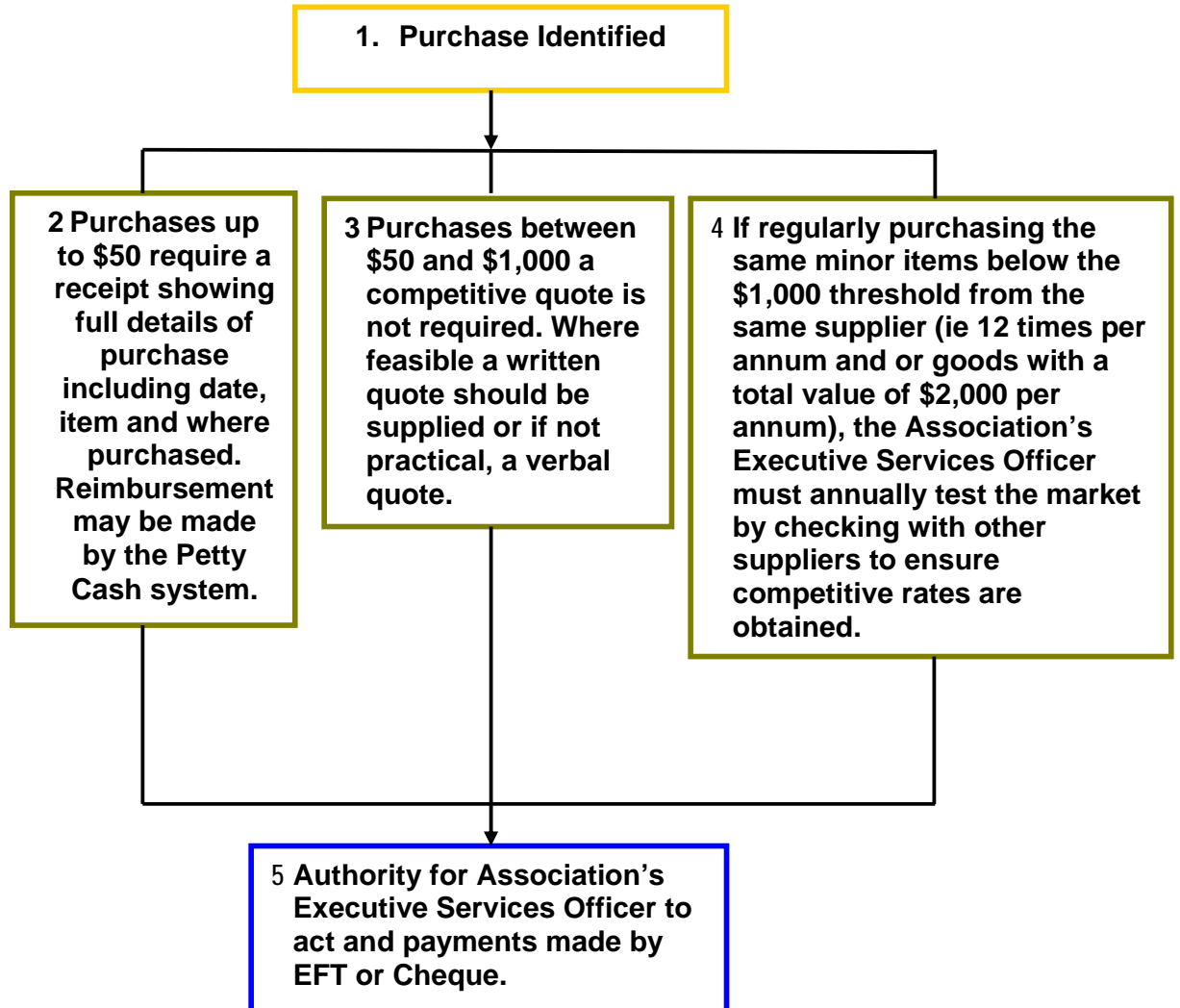
This document must be observed and adhered to in all purchasing activities. In all circumstances, purchasing activities are to have regard to budgetary allocation as applied from year to year.

Purchasing policy varies with the value of the goods or services being purchased. Guidelines for categories of purchase are shown below. The Association may also delegate powers to the Executive Services Officer to act according to that delegated authority.

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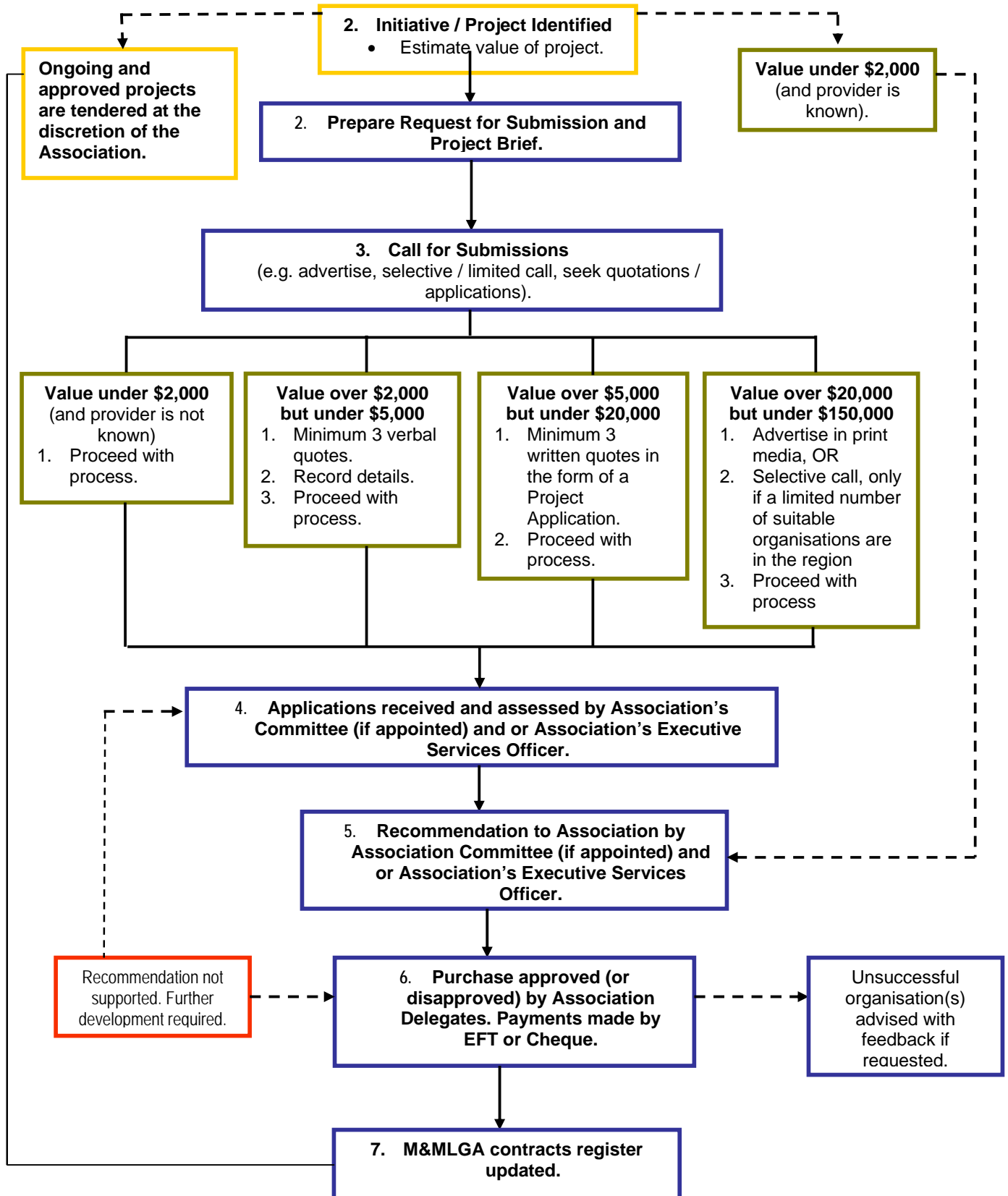
**Purchasing Policy for Minor Purchases of
Goods up to \$1000 or up to \$2000 per annum
for multiple purchases from a single supplier.**



Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

Purchasing Policy for Project Management & Services

Depending upon the circumstances of the service / product being purchased the CEO has the discretion to escalate the treatment of the purchase (ie: if a purchase is \$4500 it may be considered advantageous to seek three written quotes – that is, escalate it to the next category).



