

# ANNUAL REPORT

2008/2009



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## 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With Council elections due in 2010, many elected members are no doubt considering whether they intend to nominate for another four year term. It's well established that the governance requirements for Councils continue to increase, as does the workload for both officers of Council, and elected Members. My thanks must again go out to all members who continue to work hard for their districts, and for our whole region. The last year has, yet again, been extremely challenging.

Reflecting on the year confirms that we continue to invest much time and energy into shaping legislation and other developments that will impact our communities. Ongoing issues with the implementation of the "*Eyre Peninsula Coastal Development Strategy*" [endorsed 2007] have resulted in further meetings at both the EPLGA level, and individual Councils. Most issues have been associated with the implementation of the coastal conservation zone, including its drawing on a map. Councils are working through their draft DPAs received from Planning SA with Mr Ian Nightingale (Chief Executive of the Department for Planning and Local Government) and Andrew Gear, Director of Planning, assisting with ground-truthing and negotiating local concerns. We have also been advised that the restrictive tourism regulations will be reconsidered.

Despite the global economic downturn, mining expansion and development has continued to provide both opportunities for our communities, and also some concerns. For the Eastern Coast, the issue of port facilities, and future needs, has been of significant interest with proposals for the expansion at Point Lowly in the north, and Centrex Metals' DAC application to ship haematite from Port Lincoln. Iluka is well down the track in plans to develop minerals sands potential north- west of Ceduna, while kaolin deposits near Streaky Bay are also being advanced. Many other mining opportunities are considered and expected to see further urgency as the global economic scene recovers.

Water, and waste water, continues to present planning urgencies for Eyre Peninsula and the SA Water Long Term Plan for our region has seen us have an Interim briefing about the need to fast-track desalination options to supplement our ground water supplies. We are hopeful that good rainfalls in the southern basin catchments over June and July have assisted in ground water levels but the dire predictions, following years of below average winter tallies, means that complacency has gone. The Water for Good will see further planning for the 30% of residents not supplied by SA Water. Level 3 Water restrictions now cover most of our community, with the exception of Elliston.

The transition to Regional Development Australia, as partners with the state and federal government, has been a very long process that has required many meetings later on in the year, and into the new financial year. Most difficult has been the determination of a new structure, constrained by the state requirement to re-configure our two, very functional Boards (Whyalla Economic Development Board and Eyre Regional Development Board) to a single, legal structure. We are hoping to have a new RDA Board nominated by the end of September 2009, and hopefully operational by 2010.

Waste management, native vegetation management, bushfire and emergency management, all provide on-going areas of challenge with significant changes to standards of bushfire management expected over the next two summers, following catastrophic loss of lives in Victoria last summer. Especially for Southern EP Councils,

with their heightened fire danger, these issues are constantly under legislative review. In addition, we have continued to provide suicide prevention training, using the CORES programme from Tasmania, to ensure greater resilience for our isolated communities under stress from protracted droughts. Our thanks must go to Cr Karen Burrows (DC Elliston) and to Deb Larwood (from Kimba Council) for their efforts in that area. Councils have again supported that programme for the 2009/10 year, as it is deemed so important.

Further roll out of the Marine Parks has seen our Councils become involved in the Working Parties, with the Pilot Process for Parks 1 and 2, and Park 6, well underway. Our thanks to Mayors Suter and Stirling for their input and leadership to that process.

Our major event, the Annual Conference, was hosted this year by District Council of Wudinna and saw a focus on Climate Change. Wudinna was able to secure internationally significant speakers, including Prof Will Steffan (ANU) and Peter Cozier from the Wentworth Group. In addition, we joined the EPNRM Board in organising a major Climate Change forum in Whyalla that was headlined by Prof Tim Flannery. Other notable inclusions included Prof Barry Brook, Dr Peter Hayman, Dr Tim Moore along with an array of other speakers covering renewable energy options, climate adaptation issues, farming adaptation, built environment considerations and current legislation.

