



Murraylands and Riverland  
Local Government Association

# DRAFT Minutes

## Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

Date Thursday 30 October 2025

Venue Barmera Club, 149 Dean Drive, Barmera SA 5345

### General Board Meeting PROGRAM

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| 8:50am | Arrival, Registration + Tea and coffee |
| 9:00am | General Meeting Opened                 |
| 2:18pm | Meeting Closed                         |
|        | Morning Tea and Light Lunch provided   |

*Being a unified local government sector  
working in the best interest of the region and our communities*



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGENDA FOR THE<br/>GENERAL MEETING OF<br/>THE MURRAYLANDS &amp; RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION</b></p> |
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## 1 WELCOME

### MRLGA Presidents Welcome

Chairperson, Mayor Ella Winnall to open the meeting.

Welcome Board Members and invited guests.

No apologies communicated.

### Acknowledgment of Country

*We acknowledge the first peoples of the River Murray as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we are meeting and respect their spiritual relationship with their country and the importance of their cultural beliefs.*

## 2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Clause 3.3.1 of the Charter and Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), board members are required to declare any potential conflict of interest(s).

Mayor Winnall and Mayor Bailey declared themselves as board members of Country Arts SA and will step aside if a conflict of interest arises at Item 6.9 or other.

Mayor Bailey stated she is nominated as a candidate for the seat of Hammond in next year's State Election and there is no conflict of interest with the Agenda / meeting as presented.

## 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A copy of the General Board Meeting Minutes was provided at Attachment 1 (including attendance register).

### Motion

*"The Confidential and Public Minutes from the MRLGA Annual General Board Meeting held at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Offices on 31 July 2025 be taken as read and confirmed."*

**Moved** Mayor Bailey (MMC)

**Seconded** Mayor Phillips (DCKEM) **Carried**

## 4 ACTIONS REGISTER

*There were 26 board actions from 23/24, of which the following 2 items remain pending.*

| 20 October 2023 - General Meeting |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Action:                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1                                 | <p><b>Charter Review</b></p> <p><i>It would be best to align the MRLGA voting processes with the sector MRLGA Ceo to research other lga's voting procedures.</i></p> <p><i>Agreed that the item is brought back to the Board Meeting in February 2024.</i></p> <p>That the MRLGA Board support the proposed changes to the Charter and ask the MRLGA CEO to have them reviewed legally and any feedback brought back to the board before proceeding.</p> | <p>Temporarily on hold until the LGA constitutional review was completed.</p> <p>Councils voted at the LGA AGM November Minutes.</p> <p><a href="#">AGM-2024-Minutes-22-November-2024.pdf</a></p> <p>MRLGA will schedule a periodical review of the Charter in Q2 25/26.</p> |
| 18 April 2024 – General Meeting   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Action                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2                                 | <p><b>Ministerial Invite</b></p> <p>That the MRLGA Ceo write to the new Local Government Minister and invite him to meet with the board for a broader conversation about financial sustainability in the Local Government sector.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>– Invited early June for 25 July Meeting – unable to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  | If successful with a meeting MRLGA, Ceo will prepare and agenda and online meeting ahead of time to prepare. | attend.<br>– Invited to 9 August meeting – unable to attend.<br>– Invited in late March and am working with the advisor on a suitable date.<br>– Invited to 31 July Board Meeting. Unable to attend. |
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*There were 15 board actions from 24/25, of which the following 3 items remain pending.*

| <b>7 August 2024 – Annual General Meeting</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
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| <b>Action(s)</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
| 3                                             | <b>Regional Drought Resilience Plan</b><br>The MRLGA re-engage PIRSA and Ministers (Scriven's) Office regarding MRLGA's role in relation to MR Plan, Drought Resilience and Drought Response. | – Follow up discussions have happened with PIRSA (not the Ministers office as yet). |

| <b>10 April 2025</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Action</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                             |
| 4                    | <b>RDRP Letter</b><br>The MRLGA Board delegate its power to President, Vice President and Ceo to finalise a letter to Minister Scriven about future governance and delivery model associated with the Regional Drought Resilience Plan in light of additional funding coming from the State and Federal Government | – A draft letter is sitting with Ceo, President and VP, pending a final review and issuing. |
| 5                    | The MRLGA Ceo inquire with OSFB if it would consider altering its closed delivery partner program to others.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | – A phone call and email inquiry has been made. No reply received as yet.                   |

| <b>31 July 2025</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Action(s)</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                |
| 6                   | <b>Item of Business to LGA AGM re: Collection of Landscape Levy</b><br>The MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to liaise with Mayor Thorley on a potential motion to the LGA AGM (from Rural City of Murray Bridge) about advocacy towards the withdrawal of Council collecting State levy charges, and the concept of an alternative rate notice format for the sector that separates charges.              | – Completed                                                                                                    |
| 7                   | <b>SAROC Groupings</b><br>MRLGA Ceo to confirm the groupings representation clauses (including change in regional lga president, vice president and proxy (either specific or flexible nomination)).                                                                                                                                                                                                       | – Completed. Regional LGA's cannot conduct voting (it must be done by LGA and SAROC Reps cannot have proxy's). |
| 8                   | <b>Procedure for items of business to National Ministerial Meetings</b><br>LGA to advise of the process to achieve item(s) of business for Ministers Meetings (such as the ones highlighted below). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Government Ministers' Forum</li> <li>Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting</li> <li>National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting</li> </ul> | – Inquiry made. Response from LGA received on 21/10                                                            |
| 9                   | <b>Letter to LGA in support of Mayor Simmons being a nominated representative on the SA Drought Advisory Group</b><br>The MRLGA Board agree to co-sign a letter from MRLGA to LGA in support of Mayor Simmons as nominee for the role LGA representative on the SA Drought Advisory Working Group.                                                                                                         | – Completed                                                                                                    |
| 10                  | <b>Invite new Landscape Board Ceo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | – Completed. New Ceo will                                                                                      |

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                   |
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|    | MRLGA Ceo to invite the new Landscape Board Ceo (when known) to an MRLGA meeting, and inform them of a desire to discuss the region having the States highest landscape levy.                                                                         | visit Councils separately.                        |
| 11 | <b>RDRP</b><br>That the MRLGA Board:<br>- Support the MRLGA Ceo to pursue an agreement with consortium partners that establish a 12 month shared role for drought resilience coordination using the \$140k Implementation Funding.                    | - Completed                                       |
| 12 | <b>RDRP</b><br>That the MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to negotiate for equal division of delivery funding to each three consortium partners, and for it to progress drought resilience initiatives and report back to the Board on its progress". | - Underway                                        |
| 13 | <b>RDRP</b><br>The Board support the MRLGA Ceo as the signing officer on funding proposals associated with RDRP funding."                                                                                                                             | - Part 1 Completed<br>- Part 2 Underway           |
| 14 | <b>Personnel Changes</b><br>The Board approve for its banking systems and forms to remove Mayor Phillips and add Mayor Bailey to the Banks SA and BBO system in line with President and Vice President appointments following the AGM.                | - Underway, but is currently stalled with BankSA. |
| 15 | <b>Flood Funding</b><br>MRLGA Ceo to liaise with Mid Murray Council about the financials of flood funding and if it can write to the crap to access the remaining funds.                                                                              | - Not yet commenced                               |
| 16 | MMC requested<br>MRLGA Ceo to invite Hon Kirsty McBain to tour the Murraylands and Riverland                                                                                                                                                          | - Not yet undertaken                              |
| 17 | RPC requested:<br>The need to list an agenda item for the Adelaide Freight Bypass (and risks/ potential impacts from the delivery stages of this project)                                                                                             | - Underway                                        |

### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board note the actions completed and those underway from the previous meetings.*

***Moved Mayor Phillips (DCKEM)***

***Seconded Mayor Hunter***

***Carried***

## 5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

### 5.1 ALGA

- **Current Policy Work**
- **Ministerial Meetings**
- **General Items**
  - o ALGA President's October 2025 Update  
President's Update – 13 October 2025 – ALGA
  - o ALGA – NGA 2025 Resolutions - Status  
2025 NGA Resolutions – ALGA
  - o Submissions to:  
Submissions – ALGA  
DCCEEW's Implementing Australia's Strategy for Nature  
Review part 5 of the Net Zero Economy Authority Act  
Productivity Commission's Interim Report on clean energy and net zero  
Climate Change Authority 2025 Issues Paper  
Economic Reform Roundtable
  - o Webinar GenAI in Local Government  
4 November 2025 (link below for more information and to register)  
Practical AI for local government – ALGA
  - o 2025 Roads Congress in Bendigo  
A friendly reminder to register for the 2025 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress to be held in Bendigo, VIC - 11-12 November.

### 5.2 LGA of SA

- **Topical Update**
- **LGA Strategic Plan**
- **LGA Board Meeting** Minutes from 2 October 2025 was provided.
- **LGA Special Board Meeting** Minutes from 14 October 2025 was provided.
- **Local Government Minsters Forum**
- **Andrew Lamb from LGA is available to receive any questions.**

LGA Representative asked if the Board could motion into confidence to discuss a confidential item (relating to State Government communique on proposed Council rate deferral scheme).

#### Confidential Item

Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 its recommended the Board considers the LGA communique on drought as confidential pursuant to Section 90(3) (g) of the Local Government Act 1999, and that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to agenda item is:

- *matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure ... any duty of confidence, or other ... duty.*

#### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board accept the item be treated as confidential."*

**Moved** Mayor Norton (DCLW)

**Seconded** Mayor Hunter (RPC) **Carried**

Invited guests and non-Board members left the room.

#### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board move out of confidence."*

**Moved** Mayor Thorley (RCMB)

**Seconded** Mayor Hunter (RPC) **Carried**

Invited guests and non-Board members were invited back into the room.

### **Motion**

"The MRLGA Board support LGA to advocate for the Council Rate Deferral Scheme as part of the State Government's drought response support."

**Moved** Mayor Norton (DCLW)

**Seconded** Mayor Bailey (MMC) **Carried**

### ○ **LGA Events**

| Coming soon      |                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 24 July 2025     | Mayor & Ceo Networking Dinner          |
| 25 July 2025     | Mayor & Ceo Forum                      |
| 20 August 2025   | Roads & Works Conference (Tailem Bend) |
| 24 October 2025  | Governance Network Forum               |
| 20 November 2025 | Mayor Forum                            |
| 21 November 2025 | LGA AGM                                |

## 5.3 **SAROC Update**

### ○ **SAROC Representatives**

Regional representatives Mayor Caroline Phillips and Mayor Simone Bailey provided a verbal update on meeting items. It was also reported:

- A motion from SAROC in July '25 that resolved to invite Minister Szakacs to speak with SAROC about the impacts of drought happening across regional SA Councils and communities had been later overturned by LGA, sighting that SAROC was not the right forum for the Ministers to address the issues. The LGA representative said that the governance error had been addressed internally and would not happen again.
- Meetings are not providing enough value, prompting some representatives to consider stepping aside.
- The time commitment is not proportionate to the value being achieved and this is producing a paradox as the grouping still needs representation SAROC.

To substantiate the first reported item, the following motions are provided.

The motion below is recorded in the minutes of SAROC meeting held on 4 December '24.

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| 9. Any Other Business                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.1 Other Business                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| MOVED Mayor Reid                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SECONDED Mayor Bailey                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| That the SAROC Committee send a letter of thanks to Minister Scriven and that the LGA Secretariat coordinate a Zoom meeting with regional councils and the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Small Business. |
| Carried                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

The following motion is recorded in the minutes of SAROC meeting held on 24 July '25.

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| 3.5 Drought Update                                                                                                         |
| 9.26am - Mayor Moira Jenkins joined the meeting                                                                            |
| 9.42am - Mayor Roslyn Talbot left the meeting                                                                              |
| MOVED Mayor Dean Johnson                                                                                                   |
| SECONDED Mayor Leon Stephens                                                                                               |
| That the SAROC Committee:                                                                                                  |
| 1. Notes the verbal update from James Holyman, Manager Policy, LGA; and                                                    |
| 2. Invites the Minister for Local Government to a SAROC Committee Meeting before the end of 2025 to discuss these matters. |
| Carried                                                                                                                    |

The following motion is recorded in the minutes of SAROC meeting held on 6 October '25.

**3.2 Resolutions and actions from previous meetings**

MOVED Mayor Dean Johnson  
SECONDED Mayor Rodney Reid

That the SAROC Committee:

1. Notes progress with resolutions resulting from the meeting of 24 July 2025 and outstanding resolutions from earlier meetings; and
2. Renews its call for an invitation to be sent to the Minister for Local Government inviting him to a future SAROC Committee meeting, and extends this invitation to the LGA Board, and that this invitation be sent within one month (before 2 November 2025).

**Carried**

**Motion**

"The MRLGA Board suspend having the regional representatives attend SAROC."

**Moved Mayor Thorley (RCMB)    Seconded Mayor Valentine (SMDC)**

The motion was formally placed before the meeting for debate by the Chair.

A query was raised regarding the LGA Board's structure, noting that some regional groupings are underrepresented while others appear overrepresented, which may not fully support effective governance.

One board member expressed concern that the Murraylands and Riverland region currently lacks representation on the LGA Board, highlighting the impact on maintaining a democratic decision-making environment.

Andrew Lamb provided an overview of the value LGA delivers, including their contributions and ongoing support to Councils.

Another board member noted that Murraylands and Riverland remain best placed to ensure representation at SAROC, rather than having no presence at all.

Further discussion questioned whether the current LGA system and structures continue to be fit for purpose, and whether opportunities exist to enhance their relevance and effectiveness, noting that the previous constitutional review process did not result in meaningful reform.

**Amended Motion**

"The MRLGA Board temporarily suspend having delegates attend SAROC meetings until LGA can demonstrate confidence in governance, democratic process, value and outcomes back to the regional grouping, and ask SAROC Chair to speak with regional grouping about solutions for improvement."

**Moved Mayor Thorley (RCMB)    Seconded Mayor Valentine (SMDC)    Carried**

○ **Drought Response and Recovery**

Updates discussed during Item 5.2.

Mayor Norton reported that there had been a drought fundraiser held in Loxton: Loxton longest lunch attended by 160 people (100 producers) and was a successful event. Also reported was the release of a health card (whilst not in connection with the drought support package) its release is timely.

○ **LGA Board Nominations interfacing with Elections**

## 6 REGION WIDE AGENCY'S

- 6.1 Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC)
- 6.2 Standing Committee 22/23 River Murray Flood Event
- 6.3 Murray Darling Association
- 6.4 SA Drought Hub
- 6.5 One Basin CRC (Loxton)

Kym Walton is no longer working at One Basin CRC.