APPENDIX 4 – Item 5.5 - Annual General Meeting - 6th June, 2008.

Regional Fire Prevention Committee:

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

River Murray and Lower Lakes Risk Assessment Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong DC.

SAMRIC Management Committee:

Neil Martinson, DC Loxton Waikerie.

South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee:

Cr. Les Hill, Berri Barmera Council.

SA MDB NRM Capacity Building Reference Group:

CEO M&MLGA - Peter Campbell

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

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 and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, RCMB.

CEO M&MLGA - Peter Campbell *(by virtue of position held)*.

Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force:

Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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)*

Bill Henderson, Coorong DC *(by virtue of position held)*

Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong DC.

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 Ackland, CEO DC Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*

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

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

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

Mary Deakin, Acting 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, DC Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*

Cr. Les Maynard, Southern Mallee DC.

Cr. Trevor Kerley, DC Karoonda East Murray.

Fiona Jenkins, 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. Kevin Dunstone, Berri Barmera Council.

Cr. Mark Ward, DC Loxton Waikerie.

Cr. Ted Freak, Coorong DC.

Cr. Trevor Kerley, DC Karoonda East Murray.

Cr. Gordon Hancock, Southern Mallee DC.

Bill Henderson, Coorong DC *(by virtue of position held)*

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.

Mike Stephenson, Berri Barmera Council *(by virtue of position held)*

Neil Martinson, DC Loxton Waikerie *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Broughill, Southern Mallee DC *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Smithson, DC 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 DC *(by virtue of position held)*

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

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President (ex officio)

Peter Smithson, DC Karoonda East Murray *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Ackland, DC Loxton Waikerie *(by virtue of position held)*

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong DC.

Brenton Lewis, Murraylands Regional Development Board (external appointment)

Ken Coventry, Murraylands Regional Development Board (external appointment)

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

Don Basso, DFEEEST (external appointment)

Paul Muskett, Murray and Mallee Regional Broadband Project Officer.

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

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

Tom Avery, DC Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*

LGA Native Vegetation Working Group:

Cr. Inez Bormann, Mid Murray Council.

Cr. Les Hill, Berri Barmera Council *(proxy)*.

Murraylands Regional Coordination Network:

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA.

Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

Peter Ackland, CEO, DC Loxton Waikerie.

Murray and Mallee Country Arts Board:

Mrs. Poppy Papageorgio.

Riverland Drought Taskforce:

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky and Peter Ackland, CEO, DC Loxton Waikerie.

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.

APPENDIX 5 – Item 6.3.1 – Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY

Guest Speaker – Tom Fowler, Department of Immigration and Citizenship

The SAROC Committee received a presentation from Tom Fowler regarding changes to the presentation of Australian citizenship certificates. The LGA will be issuing a Circular to all Councils advising of changed arrangements for ceremonies and issuing of citizenship certificates in special circumstances.

Guest Speaker – Jeff Laubsch, Department of Transport, Energy & Infrastructure

The SAROC Committee received a presentation from Jeff Laubsch regarding the suggestion for use of Council rate notices to recover rural landowner sign costs associated with the Rural Property Addressing Standard – see separate item below.

SAROC Committee Business Plan 2008-09

The SAROC Committee adopted the revised SAROC Committee Business Plan 2008-09.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LGA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rural Property Addressing Standard

The SAROC Committee recommends to the LGA State Executive Committee that:

1. Councils in SA adopt the new standard for rural property addressing, in principle; and
2. the LGA Secretariat consult with Councils about the cost recovery options and other issues regarding implementation of the standard.

Regional Development Australia

The SAROC Committee recommends to the LGA State Executive Committee that the LGA Secretariat write to the Australian Government:

1. welcoming the proposed transformation of Area Consultative Committees to Regional Development Australia and the Australian Government's commitment for Regional Development Australia to work more closely with Local Government and Regional Development Boards; and
2. recommends to the Australian Government that to facilitate co-operation and program delivery, that consideration be given to aligning Regional Development Australia boundaries as far as possible with those of Local Government and Regional Development Boards.

Cost of Water

The SAROC Committee noted the LGA State Executive Committee late item number 6.16 titled 'Water Security and Related Issues' which encapsulates a review of water security issues including pricing.

The SAROC Committee recommends to the LGA State Executive Committee that it:

1. supports a national water pricing regime on the basis that the true cost of water supply is reflected in pricing;
2. notes that such a process will mean a substantial increase in the price of water which would create respect for the value of water by all users; and
3. seeks the support of the Australian Local Government Association for the proposal as the first step to establish a national policy on the issue.

State Government's Shared Services Reform Program

The SAROC Committee recommends that the LGA State Executive Committee request the LGA Secretariat to liaise with the State Government Regional Working Group to develop strategies to minimise the number of displaced employees from regional areas as a result of the State Governments Shared Services Reform Program.

Government Shared Services Reform

The SAROC Committee recommends to the LGA State Executive Committee that it:

1. indicates extreme disappointment at the State Government's lack of provision of economic data and total economic impact on regional economies as a result of the Government's Shared Services Reform initiative; and
2. indicates to the Hon Karlene Maywald, Minister for Regional Development, the Associations extreme concerns over the State Governments' poor treatment of Local Government in the provision of agreed Regional Impact Assessments as a result of proposed State Government actions.

Waste Management Committee

The SAROC Committee recommends that the LGA State Executive Committee should appoint the two country representatives on the LGA Waste Committee.

APPENDIX 6 - Item 6.3.2 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

M&MLGA INCLUSIONS IN THE PRELIMINARY MURRAYLANDS REGIONAL COORDINATION NETWORK PLANNING MATRIX.

- Identify areas where population growth/retention is anticipated.
- Determine demographics of projected population growth.
- Determine impacts on key services and incorporate into future planning.
- Seek resources to increase service delivery where required.
- Identify opportunities for reducing duplication within drought programs, sharing information and distributing information about programs.
- Identify impacts not being addressed by drought programs.
- Develop programs to address gaps in drought impacts and seek resources to implement.
- Facilitate a community transport services audit, with a particular focus on access to work related travel.
- Identify opportunities to rationalise and coordinate use of existing community transport assets within the Murraylands.
- Identify and support opportunities to enhance transport services for industry eg support to Monarto intermodal business case
- Seek to formally engage with Riverland RCN on a bi-annual basis.

Local Government

- Ensure Local Government service provision is maintained, supported and enhanced.
- Encourage better information sharing to ensure Local Government planning is effective.

Infrastructure

- Promote better regional coordination to deliver improved housing and supported accommodation outcomes
- Impact of shared services agenda
- Ageing population
- Industry restructure / coordinated processes

Community pride and promotion

- Promote the Murraylands in the global context.
- Work collectively to reduce crime and community safety.

Resource management

- Encourage better interaction between service providers and entrepreneurs.
- Maintain a regional (government) presence in outer region despite socioeconomic decline.
- Improve resource allocations to partner Non Government Organisations (NGO's).

Health

- Effectively coordinate and manage the increasing reliance on Overseas Trained Doctors (OTD's) / International Medical Graduate's (IMG's) in health.
- Monitor the Country Health restructure and infrastructure impact and budget constraints
- Explore private sector opportunities to support fee for service models (eg Allied Health).

APPENDIX 7 – Item 6.4 – Annual General Meeting - 6th June, 2008.

CEO' Activity Report

21st March, 2008 to 23rd May, 2008.

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

Hard copies of all Agenda items to individual files for April 08 General meeting.

Formal file creation for M&MLGA Strategic Planning including history.

Completion of President's meeting notes.

Follow-up of guest attendances for April 08 General Meeting.

Completion of COAG Report for RCMB Meeting.

Completion of Terms of Reference document for Murraylands RCN to include Local Government Items.

Liaison with LGAMLS re insurance coverage matters.

Completion and reconciliation of all M&MLGA Financial Accounts to 31st March, 08 including preparation of BAS Return.

#rd March, 08 – ABC Radio interview.

Completion and review of M&MLGA inclusions into the SAROC Business Plan 2008/9.

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

Copies of individual resolutions and minutes items to hard files.

6th April, 08 – ABC Radio interview.

Completion of draft M&MLGA Annual Business Plan and draft Budget 2008/9 including distribution to all Member Councils for referral.

Alterations to commentaries on Association website pages.

Distribution of adopted LGA/M&MLGA Regional Sustainability Plan to LGA and all SAROC Members and formulation of LGA/M&MLGA follow-up procedures.