Again, I must thank Senior Vice President, Mayor Julie Low, for her efforts over the year. Julie has very ably stepped in to represent us when I have been unavailable. Also to Jr Vice President, Eddie Elleway. It's always good to know that there is a good team round you in any organisation. Our thanks must also go to Sonya Young, who has given us invaluable support over many years. We also offer big congratulations to Sonya, and her husband, Matt, on the recent birth of their first child, Jesse. Finally, I'd also like to thank Diana Laube, our Executive Officer, for her excellent work in ensuring that the Association was always on track and moving forward – a very valuable contribution.

It remains for me to thank all our Member Councils for their commitment to their Council and the region, which we are all very passionate about. We are all proud of where we live and, working together, we can ensure it remains a great place to live.

Mayor Jim Pollock, PRESIDENT



*ABOVE: EPLGA Office Bearers  
Mayor Jim Pollock (Front)  
Barry Parsons (LGA- Returning Officer 2010)  
Mayor Eddie Elleway (Jn Vice President) and  
Mayor Julie Low (Snr Vice President.)*

**1. REPORT ON 2008/09 ACTIVITIES:**

MEMBER COUNCILS 2008/09

- City of Whyalla
- City of Port Lincoln
- DC Ceduna
- DC Cleve
- DC Elliston
- DC Franklin Harbour
- DC Kimba
- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
- DC Streaky Bay
- DC Tumby Bay
- DC Wudinna

REPRESENTATIVES:

At the 71<sup>st</sup> AGM of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, held at Ceduna on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008, the following Office Bearers were confirmed for the 2008/09 financial year:

PRESIDENT: Mayor Jim Pollock (City of Whyalla)

SNR VICE PRESIDENT : D/Mayor Julie Low (DC Lower Eyre Peninsula)

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Mayor Eddie Elleway (DC Franklin Harbour.)

President Pollock and Snr Vice President, Julie Low, also became our delegate and proxy delegate to the SA Regional Organisation of Councils, and to the State Executive of the LGA.

Early in 2009, President Pollock also successfully nominated for the position of a Vice President (Country) of the LGA.

Other representatives to regional Boards have been as follows:

EYRE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Mayor Allan Suter (DC Ceduna) [Proxy: Cr Phill Stevens, DC Ceduna]

Mayor Allan Edwards (DC Cleve) [Proxy: Cr Carolyn Haskett, DC Kimba]

WHYALLA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

D/Mayor Eddie Hughes  
Mayor Jim Pollock  
Cr Colin Carter

EYRE PENINSULA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Mr Geoff Dodd (CEO, City of Port Lincoln)

TOURISM EYRE PENINSULA COMMITTEE

Cr Graham Pearce (DC Streaky Bay)  
Mayor Jim Pollock (City of Whyalla)

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A SUMMARY of our Business Plan for 2008/09, and the activities generated from that Plan, is included in the following table. Our Operating activities are more reactive than strategic, and determined by the needs of our member Councils. As a regional subsidiary under the Local Government Act, 1999, our activities are determined by resolutions of our members and thus, our work plan is rarely evident in advance.

Part of our direction is set by activities of the LGA, and we have a role in liaising with members on matters directed by the LGA of SA.

EPLGA operations were funded by Member subscriptions totalling \$121,000.