A questions was asked if any of the CRC projects are 'across' the region (or are they riverland focused)?

*Action(s)*

Ceo to inquire about CRC's acting arrangements.

Ceo to see if more updates/information on CRC can be shared with the Board.

- 6.6 SAPOL

- 6.7 Department of Environment & Water

Latest update on SA harmful algal bloom

Mayor Valentine reported they had a presentation from DEW about groundwater and the dropping levels were alarming. No action requested from MRLGA, but will be pursuing further discussions at a local level.

- 6.8 Country SAPHN

- 6.9 Country Arts

### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board note and accept the regional stakeholders written reports and/or minutes shared."*

**Moved** Mayor Simmons (CDC)

**Seconded** Mayor Phillips (DCKEM)

**Carried**

## 7 STATE STRATEGY'S

### 7.1 State Public Health Plan

A board member observed the State Plan seemed unusually late, given the current plan is to end in 2025, but a draft for 2026 has only been released now (Nov '25).

### 7.2 State Waste Strategy

### 7.3 State 30 Year Public Transport Strategy

### 7.4 State 30 Year Transport Plan

### 7.5 Regional Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan

### 7.6 Murray Mallee Regional Plan

### 7.7 State Development Coordination and Facilitation Office

### 7.8 Drought Response & Recovery Coordination Bill

### 7.9 Council Rates, Electricity Generator Bill

### 7.10 Federal News Items

#### **Department of Infrastructure, Transport Regional Development, Communication , Sport and the Arts**

- As part of a Regulatory Impact Analysis a survey is open for feedback on the proposal to reduce the open road default speed limit.

This information has been provided to the MRLGA Regional Transport Committee.

[Regulatory Impact Analysis to reduce the open road default speed limit | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts](#)

#### **Motion**

*"The MRGLA Board does not support the reduction of speed limits (as referred under <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/regulatory-impact-analysis-reduce-open-road-default-speed-limit>) without thorough consultation with local government."*

**Moved** Mayor Norton (DCLW)

**Seconded** Mayor Hunter (RPC)

**Carried**

- "For the Good Of" campaign  
The campaign aims to raise awareness of the new law which from 10 December 2025, means you will need to be over 16 to access social media accounts.  
[Launch of advertising campaign "For the Good Of" | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts](#)
- Communications sector prepares for the 2025-26 Higher Risk Weather Season  
*"Exercise Disconnect & Reconnect"*  
[Communications sector prepares for the 2025-26 Higher Risk Weather Season | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts](#)
- Australia's 2035 emission reduction target (62-70%)  
To help drive the transition to net zero, the Australian Government has set a target to reduce emissions to 62-70% below 2005 levels by 2035.  
[Net Zero - DCCEEW](#)  
They have also developed 6 Sector Plans. One sector is: Agriculture & Land. A link to the plan is below as an example:  
[Agriculture and Land Sector Plan - DAFF](#)

## 8 MRLGA : Quarterly reflections and/or current and emerging items

### 8.1 Public Health & Wellbeing

#### *Presentations*

- **Emma Young** Country SAPHN, Executive Manager, Strategic Engagement
- **Amy Porcelli** Preventive Health SA
- **Danielle Crisci** Preventive Health Officer (Riverland Preventive Health Partnership)
- **Zara Male** Preventive Health Officer (Murraylands Preventive Health Partnership)
- **Professor Kirstin Ross** Flinders University, Environmental Health

#### *For Information*

- **An update on Preventive Health Partnership was provided**
- **Regional Public Health & Wellbeing Plan – (Stage 1) Review**
- **Office of Sport Recreation and Racing Partnership**
- **Communications – A connected network**

### 8.2 Waste & Resource Recovery

MRLGA Ceo offered everyone 1-1 information sessions for anyone seeking to understand more about the regional quarterly report or any other waste initiatives.

#### *For Information*

#### **Quarterly Update**

#### **New Appointment, Samara Miller**

#### **Waste Facility Tour a success – 19 September**

#### **Waste Services Kerbside Review – Status**

A draft report is nearing completion (ie 80%) for 5 of the Councils who are on a 3 Bin system. This project was identified as part of the regional strategy and will provide Councils with information about:

- How much food waste and garden waste is being placed in the red lid bin
- Why landfills seek to avoid food waste and garden waste from going to landfill
- Correlation between the red lid bin and the State Waste Levy
- Options around 'level of service' (ie the frequency of kerbside collections and
- Much more!

It is planned that Councils will receive the draft report through briefing(s) before it is made final.

For Councils on a 2 bins system, MRLGA is liaising separately with:

Mid Murray Council and its waste team while it does an internal review of the 2-bin system and its future options.

District Council of Karoonda East Murray on alternative options.

Southern Mallee District Council while it reviews its overarching model for waste management and kerbside services.

#### **Waste Education** (Annual program for the five participating councils)

An annual waste education program has been developed in conjunction with five of the Councils participating in the joint waste contract. Councils will receive this work soon through operational channels.

#### *October news*

- A **Sustainability Calendar** was provided at Attachment 4.
- “ **Which Bin** ” – Amplifying the State Campaign !
- **Set Your Clothes Free** – Textile Awareness and Recycling Event – Berri  
[Set your clothes free | 1 November](#)
- **Safe Battery Disposal**

## Kerbside Waste Audit Results

## Green Industries SA's Circular Economy Opportunities

### 8.3 Climate Ready Regions

### 8.4 Water Recovery

#### **Motion**

*"The MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to prepare a submission to the SCP in accordance with the scope parameters outlined in agenda Item 8.4."*

**Moved** Mayor Thorley (RCMB)

**Seconded** Mayor Phillips (DCKEM) **Carried**

### 8.5 Regional Drought Resilience Program (MR Plan)

#### Administration Costs

#### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Ceo liaise with PIRSA Ceo about agenda Items 8.5 with a view to structuring an arrangement that supports regional local government associations to participate in drought prepared opportunities, but not at the expense of the councils operational and regional priorities that support the sustainability of local government."*

**Moved** Mayor Thorley (RCMB)

**Seconded** Mayor Hunter (RPC) **Carried**

#### Drought preparedness and response activities during the last quarter

### 8.6 MRLGA Strategic Plan

### 8.7 MRLGA Policy Reviews

## 9 FINANCIAL

### 9.1 Quarterly Financial Statements

Quarterly Financial Statements were provided at Attachment 5.

#### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board accept the financial statements submitted for the quarter ending 30 September 2025."*

**Moved** Mayor Valentine (SMDC)

**Seconded** Mayor Norton (DCLW) **Carried**

### 9.2 Annual Report & Audit

#### **Motion**

*"That the MRLGA Board note the completion of the Model Financial Statements, release of the Annual Report and receipt of the audit report for the year ending 30 June 2025."*

**Moved** Mayor Hunter (RPC)

**Seconded** Mayor Valentine (SMDC) **Carried**

## 10 ROUND TABLE

### 10.1 Berri Barmera Council

Mayor Ella Winnall provided an overview of:

- RLGF: Letter from Minister for Infrastructure and Transport regarding the maintenance of a navigable channel on the River Murray. A copy of the letter was provided at Attachment 7.
- MRLGA's President met with RDA Murraylands & Riverland Board on 23 October 2025 and provided a verbal report back to the group.

Past items included:

- RLGF has issued a letter to Minister(s) if the River Murray is 'navigable' and are waiting a reply. The reply will be shared with the group.  
The background to this issue relates to obstructions in the river and responsibility.
- Office of Small and Family Business  
Asked the MRLGA Ceo inquire with Office of Small and Family Business if it would consider altering its (closed) delivery partner program to other
- Bank stabilisation learnings for Ski Club  
Asked if others have had success with bank stabilisation to pass back on to its ski club (in terms of products, design, specification or contacts). MRLGA offered to email the Infrastructure committee on their behalf and advise.

### 10.2 Coorong District Council

Mayor Paul Simmons shared an update on SA Water partnership at Wellington East  
Reviewing how to fund jetty upgrades.

Past items included:

- Impacts from Drought
- Delivering "Unbreakable Farmer" sessions
- Liaising with the PHN on local issues
- CDC has reviewed its hardship policy
- Impacts of Little Corellas are ongoing and growing, including that on mental health.
- Further work and advocacy is being led by Council in light of the withdrawal of health services, and the following challenges and impacts that ensue. 40 submissions from community have been received to support Councils advocacy

### 10.3 District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Mayor Trevor Norton:

- asked about other Councils levels of support and/or facilitation of Justice of the Peace services (to which others detailed their levels of support or facilitation).
- reported on the process and outcome of the South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee (SABFAC) panel recruitment.

Past items included:

- LGA Visit  
LGA Ceo, Clinton Jury and a bus of visitors came to DCLW to see a stormwater / cwms project of theirs.
- Changing Places Public Toilet  
Promoted a recent project of Council to build a changing places toilet facility. Stated there are only 20 in SA but that they were able to receive 50% funding to build it.

### 10.4 District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Mayor Caroline Philips said that some recent events (like Mindarie races drew 3000 people and it is having a Kick off Your Boots visit, that are all helpful for community spirit during drought).

DCKEM to initiate a local Murraylands Drought Survey (12 months on) and invited others to express interest if they wish to undertake it in unison.

Past items included:

- Murraylands Drought Survey  
It consulted with Preventive Health about the drought survey and it was a productive

conversation around community comments in public surveys. They were supportive of the survey work Council(s) had done.

- 40 Year Anniversary for Farm Fair  
Proud to have a farm fair that's been going on for so long, although they may consider scaling it back to 1 day.
- General Practitioner  
A Doctor may be coming in April.

#### 10.5 Mid Murray Council

No items reported from Mayor Simone Bailey.

Past items included:

- Financial Sustainability Round Table
- River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve
- Rating pressure – a story was shared about rate rise pressures to community's and vulnerable (agricultural) areas.
- Foundation SA
- Standpipes Funding  
It is anticipating success via a strengthening industry grant program for funding associated with 14 standpipes and getting them automated.
- Regional Partnership Funding  
They hope some good news is coming soon.
- LGA OGM  
Reiterated that MMC is advocating for adjustments to the FA Grants formula and will be looking forward to the discussion at the upcoming LGA OGM.

#### 10.6 Renmark Paringa Council

Mayor Peter Hunter reported:

- RPC also met with and presented to the RDA Murraylands and Riverland Board on 23 October about its Jane Eliza development.
- The Jane Eliza development project (800 homes, 2000 jobs, marina) is moving forward. It has done a recent hydraulics report and will now commence a code amendment.
- It will sit on the Flood Warning Committee.
- It hosted the last SAROC meetings and LGA Board meetings in Renmark and included a local river cruise to show its recently completed wharf redevelopment and highlights other initiatives of RPC.

Past items included:

- Cr Howie advised she is a representative on the SA Recreation and Boating Safety Committee. It has recently released its Strategy (2025-2030)  
<https://www.marinesafety.sa.gov.au/south-australia-recreational-boating-safetystrategy>
- Mayor Hunter met with the SA Mental Health Commissioner in January 2025.
- Navigation of the River will table at the next Riverland Forum for discussion.
- Awareness about limitations of Mental Health Services in regional, rural and remote areas.
- Murray, Mallee and Riverland - Local Health Network  
They are seeking an update from Wayne Champion / LHN on the status of the 30 recommendation made in the Mental Health Services review.
- Insurances  
They remain disappointed in the insurance support and process post flood.

#### 10.7 Rural City of Murray Bridge

No major items to report from Mayor Wayne Thorley.

Past items included:

- Boating Safety. What groups currently exist and how can be more work be done to improve river safety (particularly in light of events from Australia Day long weekend).
- Seeking to do more that supports the River Murray to be a tourism icon, and subsequently see more tourism products come to market (such as the possibility of river cruising and connecting with Journey Beyond).

- Grants. Concerns expressed about the outlay Councils have to do as part of the process of applying for grants, and the time it is taking to receive outcomes and subsequent funding.
- Expressed interest in having more online sessions.
- Police Commissioner  
A recent meeting with the Police Commissioner went very well. Some items discussed included a strategy for river safety and change for the better. This was timely given recent incidents on the river over the public holiday long weekend.
- Federal Grants  
They are experiencing long time frames with federal grant programs at the moment.
- MDBA Conference  
Promoted the next MDBA conference on 29 and 30 July will be held at Murray Bridge and invited everyone to get their tickets and come along.

#### 10.8 Southern Mallee District Council

Reported the Councils main focus remains on financial sustainability and there will be more news emerging in 6 weeks to share with the subsidiary.

Past items included:

- Financial Sustainability – still the main focus for the Council
- Decommissioning Assets
- Dentist closed

### 11 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

2026 Meeting Schedule :

| Meeting Type  | Month           | Venues (tbc) |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Board Meeting | 5 February 2026 | Lameroo      |
| Board Meeting | April 2026      | tbc          |
| Board Meeting | July 2026 (AGM) | tbc          |

*Caretaker period in the lead up to the 2026 Local Government Elections will likely commence September 2026.*

# Attendance Register

30 October 2025

## MRLGA BOARD MEMBERS

|                                               |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Berri Barmera Council (BBC)                   | Mayor Ella Winnall, President and Chair |
| Coorong District Council (CDC)                | Mayor Paul Simmons                      |
| District Council Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM) | Mayor Caroline Phillips                 |
| District Council Loxton Waikerie (DCLW)       | Mayor Trevor Norton                     |
| Mid Murray Council (MMC)                      | Mayor Simone Bailey                     |
| Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)                 | Mayor Peter Hunter                      |
| Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)            | Mayor Wayne Thorley                     |
| Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC)       | Mayor Ron Valentine                     |

## MRLGA

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Ceo                           | Carron McLeod |
| Circular Economy & Waste Lead | Samara Miller |

## CEO NETWORK

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Ben Scales, Ceo   | Mid Murray Council    |
| Tim Pfeiffer, Ceo | Berri Barmera Council |

## Deputy Mayors

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## ATTENDING & INVITED GUESTS

|                               |                                       |
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| Emma Young                    | Country SA PHN                        |
| Amy Porcelli                  | Preventive Health SA                  |
| Danielle Crisci               | Riverland Preventive Health Officer   |
| Zara Male                     | Murraylands Preventive Health Officer |
| Professor Kirstin Ross        | Flinders University                   |
| Andrew Lamb                   | LGA of SA                             |
| Monica (surname not recorded) | LGA of SA                             |
| Kelly-Anne Saffin             | SA Cross Border Commissioner          |

## APOLOGIES

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# Riverland Mallee Coorong Region

## Region Overview

The Riverland Mallee Coorong region includes the townships of Berri, Coonalpyn, Karoonda, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Meningie, Tailem Bend, and Renmark.