Completion of M&MLGA Executive Services contract document and forwarding to CEO Review Panel for comment.

General and extensive liaison with Member Councils re SLRP funding applications.

Completion and distribution of the M&M Briefs Newsletter, April 08 edition.

Provision of commentary for Channel 9 television re their Lower Lakes news item.

Completion of work on the proposed M&MLGA LGA Showcase proposal, including late decision to defer.

Completion of M&MLGA SLRP Road Funding submission to LGTAP.

Completion of arrangements for guest speaker for June AGM.

Completion of President's draft Annual Report.

The seeking of advice from Auditors re allowance payment procedures.

Completion of the M&MLGA Annual Business Plan 2007/8 Status Report.

Completion of LGAMLS Risk Profile Report.

Completion, reconciliation and collation of M&MLGA Financial Accounts to 30th April, 08 for June 08 AGM.

Completion and distribution of Agenda/Items/Reports/Appendices for June 08 AGM, and uploading to website.

Completion and distribution of M&MLGA Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Agenda, including uploading to website.

Liaison with SMDC re tourism signage issues.

Completion and distribution of M&MLGA Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Minutes including uploading to website.

The following Meetings have been attended:

27th March, 2008 – Murraylands RCN Meeting – Murray Bridge.

28th March, 2008 – SA MDB NRM Board Mayors and CEO's Forum – Murray bridge.

4th April, 2008 – M&MLGA General Meeting – Meningie.
4th April, 2008 – Meeting with President and CEO's re M&MLGA draft budget 2008/9.
10th April, 2008 – Murraylands RCN Meeting – Murray Bridge.
10th April, 2008 – Meeting with Brenton Lewis, CEO, MRDB re Annual Business Plan partnership matters – Murray Bridge.
28th April, 2008 – Regional LGA CEO's Teleconference – Goolwa.
30th April, 2008 – Meeting with DFEEST re Broadband matters – Adelaide.
2nd May, 2008 – LGA General Meeting – Adelaide.
14th May, 2008 – M&MLGA Broadband Steering Committee Meeting – Murray Bridge.
21st May, 2008 – Regional LGA CEO's Meeting – Adelaide.
21st May, 2008 – SAROC Meeting – Adelaide.

Contractual Hours YTD:	936 hours.
Actual Hours YTD:	1213.0 hours (incl. carryover 114 hours).
Contractual Hours for Reporting Period:	184 hours.
Actual Hours for Reporting Period:	206.5 hours.

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Balance Sheet

As of April 2008

Assets			
Cheque Account (BankSA)			-5,100.75
Petty Cash			\$100.00
LGFA Investment			\$70,504.55
Rosemary Craddock Trust Fund			\$2,961.74
Total Assets			<u>\$68,465.54</u>
Liabilities			
GST Liabilities			
GST Paid		<u>-\$756.55</u>	
Total GST Liabilities			-\$756.55
Unexpended Grant Funds			
Water Management Project		\$4,373.00	
Native Title Moneys unexpended			\$2,961.74
Project Alloc from gen funds			
Mobile Base Station Provision		\$1,400.00	
Discretionary Projects		<u>\$13,956.55</u>	
Total Liabilities			<u>\$21,934.74</u>
Net Assets			<u>\$46,530.80</u>
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus			-\$28,230.23
Retained Earnings			\$42,010.05
Current Earnings			\$32,750.98
Total Equity			<u>\$46,530.80</u>

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Profit & Loss Statement

1/07/2007 through 30/04/2008

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Income		
Interest		
Investment LGFA interest	\$4,694.29	
Bank Interest	\$193.82	
M&MLGA contributions		
Berri Barmera Council	\$11,642.00	
Coorong District Council	\$7,711.00	
DC of Karoonda East Murray	\$4,082.00	
DC of Loxton Waikerie	\$12,322.00	
Mid Murray Council	\$9,222.00	
Rural City of Murray Bridge	\$15,422.00	
DC of Renmark Paringa	\$10,356.00	
Southern Mallee DC	\$4,838.00	
Regional Enhancement FundGrant		\$31,487.00
Other Income		
Sundry Income	\$0.20	
Total Income		<u>\$111,970.31</u>
Expenses		
Audit Fees		\$55.00
Bank and Government Fees		\$132.50
Exec Officer Contract Services		\$72,800.00
Insurance		\$1,019.00
Meeting Expenses		
Association Meeting exp	\$672.73	
Working Parties Meeting exp	\$90.91	
Postage		\$49.68
President's Allowance		\$1,500.00
Stationery		\$354.48
Sundry Expenses		\$106.93
Telephone		\$1,636.30
Telecommunications/Broadband		\$695.44
Website Maintenance		\$106.36
Total Expenses		<u>\$79,219.33</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u>\$32,750.98</u>

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Profit & Loss Statement

1/03/2008 through 30/04/2008

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Income		
Interest		
Investment LGFA interest	\$1,411.54	
Bank Interest	\$0.19	
Total Income		<u>\$1,411.73</u>
Expenses		
Bank and Government Fees	\$20.00	
Exec Officer Contract Services	\$14,560.00	
Postage	\$18.64	
President's Allowance	\$500.00	
Stationery	\$20.00	
Sundry Expenses	\$9.47	
Telephone	\$333.32	
Telecommunications/Broadband	\$141.66	
Total Expenses		<u>\$15,603.09</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u>-\$14,191.36</u>

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Operational Expense Budget March through April 2008

	Actual Mar- Apr 08	Budget Mar- Apr 08	Variance	Yr to date Actual	Yr to date Budget	YTD Variance
Expenses	Rounded					
Audit Fees	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$45.00
Bank and Government Fees	\$20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$132.50	\$150.00	\$17.50
Exec Officer Contract Services	\$14,560	\$14,560.00	\$0.00	\$72,800.00	\$72,800.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,019.00	\$1,200.00	\$181.00
Meeting Expenses						
Association Meeting exp	\$0	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$672.73	\$1,500.00	\$827.27
Working Parties Meeting exp	\$0	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$90.91	\$1,250.00	\$1,159.09
Postage	\$19	\$21.66	\$3.02	\$49.68	\$108.30	\$58.62
President's Allowance	\$500	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Stationery/Photocopying	\$20	\$133.33	\$113.33	\$354.48	\$666.66	\$312.18
Sundry Expenses	\$9	\$83.33	\$73.86	\$106.93	\$416.65	\$309.72
Telephone	\$333	\$333.33	\$0.01	\$1,636.30	\$1,666.66	\$30.36
Telecommunications	\$142	\$141.66	\$0.00	\$695.44	\$708.30	\$12.86
SAROC Regional Meeting & Accom Costs	\$0	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Website Maintenance	\$0	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTALS	\$15,603.09	\$16,993.31	\$1,390.22	\$79,112.97	\$83,516.57	\$4,403.60

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Account Transactions [Accrual]

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Account	ID#	Src	Date	Memo	Debit	Credit	Job
1-1100	Cheque Account (BankSA)						
	EFT	CD	1/03/2008	Peter Campbell		\$261.24	
	CR000152	CR	27/03/2008	LGFA Funds Transfer	\$9,000.00		
	515	CD	31/03/2008	Leon Stasinowsky		\$500.00	
	DD	CD	31/03/2008	Bank SA		\$10.00	
	EFT	CD	31/03/2008	Peter Campbell		\$8,008.00	
	CR000153	CR	31/03/2008	Interest paid for month of Marc	\$0.11		
	EFT	CD	1/04/2008	Peter Campbell		\$261.24	
	CR000156	CR	14/04/2008	BAS Return 31st March, 2008	\$2,279.00		
	517	CD	30/04/2008	Petty Cash		\$52.80	
	direct	CD	30/04/2008	Bank SA		\$10.00	
	EFT	CD	30/04/2008	Peter Campbell		\$8,008.00	
	CR000155	CR	30/04/2008	Bank SA Interest received Apri	\$0.08		
					\$11,279.19	\$17,111.28	
1-1400	LGFA Investment						
	CR000152	CR	27/03/2008	LGFA Funds Transfer		\$9,000.00	
	CR000154	CR	2/04/2008	LGFA Interest Jan to March 08	\$1,411.54		
					\$1,411.54	\$9,000.00	
2-3030	GST Paid						
	EFT	CD	1/03/2008	Peter Campbell	\$23.75		
	GJ000059	GJ	31/03/2008	Rounding due to March 2008		\$0.11	
	EFT	CD	31/03/2008	Peter Campbell	\$728.00		
	EFT	CD	1/04/2008	Peter Campbell	\$23.75		
	CR000156	CR	14/04/2008	BAS Return 31st March, 2008		\$2,279.00	
	517	CD	30/04/2008	Petty Cash	\$4.80		
	EFT	CD	30/04/2008	Peter Campbell	\$728.00		
					\$1,508.30	\$2,279.11	
4-1100	Investment LGFA interest						
	CR000154	CR	2/04/2008	LGFA Interest Jan to March 08		\$1,411.54	
					\$0.00	\$1,411.54	
4-1200	Bank Interest						
	CR000153	CR	31/03/2008	Interest paid for month of Marc		\$0.11	
	CR000155	CR	30/04/2008	Bank SA Interest received Apri		\$0.08	
					\$0.00	\$0.19	
6-1500	Bank and Government Fees						
	DD	CD	31/03/2008	Bank SA	\$10.00		
	direct	CD	30/04/2008	Bank SA	\$10.00		
					\$20.00	\$0.00	
6-2500	Exec Officer Contract Services						
	EFT	CD	31/03/2008	Peter Campbell	\$7,280.00		
	EFT	CD	30/04/2008	Peter Campbell	\$7,280.00		
					\$14,560.00	\$0.00	
6-5500	Postage						
	517	CD	30/04/2008	Petty Cash	\$18.64		
					\$18.64	\$0.00	
6-6000	President's Allowance						
	515	CD	31/03/2008	Leon Stasinowsky	\$500.00		
					\$500.00	\$0.00	
6-6500	Stationery						
	517	CD	30/04/2008	Petty Cash	\$20.00		
					\$20.00	\$0.00	
6-7000	Sundry Expenses						
	GJ000059	GJ	31/03/2008	Rounding due to March 2008	\$0.11		
	517	CD	30/04/2008	Petty Cash	\$9.36		

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Account Transactions [Accrual]

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Account	ID#	Src	Date	Memo	Debit	Credit	Job
6-7000				Sundry Expenses			
					\$9.47	\$0.00	

6-7500				Telephone			
	EFT	CD	1/03/2008	Peter Campbell	\$166.66		
	EFT	CD	1/04/2008	Peter Campbell	\$166.66		
					\$333.32	\$0.00	

6-8000				Telecommunications/Broadband			
	EFT	CD	1/03/2008	Peter Campbell	\$70.83		
	EFT	CD	1/04/2008	Peter Campbell	\$70.83		
					\$141.66	\$0.00	



The Murray and Mallee
Local Government Association

**MURRAY AND MALLEE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN DRAFT
2008 to 2009**

ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR THE REGION

Environmental:

A region which maintains and enhances a sustainable natural environment for the enjoyment and benefit of existing and future residents, industries and visitors.

Economic:

A region which enjoys a strong, diverse and sustainable economy, creating employment and prosperity for communities in the region.

Social:

A region which provides a range of responsive community services and opportunities and safety for the members of it's community.

Governance:

A region which values openness and transparency in government and strives to include community ideas, opinions and goals in its decision making processes.

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>PARTNERS</u>	<u>SUCCESS FACTORS</u>	<u>TIMEFRAME</u>	<u>CEO TIME AND BUDGETARY ALLOWANCE</u>
<p>Work with NRM Boards for the implementation of NRM Strategies throughout the region and lobby for State Government or other alternative systems of NRM Levy collection.</p>	<p>LGA, NRM Boards and NRM Groups, NRM LG Advisory Groups SAROC</p>	<p>Formal working relationship with NRM Board and Groups and a forwarding of an NRM/LG Protocol, with an emphasis on community education and community capacity building and ensuring on-ground works for weeds and pests are maintained at least at previous levels.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Encourage the forwarding of the recommendations of the M&MLGA's Regional Waste Management Strategy Plan and Sub-regional Plans, with a view to implementation.</p>	<p>Zero Waste LGA, EPA, RDB's and Member Councils</p>	<p>Implementation of collection, recycling, landfill reduction and rationalisation initiatives. As appropriate, through the LGA and ZWSA, utilize the services of a skilled facilitator to assist Councils complete their respective strategies and implementation plans.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Address improvements to water quality, quantity and access issues (both surface and underground) and sustainable River Murray use including recreational, by representing a common view to agencies appropriate to water catchment in the region. Support calls for a robust study into economic, environmental and social affects that the potential imposition of River Murray infrastructure below Lock 1 would have on Lower Murray and Lakes communities and identification of other appropriate regional issues..</p>	<p>MDA, Industry, DWLBC, SA MDB NRM Board Tourism Associations.</p>	<p>Improvements in water quality and quantity and supply guarantee and environmental impacts created by unsustainable use.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time. (\$4,373 already allocated)</p>

<p>Assist Member Councils with issues regarding CWMS Reform including the future management of CWMS Schemes.</p>	<p>Member Councils, LGA, CWMS Advisory Committee SAROC</p>	<p>In conjunction with the LGA CWMS Advisory Committee investigate the management models options and their applicability to the region or groups of Councils.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>In a leadership role, support reductions in Member Councils environmental impacts, working toward carbon footprint neutrality and providing community awareness.</p>	<p>Member Councils, LGA, Aust. Greenhouse Office, SA MDB NRM Board.</p>	<p>Initiation of pilot projects featuring new technologies and initiatives.</p>	<p>18 months.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Develop and implement a Regional Sustainability Plan addressing current and future activities as applicable to Local Government.</p>	<p>LGA, Member Councils.</p>	<p>Completion of a Regional Sustainability Plan and implementation timelines.</p>	<p>6 months.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Support and pursue major freight routes including upgrading and maintenance that reinforces SLRP and Strategic Pool and Auslink funding submissions. Support the recommendations of the North South Corridor Business Case.</p>	<p>Member Councils, TSA, DOTARS RDB's, LGTAP LG Grants Commission, Parsons Brinkerhoff.</p>	<p>Successful SLRP and Auslink funding submissions including the North South Corridor B Double freight routes.</p>	<p>Yearly and ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>With partners, support water, effluent and stormwater re-use for Councils and industry throughout the region, with a view toward primary production and industry diversification and investigate options regarding regional or sub-regional Water Management Plans.</p>	<p>RDB's SA MDB NRM Board, EPA Irrigation Boards, LGA.</p>	<p>Provide input and support the recommendations of the SA MDB NRM Board Member Councils.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>

<p>Where appropriate, support Member Councils in undertaking long term infrastructure planning, to include resource sharing and joint use, to support the sustainability of Councils and industry and agriculture in the region, including the rationalizing and coordination of infrastructure provision by different bodies and agencies.</p>	<p>Member Councils, RDB's, ORA, DTEI, DTED, ETSA, LGTAP, SA Water, Dept. Immigration and Citizenship.</p>	<p>Council infrastructure and resource sharing initiatives, new industry developments and an increase in existing industry capacities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Investigate and pursue regional rail freight opportunities.</p>	<p>MRDB, RCMB Alex. Council, Mt. Barker Council, DTED, ORA, TSA.</p>	<p>Collation of potential rail freight details to support expansion and integration of rail freight operations.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Work to encourage timely completion of the M&MLGA Broadband Project.</p>	<p>MRDB, RDC, Regional Broadband Project Officer, Aust. Zircon. DFEEST DCITA</p>	<p>Project completion. Increase in Broadband Internet useage and overcoming telecommunication blackspots throughout the region.</p>	<p>Project completion by December, 2010.</p>	<p>CEO time. (\$1,400 already allocated)</p>
<p>With partners, support the expansion of regional skills training, recruitment, retention, and regional migrant intake.</p>	<p>RDB's, TAFE, DFEEST, DEPT. Immigration and Citizenship.</p>	<p>Increase in regional population actively undertaking skilled occupations.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>

<p>Make an application for funding from the LGR&D Scheme for preparation of a report by the SA Centre for Economic Studies (or other independent body) for the Murray Mallee Region on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the economic impact of the drought on the provision of Local Government services to affected communities • rates and income modelling on all Councils in the region • options for a submission to the Grants Commission for additional support for affected Councils • Any other relevant issues. 	<p>Member Councils, LGA, LGR&D Fund.</p>	<p>Completion of Regional Report and recommendations.</p>	<p>18 months.</p>	<p>CEO time and consultancy allowance of \$5,000 (to be partnered with LGR&DF contribution of \$75,000)</p>
<p>With partners, advocate for improvements in the sustainability of the River Murray and provide support for the broader Regional Tourism Industry and to encourage Member Councils to provide Local Government representation on Tourism Marketing Associations.</p>	<p>RTA's, BIASA, TSA, RDB's, ACC's Houseboat Industry.</p>	<p>Local Government representation on Tourism Marketing Associations.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Support Member Councils with planning initiatives to provide for low cost workforce housing throughout the region.</p>	<p>DTUP, Planning SA, RDB's, ORA.</p>	<p>Provide advocacy and support to Member Councils to provide identified and appropriately zoned areas for workforce housing and new industry zones.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>

<p>To continue to support existing M&MLGA Community Transport Sub-committees and encourage them to evaluate service provision gaps in their sub-regions and assist where necessary with funding submissions and promotion issues to include educational and cultural opportunities and equitable funding in comparison to metropolitan per capita expenditures.</p>	<p>M&MLGA, Community transport Sub-committees, Member Councils, PTB, STA, DTEI SAROC Transport Operators</p>	<p>Improved uptake in Community Transport passenger numbers.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Provide comments on the Regional Planning Framework and Development Plan Amendments, where there are issues of relevance to the region.</p>	<p>Planning SA, Member Councils.</p>	<p>An increase in serviced land availability.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Support and advocate any identified service gaps to include the completion of Regional Impact Statements and advocate for the substantiation of the Statements and effect amelioration actions.</p>	<p>Member Councils, RHS, SAROC, MMHS, RDB's, RFG's.</p>	<p>Identified increase in agency service provision and provision of substantiated RIS Statements.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Continue to promote, support and undertake activities which maintain and regenerate community morale and spirit including tourism promotions, festivals 'good news' media releases</p>	<p>Member Councils, Community Bodies, PIRSA.</p>	<p>Identified support provided for community events and regular media releases.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Work with Regional Development Boards and State Government and other partners to increase population gains and the promotion of "regionalisation".</p>	<p>RDB's MMSTF ORA DPC, RFG's.</p>	<p>Facilitate and provide input into the regionalisation of the SASP, to include working toward a Regional Population Policy.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>

<p>Adherence to the M&MLGA Charter and Local Government Act requirements. Maintain and expand when necessary the Association's public website to provide convenient and economical information exchange for Member Councils and the Community.</p>	<p>LGA, Solicitors, SAROC, LGFA, Member Councils.</p>	<p>Records sentencing and archiving. Bi-monthly meetings given accurate information. Annual Report production. Interactive website maintained.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time. (Records sentencing and archiving addressed in operational expenditure)</p>
<p>Continue to support the Association's arrangements for the provision of ongoing legal advice and to provide support for Agreement Planning and to work on the completion of ILUA's.</p>	<p>LGA, Rosemary Craddock, Member Councils.</p>	<p>Native Title issues forwarded.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>
<p>Continue to lobby for ongoing delivery of information sessions/workshops within this region by the LGA and Government agencies, with emphasis on Financial Sustainability, Asset Management and Governance Forums.</p>	<p>LGA SAROC Local Member Councils</p>	<p>Ongoing regional workshops</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CEO time.</p>

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The following methods and techniques will be used to monitor and assess the performance of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association over the life of this Annual Business Plan:

- Annual monitoring of performance requirements of the Chief Executive Officer that links with the achievement of objectives set out in this Annual Business Plan.
- Six monthly reports (June and December) that provide details of the current status of this Annual Business Plan.
- Complete bi-monthly Financial Reports to be presented to each General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.
- The preparation of an Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

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MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET PLAN FOR 2008-2009

The 2008-2009 Business Plan initiatives have been extracted from the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association's Strategic Plan 2008-2009 (Revised February 2008 – adopted April, 2008).

Each initiative addressed in the Annual Business Plan 2008-2009 has been itemised according to a timeline priority indicated in the Strategic Plan 2008-2011.

CURRENT PROJECTS (Other than those considered as an ongoing normal activity):

Regional STEDS – Management Options

Regional Broadband Project

Regional Waste Management Strategy Plan Implementation.

Furthering of actions in the M&MLGA/LGA Regional Sustainability Plan.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Regionalisation of the SASP and working toward development of a subsequent Regional Population Plan(s).

Addressing promotion and operational issues regarding Community Transport Schemes.

Forwarding of NRM/LG partnership issues.

Liaison with RDB's and Councils re details to support expansion and integration of rail freight opportunities (also current project).

Association Record Sentencing and Archiving.

Assisting Member Councils with projects to reduce Councils' environmental impacts.

M&MLGA/LGR&DF project to address the economic impact of the Drought in the provision of Local Government services.

Forwarding of the North South Corridor Project.

CEO ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN ACTIVITY AND REVIEW PROCESS:

Member Councils should refer to the Minutes of the Association's General Meeting held on the 4th April, 2008 - **Item 7.5.1 – (7.5.2 – 4/07) & (6.5 – 6/06) - CEO Performance Review.**

DRAFT OPERATIONAL BUDGET 2008-2009 (EXCL. GST)
Excluding Project Funding

2007-2008 – Approved Budget

2008-2009 Draft Budget

Income:

LGR&D Grant (actual received \$31,487)	\$34,000	\$32,000 – Representing CPI Increase
Member Council Contributions	\$63,860	\$69,552
Interest to be received (estimated)	\$1,750	\$3,300 – Small increase in cash holdings for longer period
Carryover from operational expenses (estimated)	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$2,730</u> – Estimated carryover
TOTAL	<u>\$101,110</u>	<u>\$107,582</u>

Expenses:

CEO Contract Services	\$87,360	\$90,702 – Reflecting Resolutions and Contractual CPI
Auditor	\$1,350	\$1,700 – Further amt. for Bank/ Accountant Audit
Bank Fees	\$170	\$150 – Small reduction
Insurance	\$1,200	\$2,300 – 100+% increase due to advice from LGMLS underwriters for all Regional LGA's.
Postage	\$130	\$130 – Same
Stationery/Photocopying	\$800	\$1,000– Small increase
Telephone/Broadband	\$2850	\$3,050 – Small increase
Record Sentencing/ Archiving	\$ NIL	\$1,600 – New expense line- includes Sentencing and \$6.50 per month Archiving costs (ongoing).
Presidents Allowance	\$2000	\$2000 – Same
Meeting Expenses:		
General Meetings	\$1,800	\$2,000 – Small increase
Committees etc.	\$1,500	\$1,500 – Same
Sundries	\$500	\$500 - Same
SAROC Regional Meeting and accommodation costs	\$450	\$450 - Same
Website Maintenance	\$1000	\$500 – Reduced costs
TOTAL	<u>\$101,110</u>	<u>\$107,582</u>

**2007-2008
DRAFT PROJECTS/GRANT FUNDING BUDGET (EXCL. GST)
(Whole Dollars)**

	Estimated Balance As at 30 th June, 2008	Funding required as per Annual Business Plan 2008-2009
Unexpended Grant Funds:		
Water Management	<u>\$4,373</u>	<u>\$NIL</u> (A/c left in tact)
Ongoing Project Funds:		
Native Title	\$2,962	\$NIL (A/c left intact, calls to be made if required)
Broadband (previously Mobile Telephone Provision)	\$1,400	\$NIL (A/c left in tact)
Transport Strategy Review	\$NIL	\$NIL
SACES Drought Impact Study – Provision of Local Government Services	\$NIL	\$5000 – (Plus LGR&DF \$75,000)
Discretionary Projects	\$13,957	\$1043 – to attain suggested balance of \$15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$22,692</u>	TOTAL <u>\$6,043</u> - Project Funding required from Member Councils.

**TOTAL OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL AND PROJECT
BUDGET (EXCL GST) 2008-2009
MEMBER COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPARISONS.**

COMBINED OPERATIONAL AND PROJECTS:

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Operational	\$63,860	\$69,552
Projects	<u>\$11,735</u>	<u>\$6,043</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$75,595</u>	<u>\$75,595</u>

**2007-2008
Subscriptions:**

\$75,595

**2008-2009
Subscriptions:**

\$75,595

Difference:

0% increase

**Member Council's Contributions:
2007-2008**

Berri Barmera Council	\$11,642
Coorong District Council	\$7,711
DC Karoonda East Murray	\$4,082
DC Loxton Waikerie	\$12,322
Mid Murray Council	\$9,222
Rural City of Murray Bridge	\$15,422
Renmark Paringa Council	\$10,356
Southern Mallee DC	<u>\$4,838</u>

TOTAL

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APPENDIX 11 – Item 8.1.2 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

WORKING PAPER EXCERPT OF THE M&MLGA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2007-2008 REVIEW

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC ACTIONS

A region which maintains and enhances a sustainable natural environment for the enjoyment and benefit of existing and future residents and visitors.

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>PARTNERS</u>	<u>SUCCESS FACTORS</u>	<u>TIMEFRAME</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS</u>
Work with NRM Boards for the implementation of NRM Strategies throughout the region.	LGA, NRM Boards and NRM Groups	Formal working relationship with NRM Board and Groups and a forwarding of an NRM/LG Protocol, with an emphasis on community education and community capacity building and ensuring on-ground works for weeds and pests are maintained at least at previous levels.	Ongoing	Attendance to and support provided for NRM Mayoral and CEO Forums. Further work with SAROC and LGA re Protocols and Levy Collection issues. LG representation on SA MDB NRM Board provided.
Complete and forward the recommendations of the M&MLGA's Regional Waste Management Strategy Plan, with a view to implementation.	Zero Waste LGA, EPA, RDB's and Member Councils	Best practice methods of collection, recycling, landfill reduction and rationalisation. Employment of a Regional Waste Officer to forward Regional Waste Management Plan recommendations.	Implementation over 3 years.	Regional Waste sub-groups formed. Riverland sub-group Plan completed and tenders being called for Waste Services. Zero Waste SA funding applications completed - \$167k funding approved for 2008/9.
Assist Member Councils with water quality and quantity issues (both surface and underground) and sustainable River Murray use including recreational, by	MDA, Industry, DWLBC, NRM Boards.	Increase in water quality and quantity and supply guarantee and environmental	Ongoing.	Presentation received by Minister Maywald at June 07 Meeting. Regional Sustainability Plan completed and adopted. Equality of Water Availability furthered through SAROC.

<p>representing a common view to agencies appropriate to water catchment in the region. Support calls for a robust study into economic, environmental and social affects that the potential imposition of River Murray infrastructure below Lock 1 would have on Lower Murray and Lakes communities.</p>		<p>impacts created by unsustainable use. Input provided to Reports and methods of addressing affects on Lower Murray and Lakes communities.</p>		<p>Support provided to MRDB re water carting issues in the Lower Lakes area.</p>
<p>Assist Member Councils with issues regarding CWMS Reform including the future management of CWMS Schemes.</p>	<p>Member Councils, LGA, CWMS Advisory Committee SAROC</p>	<p>In conjunction with the LGA CWMS Advisory Committee investigate the management models options and their applicability to the region or groups of Councils.</p>	<p>18 months</p>	<p>Presentation received on CWMS Reform re funding availability and joint management options.</p>

ECONOMIC STRATEGIC ACTIONS

A region which enjoys a strong, diverse and sustainable economy, creating employment and prosperity for communities in the region.

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>PARTNERS</u>	<u>SUCCESS FACTORS</u>	<u>TIMEFRAME</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS</u>
<p>Support seamless regional freight routes (including B Doubles), that reinforce SLRP and Strategic Pool funding submissions.</p> <p>Support the recommendations of the North South Corridor Business Case.</p> <p>Investigate regional rail freight opportunities.</p>	<p>Member Councils, TSA, DOTARS RDB's, LGTAP LG Grants Commission.</p>	<p>Successful SLRP and Auslink funding submissions including the North South Corridor B Double freight routes.</p> <p>Collation of potential rail freight details to support expansion and integration of rail freight operations.</p>	<p>Yearly and ongoing.</p>	<p>Regional input provided into the HVAF Framework. 2008/9 SLRP Funding Applications made. North South Corridor site visit undertaken with LGTAP.</p> <p>Support provided for the Common Purpose Group for intermodal hub at Monarto, inclusive of rail freight integration.</p>
<p>Complete M&MLGA Broadband Project.</p>	<p>RDB's, DFEEST DCITA</p>	<p>Project completion. Increase in Broadband Internet useage and overcoming telecommunication blackspots throughout the region.</p> <p>Extension of Federal Government's Broadband Connect Subsidy Program to December, 2008.</p>	<p>Project completion by December, 08.</p>	<p>Regional Broadband Project Officer appointed for 2 years with \$200k Federal Government funding support.</p> <p>Potential commercial arrangements to forward the Loxton to Murray Bridge link underway.</p> <p>Again, awaiting Federal Government announcements of projects to forward regional broadband connectivity.</p>

<p>Assist Member Councils with planning initiatives to provide for low cost workforce housing throughout the region.</p>	<p>DTUP, Planning SA, RDB's, ORA.</p>	<p>Provide advocacy and support to assist Member Councils to provide identified and appropriately zoned areas for workforce housing and new industry zones.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Input provided and attendance to Planning SA's Regional Landuse Planning Framework project. Presentation received on the SA Government's low cost housing initiative program.</p>
<p>With partners, support water and effluent reuse and stormwater use industries throughout the region, with a view toward primary production and industry diversification and investigate options regarding regional or sub-regional Water Management Plans.</p>	<p>RDB's SA MDB NRM Board, EPA Irrigation Boards</p>	<p>Provide input and support the recommendations of the SA MDB NRM Board.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing assistance provided to Councils and RDB's. Application made for Council's involvement in pilot project to include water management options.</p>

SOCIAL STRATEGIC ACTIONS

A region which provides a range of responsive services and opportunities and safety for the members of it's community.

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>PARTNERS</u>	<u>SUCCESS FACTORS</u>	<u>TIMEFRAME</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS</u>
To continue to support existing M&MLGA Community Transport Sub-committees and encourage them to evaluate service provision gaps in their sub-regions and assist where necessary with funding submissions and promotion issues to include educational and cultural opportunities and equitable funding in comparison to metropolitan per capita expenditures.	M&MLGA, Community transport Sub-committees, Member Councils, PTB, STA, DTEI SAROC Transport Operators	Improved uptake in Community Transport passenger numbers.	Ongoing	Work undergone with the GRC and continuing with SAROC re integrated service availability. Further work to be undertaken with RCN's (previously RFG's) re onground vehicle availability.
Provide comments on reviews of the Development Plans under Section 30 of the Development Act and on individual Plan Amendment Reports, where there are issues of relevance to the region.	DTUP – Planning SA, Member Councils.	An increase in serviced land availability for workforce and aged accommodation.	Ongoing.	Input provided and attendance to Planning SA's Regional Landuse Planning Framework project.
Support and advocate any identified service gaps to include the completion of Regional Impact Statements and advocate for the substantiation of the Statements.	Member Councils, RHS, SAROC, MMHS, RDB's	Identified increase in agency service provision and provision of substantiated RIS Statements.	Ongoing	Further forwarding of this matter with SAROC and the LGA and the addressing of individual issues eg: Shared Services Reform, River Murray Infrastructure etc.
Support the Regional Health Authorities in their endeavors to gain access to a broader range of services and a sustainable funding base.	Dept Health Regional Health Authorities Member Councils	Sustainable health services with no reduction in services.	2 years and ongoing.	Ongoing with further emphasis on RCN (previously RFG) involvement.

<p>Coordination of a funding application to the State Government for a shared Crime Prevention Officer to identify and target regional crime issues.</p> <p>Work with Regional Development Boards and State Government and other partners to increase population gains and the promotion of "regionalisation".</p>	<p>SA Govt. Attorney Generals Dept. Member Councils, LGA, SAROC.</p> <p>RDB's MMSTF ORA DPC</p>	<p>Decrease in regional crime statistics.</p> <p>Provide input into Regional SASP Target Review process and work toward formulation of a Regional Population Policy.</p>	<p>.1/2 years.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council survey completed indicating no regional action required.</p> <p>Association representation on Regional SASP Target Working Groups arranged and currently ongoing.</p>
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GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC ACTIONS

A region which values openness and transparency in government and strives to include community ideas, opinions and goals in its decision making processes.

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>PARTNERS</u>	<u>SUCCESS FACTORS</u>	<u>TIMEFRAME</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS</u>
Adherence to the M&MLGA Charter requirements. Maintain and expand when necessary the Association's public website to provide convenient and economical information exchange for Member Councils and the Community.	LGA, Solicitors, SAROC, LGFA, Member Councils.	Bi-monthly meetings given accurate information. Annual Report production. Interactive website maintained.	Ongoing.	Website expanded to include large volume reports. 2006/7 Annual Report completed and adopted. New Association Purchasing Policy adopted.
Continue to support the Association's arrangements for the provision of ongoing legal advice and to provide support for Agreement Planning and to work on the completion of ILUA's.	LGA, Rosemary Craddock, Member Councils.	Native Title issues forwarded.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
Continue to lobby for ongoing delivery of information sessions/workshops within this region by the LGA and Government agencies, with emphasis on Financial Sustainability, Asset Management and Governance Forums.	LGA SAROC Local Member Councils	Ongoing regional workshops	Ongoing	Ongoing.
Bi-monthly production of the Murray and Mallee Briefs Newsletter.	Member Councils and Delegates.	Bi-monthly production of Newsletter, distributed to media outlets, Member Councils, general public and website.	Ongoing	Murray and Mallee Briefs Newsletter completed bi-monthly and distributed widely, including Member Councils, media outlets and website.

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**LGA WASTE MANAGEMENT
UPDATE
May 2008**

Following on from the 2008 LGA Presidents' Forum on NRM and Waste Management the LGA State Executive at its March 2008 meeting endorsed the development of an implementation strategy for the 27 recommendations contained within the 'Future Directions for Waste Management' report and for the LGA Waste Committee to provide advice to the State Executive and have responsibility for its progression.

It is anticipated that the draft implementation strategy and a review of the LGA Waste Committees structure, function and terms of reference (so as to best meet future challenges) will be considered and ratified by the LGA State Executive at its May 2008 meeting.

The 'Future Directions for Waste Management' report can be found at

<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=267> and the draft implementation strategy at

<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=15017> .

Contained within the implementation strategy are two projects which are already being progressed and will be of interest to the Regional LGA Waste Committees.

1. **Model Contracts and Tendering for Resource Recovery and Waste Management.** Based on the NSW model documents the LGA is currently preparing tender documents to source a suitable consultant to develop a package which is SA specific. This project will also be supported by a training day to be held at the LGA (this is currently scheduled for July but will be rescheduled to Sept/Oct depending on consultants delivery schedule).
2. **Analysis of Markets for Council Collected recyclats.** This project will assess opportunities for regional Council collected recyclats post collection. ZWSA recently engaged OWES (Geoff Johnston) to prepare a 'guide to kerbside and other recycling in country areas' and the LGA project will fund the next step analysis of what to do with recyclats once collected (OWES has been approached to quote for the LGA project).

For further information contact Adam Gray at the LGA on 8224 2055 or at adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au

APPENDIX 13 - Item 8.3.2 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.

Senator Conroy – News Release

Australian Broadband Guarantee funding until 2012

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, today announced an extension of the Australian Broadband Guarantee program to safeguard the broadband opportunities for all Australians, while the Government continues to implement its broader broadband policy agenda.

The Australian Broadband Guarantee program will receive additional funding in the 2008–09 Budget which will bring the total program funding up to \$270.7 million over four years.

“The Australian Broadband Guarantee has played an important role in ensuring high-quality, equitable broadband access for the more remote areas of Australia,” Senator Conroy said.

The extension of this program for a further four years will provide a safety net for Australians, particularly those in rural and regional Australia, who currently cannot access metro-comparable broadband services, while the Government implements longer term solutions to improve access to broadband services available for all Australians.

“The Australian Government is committed to providing Australians with access to high quality broadband services, no matter where they live or work,” Senator Conroy said.

“A key plank of the Government’s strategy is the Government’s commitment to establish a National Broadband Network (NBN) to provide high-speed broadband services to 98 per cent of premises and businesses.”

“However, it is important that all Australians have equitable access to broadband, both while the network is being rolled out, and in those most remote areas that the new network may not cover.”

“That is why, in parallel to the NBN process, the Government is separately conducting a consultation process on policy and funding initiatives to provide enhanced broadband to rural and remote areas, including those that may fall outside the new network.”

“This process will explore long term options in order to ensure that rural and remote areas have access to the best available broadband services.

“In response to industry and consumer feedback, changes will be made to the Australian Broadband Guarantee to encourage greater terrestrial broadband access and to target Australians living in remote and difficult-to-service ‘blackspot’ areas.”

“This will be a new phase for the Australian Broadband Guarantee. The Government’s changes to the Australian Broadband Guarantee and its commitment to funding for four years will encourage the broadband industry to develop more long-term and innovative internet solutions for rural and regional Australians.”

“There will be greater incentives for industry to take a whole-of-region approach to network deployment. The certainty of funding will also ensure Internet service providers are not hindered from making longer-term plans for building infrastructure.”

“Finally, it demonstrates that the Government recognises the importance of broadband to the future prosperity of Australia,” Senator Conroy said.

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Date: 13 May 2008

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APPENDIX 14 - Item 8.3.3 - Annual General Meeting - 6th June, 2008.

Hon Michael Wright MP
Member for Lee



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Mr Peter Campbell
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Dear Mr Campbell

I refer to your letter of 14 April 2006 regarding the Government's shared services arrangements.

Also, I thank you and your associates from the Provincial Cities Association for meeting with me in December last year. As a result of our meeting I wrote to all regional councils addressing some specific concerns for rural and regional communities and outlining the Government's objectives for shared services reform.

The Government has committed to a shared services model for its corporate finance, human resources, information and communication technology and procurement functions and the establishment of a single shared services organisation (Shared Services SA) within the Department of Treasury and Finance.

In relation to your request for further information on the generation of savings, shared services reform brings together back-office processes and systems in order to make them more efficient and effective through economies of scale and scope, process improvement, improving the quality of outputs and lowering the cost of their provision.

In early 2007 an across government collection of data (transaction volumes, full time equivalent employees, related budget and costs and the number and type of systems used) for the in-scope corporate activities was undertaken and subsequent analysis identified those corporate functions suitable for shared services reform.

In addition, a benchmark performance level for each in-scope function was determined by analysing current agency-by-agency performance (from the data collected) and taking into account both public and private sector industry benchmarks. The benchmark (the number of FTE producing a given unit of volume) for each in-scope function was then applied to current activity to calculate potential savings.

In-scope corporate functions and services are being transferred from agencies to Shared Services SA on a "as is" basis and includes the transfer of associated budget, employees and assets such as ICT systems. Once functions and services have transitioned into Shared Services SA each service will be reformed over time, to improve both efficiency and service delivery outcomes. The efficiency gains (savings) will be generated from economies of scale, re-engineered and simplified processes and standardised systems, where fewer resources will be required to deliver improved services.

Shared Services reform is not intended to have a significant affect on rural and regional communities. In-scope employees and their families located in regional areas will not be forced to relocate to Adelaide. Employees who choose not to transfer along with their position to Shared Services SA will continue their public sector employment in the region in line with the Government's "no forced redundancies" policy. This may involve redeployment processes for some employees. A Regional Liaison Group of State Government agency representatives has been formed to maximise alternative employment opportunities for these employees both within their existing agency or with other State Government agencies within the region, in accordance with current redeployment policies.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wright', written in a cursive style.

Michael Wright MP
MINISTER FOR FINANCE

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Mr Peter Campbell
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Dear Peter

SHARED SERVICES REFORM

I enclose for the information and attention of you and your Association, a copy of a letter received on the 11th April, 2008, from the Hon Michael Wright, concerning the above issue.

The information provided by the Minister does spell out the mode of calculation used to calculate the "surplus Government sector employees" covered by the Shared Services Reform. It also clearly indicates the difference between "public sector process activities" and similar private sector activity.

However, it is pointed out that the Minister has not commented on or addressed the Association's concerns over the flow on effect of reduced Government sector employment in the regions. Whilst he has commented on the no forced redundancies provisions of the Reform, the lack of data or comment on the overall economic impacts on the regions is extremely disappointing. It also raises in my mind, questions on how serious the Government is in providing for public scrutiny, economic impact assessment statements which have a full and meaningful regional impact or outcome. This approach, if correct does not auger well for the economic impact data required to be provided under the Marine Parks Legislation.

It is believed that the Association should continue to pursue this issue, ie total economic impact, as it is an issue which has relevance to other issues facing the regions.

The views of your Association on this issue would be appreciated as a matter of urgency.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

IAN McSPORRAN
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Dear Mr McSparran


Thank you for your letter regarding the Government's Shared Services Reform initiative. I apologise for the time taken in replying to you in relation to this matter.

I also thank you and your associates from the Provincial Cities Association for meeting with me in December 2007 and our follow-up meeting on 6 February 2008 in Port Augusta when I visited the region. As a result of our meeting, I recently wrote to all regional councils to communicate the objectives of shared services and address some regional concerns.

In regard to your request for further information concerning the calculation of savings, Shared Services SA's across government data collection exercise was undertaken in early 2007 and identified in-scope corporate service activities being undertaken by government agencies. From this data set, Shared Services estimated savings across all government agencies.

Benchmark performance levels for each in-scope function were determined from analysing the data set collected and using information from both public and private sector industry benchmarks. Benchmarks are volume and FTE driven, i.e. the number of FTE producing a given unit of volume. In each of the benchmarks, key volume drivers were chosen that best represent the volume of output produced by the associated FTE effort.

Benchmarks chosen were in the upper ranges of performances achieved by agencies. The Shared Services benchmark for each in-scope function was then applied to the dataset to calculate potential savings. For instance where an agency was performing below benchmark i.e. utilising more resources (FTE) to produce a given function, then future efficiencies in provision of service should result in less resources (FTE) being required.

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For example, the accounts payable measure used a benchmark derived from the number of accounts payable invoices and the FTE effort associated with processing these invoices. The 2005/06 data collection showed an average 8,712 invoices processed per FTE, externally sourced benchmarks ranged from between 16,000 to 21,000 invoices processed. A benchmark of 14,000 invoices processed per FTE was chosen to determine the associated savings.

Likewise the Payroll measure used a benchmark derived from the total number of people paid and the FTE effort associated with activities around Payroll processing. Data collection showed an average of 234 people paid per FTE. A benchmark of 270 people paid was chosen and used in the calculation of potential FTE savings. This was the 75th percentile of performers ranging from 167 to 300 people paid per FTE effort. A working example of the formulae as applied to all agencies is outlined below:

	FTE - 2005/06 data collection	Volume - # of people paid	Volume/FTE	FTE effort required if at benchmark	Estimated FTE Savings
	(A)	(B)	(B)/(A)	(B)/(C)	(A) - ((B)/(C))
Agency A	8.37	1,530	182.80	5.67	2.70
Agency B	9.15	2,014	220.11	7.46	1.69
Agency C	10.12	2,129	210.38	7.89	2.23
Benchmark (C)			270		

The example above demonstrates the calculations used in estimating savings and the pooling of resources required to achieve part FTE savings, which would only be achievable in a shared service environment.

Shared Services SA's cost of service delivery should reduce over time as process improvements are made and efficiencies are achieved. These reforms will result in more standardised systems and processes with fewer resources required to deliver services. The resulting reduction in workforce numbers is likely to be achieved through natural attrition, redeployment of excess staff and reducing contract staff usage. Other potential shared services savings can be attributed to the economies of scale and scope that will occur as services and infrastructure are gradually consolidated, standardised and rationalised.

I note your proposal in regard to the Government's redeployment processes. The current processes have been developed in the context for the Government's "no forced redundancy" policy for ongoing staff. These processes are contained in Commissioner's Standards, issued by the Commissioner for Public Employment, and they are also reflected in enterprise bargaining arrangements.

The Commissioner's Standards set out the obligations on agencies and employees in the redeployment process to maximise the opportunities for placement in alternative public sector positions.

At this point in time, any fundamental changes to the underpinning redeployment principles such as extending redeployment arrangements outside the State public sector are not being contemplated. However, there may be benefits in providing practical assistance and information to regional employees who wish to seek employment outside the State public sector.

In relation to shared services and those regional employees not willing to relocate with their position, work is underway to ensure those affected are managed fairly and equitably. A Regional Working Group has been formed to develop strategies to minimise the number of displaced employees from regional areas. This includes supporting these employees to either find a new position in their current Department, or in another public sector agency in the region. Where no suitable position can be found, support and assistance will be provided to affected employees to find other positions in line with Government's redeployment policies.

I have referred your letter to Shared Services SA, for the Regional Working Group to consider as part of its upcoming work.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Wright MP
MINISTER FOR FINANCE

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APPENDIX 15 - Item 8.5.2 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.



Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme

29 April 2008

Attention: Mr Peter Campbell

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Dear Peter,

Members to the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme ("the LGAMLS")

The LGAMLS provides its civil liability cover to eligible non-Council Bodies, predominately "prescribed" in the Local Government Act ("the Act") or deemed an "eligible" body pursuant to LGAMLS Rule 2.4.

The Murray & Mallee LGA is a founding (prescribed body) member of the LGAMLS. As such, the minor contribution levels that were applied approximately 20 years ago have not increased at the same rate as other contribution levels for new members.

The method of applying a relevant contribution to a body applying for membership has evolved to ensure that the risk profile is assessed and a "base" level of contribution is applied. Our analysis includes a premium/contribution comparison with the commercial insurance market.

For example, when comparing commercial rates as provided by Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) for similar entities, quotes of approximately \$6,000 - \$10,000 were provided for Public Liability (\$10m) and Professional Indemnity/Directors & Officers cover (limited to \$5 - \$10m).

Accordingly, it is now timely to review the contribution levels of various members with contribution levels that are in direct contrast to the current formulation.

While in most of these cases, a "one-off" adjustment could be applied, it has been recommended by the Board of the LGAMLS to make the adjustment of current levels for historic members over a 36 month period.

The Board has endorsed this review to ensure consistency across the contribution base. This review will include comparison with the commercial insurance markets. This would mean applying a minimum contribution across the Prescribed Body portfolio and then assessing each body's risk profile.

Please find attached a "risk profile" questionnaire, to be completed and returned to the risk management department, so that we are able to assess the current profile of your organisation.

Considering the above, and taking into account your current contribution of \$1 019, you will need to adjust your budget to reflect a 100% increase in this financial year (2008/09). The profiling information will be utilised to determine future contribution changes for the 2009/10 and 2010/2011 financial periods.

The review process has been implemented to ensure a fair and balanced contribution base and equitable application system for all prescribed body members, reflective of the quality cover afforded by the LGAMLS.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Daly or myself should you require any clarification on the review process.

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Kind regards,

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APPENDIX 16 - Item 9.1 - Annual General Meeting – 6th June, 2008.



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9 April 2008

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Dear Peter

Daylight Saving – South Australia

As members would be aware daylight saving concluded on the 6 April 2008 and will recommence on 5 October 2008. See previous attached News Release.

Council discussed daylight saving at the conclusion of the summer period. It was resolved by Council that it oppose the extension of daylight saving and seek support from both Adrian Pederick, MP and the MMLGA.

Also by way of reference I draw members attention to a report released by SafeWork SA in August, 2007;

“Final Report on the Community Consultation regarding the Proposal to Extend Daylight Saving in South Australia”. On page 9 of that Report it states “The Government announced that an extension to daylight saving would be trialled during 2008 by extending the completion of the 2007/08 daylight saving period until Sunday, 6 April 2008 and commencing on Sunday, 5 October 2008. An assessment will then be made as to how the extension of daylight saving works over the course of a year before making a decision about whether it should become a permanent fixture.”

Yours faithfully

Peter Smithson
Chief Executive Officer

News Release

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Hon Michael Wright
Minister for Industrial Relations
Minister for Finance
Minister for Government Enterprises
Minister for Recreation, Sport & Racing

Friday, 26 October 2007

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS SUNDAY

Industrial Relations Minister Michael Wright is reminding South Australians that daylight saving starts this weekend.

Official South Australian time will go **forward one hour** at 2am on Sunday morning (October 28).

“We should all adjust our clocks forward an hour before going to bed on Saturday night,” said Mr Wright.

“Also remember that this period of daylight saving will run a week longer than normal.

“Earlier this year the Government announced that an extension of daylight saving would be trialled in South Australia.

“This will align us with New South Wales, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania who are also extending the daylight saving period so that it ends on the first Sunday in April 2008 and then begins on the first Sunday in October 2008.

“The announcement followed an extensive consultation process in which two thirds of South Australians supported the extension.

“The move will add an extra four to five weeks of daylight saving and we want to see how the extension works before a decision is made on whether to adopt it permanently.

“I want to be clear that South Australia is not adopting Eastern Time. We are simply joining the eastern states in ending daylight saving a week later and then starting it three weeks earlier in 2008.

“The extension of daylight saving will help South Australian businesses avoid the added cost and confusion associated with being out of sync with the eastern states.

“In addition, extra daylight hours means more time for recreation activities after work and more time to spend with family,” said Mr Wright.

Further details about daylight saving can be found on the SafeWork SA website
www.safework.sa.gov.au