**REPORT ON 2008/09 BUSINESS PLAN**

	<b>Key Objectives</b>	<b>Activities in 2008/09</b>
1	<b><i>Promotion of an integrated and regional network of Councils, in co-operation with other regional LGAs and the LGA of SA.</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular newsletters distributed electronically as information mechanism</li> <li>Active participation in SAROC and State Exec agenda</li> <li>Regular liaison with other regional Executive Officers to cross-promote issues throughout regional SA</li> </ul>
2	<b><i>Effective lobbying on behalf of Members on key regional initiatives and concerns</i></b>	<p>Throughout the year, lobbying efforts have included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued lobbying and submission re Marine Parks process</li> <li>Continued response/lobbying re Water including EP Long Term Plan, Lower Lakes plight, the Elliston Concept</li> <li>Opposition to Daylight Savings extension and promotion of Central Standard Time GMT+ 9 hours</li> <li>Continued lobbying state government re implementation of EP Coastal Planning, especially coastal conservation zone</li> <li>Heavy vehicle access to Gazetted routes</li> <li>Response to EPA's draft Environment protection Policy, Waste to resources project</li> <li>Minister Gago's Accountability proposal re Regional Subsidiaries</li> <li>Promotion of Royalties for Regions fund, SA</li> <li>Call for audit of safety standards, school buses</li> <li>Call for review of consultation process, Point Lowly redevelopment.</li> <li>Presentations to Uni SA Design students, Regional leaders group on local Government on EP</li> </ul>
3	<b><i>Assist Members to improve operational efficiencies by providing a forum for considering co-operative ventures and sharing of resources</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Waste Group meetings have been held to progress our regional Waste Strategy</li> <li>LGA Better Service Delivery pilot Process co-ordinated by EPLGA</li> <li>Climate Change Leaders Briefing convened and larger forum planned</li> <li>Preliminary discussion re next Regional Road review held. There will be a period of process review starting in July 2009.</li> </ul>
4	<b><i>Provide a point of interface with key organizations on Eyre Peninsula, including EPNRM, ERDB, WEDB and TEP, on matters of governance that affect the majority of Members</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment offered, EPNRM draft Plan</li> <li>Assisted in co-ordinating meetings between ERDB, WEDB and Members Councils, in relation to RDA processes.</li> <li>Continued to provide representation to regional boards.</li> <li>Worked with EPNRM on climate change intelligence gathering.</li> </ul>

Following a review of resources in May 2008, a narrowed focus was determined for the organization with a reduction in time for the Executive Officer. Members endorsed very much a focus on core local government issues for EPLGA and the outcomes above are an indication of this.

This will continue to describe our focus for 2009/10

Other items in the Strategic Plan that were achieved in 2008/09 include the following:

- Develop EPLGA policy documents and review processes in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1999 for contracts and tenders, public consultation, governance, OHS&W and protection of the environment [Item 1/03.04]

- Gazettal of new Charter including timeframes consistent with Local Government Act, 1999.

### **PROJECTS CARRIED OUT 2008/09.**

This year, we were again given \$32,000 through the regional capacity building programme of the LGA. These resources, in addition to carry forward funds, were budgeted for the following projects:

#### **Better Services Delivery Pilot Project**

The LGRDS nominated the EPLGA to undertake a Pilot scoping project to investigate opportunities for co-operative delivery of some activities in our region. Working with consultant, Mark Booth from BRM Holdich, and with Paul Perry, LGA, a number of meetings were held with CEOs to better identify possible projects for fully developed consultancies. Currently, the final document is being prepared for distribution to Councils for their consideration.

To assist in kick-starting a future consultancy, which will require input from Councils, we have put aside \$10,000.



*Consultant Mark Booth, working with CEOs Ned Roberts & Tony Irvine*

#### **Climate Change Implementation.**

After the signing of an agreement between our sector and the State government, the EPLGA has been working in conjunction with the EPNRM on initiatives that begin the intelligence gathering for regional organizations. In December 2008, we organized a Leader's Briefing in Port Lincoln, to begin the process of engagement with Councils.

We are currently well underway in putting together a major forum (for July 2<sup>nd</sup>), this time in Whyalla, and including Professor Tim Flannery as the keynote speaker. Members are receiving information about the speakers and sessions and we have allocated \$20,000 to this.

We hope this will represent an efficient use of resources, enabling Councils access to quality information that will enable them to begin planning their climate change response.

#### **CORES Programme (Suicide Prevention.)**

In 2008, we began resourcing a series of community workshops, in conjunction with the Division of General Practice, aimed at boosting the community capacity in response to people, especially farmers, who might be at risk of suicide. This project has been driven by Cr Karen Burrows from the DC Elliston and she has, this year, worked with proponents of the Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) programme, developed in Tasmania.

Our focus this year has been on getting two people trained, with both Karen and Deb Larwood (DC Kimba) both undertaking the training. The \$11,000 committed this year has seen further

community workshops and the key step of now having people available on Eyre Peninsula to continue leading community workshops.