Country SA PHN is the Primary Health Network covering country regions of South Australia. The key goals of the Primary Health Networks, as defined by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, are to improve “the efficiency and effectiveness of health services for people, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes”; to improve “the coordination of health services”; and to increase “access and quality support for people.”

## Key PHN Priority Areas

- Aboriginal Health
- Aged Care
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Digital Health
- Mental Health
- Population Health
- Workforce

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People’s Health Commissioned Services

### Integrated Team Care (ITC)

Moorundi Aboriginal Health Service and FocusOne Health deliver the ITC program to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s access to high quality, culturally appropriate health care including care coordination.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

### Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling

Aboriginal Sobriety Group delivers alcohol and other drug counselling services.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

### Mental Health Services

Aboriginal Sobriety Group and Moorundi Aboriginal Health Service deliver mental health services to local Indigenous communities in the Riverland and Murray Mallee regions respectively.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

### Chronic Disease Management

Moorundi Aboriginal Health Service delivers services for chronic and complex conditions and allied health services that meet the locally determined needs and priorities and support other established providers.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

## **Aged Care Commissioned Services**

### **care finder**

FocusOne Health and iREACH Rural Health deliver the care finder program, which provides specialist and intensive assistance to help vulnerable older people to understand and access aged care and connect with other relevant supports in the community.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Housing and Homelessness Education Module**

GPEX delivers an online interactive education module for the care finder cohort and other interested professionals on the homelessness sector in South Australia.

Country SA PHN region

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### **Nightingale Nurse Program**

Dementia Australia delivers the Nightingale Nurse Program, which provides specialist outreach nurse support for people living with dementia, their families, and carers around end-of-life choices.

Country SA PHN region

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## **Alcohol and Other Drugs Commissioned Services**

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs treatment services**

Mission Australia delivers targeted, person-centred alcohol and other drugs (AOD) services for young people aged 10 to 25, as well as AOD service hubs.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Alcohol and Other Drugs service**

Baptist Care SA deliver the Tumbelin intervention aimed at reducing harms associated with alcohol and other drugs, particularly ice, in young people.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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## **Mental Health Commissioned Services**

### **Youth Clinical Care & Coordination**

iREACH Rural Health and FocusOne Health deliver the Youth Clinical Care & Coordination program to young people aged 12 – 25 years of age with, or at risk of, severe mental illness in Murray Bridge and the Riverland respectively.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **headspace**

FocusOne Health and iREACH Rural Health deliver headspace services focused on early intervention mental health services for 12–25 year olds, in Berri and Murray Bridge respectively.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Clinical Care and Coordination**

FocusOne Health and iREACH Rural Health delivers clinical care and coordination of services for people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, in the Riverland and Murray Mallee regions respectively.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Psychological Therapies**

iREACH Rural Health and FocusOne Health deliver evidence-based, short term psychological interventions to eligible people, including those with a diagnosable mild, moderate, or in some cases severe mental illness.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Psychosocial Support**

Mind Australia and Moorundi Aboriginal Health Service deliver psychosocial support services.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### **Psychosocial and service navigation support**

iREACH Rural Health delivers psychosocial and service navigation support to Aboriginal young people.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Medicare Mental Health Phone Service

Neami National deliver Medicare Mental Health, a free confidential phone service to connect people with mental health support.

Country SA PHN region

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### Low Intensity Mental Health Services

FocusOne Health delivers additional low intensity mental health services, as an adjunct to the Psychological Therapies activity, and to contribute to progress toward a regionwide stepped care model.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Regional Access

Lifeline Australia delivers Regional Access, which is a 24/7 telephone and online counselling service providing evidence-based low intensity interventions to people who are at risk of developing mental illness.

Country SA PHN region

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### Mental health support for mothers

iREACH Rural Health deliver mental health support to vulnerable mothers in the Riverland region.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Suicide Prevention Training

MATES in Construction SA delivers an integrated program of community development and support using training as a tool to raise awareness about suicide and its contributing risk factors. Follow up support is provided through clear pathways of help.

Country SA PHN region

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## Population Health Commissioned Services

### Extended Access to Dental Services

Australian Dental Foundation delivers emergency telephone triage, tele-dentistry where possible, and referral services.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Extended Access to Dental Services

Dental Outreach deliver after hours dental services, including an emergency on-call service.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Dementia Support Pharmacist

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia delivers outreach support and medication management to people living with dementia.

Country SA PHN region

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### Living Well with Chronic Pain

iREACH Rural Health delivers an early intervention chronic pain service using community education, GP referral lifestyle management, and other methodologies.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Enhanced Integrated Primary Health Care Service Multi-Disciplinary Team program

FocusOne Health delivers this multi-disciplinary team program to improve management of heart diseases.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Healthy Habits

FocusOne Health delivers a multi-faceted response to community members seeking weight management support.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Integrating Primary Health Care Services

FocusOne Health delivers this service to provide allied health and other specialist nurse care to underserved and disadvantaged people with chronic conditions.

Riverland Mallee Coorong region

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### Gender Wellbeing Service

SHINE SA delivers an afterhours peer-led telephone information and support service to assist trans and gender diverse people and those who support them.

Country SA PHN region

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## **Workforce Commissioned Services**

### **Pharmacy Support Bundle**

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia delivers the Pharmacy Support Bundle, which is tailored for regional pharmacists to support practitioner development.

Country SA PHN region

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### **Investing in Doctors' Health**

Doctors' Health SA delivers the Investing in Doctors' Health program, which provides specialised support for General Practitioners, Registrars and Medical Students to be aware of and maintain their own health and wellbeing.

Country SA PHN region

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### **Workforce Education Services**

South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association (SAPMEA) develops and delivers a continuing professional development training program and education activities to the primary health workforce.

Country SA PHN region

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### **Bowel and Cervical Cancer Screening Workshops**

SAPMEA deliver accredited best practice workshops for rural general practice staff around bowel and cervical cancer screening methods.

Country SA PHN region



## Primary Care and Digital Support Team

The Primary Care and Digital Support Team engage with care providers to support the implementation of 'best practice' in practice management, information systems, clinical care and overall quality improvement so they can deliver high quality coordinated and integrated care to country South Australians.

- My Health Record
- Clinical coding for general practice
- GoShare Pneumococcal Program
- Workforce and Sustainability
- Workforce Incentive Program – registration and support

### Primary Care and Digital Support team provides services and support with:

- Accreditation
- Digital Health
- Emergency Response Planning Tool (ERPT)
- GoShare Platform
- GoShare Palliative Care Program
- General Practice Aged Care Incentives, including registration and support
- MyMedicare Registration
- GoShare Healthy Weight Management Program
- Face to face practice visits
- Secure Messaging
- Professional Development
- Stakeholder engagement
- eReferrals
- Up to date health literacy
- Initial Assessment and Referral
- National Cancer Screening
- Quality Improvement
- Practice Health Profiles
- Practice Network Meetings
- Provider Connect
- Strengthening Medicare Grants
- ADHA webinars & resources

## Ageing and Palliative Care Team

### Ageing and Palliative Care Support team provides services and support with:

#### Residential Aged Care Support team activities

- RACH Network Meetings
- Telehealth support
- COVID-19 Vaccination support
- After-Hours Planning Assistance
- Support for Electronic National Residential Medication Charts (eNRMC)
- General Practice in Aged Care Incentive guidance – GPACI
- MyMedicare Registration Support
- Mental Health Services

#### Digital Health and Technology

- My Health Record Registration Assistance
- My Health App Support
- Access to ADHA Webinars & Resources

#### care finder Program

- Commissioning of care finder Services
- care finder Workforce Education
- care finder Community of Practice

#### Palliative and End-of-Life Care

- GoShare Palliative Care Program
- GoShare Aboriginal Palliative Care Resources
- GoShare Adult Attitude to Grief Scale
- Community Death Literacy Education
- Health Provider Palliative Care Education
- Palliative Medication Proficiency Training
- Advance Care Planning Support

#### Workforce Development

- Professional Development Opportunities
- Sector Updates and Newsletters
- Workforce Upskilling and Capacity Building

#### Strategic Initiatives

- Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration
- ACOP: Aged Care On-site Pharmacist Measure



## Strategic Engagement Activities

### Community Advisory Committees

Community Advisory Committees cover much of country South Australia. These Committees are essential to provide the community perspective to Country SA PHN and ensure that decisions, investments and innovations are patient centred, cost-effective, locally relevant and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.

The members of these committees bring a range of local, professional, governance and lived experience skills that contribute to an effective committee environment. Country SA PHN values the range of information these committees provide on local health, education, social and transport issues.

### Clinical Council

The Clinical Council brings together key stakeholders with expertise in a clinical practice environment to work in partnership and contribute to ensuring that Country SA PHN's decisions, investments and innovations are clinically safe, patient centred, cost effective and local. Country SA PHN has established Clinical Councils to provide key links between primary health care providers and the Country SA PHN Board.

### Relationships with Regional Health Advisory Councils

Country SA PHN engages with Regional Health Advisory Councils and values the range of information these councils provide on behalf of their communities on local health priorities and planning.

### Relationships with Local Government (Councils)

Country SA PHN engages with local government (Councils) to provide advice and support on the development of Regional Public Health Plans.

# Regional Preventive Health Partnerships

## An introduction to Prevention and Preventive Health SA

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Amy Porcelli, Manager, Partnerships



Government  
of South Australia

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Preventive Health SA

# Preventive Health SA

## Our Vision

Healthier South Australians, across generations.

## Our Purpose

**Leading evidence-informed, innovative and integrated action** to prevent and reduce the burden of non-communicable health conditions and improve health equity across South Australia.

## Our Commitment to Closing the Gap

Preventive Health SA acknowledges that **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a human right to enjoy life outcomes that are equal to all Australians.**

We are committed to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and recognise that partnering with the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector is essential to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples leading the design, delivery, and review of preventive health initiatives.

## How we operate and make decisions

### Evidence informed and impactful

We create and use the best available evidence in what we do, how we direct our efforts and how we demonstrate progress.

### Influential and systems thinking

We vigorously pursue positive change, informing and advising government and the community.

### Innovative and sustainable

We think differently to drive contemporary, innovative, and sustainable solutions to lead the preventive health agenda in South Australia.

### Collaborative, connected and united

We harness and build capability and expertise, working collectively to improve the health and wellbeing of all South Australians.

## How we behave

### Respectful

We treat others with dignity, kindness and empathy

### Transparent

We are open, accountable and trusted

### Brave

We take up challenges and courageously pursue change

### Inclusive

We embrace the diversity of all people and cultures

### Ethical

We work and act responsibly and with integrity

### Curious

We are willing to explore, try and learn

## Prevention Priorities

Obesity Prevention

Tobacco and Vaping

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Suicide Prevention

Determinants of Health

Aboriginal Health and Health Equity



Government of South Australia  
Preventive Health SA

# What is preventive health?

*In the context of health, prevention includes taking measures to keep people healthy and well and to avoid the onset of illness, disease or injury.*

- The goal of prevention is to **maintain and improve the health and wellbeing of the entire population**, while simultaneously **reducing health disparities** between priority population groups and the general population.



2021-2030

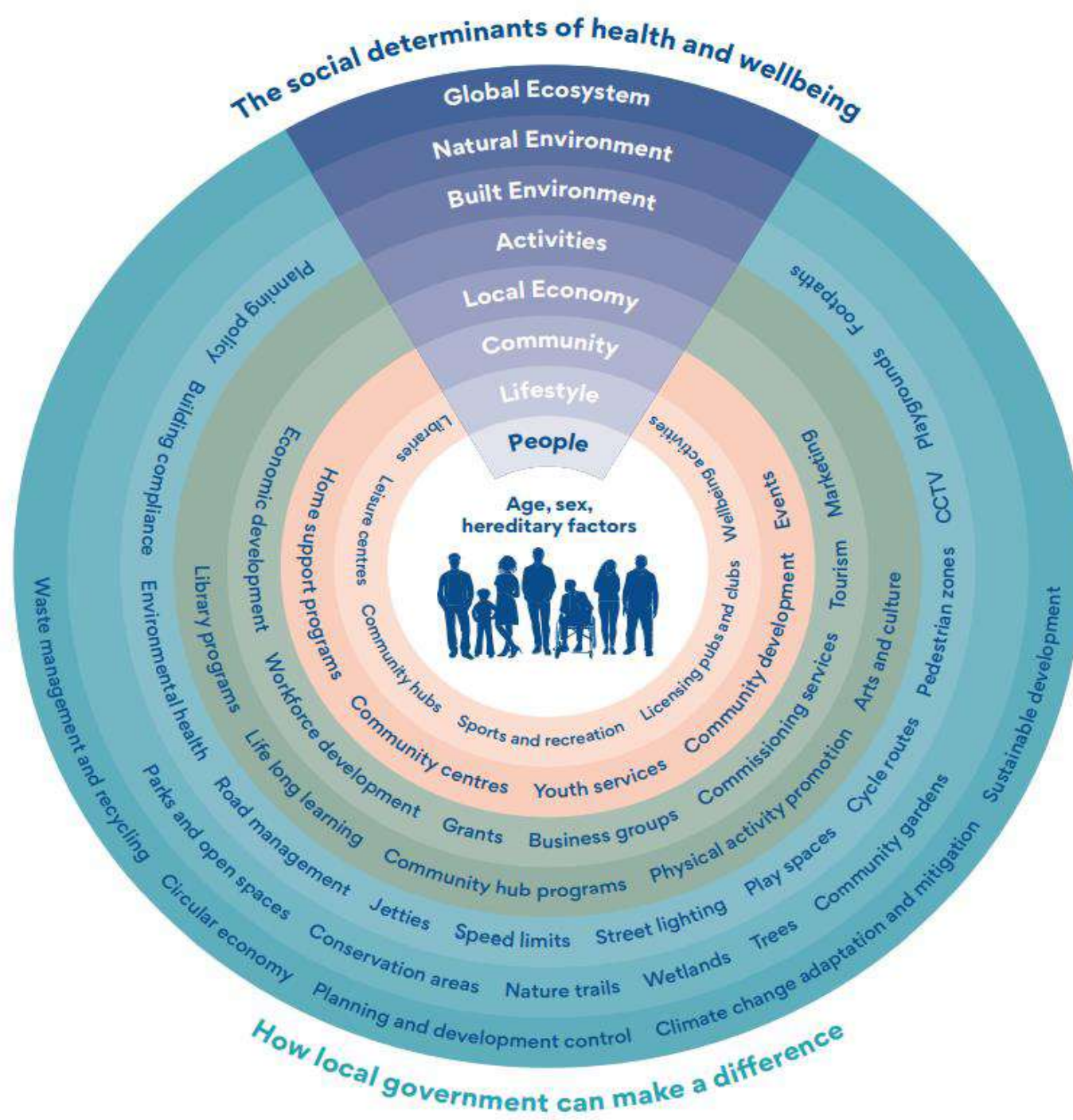
# Why should we focus on prevention?

- Effective prevention decreases the risk of individuals experiencing a disease, condition or injury.
- **Health and wellbeing benefits:** Reduces morbidity and mortality associated with chronic conditions, contributing to people living not only longer, but being healthy longer.
- **Economic benefits:** Results in long-term cost savings by keeping people out of the (very expensive) hospital system AND supports people to participate in productivity and society more broadly.
- **Societal benefits:** It can include a whole of population approach, or interventions targeted towards specific population groups (i.e. legislation, public policy, health campaigns and programs).
- It enables a focus on equity by **addressing the “causes of the causes”**.



# Upstream (primary and primordial) prevention





- As the tier of government closest to communities, local councils are well placed to understand the challenges and wellbeing needs of their communities.
- Local service providers understand the nuances and complexities of what impacts individual wellbeing.
- Local councils and service providers already contribute significantly to shaping community wellbeing.
- Partnerships are essential to addressing the broad range of factors that influence wellbeing outcomes.
- How can we work together to look for new opportunities to address community wellbeing needs?



# Creating healthy communities



# Riverland Preventive Health Partnership Overview

**Project purpose:** to enhance the wellbeing of the Murraylands community through a combination of strategic prevention health action and local capacity building.

- **Partners:** Mid Murray Council (host), the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, the Rural City of Murray Bridge, Murraylands and Riverland LGA, and Preventive Health SA.
- **Resourcing:** co-funded role, in-kind support from partners, small implementation budget. Opportunity for new partnerships and leveraging existing commitments of partners and stakeholders.
- **Project duration:** 2 years of planning and implementation + sustainability planning



- For this project, we are interested in **enhancing the physical, social and mental wellbeing** of the Murraylands community by **shaping the environments and circumstances** in which people live, work, learn and play, and to provide the **resources and opportunities** for people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families.



# Riverland Preventive Health Partnership Overview

## Phase 1: Planning and scoping



- Establishment of partnership and formation of governance group
- Appointment of Project Coordinator Role
- Developing joint understanding of project purpose and potential scope

## Phase 2: Evidence gathering – data analysis and stakeholder consultation

## Phase 3: Planning

## Phase 4: Implementation

## Phase 5: Evaluation and sustainability planning



# **Murraylands and Riverlands Preventive Health Snapshot**

MRLGA General Meeting – Thursday 30 October 2025

# Project Roadmap

## Data Analysis

Analysis of population data (ABS) and other relevant data sources



## Synthesis

Bringing together data and insights to highlight key themes



## Workshop

Workshop through the concept plan to reflect on findings, contribute ideas and strengthen collaboration to support implementation plan development



## Engagement

F2F meetings and distribution of Stakeholder Insights Survey



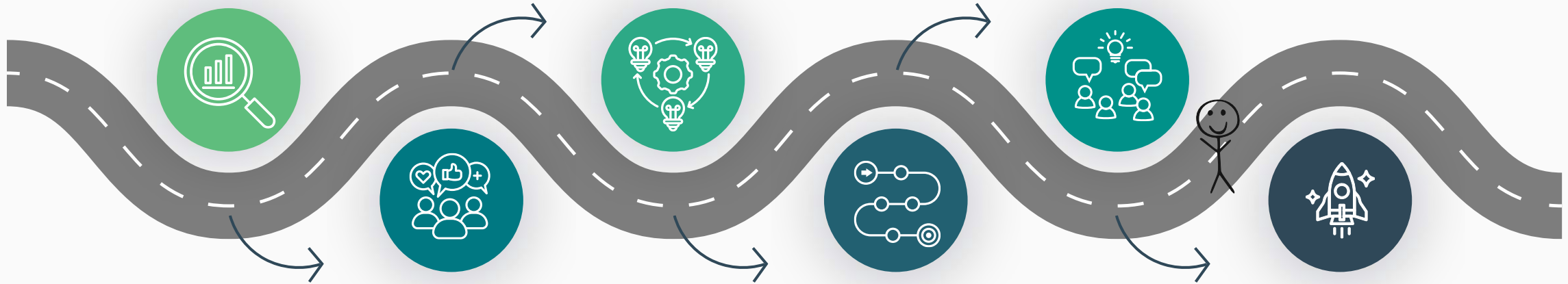
## Concept Planning

Development of draft concept plan



## Implementation Plan

Development of the implementation plan



# Methodology

Analysis of population health data, local data drawn from recognised indicators or research, undertaking an assessment of needs or gaps. A variety of data sources and indicators and evidence-based research



## PHIDU Reports and Maps

Interactive maps of Social Health Atlases of Australia

**LGA specific**

Demographic and social indicators, health status, disease prevention, disability, carers and deaths, use and provision of health and welfare services

Dates 2018-22



## ABS

Australia's largest statistical collection

Date: 2021



## PHSA Population Health Profiles

Demographic and health and wellbeing measures

SA Population Health Survey

Specific to each LGA

Date 2018-2023



## AEDC Community Profiles

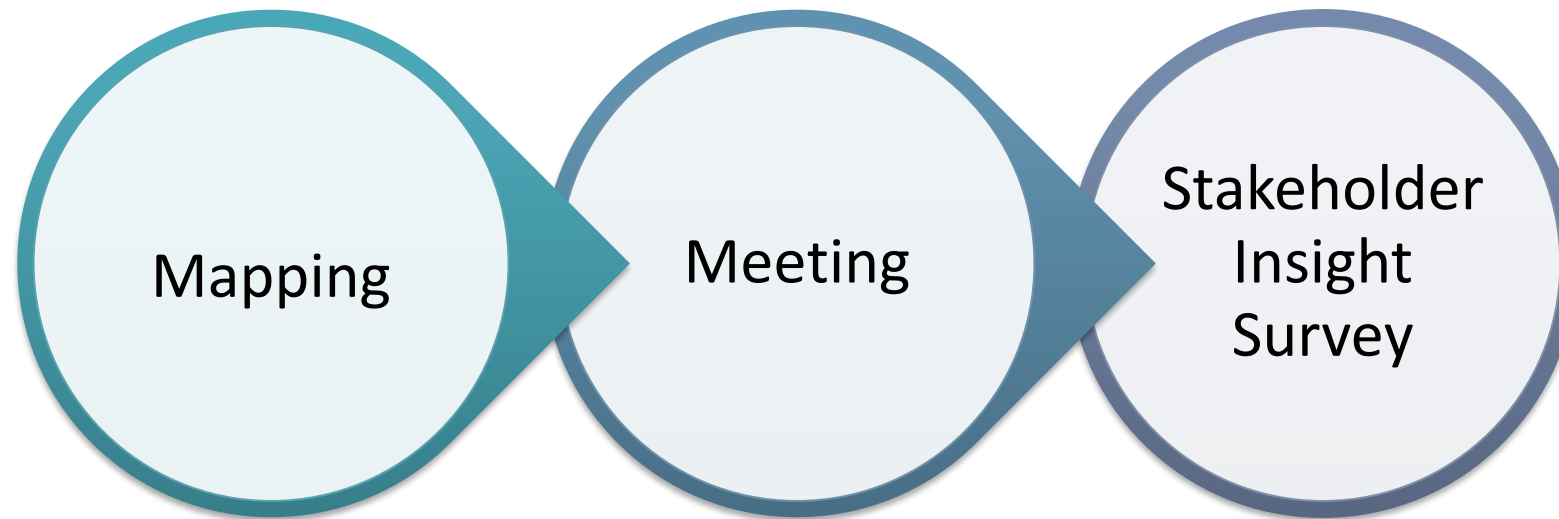
Measuring development of children in Australia in first year of full-time school

Specific to each LGA

Date 2024

# Methodology

Primary process:



# Purpose



Preventive  
Health  
Priorities



Priority  
Population  
Groups



Opportunities  
for  
Collaboration

As told by the organisations, services, groups and individuals who know their communities well

# Riverlands Preventive Health Partnership



Emerging insights

# **Data Analysis Focus Areas**

**Social Determinants of Health**

**Early Childhood Development**

**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

**Suicide Prevention**

**Alcohol and Other Drugs**

**Tobacco & Vaping**

**Obesity**

22% of children scored 'at risk' in emotional development

2024

37.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced high or very high psychological distress levels

2018-19

19.4% of people aged 15 years and over consumed 5 or more standard alcoholic drinks on any day in the last 12 months, at least monthly

2022

17 % of people were current smokers

2022

69% of people aged 18 years and over had a waist measurement indicating an increased or substantially increased risk of developing chronic disease

2022

33% of people aged 18 years and over were overweight (not obese)

2022

83% of people aged 15 years and over were not meeting physical activity guidelines

2022

38% of people aged 18 years and over had adequate fruit intake (2 pc each day)

2022

# Insights Snapshot

From August to September 2025:



**Conversations**

**38**



**Email Survey Outreach**

**95**

- Group email sent to various potential stakeholders



**Survey Responses**

**35**



**8 Key Stakeholder Groups Engaged**

- Local health services
- Schools and education providers
- Sporting club
- Aboriginal organisations
- SA Government Departments
- NGOs
- Charities & foundations
- Community groups

# Key Themes

## Priority Populations



- Young people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Children & families
- Socially Isolated Individuals

## Focus Areas of Concern

- Mental health & wellbeing
- Social connection, inclusion & loneliness
- Suicide Prevention
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Obesity Prevention\*



## Room for Improvement

- Community Connectivity / Events and Activities
- Social Connection Spaces/3<sup>rd</sup> Spaces
- Increased Awareness of Activities/Events



## Community Strengths

- Services/Organisations Available and Collaborative Efforts
- Support Systems
- Pride in Community and Belonging
- Natural Environment
- Sports, Recreation and Culture



## Top Critical/Major Barriers

Cost of Living

Transport

Burnout Among Volunteers & Leaders

Discrimination or Stigma

Social Isolation and Loneliness

Low/No Awareness of Existing Activities

# Murraylands Preventive Health Partnership



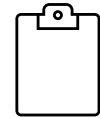
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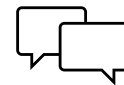
# Snapshot of emerging findings



157 Participants Contacted via email



63 Survey Responses



30+ Conversations

## Stakeholders:

Government, NGOs, Community & Church Groups, Health and Social Services, Education & local Businesses

# Key Outcomes

## Priority Populations

Socially Isolated Individuals

Older Adults

Children and Families

Drought Affected People

## Preventive Health Priorities

Mental Health and Wellbeing

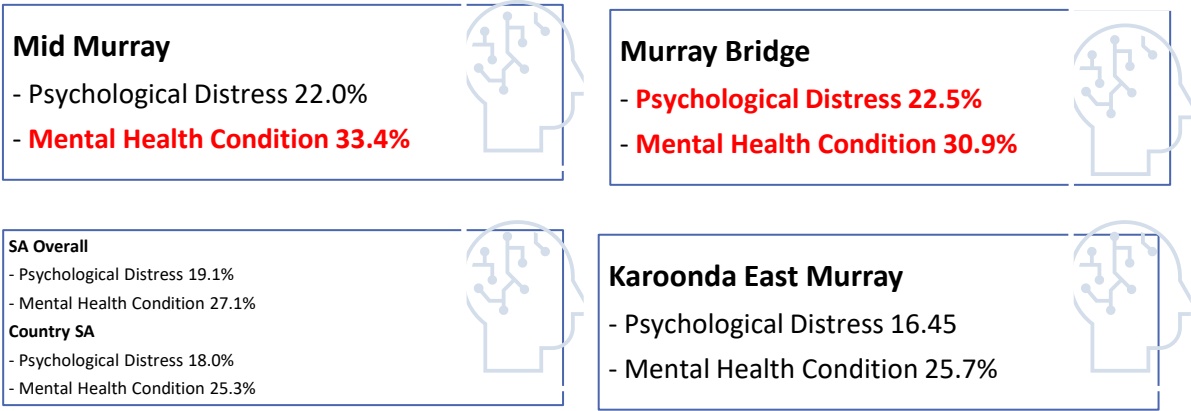
Alcohol and Other Drugs

Obesity Prevention

Suicide Prevention

# SA Population Health Profile 2018 - 2023

## 1. Mental Health and Wellbeing



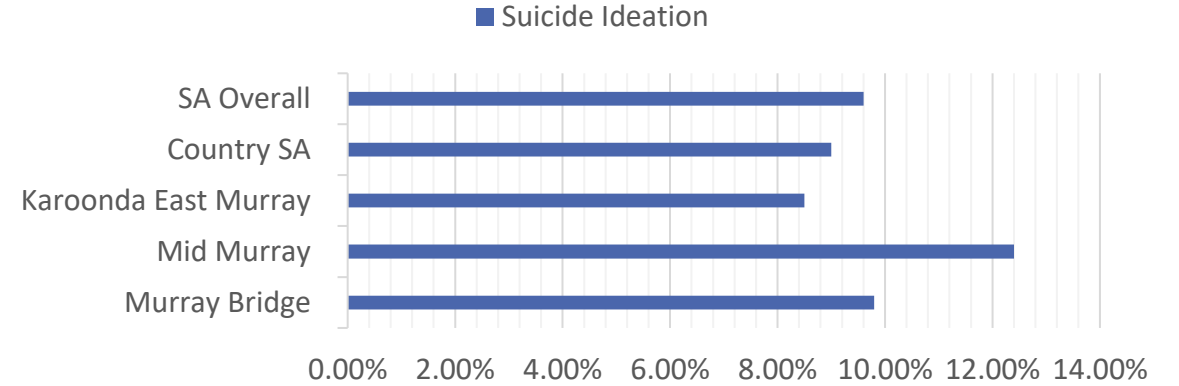
## 2. Alcohol Consumption

|                             | Murray Bridge | Mid Murray | Karoonda East Murray | Country SA | SA Overall |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Daily Drinker               | 7.4%          | 12.4%      | 11.0%                | 9.5%       | 7.8%       |
| Exceeded Alcohol Guidelines | 28.6%         | 36.6%      | 32.0%                | 34.5%      | 31.8%      |

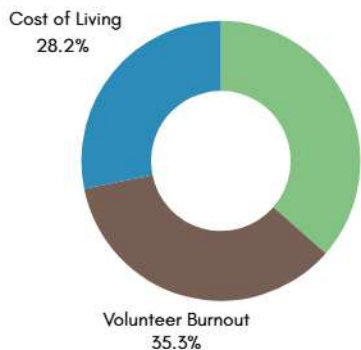
## 3. Overweight & Obesity (BMI)

| BMI        | Murray Bridge | Mid Murray | Karoonda East Murray | Country SA | SA Overall |
|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Normal     | 22.1%         | 22.9%      | 21.2%                | 26.7%      | 33.0%      |
| Overweight | 31.3%         | 28.3%      | 37.5%                | 34.6%      | 33.3%      |
| Obese      | 44.3%         | 45.5%      | 40.4%                | 37.4%      | 32.0%      |

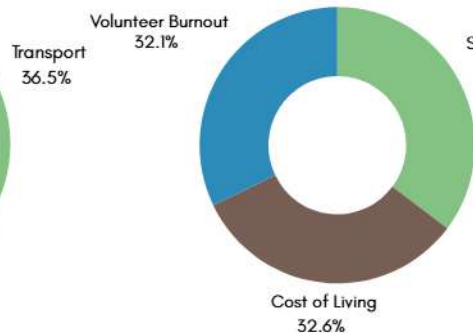
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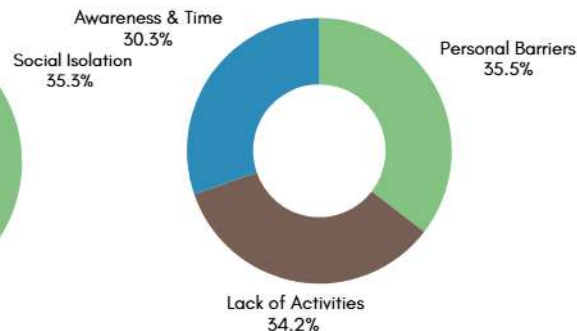
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Inclusivity, Respect, and Communication



Social Connection and Inclusion



Community Infrastructure and Recreation



Health and Allied Health Services



Public Transport and Accessibility

Strong  
Community Spirit  
and Resilience

Health,  
Wellbeing, and  
Mental Health  
Awareness



Volunteering  
and Civic  
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Sport and  
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Agricultural  
Identity and  
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# Next Steps

Draft Concept Plan



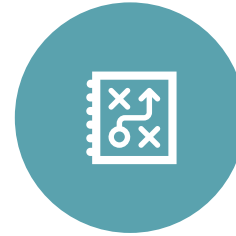
PURPOSE



PRIORITY  
GROUPS



FOCUS  
AREAS



STRATEGIES



PRINCIPLES

# Implementation Plan Development

Incorporating a Preventive Health

Leveraging Existing Council Actions



**Community:**  
Volunteering,  
events/activities,  
libraries

**Active Lifestyles:**  
Sport and recreation  
spaces, walking/cycling  
trails



Enhancing  
**Communication and  
Engagement**

**Culture and Arts:**  
Support, strengthen  
and celebrate

**Natural Environments:**  
Protecting and  
Promoting natural  
landscape,  
sustainability

Strengthening **Inclusion**  
and **Social Connection**

Not an exhaustive list



# **Environmental Health: Exploring cadetships and resource sharing in local government to address the shortage**

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# What is an EHO?

- Previously known as “Health Inspector”
- Local government EHOs:
  - Food inspections
  - Wastewater treatment approvals
  - Tattooing and body piercing premises
  - Hoarding and squalor
  - Spa and pools and cooling towers
  - Meth contamination of housing
  - Public Health planning
  - Mosquito surveillance and control
  - Emergency preparedness
  - And more....



# The 20 hardest to fill jobs in Australia

| Rank | Job Title                    | % Share of jobs still open after 60 days |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Environmental health officer | 48.06                                    |
| 2    | Veterinarian                 | 42.62                                    |
| 3    | Banker                       | 41.67                                    |
| 4    | Radiologist                  | 36.22                                    |
| 5    | General practitioner         | 35.74                                    |
| 6    | Home care nurse              | 33.33                                    |
| 7    | Exercise physiologist        | 31.55                                    |
| 8    | Physiotherapist              | 30.08                                    |
| 9    | Dentist                      | 29.31                                    |
| 10   | Practice manager             | 28.86                                    |
| 11   | Marketing intern             | 28.07                                    |
| 12   | Senior accountant            | 27.85                                    |
| 13   | Real estate manager          | 27.6                                     |
| 14   | Senior software engineer     | 27.53                                    |
| 15   | Bookkeeper                   | 27.18                                    |
| 16   | Care worker                  | 26.53                                    |
| 17   | Recruitment consultant       | 26.5                                     |
| 18   | Chef                         | 26.38                                    |
| 19   | Medical receptionist         | 26.22                                    |
| 20   | Consultant                   | 26.21                                    |



## 2022 Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey



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Several occupational skill shortages are becoming **critical**, including engineers, town planners, building surveyors, **environmental health officers** and accountants (2022).

# Current state of environmental health across Australia

- Survey of councils for EHA last year...

The screenshot shows the homepage of Environmental Health Australia (EHA). At the top left is the EHA logo, which consists of the letters 'EHA' in a stylized font with a blue swoosh underneath, followed by the text 'ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA'. To the right of the logo is the text 'ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA' in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT US, MEMBERSHIP, ASSOCIATIONS, EVENTS, RESOURCES, MEDIA CENTRE, WORKFORCE, FORUM, and CONTACT US. Each item has a small downward arrow next to it. Below the navigation menu is a large banner with the text 'OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE' at the top. The banner features a collage of images related to environmental health, including a person in a lab coat, a hand holding a yellow pepper, a person in a white protective suit, and various environmental scenes. Overlaid on the banner is a dark blue box with the text 'WE PROTECT PEOPLE FROM HAZARDS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT' and a yellow box below it with the text 'HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 17TH IFEM WORLD CONGRESS, PERTH 2024'. Below the banner is a section titled 'WELCOME TO EHA' with a horizontal line underneath. The text in this section reads: 'Environmental Health Australia (EHA) is the premier environmental health professional organisation in Australia. EHA provides leadership for the profession and supports member development. EHA's overarching role is to enhance environmental health and safety in the community through the work of its members and in collaboration with other agencies, through advocacy, promotion, education and leadership.'

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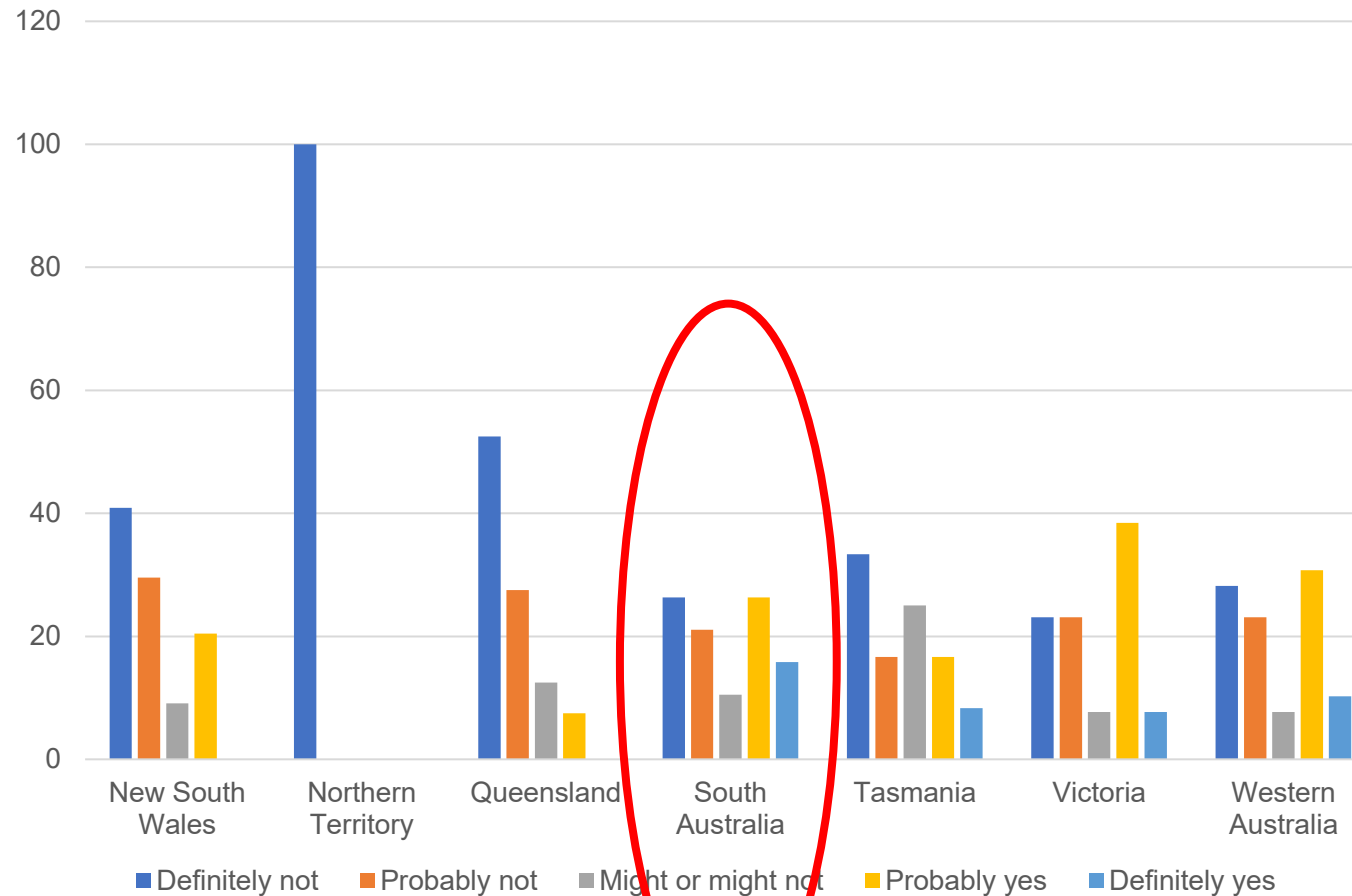
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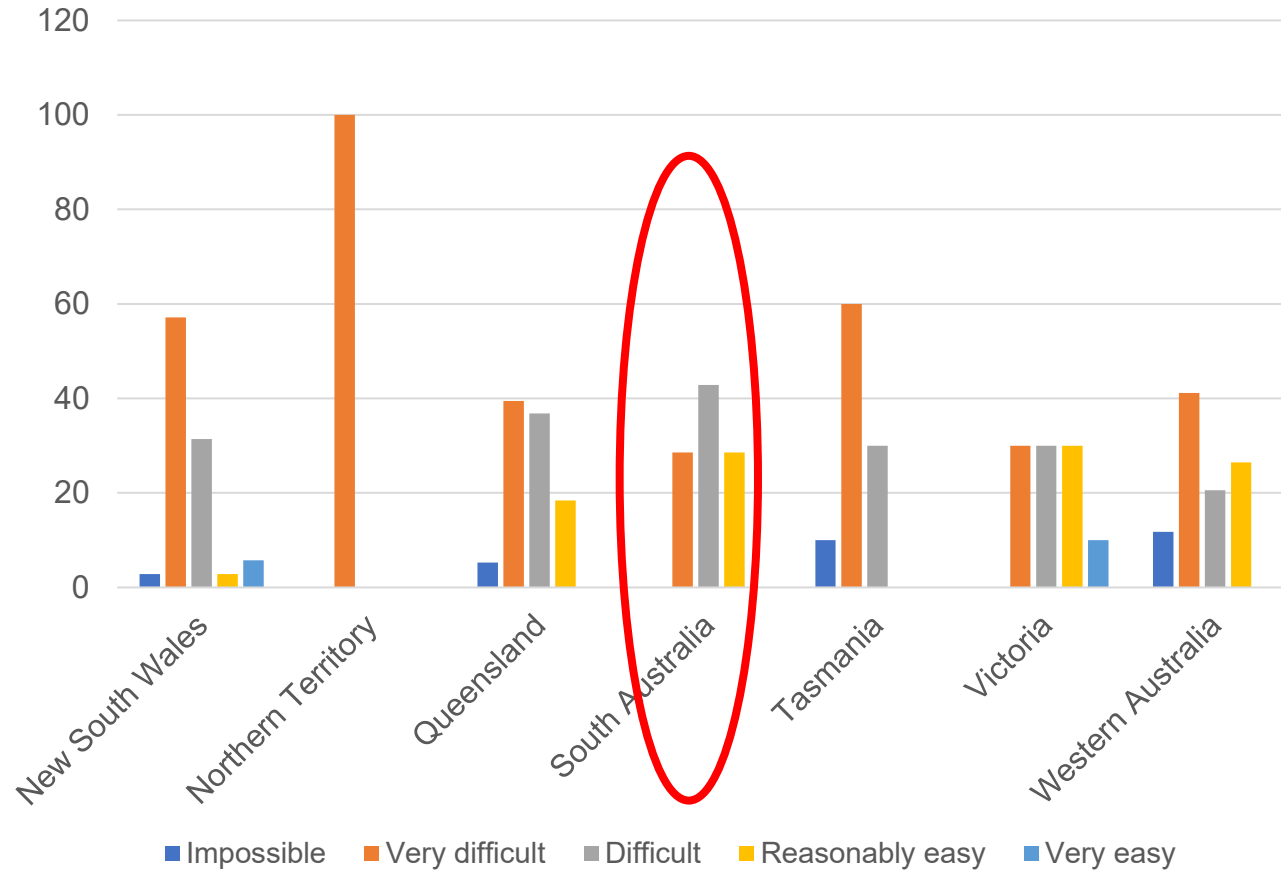
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# Do you have enough EHOs to fulfil your regulatory responsibilities? (%)



# How do you rate your difficulty to get suitable applicants?



# Consultants?

- Many councils are using consultant EHOs to get the regulatory work done
- In the UK: a CIEH Workforce Survey that found 87% of local authorities rely on agency cover
- Is that a problem?



# Why do we need EHOs?

- Do you remember Garibaldi?
- Twenty-three children developed haemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS)
- One child died, and around 150 people fell ill
- The Coroner noted that councils lacked clear, standardized operating procedures for EHOs



Garibaldi smallgoods food poisoning legal fight ends after 16 years (ABC News)

[abc.net.au/news/garibaldi-e-coli-contamination-legal-case...](https://abc.net.au/news/garibaldi-e-coli-contamination-legal-case...)

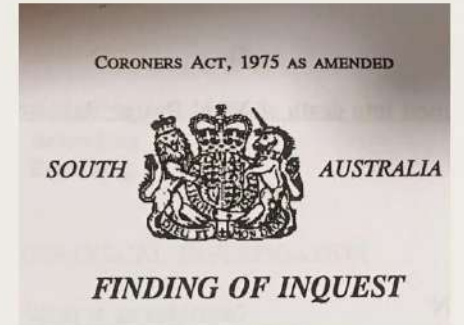


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## Inquest

- Total of 60 days
- 5788 pages of evidence
- Essential that Food Laws Enforced Effectively
- Health Enforcement Authorities MUST be adequately resourced to fulfil their roles



Pictures from David Cowell

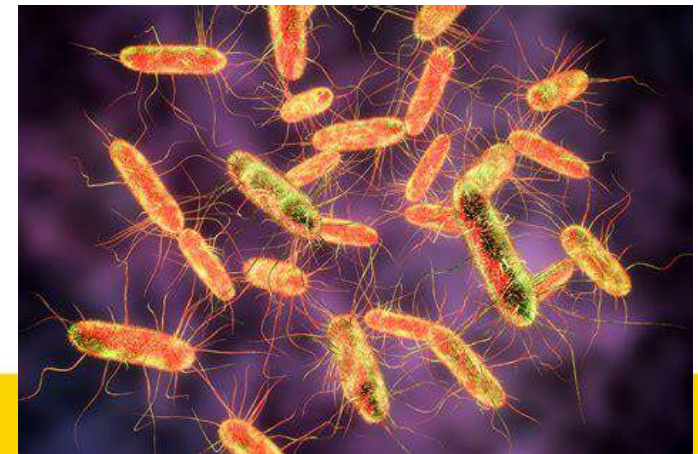
# Why do we need locally-based EHOs?

- Kangaroo Island
- Fire staging ground – toilets and food service too close
- EHO inspection
- Potential for 400 cases of food poisoning
- Consultants cannot be in two places at one time



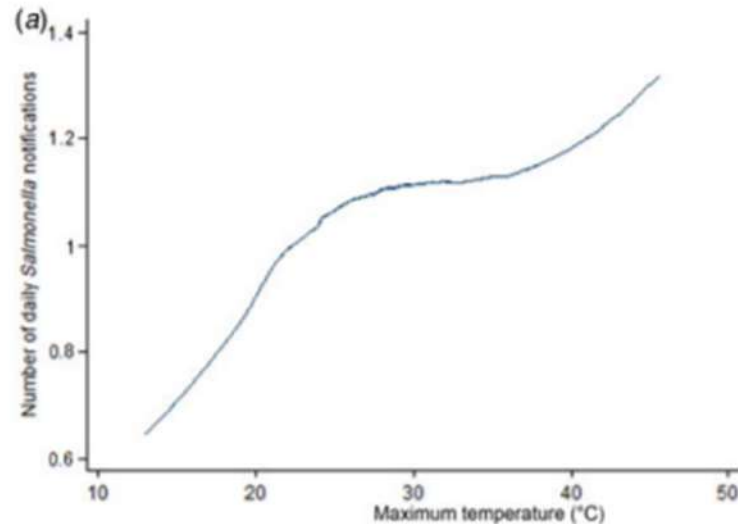
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- Easter 2023 – MVE case
- Mosquito monitoring
  - Massive impact on tourism
- Food poisoning
  - Outbreak in Mount Gambier - had to get in other EHOs
    - Cost?
    - Authorisation?
    - Data capture?
- Consultants are already max-ed out



# What does the future for environmental health look like?

- Climate change
  - All the things
- Housing crisis = fast construction
  - Wastewater



### Mulch now to protect your garden from the impending Adelaide Summer heat

Experienced gardeners are already taking action to protect their plants and gardens from the impending summer heat. One of the most effective ways of adding a layer of protection is mulch.

16 Sep 2023 / with Deb Tribe



# In summary

- Reduced pipeline
- People leaving
- More responsibility for EHOs
  - More routine things e.g. Standard 3.2.2A
  - Emergency management
  - Public health planning
  - Climate change-related changes e.g. food safety
- Not enough people to do the even regulatory stuff



# Cadetships



- Work + study
- The Flinders Uni GDEHP is one-year fulltime or two years PT
- Fully online
- Tasmania and NT are using this approach
- Can work “alone” with support



## Cadetships in Environmental Health

### Unlocking the Potential of Cadetships in Environmental Health

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# Why a cadet?

- ‘Grow your own’ e.g. a nurse or other health care professional
- Less likely to leave
- Know the local area
- Best done with a mentor



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# Resource sharing

- One cadet over two councils
- Cheaper
- But still local
- A few councils are already exploring this with an urban/country model
- LGA role?



## Food Act 2001 (SA) & Public Health Act 2011 (SA): Council Responsibilities and Liability

### Council Responsibilities

#### **Under the Food Act 2001 (South Australia)**

- Councils are designated enforcement agencies.
- Expected to conduct inspections, investigate complaints, and enforce compliance.
- Requires employing or contracting Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) with expertise in food safety law and practice.

#### **Under the Public Health Act 2011 (South Australia)**

- Councils act as authorised officers.
- Responsibilities include:
  - Monitoring public health standards.
  - Investigating complaints.
  - Issuing notices and orders.
  - Reporting significant risks to SA Health.
- Also requires EHOs with capacity to enforce legislation.

### CEO Accountability

- The CEO is legally responsible for ensuring council compliance with both Acts.
- Failure to resource or employ EHOs may be seen as a failure to discharge statutory duty.
- If this results in serious harm (e.g. death from foodborne illness, public health outbreak), it may be considered maladministration or negligence.

### Liability Considerations

- Primary liability lies with businesses, individuals, or organisations causing the risk.
- Councils are not usually liable unless there is clear evidence of:
  - Gross negligence.
  - Failure to act on known risks.
  - Inadequate resourcing (e.g. no EHOs employed).
- Civil liability is rare but possible if council inaction is directly linked to harm.

### Key Point

While food businesses and individuals remain primarily liable, councils (and their CEOs) must ensure adequate EHO resourcing to fulfil statutory roles under both the Food Act 2001 (SA) and Public Health Act 2011 (SA).

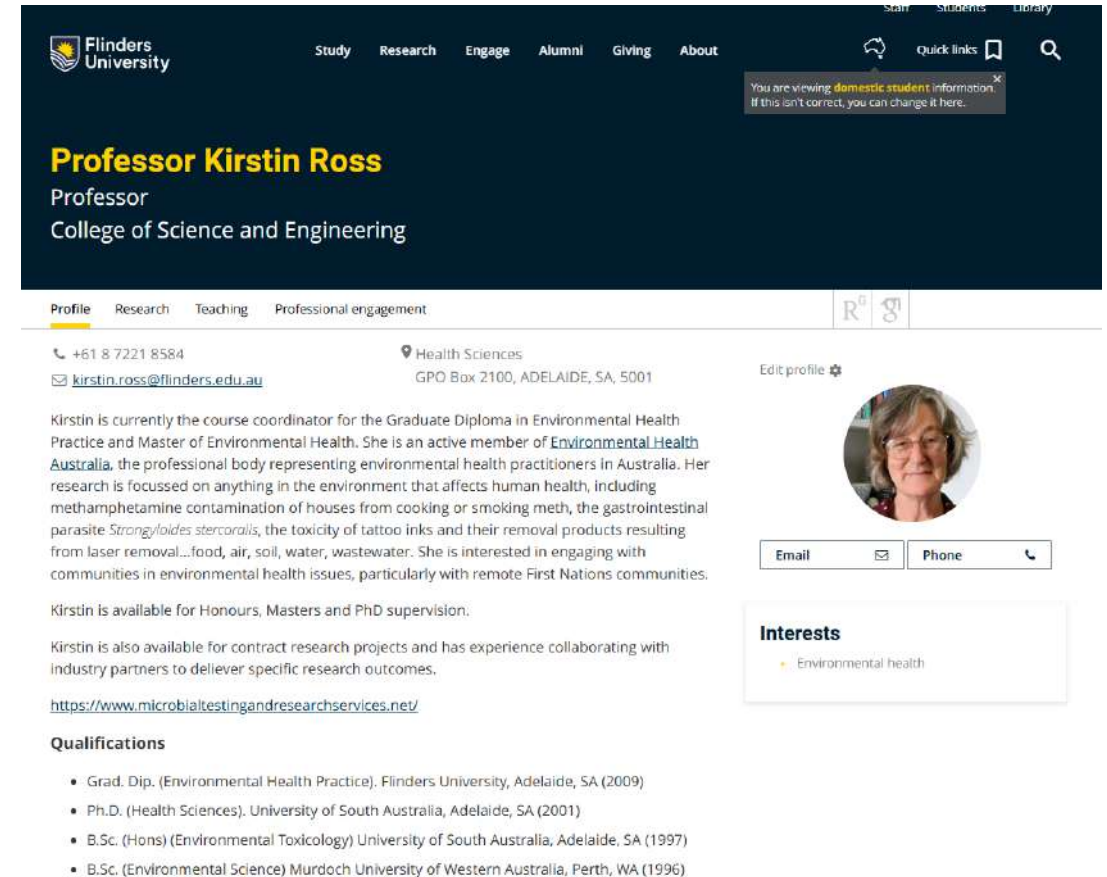
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# Thank you 😊

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Kirstin is available for Honours, Masters and PhD supervision.

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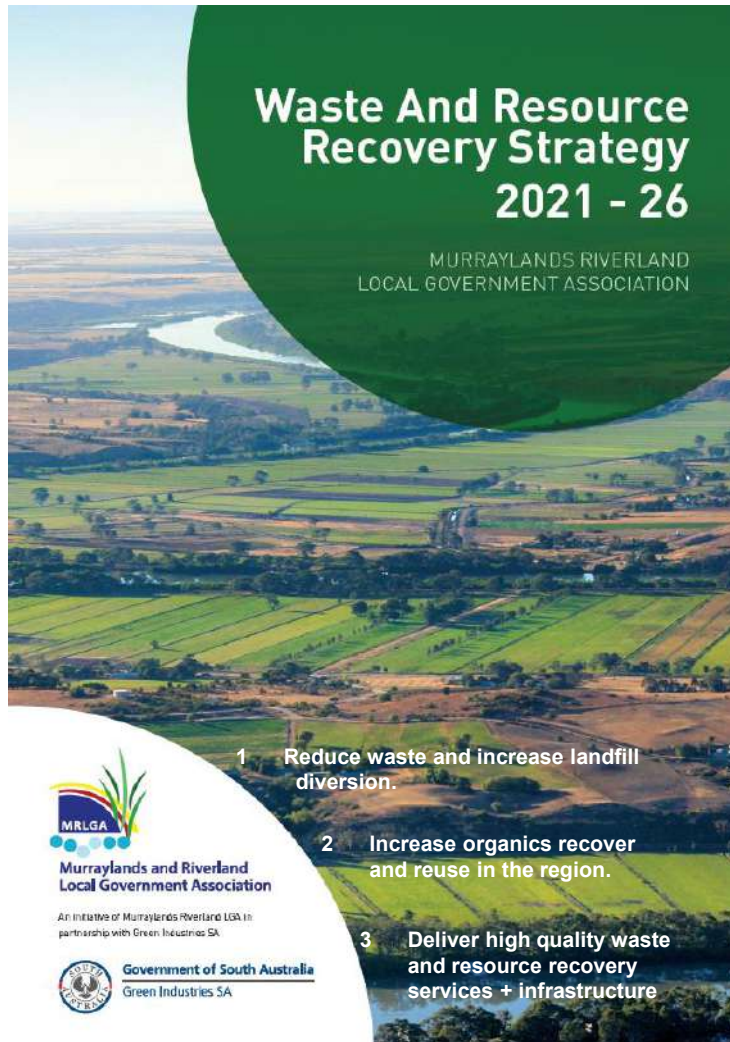
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# MRLGA : Regional Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy (2021-2026) : **Regional Update**



## Our Mission

To work together to deliver high quality, cost effective waste and resource recovery services that minimise contributions to landfill and create value through investigation, engagement, innovation and investment.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Targets      | Project Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>Reduce per capita waste generation by 5% from '21 baseline</b>                                                                                                               | 25.1 %       |  <b>Underway</b> 1.1<br>Explore alternative and affordable kerbside collection services                                                                  |
|  <b>50 % diversion of materials collected from kerbside bins (regional av. based on LGA population).</b>                                                                         | 40 %         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <b>65 % diversion across all materials managed by councils (kerbside + transfer stations - regional avg based on LGA pop).</b><br>Data collection is pending.                   | Unreportable |  <b>Completed</b> 1.2<br>Collaborate through joint procurement to achieve increased environmental performance and financial savings.                     |
|  <b>All councils provide a food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection kerbside collection.</b><br>5 of 8 Councils provide food and garden organics as kerbside service. | 5 / 8        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <b>Increase the recovery of kerbside organics and achieve a food organics recovery efficiency 50 %.</b>                                                                         | 21.4 %       |  <b>To Come</b> 1.3<br>Develop best practice resource recovery infrastructure.<br>Early conversations have begun as part of the kerbside review project. |
|  <b>Use education + technology to reduce and control contamination in recycling streams (Comingled recycling &lt;12%) (FOGO &lt;2%)</b>                                          | Notes        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <b>Capture accurate data on waste and recycling services through increased technology use and report to MRLGA annually.</b>                                                    | Notes        |  <b>Underway</b> 1.4<br>Educate and engage with the community to achieve our goals.                                                                     |
|  <b>Develop quality infrastructure that encourages efficient and effective resource recovery and waste management.</b>                                                         | Underway     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <b>Provide improved services within the current cost per household.</b>                                                                                                       | TBC          |  <b>Completed</b> 1.5<br>1.5 Explore governance models to improve management of waste and recycling                                                    |
|  <b>Establish a suitable regional or sub-regional governance structure that encourages effective and innovative waste and resource recovery services</b>                       | 100%         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

| Reduce per capita waste generation by 5% (from 2021 GISA baseline) |                      |               |                  |               |              |               |                         |                        |              |               |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| 5%                                                                 | SA Metropolitan Avg. |               | SA Regional Avg. |               | MRLGA Target |               | MRLGA Actual            |                        |              |               | Score   |
|                                                                    | Per Person           | Per Household | Per Person       | Per Household | Per Person   | Per Household | Total Annual Waste (kg) | Total No of Households | Per Person   | Per Household | %       |
| 2021 / 2022 (Baseline)                                             | 418 kg/py            | 1019 kg/py    | 408 kg/py        | 937 kg/py     | -            | -             |                         |                        | 392.00 kg/py | 886.00 kg/py  |         |
| (1% reduction) 2022                                                | -                    | -             | -                | -             | 388.0 kg/py  | 877.1 kg/py   |                         |                        | -            | -             |         |
| (2% reduction) 2023                                                | -                    | -             | -                | -             | 384.1 kg/py  | 868.2 kg/py   | 24,508,260              | 36,063                 | -            | 679.60 kg/py  | 27.75 % |
| (3% reduction) 2024                                                | -                    | -             | -                | -             | 380.2 kg/py  | 859.4 kg/py   | 25,010,060              | 36,413                 | -            | 686.84 kg/py  | 25.12 % |
| (4% reduction) 2025                                                |                      |               |                  |               | 376.3 kg/py  | 850.5 kg/py   |                         |                        |              |               |         |
| (5% reduction) 2026                                                |                      |               |                  |               | 372.4 kg/py  | 841.7 kg/py   |                         |                        |              |               |         |

| Individual Council Data | 2023                    |                        |               | 2024                    |                        |               | Difference between 2023 and 2024         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
|                         | Total Annual Waste (kg) | Total No of Households | Per Household | Total Annual Waste (kg) | Total No of Households | Per Household | Annual kg / Per Household / %            |
| BBC                     | 3,777,110               | 5,422                  | 696.63 kg/py  | 3,773,940               | 5,445                  | 693.10 kg/py  | - 3,170 kg / + 23 h. / + 3 kg/ph         |
| CDC                     | 1,297,520               | 2,268                  | 572.09 kg/py  | 1,655,590               | 2,319                  | 713.92 kg/py  | + 358,070* kg / + 51 h. / + 141.83 kg/ph |
| DCKEM                   | 212,080                 | 298                    | 711.67 kg/py  | 211,640                 | 304                    | 696.18 kg/py  | - 440 kg / + 6 h. / - 15.49 kg/ph        |
| DCLW                    | 3,688,480               | 5,411                  | 681.66 kg/py  | 3,708,280               | 5,457                  | 697.54 kg/py  | + 19,800 kg / +46 h. / +15.88 kg/ph      |
| MMC                     | 3,221,450               | 6,308                  | 510.69 kg/py  | 3,306,180               | 6,322                  | 522.98 kg/py  | +84,730 kg / +14 h. / +12.29 kg/ph       |
| RCMB                    | 8,297,120               | 11,749                 | 706.19 kg/py  | 8,341,740               | 11,936                 | 698.87 kg/py  | +44,620 kg / +187 h. / -7.32 kg/ph       |
| RPC                     | 3,322,290               | 3,804                  | 873.36 kg/py  | 3,322,240               | 3,826                  | 868.33 kg/py  | -50 kg / +22 h. / -5.03 kg/ph            |
| SMDC                    | 720,800                 | 803                    | 897.63 kg/yy  | 701,000                 | 803                    | 872.97 kg/py  | -19,800 kg / 0 h. -24.66 kg/ph           |

Notes:

- SA Reg Ave is taken from GISA Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22 : <https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/documents/GISA-StatewideKerbsideReport-2021-22.pdf>
- 2023 and 2024 figures are based on actual kerbside collection data only. Recorded weights are calculated against Service Entitled Property numbers to provide per person and per household averages .SA Outer Regional Average for number of persons per dwelling is 2.2 per household (ABS).

- MRLGA Actual - No data currently available for calendar year 2022.
- MRLGA Baseline is (24500000KG / 73000) from the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- GISA has not released a kerbside service report for 2023, 2024.
- CDC – Universal 3 bin system incorporating FOGO bin introduced in Oct. 2023

Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

| 50 % diversion of materials collected from kerbside bin (regional average based on LGA population). |                      |  |                  |  |                      |    |                             |      |         |        |        |         |      |        |       |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|--|----------------------|----|-----------------------------|------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|-------|------|
| ↑50%                                                                                                | SA Metropolitan Avg. |  | SA Regional Avg. |  | MRLGA Diversion Goal |    | MRLGA Diversion Actual      |      | BBC     | CDC    | DCKEM  | DCLW    | MMC  | RCMB   | RPC   | SMDC |
|                                                                                                     |                      |  |                  |  | Tonne / Per Yr       | %  | Tonne / Per Yr              | %    | %       | %      | %      | %       | %    | %      | %     | %    |
| 2021 / 2022 (Baseline)                                                                              |                      |  |                  |  | -                    | -  | 8,500                       | 35 % | 39%     | 28%    | 13%    | 39%     | 10%  | 45%    | 36%   | 14%  |
| 2022                                                                                                |                      |  |                  |  | -                    | -  |                             |      | -       | -      | -      | -       | -    | -      | -     | -    |
| 2023                                                                                                |                      |  |                  |  | 12,352               | 50 | 8,879                       | 36.2 | 40.8    | 28.9   | 8.8    | 39.7    | 10.8 | 44.7   | 41.2  | 10.6 |
| 2024                                                                                                |                      |  |                  |  | 12,505               | 50 | 8,971                       | 35.9 | 38.9    | 40.6   | 7.9    | 37.3    | 12.5 | 43.9   | 39.9  | 10.4 |
| 2025 (Year to Date)                                                                                 |                      |  |                  |  |                      |    | YTD Landfill Diversion rate |      | 38.1    | 40.6   | 8.6    | 37.4    | -    | 43.8   | 38.3  | -    |
|                                                                                                     |                      |  |                  |  |                      |    | Shortfall                   |      | - 11.9% | - 9.4% | -41.4% | - 12.6% | -    | - 6.2% | -11.7 | -    |
| 2026                                                                                                |                      |  |                  |  |                      |    |                             |      |         |        |        |         |      |        |       |      |

- Notes:
- 1. The data is collated per calendar year as it helps to compare more data at this time.
  - 2. The data for 2025 is to September only.
  - 3. 2025 data was not available for MMC and SMDC at time of preparing this report.
  - 4. **Landfill Diversion Rate** : This is a Councils total % of landfill diversion (ie the combined value of the yellow and green lid bins)
  - 5. **Shortfall** : This is a Councils shortfall from the regional target of 50% (for landfill diversion rate)
  - 6. The statistic for DCKEM is skewed because the Council is on a 2-Bin system (as is also the case for MMC and SMDC).

# Regional Strategic Objective 1 : Reduce waste and increase landfill diversion

| 65% diversion across all materials managed by councils. (kerbside and transfer stations – regional average based on LGA population). |                      |  |                  |  |                      |   |                        |   |     |     |       |      |     |      |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|--|----------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| ↑65%                                                                                                                                 | SA Metropolitan Avg. |  | SA Regional Avg. |  | MRLGA Diversion Goal |   | MRLGA Diversion Actual |   | BBC | CDC | DCKEM | DCLW | MMC | RCMB | RPC | SMDC |
|                                                                                                                                      |                      |  |                  |  | Tonne / Per Yr       | % | Tonne / Per Yr         | % | %   | %   | %     | %    | %   | %    | %   | %    |
| 2021 / 2022 (Baseline)                                                                                                               |                      |  |                  |  | -                    | - |                        |   |     |     |       |      |     |      |     |      |
| 2024                                                                                                                                 |                      |  |                  |  | -                    | - | -                      | - | -   | -   | -     | -    | -   | -    | -   | -    |

## UPDATE :

Reporting on this target is currently unavailable due to the following challenges:

- There are over 26 infrastructure sites across that manage and control waste streams. The method, frequency and format for reporting 'all waste' is not consistent from current inquiries.
- Some of these sites are owned and operated by commercial or external organisations/contractors.
- The requirements for reporting to EPA are only activated for sites that manage over 10,000t.
- The complexity of this reporting also relates to how long material is stored at a site (ie the year it is received may not be the year it is re-used / recovered).

To accurately report on this target, the following waste streams will need to be recorded, reported and measured. MRLGA is working with stakeholders in the 'eco-system' to see if this can be overcome.

- Bulk residual waste
- Bulk Recyclable (cardboard, drums, timber, packaging)
- Bulk Greenwaste/Organics
- Scrap metal including whitegoods
- Mattresses
- E-wastes
- Commercial and Demolition waste (concrete and rubble, soil, fill, and mixed aggregates)
- Hazardous waste (tyres, batteries, paint, waste oil, septage, household chemicals, asbestos, CCA treated products)

| MRLGA Waste infrastructure | Landfills  | Transfer Stations | Hardwaste Services          | Compost facilities |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| BBC                        | Nil        | 1 (CLWY)          | Yes - collection            | Nil                |
| RPC                        | Nil        | 1                 | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |
| LWDC                       | Nil        | 2                 | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |
| MMC                        | 1          | 10                | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |
| CDC                        | Nil        | 4                 | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |
| RCMB                       | 1 (AHRWMA) | 1                 | Yes - collection + drop off | 1 (PEATS)          |
| DCKEM                      | 1          | 1                 | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |
| SMDC                       | 1          | 1                 | Yes - drop off              | Nil                |

The table above shows the early research done to gather the number infrastructure sites/points that receiving waste (that would be used to measure and report on this target).

## Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

| All councils provide a food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection kerbside collection. |                           |               |              |           |                   |                |                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 / 8                                                                                           | General Waste<br>(weekly) | Recycling (f) | FOGO         |           | Township<br>SEP's | Rural<br>SEP's | Estimated average<br>FOGO going to landfill<br>(applying a rate of 41%). |
|                                                                                                 |                           |               | Township (f) | Rural (f) |                   |                |                                                                          |
| BBC                                                                                             | ✓                         | ✓             | FOGO         | ✗         | 3512              | 1944           |                                                                          |
| CDC                                                                                             | ✓                         | ✓             | FOGO         | FOGO      | 2167              | 169            |                                                                          |
| DCKEM                                                                                           | ✓                         | ✓ (m)         | ✗            | ✗         | 304 *             |                | 79.9 t                                                                   |
| DCLW                                                                                            | ✓                         | ✓             | FOGO         | ✗         | 2594              | 2883           |                                                                          |
| MMC                                                                                             | ✓                         | ✓             | ✗            | ✗         | 2139              | 4212           | 1,205 t                                                                  |
| RCMB                                                                                            | ✓                         | ✓             | FOGO         | ✗         | 9956              | 2073           |                                                                          |
| RPC                                                                                             | ✓                         | ✓             | FOGO         | ✗         | 2780              | 1043           |                                                                          |
| SMDC                                                                                            | ✓                         | TBC           | ✗            | ✗         | 815 *             |                | 257.6 t                                                                  |
| Total - 1,542 t                                                                                 |                           |               |              |           |                   |                |                                                                          |

| Comparison to South<br>Australian Councils | SA<br>Metro Councils | SA Regional<br>Councils | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 Bin System                               | -                    | 2                       | 2     |
| 2 Bin System                               | -                    | 15                      | 15    |
| 3 Bin System                               | 16                   | 33                      | 49    |
| Unknown                                    | -                    | 2                       | 2     |
| Total                                      | 16                   | 52                      | 68    |

### Definitions:

|             |                                                                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SEP</b>  | Service Entitled Premises (ie Dwelling)                                         |
| <b>FOGO</b> | Food Organics & Garden Organics (ie food + garden scraps can go into this bin). |
| (f)         | Fortnightly                                                                     |
| (m)         | Monthly                                                                         |
| t           | Tonnes                                                                          |

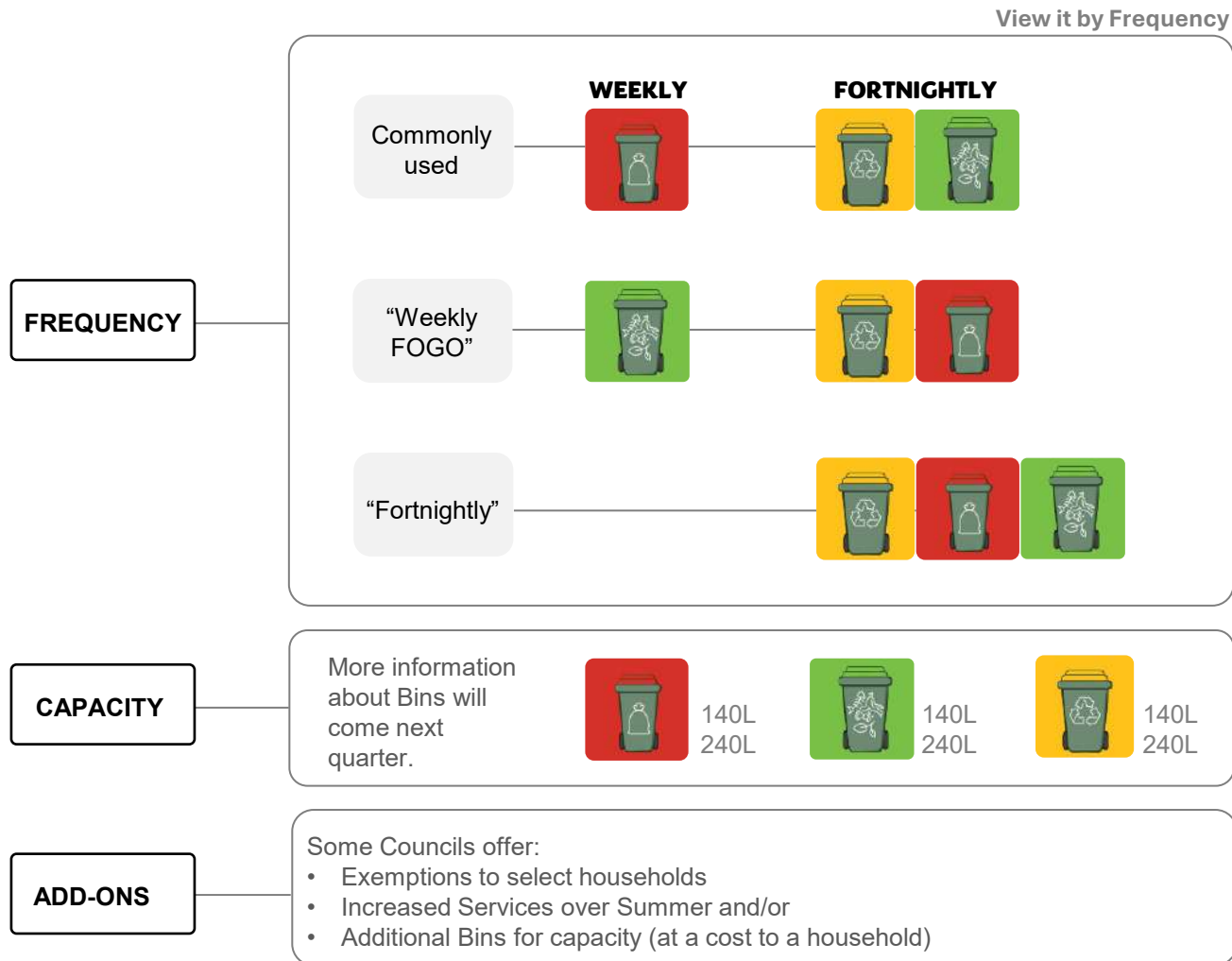
### Notes:

- ( \* ) indicates the number is not reported separately
- 3 Bin system status as of Jan 2025.
- Bin Composition audits are being conducted across 6 MRL: A Council's being in March/April 2025. The results will assist to identify further landfill diversion opportunity's, as it relates to this target.

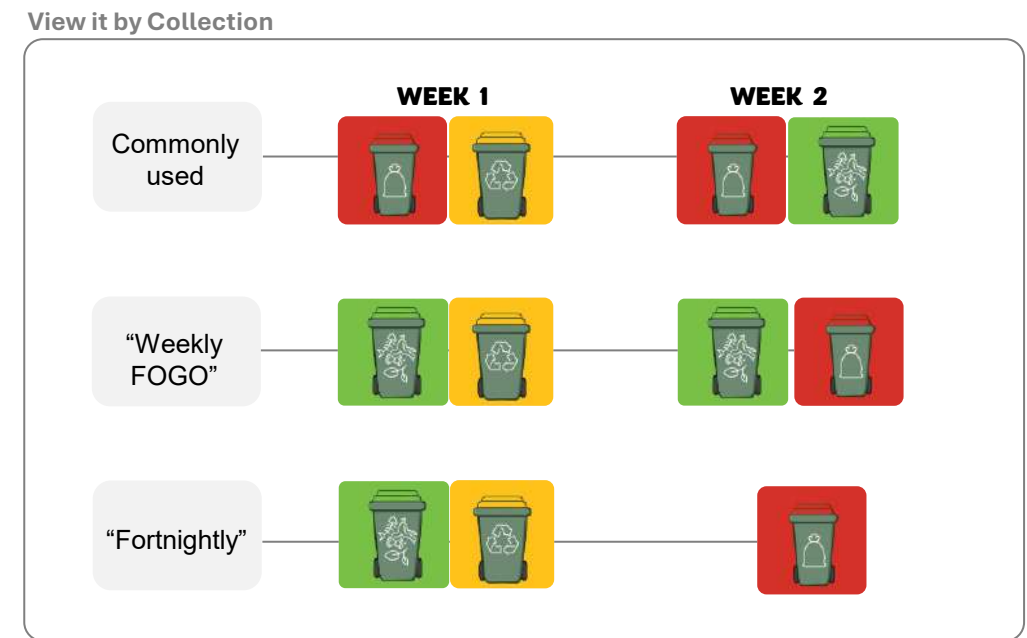
## Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

**Information about Kerbside Waste Service Models:**

The table below shows the 3 common kerbside waste service models in South Australia.



OR



# Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

## Background

The table below shows the different kerbside waste service models across each regional South Australian Council for 2025.

| SA Regional Councils                     | TOWNSHIP AREAS |           |      |           |           |      |         | Comment             |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|---------|---------------------|
|                                          | Weekly         |           |      | Fomightly |           |      | Monthly |                     |
|                                          | Garbage        | Recycling | FOGO | Garbage   | Recycling | FOGO |         |                     |
| Adelaide Plains Council                  |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Alexandrina Council                      |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Barunga West Council                     |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Berri Barmera Council                    | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| City of Mount Gambier                    | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| City of Port Lincoln                     | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         | PILOT Underway      |
| City of Victor Harbor                    |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council          |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Coorong District Council                 | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Copper Coast Council                     |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Corporation of the City of Campbelltown  | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Corporation of the City of Port Augusta  | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Corporation of the City of Whyalla       | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Corporation of the Town of Walkerville   | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| District Council of Ceduna               | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Cleve                | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Coober Pedy          |                |           |      |           |           |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Elliston             | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Franklin Harbour     | ✓              |           |      |           |           |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Grant                |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Karoonda East Murray | ✓              |           |      |           |           |      | ✓       |                     |
| District Council of Kimba                | ✓              |           |      |           |           |      | ✓       |                     |
| District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Loxton Waikerie      | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| District Council of Mount Remarkable     | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| District Council of Orroroo Carrieton    | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Peterborough         | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Robe                 | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| District Council of Streaky Bay          | ✓              |           |      |           |           |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Tumby Bay            |                |           |      |           |           |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Yankalilla           |                |           |      | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Kangaroo Island Council                  |                | ✓         | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓    |         | General Service     |
| Kangaroo Island Council                  |                |           |      | ✓         |           |      |         | Summer Time Service |
| Kingston District Council                | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| Light Regional Council                   | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Mid Murray Council                       | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| District Council of Mount Barker         | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Municipal Council of Roxby Downs         | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      | ✓       |                     |
| Naracoorte Lucindale Council             | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         | ✓    |         |                     |
| Northern Areas Council                   | ✓              |           |      |           | ✓         |      |         |                     |
| Port Pirie Regional Council              |                |           | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         |      |         |                     |

|                                  |  | TOWNSHIP AREAS |           |      |             |           |      |         |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|------|---------|
|                                  |  | Weekly         |           |      | Fortnightly |           |      | Monthly |
|                                  |  | Garbage        | Recycling | FOGO | Garbage     | Recycling | FOGO |         |
| Regional Council of Goyder       |  |                |           |      | ✓           | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Renmark Paringa Council          |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Rural City of Murray Bridge      |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Southern Mallee District Council |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         |      |         |
| Tatiara District Council         |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| The Barossa Council              |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| The Flinders Ranges Council      |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         |      |         |
| Town of Gawler                   |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Wakefield Regional Council       |  |                |           |      | ✓           | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Wattle Range Council             |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         | ✓    |         |
| Wudinna District Council         |  | ✓              |           |      |             |           |      |         |
| Yorke Peninsula Council          |  | ✓              |           |      |             | ✓         |      | ✓       |

Note:

1. Port Pirie Council has been offering weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling for 12 months.
2. Port Lincoln City Council & Mt Barker City Council are/about to conduct a pilot trial for weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling.
3. Adelaide Hills has conducted three pilot trials across three towns on varying service levels.
4. City of Holdfast Bay has run weekly FOGO, fortnightly garbage, fortnightly recycling since Sept 2020.
5. Grey cells indicate either a) no service or b) no online information about the service.

# Regional Strategic Objective 2 : Increase organics recovery and reuse in the region

| Increase the recovery of kerbside organics and achieve a food organics recovery efficiency 50%. |                         |  |                            |  |                                   |       |                                  |       |     |       |     |       |      |       |      |       |     |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| 50%                                                                                             | SA<br><u>Metro</u> Avg. |  | SA<br><u>Regional</u> Avg. |  | MRLGA<br>Diversion<br><u>Goal</u> |       | MRLGA Diversion<br><u>Actual</u> |       | BBC |       | CDC |       | DCLW |       | RCMB |       | RPC |       |
|                                                                                                 |                         |  |                            |  | t / py                            | %     | t                                | %     | t   | %     | t   | %     | t    | %     | t    | %     | t   | %     |
| 2021 / 2022 (Baseline)                                                                          |                         |  |                            |  |                                   |       | -                                | 16.32 |     |       |     |       |      |       |      |       |     |       |
| 2022                                                                                            |                         |  |                            |  |                                   | 23.05 |                                  |       | -   |       | -   |       | -    |       | -    |       | -   |       |
| 2023                                                                                            |                         |  |                            |  |                                   | 29.79 | 4584                             | 18.7  | 770 | 20.4  | 101 | 7.8   | 698  | 18.9  | 2261 | 27.3  | 754 | 22.7  |
| 2024                                                                                            |                         |  |                            |  |                                   | 36.52 | 4624                             | 18.5  | 713 | 18.9  | 395 | 23.9  | 631  | 17.2  | 2176 | 26.2  | 706 | 21.3  |
| 2025 (Year to Date)                                                                             |                         |  |                            |  |                                   | 50.00 | 3297                             | 21.4  | 505 | 18.2  | 284 | 23.6  | 483  | 17.5  | 1549 | 25.6  | 476 | 19.7  |
|                                                                                                 |                         |  |                            |  |                                   |       |                                  | 28.6% |     | 31.8% |     | 26.4% |      | 32.5% |      | 24.4% |     | 30.3% |
| 2026                                                                                            |                         |  |                            |  |                                   | 50.00 |                                  |       |     |       |     |       |      |       |      |       |     |       |

- Note:**
- The following Councils are not listed in the above table as they do not provide a 3<sup>rd</sup> waste bin for FOGO:
    - Mid Murray Council
    - District Council of Karoonda East Murray
    - Southern Mallee District Council
  - Data collated on calendar years. Data for 2025 is to September only.

Regional Strategic Objective 3 : Deliver high quality waste and resource recovery services and infrastructure

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| Use education and technology to reduce and control contamination in recycling streams:                              | <b>Education</b><br>MRLGA hosts a central Waste Education Officer across the five Councils (participating in the joint waste service contract).<br>A 2025 waste education program is complete and MRLGA is available to support operational staff to bring it to elected members.<br>A 2025/26 “Sustainability Calendar” will be out in August for Councils.<br>Wast facility tours are have been delivered with CDC and RPC. Tours for other Councils will be scheduled after winter.<br>Brochures with waste information and ‘which bin’ material have been developed for the Riverland and for the Murraylands.<br>MRLGA procured a joint Kerbside Waste Bin Audit (resulting in savings). The Audits have been completed and each Council has had a 1-1 session to review the results with the waste education officer. MRLGA will support the results to be presented to elected members.<br>A community waste education presentation is 90% complete and sessions will commence in September with Councils nominated stakeholder groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |                                                        |                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Baseline</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>2023</b>        | <b>2024</b>                                            | <b>2025</b>                                   | <b>Notes</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| Comingled recycling < 12 per cent                                                                                   | 13%<br>Gisa Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | No data available  | No data available.<br>Note - state average is est. 15% | Data Pending Audit Results – due August 2025. | Note: GISA and EPA was to release a state wide report in April 2025 showing updated contamination rate data, however this has not yet been released. |
| FOGO <2 per cent                                                                                                    | 2%<br>Gisa Kerbside Waste Performance Report 21-22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No data available. | No data available.                                     | Data Pending Audit Results – due August 2025. |                                                                                                                                                      |
| Capture accurate data on waste and recycling services through increased technology use and report to MRLGA annually | <b>Technology</b><br>For those councils engaging Solo Resource Recovery as their waste services contractor, waste collection vehicles deployed have installed industry standard WasteTrack In Vehicle Monitoring System (IVMS) software. WasteTrack equipment is installed by City of Onkaparinga, FRWA, and across Solo Resource Recovery operations nationally. The system utilises real time camera links from vehicle to SOLO Depot. Allows footage to be stored and reviewed for 30 days. System provides GPS monitoring of vehicle location routing, diversion requests, and productivity. Records exact time and location of bin lift and controls illegal service presentations. Allows issues such as contamination to be monitored and logged through onboard driver scrutiny of items entering truck hopper each time a lift occurs. Allows reporting of bin repair, kerbside presentation issues, and records spillage remediation. Note: This technology should not be confused with "smart bin" technologies. Smart bin technologies are available to councils in the form of purpose-built public space bin enclosures which are fitted with solar powered compaction mechanisms linked to a central control via WIFI which asset in regulating efficient servicing frequencies . RFID technologies (also not smart bin technology) are available on new bin fleet. RFID technologies primarily asset with matching a bin to a property and asset managing bin inventory.<br>Field research is occurring with City of Onkaparinga with their 2-stage residual / FOGO sorting processing.<br>Network meeting with Greenhill Energy is being scheduled to consider their place in the emerging market and processing practices. |                    |                                                        |                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Report to MRLGA</b><br>Annual reporting may limit the Board’s ability to engage with this portfolio, so MRLGA is preparing this quarterly report to assist with monitoring progress against targets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |                                                        |                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |

## Regional Strategic Objective 3 : Deliver high quality waste and resource recovery services and infrastructure

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| Develop quality infrastructure that encourages efficient and effective resource recovery and waste management.                                   | <b>Infrastructure</b><br>Pursuant to the Strategy, MRLGA has commenced conversations with the three Riverland Councils (operations teams) in regards to regional waste infrastructure initiatives. This includes the proposed concept of a regional composting facility in the Riverland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Provide improved services within the current cost per household                                                                                  | <b>Improved Services for Households</b><br>The process to review kerbside waste services across the region has begun. (7/8 Councils are participating). MRLGA is engaging with the operations side of Councils as the review (report) progresses. SMDC is not currently having the review done while it considers its overall waste management service model and infrastructure longevity. Extensive data on regional waste management is being compiled to provide evidence-based approaches to proposals for system changes and improvements. Kerbside waste bin audits are underway which will inform evidence to support the review. Case study's are also being included with the review from other regional councils. As part of the Alternative Kerbside Waste Service Review, the MRLGA is modelling the financial impacts of proposed alternative kerbside collection that are aimed at improving landfill diversion rates. This modelling analysis includes information on the cost per household for prevailing kerbside systems, and two proposed alternative kerbside service options. This information provides a means to assist councils to drill into service cost components and charges and manage forecasting processes. At this stage calculators are under development for the five councils who participated in the joint procurement initiative for the waste services contracts. For those councils participating we have commenced our waste facility tours program which take participants through waste stream flows, highlighting issues associated with current practices and opportunities for improving the sustainability. The MRLGA has reviewed current regional waste-stream flow logistics and identified aggregation and bulk handling aspects which feed into cost per household within the waste services contracts. Investigations into alternative flows that are aimed at reducing aggregation and bulk haulage costs have commenced. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Establish a suitable regional or sub-regional governance structure that encourages effective and innovative waste and resource recovery services | <b>Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Membership</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                  | <b>MRLGA Waste Management &amp; Resource Recovery Committee</b><br><i>The Committee oversees the delivery of the Strategy.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8 Regional Councils<br>1 x Representative from each Council (Director / General Manager)                                                                                                                                      | Reports to MRLGA Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Joint Waste Service Contract                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 Regional Councils <i>(each who participated in the joint waste contract)</i>                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                  | <b>(Riverland) Performance Management Working Group</b><br><br><b>(Murraylands) Performance Management Working Group</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berri Barmerra Council</li> <li>District Council of Loxton Waikerie</li> <li>Renmark Paringa Council</li> <li>Coorong District Council</li> <li>Rural City of Murray Bridge</li> </ul> | MRLGA has a centralised model to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Claims</li> <li>Performance Management Reporting and Convening</li> <li>Quarterly Reporting (coming soon)</li> <li>Waste Audits</li> <li>Waste Education</li> </ul> |