We believe this “safety net” is the responsibility of the whole community, not just the health “system” as we have faced several years of difficult economic circumstances for many residents. SA Country Health has struggled to staff mental health positions and farmers are often reluctant to seek medical help. We are hoping that the increased skills throughout many communities will assist in developing our resilience. This project forms part of our commitment to the Drought Taskforce.



ABOVE: A CORES workshop group with (top left) Deb Larwood (DC Kimba) and (centre front) Cr Karen Burrows, DC Elliston.

### EP Waste Management Strategy

EPLGA has continued to co-ordinate the regular forums for Waste personnel throughout our region, including the continued working towards the most efficient model for landfill and waste operations.

This year has seen a period of consultation, by the EPA, on draft legislation under the Waste to resources project. Designed to better identify some waste streams, and to widen the responsibility for re-using more waste,

the new legislation has future capacity to significantly impact on low-volume landfill operations.

The global economic downturn has severely impacted markets for recycled materials, leading to common issues with stockpiling. Again, freight costs challenge many Councils.

### Regional Leadership

EPLGA committed \$8,000 to a regional project planned three years ago; this was postponed close to the event and the funds not spent. This year, the ERDB and EPNRM successfully sought funding to run a regional leaders programme which included participants from local government. Our \$8,000 was this year allocated to the project. Participants were drawn from communities across EP, and from a variety of backgrounds. A session on local government enabled the EPLGA to talk generally about our sector and also to promote candidacy in 2010.

### Wudinna/Roxby Air Trial

This was another initiative under our response to Drought in our communities. We assisted the DC Wudinna in trialing fly-in, fly-out operations for mining at Olympic Dam. While mining has provided an economic opportunity for some, the family of the miner often wishes to remain in their communities rather than dislocated the whole family. This trial aimed at exploring the logistics of such a scheme. Our commitment was \$5,000.

Diana Laube  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2009

**MEETINGS 2009/2010**

**BOARD MEETINGS.**

**2009**

4<sup>th</sup> Sept 09    **STREAKY BAY**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 09    **CLEVE**

**2010**

28 Feb/1 Mar  
 25<sup>th</sup> June  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**COWELL**  
**WUDINNA**  
**TBC**  
**TBC**

**ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE, 1981-2020.**

A highlight on the EPLGA calendar is the Annual Conference, hosted each year by a member Council. To assist in host Council planning, the following schedule is included:



*LEFT: Tony Siviour Allan Edwards (Mayor) Peter Arnold (DC Cleve) at the 2009 Annual Conference, Wudinna.*

1986	Port Lincoln CC	2006	DC Ceduna
1987	DC Le Hunte	2007	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
1988	DC Franklin Harbour	2008	DC Kimba
1989	DC Cleve	2009	DC Wudinna
1990	DC Streaky Bay	<b>2010</b>	<b>DC Franklin Harbour</b>
1991	Port Augusta CC	2011	DC Cleve
1992	DC Elliston	2012	DC Streaky Bay
1993	DC Tumby Bay	2013	DC Elliston
1994	Whyalla CC	2014	DC Tumby Bay
1995	DC Ceduna	2015	Whyalla CC
1996	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula	2016	DC Ceduna
1997	Dc Kimba	2017	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
1998	Port Lincoln CC	2018	Port Lincoln CC
1999	DC Le Hunte	2019	DC Kimba
2000	DC Franklin Harbour	2020	DC Wudinna

1981	DC Tumby Bay	2001	DC Cleve
1982	Whyalla CC	2002	DC Streaky Bay
1983	DC Ceduna	2003	DC Elliston
1984	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula	2004	DC Tumby Bay
1985	DC Kimba	2005	Whyalla CC

# EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Interest Received		8,946	12,703
Membership Fees	4	121,000	121,000
Reimbursable Expenses		99	1,080
Project Management Fees		3,000	4,305
		<u>133,045</u>	<u>139,088</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration		11,543	8,189
Audit Fees		1,000	850
Bank Charges		147	47
Computer Expenses		1,761	454
Donations		1,000	-
Employee Expenses		53,906	63,924
Legal Fees		-	6,113
Insurance		1,835	918
Meeting Expenses		4,138	3,497
Motor Vehicle Expenses		2,262	11,085
President's Expenses		750	750
Project Expenses		-	6,000
Secretarial Service		15,950	15,485
Telephone		338	328
Travel Expenses		4,149	3,309
		<u>98,779</u>	<u>120,949</u>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<u>34,266</u>	<u>18,139</u>

# EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## BALANCE SHEET As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	157,289	142,322
Receivables – GST		3,152	3,736
Prepaid Expenses		-	2,455
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>160,441</u>	<u>148,513</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	5	8,512	9,227
Unspent Grants	2	<u>45,642</u>	<u>67,265</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>54,154</u>	<u>76,492</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>106,287</u></u>	<u><u>72,021</u></u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Balance brought forward		72,021	53,882
Change in Financial Position Resulting from Operations		34,266	18,139
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<u>106,287</u>	<u>72,021</u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 1031 Materiality  
AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date  
AASB 119 Employee Benefits  
AASB 107 Cash and Cash Equivalents.

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured using a shorthand method which produces a result not materially different from the liability measured using the present value of expected future cash outflows method. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

2. PROJECTS

	1/7/2008 Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Unspent
Regional Capacity Building	41,553	32,904	29,951	44,506
EP Coastal Development Strategy	25,712	-	24,576	1,136
Active Communities	-	50,000	50,000	-
	<u>67,265</u>	<u>82,904</u>	<u>104,527</u>	<u>45,642</u>

2009  
\$

2008  
\$

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Bank SA Cheque/Savings	6,273	142,322
Bendigo Term Deposit	110,000	-
LGFA (at call)	41,016	-
	<u>157,289</u>	<u>142,322</u>

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

District Council of Ceduna	11,752	11,752
District Council of Cleve	8,802	8,802
District Council of Elliston	7,457	7,457
District Council of Franklin Harbour	7,712	7,712
District Council of Kimba	7,429	7,429
Wudinna District Council	7,777	7,777
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	13,212	13,212
District Council of Streaky Bay	9,027	9,027
District Council of Tumby Bay	9,937	9,937
City of Whyalla	21,955	21,955
City of Port Lincoln	15,940	15,940
	<u>121,000</u>	<u>121,000</u>

5. TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES

Accrued Expenses – employee entitlements	4,260	4,079
Trade Creditors	2,488	2,706
Payroll Liabilities	1,764	2,442
	<u>8,512</u>	<u>9,227</u>

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

I, DIANA LAUBE the person for the time being occupying the position of CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Association for the 30 June 2009 financial year are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 1/10/2009

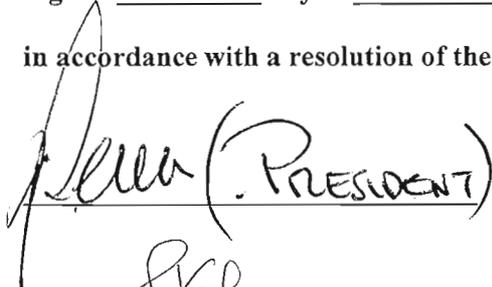
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**STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS**

In the opinion of the Board of Management of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association the accompanying Financial Report attached hereto, are drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2009, and the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2009, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed 6<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2009

in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management

  
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Member

  
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Member  
(Snr Vice President)

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009 and the income statement and statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's declaration as set out on pages 1 – 5.

### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

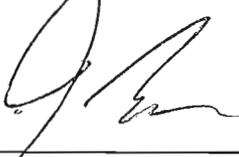
In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* and the Australian professional accounting bodies.

## AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is properly drawn up:

- a) To give a true and fair view of :
  - i) the Association's state of affairs as at 30 June 2009 and changes in equity resulting from operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.
  - ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the financial statements.
- b) According to the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government Act 1999 (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act; and
- c) According to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Signed at Adelaide this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009

  
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JOHN D EWEN  
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

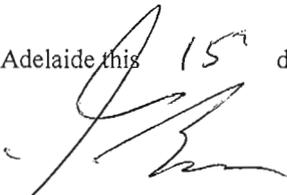
## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to The Members of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2009, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (4) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.

Signed at Adelaide this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009

  
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JOHN D EWEN  
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT