



Annual Report

Northern & Yorke Local Government Association

2024-2025

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority and continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of the Local Government Act 1999. In 2024 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (N&YLGA) to which it is now referred.

The Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (N&YLGA)

Charter Clause 6.3 Annual Report

- 6.3.1 The N&YLGA must each year, produce an Annual Report summarising the activities, achievements and financial performance of the N&YLGA for the preceding financial year.
- 6.3.2 The Annual Report must incorporate the audited financial statements of the N&YLGA for the relevant financial year.
- 6.3.3 The Annual Report must be provided to the Constituent Councils by 30th September each year. The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority.

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Board of Management

Council	Delegate Member
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Allan Aughey OAM
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Stephen McCarthy
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Mayor Grant Chapman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O’Brien (resigned), Acting Mayor Michael Phillips-Ryder; and new Mayor Bill Close
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Sue Scarman
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Bill Gebhardt
The Barossa Council	Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Ken Anderson
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund (resigned) and Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers

Office Bearers for 2024-2025

N&YLGA Chairman	Mayor Rodney Reid
Deputy Chairs	Mayor Ken Anderson Mayor Roslyn Talbot
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC)	Mayor Rodney Reid Mayor Roslyn Talbot
N&YLGA Chief Executive Officer	Mr Simon Millcock (June 2024-November 2025); Mrs Bridget Ransome (November 2024 to June 2025)
Auditor	ATA Audits





The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2024-2025 year

N&YLGA Board Meetings	30 th August 2024 (including AGM) 29 th November 2024 9 th December 2024 (Special Meeting) 21 st February 2025 6 th June 2025	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Copper Coast Online Adelaide Plains Orroroo Carrieton
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There were four advisory committees in 2024-2025

Audit & Risk Committee	20 th August 2024 19 th November 2024 17 th February 2025 22 nd May 2025 28 th May 2025
Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Committee	6 th August 2024 22 nd April 2025
CWMS Advisory Committee	12 th August 2025
Waste Management Advisory Committee	A meeting was arranged, but there was insufficient quorum to proceed.

All agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and these committees are published in the N&YLGA website at this location: <https://nylga.sa.gov.au/>

All advisory committee minutes were provided with the agendas to the Northern & Yorke LGA board meetings.

The constituent councils during the year are provided with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Reports, Business Plan, Budget, Financial Reports and any other required documents.





COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
Audit & Risk Management Committee	Stephen Rufus, CEO (Chair) Mayor Rodney Reid Mayor Stephen McCarthy Mayor Ken Anderson Ian McDonald (Independent Member)
Executive Committee	Mayor Rodney Reid (Chair) Mayor Roslyn Talbot Mayor Ken Anderson Paul Simpson, CEO Barunga West
Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Committee	Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) Lee Wallis (Goyder) Steve Kaesler (Barossa) Tim Neumann (Copper Coast) Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula) Russell Troupe (Department for Infrastructure and Transport) Daniel Willson (RDA Yorke and Mid North) Stuart Roberts (Wakefield) Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges) Scott Reid (Northern Areas)
Community Wastewater and Management Advisory Committee	Mayor Leon Stephens (Pirie) Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) Grant Smith (Yorke Peninsula) Nathan Berry (Light) Kirsty Morgan (Wakefield)
Waste Management Advisory Committee	Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains) Simon Neumann (Copper Coast) Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains) Robyn Ridsdale (Barossa) Glen Growden (Wakefield) Andrew Kompler (Yorke Peninsula) Megan Renzella (Light)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MAYOR RODNEY REID

The 2024-2025 year has seen many changes.

Simon Millcock had been our Chief Executive Officer of Legatus/N&YLGA for several years. It was a decision of the board not to renew his contract but encouraged him to apply for the position. Simon chose not to apply.

I thank Simon for his contribution to the organisation.

In October 2024 N&YLGA appointed our new Chief Executive Officer, Bridget Ransome, who commenced in November. Bridget has spent time addressing the need to update the organisation's records and there were many issues with the bank but hopefully these have all been sorted. She methodically tackles everything we ask her to attend to.

I am pleased to say that Bridget has made herself available for all council's Mayors/Chief Executive Officers to gain an understanding of what priorities each council may have within the group. She has also built relationships with Chief Executive Officers of other Regional Local Government Association (LGA) groups.

Bridget is working with two RDAs and the Landscape Board as part of the Regional Alliance.

Colin Davies had supported the N&YLGA as a finance contractor. In April/May 2025 Colin resigned from his finance officer role. I thank Colin for his handling of the finances since taking them on from Flinders Council staff.

At the same time that Colin resigned I was made aware that the LGA SA may be considering handling the Limestone Coast LGA finances from July. Bridget and I spoke with senior staff at the LGA SA and then, endorsed by the board we entered into a trial with LGA SA managing the N&YLGA finances until June 2026. So far this is working well and as can be seen in the reports it is meeting our financial reporting needs

This year within N&YLGA we saw two Mayors, Bill O'Brien, Mayor of Light Council and Darren Braund, Mayor of Yorke Peninsula Council, resign from their positions.

I have always appreciated Bill's knowledge of decisions made by Legatus and N&YLGA. For many years he was a Deputy Chairperson, and I do miss my conversations with Bill.

Darren brought great wisdom and a willingness to contribute as needed to our meetings. I valued his support of me taking on the Chairperson's role.



Many CEOs have resigned from councils within our region requiring councils to have interim and or acting CEOs. I have always advocated for CEO's being present in our discussions and listening to our decision-making at N&YLGA meetings. They often need to act upon them. Various CEOs have sat on our advisory committees as well.

Regardless of the time span that you have been at a council in the N&YLGA I thank you for your contributions, knowledge sharing and follow up as required. Our advisory committees provide local knowledge and expertise.

Mayors Roslyn Talbot and Ken Anderson are the current deputy chairpersons and are twelve months into their two-year appointments. We have had many Executive meetings throughout the year, and CEO Paul Simpson has also been part of this. Sharing thoughts and ideas makes my role easier and has greatly influenced our board meeting agendas.

Bridget has met all our local MPs both State and Federal. She has also interacted with many others. Bridget and I sat in the Gallery of the Legislative Council to listen to the bill presented by Hon Frank Pangallo MP, regarding the rating of sites involved with electricity generation. Bridget presented to the Country Cabinet held at Mallala on behalf of the N&YLGA in March of this year.

I have represented N&YLGA at Regional Alliance Meetings and attended functions hosted by Landscape SA, RDA and/or local councils.

This year Mayor Talbot and I have been the SAROC representatives for fourteen of our councils and Mayor Stephens has represented Port Pirie Council through the Spencer Gulf Cities group. SAROC has also had a year of changes with their terms of reference and procedures experiencing an ongoing review.

I maybe your chairperson, but the success of the N&YLGA is built on the support and encouragement we offer each other as Mayors and staff of neighbouring councils. In our major review of the organisation, we believed that having fifteen councils as one voice when needed makes us very influential in the local government sector in South Australia.

I am humbled by your patience and support personally for me throughout 2024-2025 and look forward to leading N&YLGA to greater sharing and building of our region in the 2025-2026 year.



29th August 2025
Mayor Rodney Reid
Chairperson
Northern and Yorke Local Government Association

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CEOs REPORT

BRIDGET RANSOME

I commenced in the role of Chief Executive Officer on 25th November 2024, excited to be taking on a new opportunity and also returning to local government after a four-year absence.

I am grateful to Simon Millcock the previous CEO for a hand over period in the initial first three weeks of the role.

I cannot report on the months July – November 2024 for the period that Simon was CEO, except to list some of the activities that were undertaken during this period:

2024	Activity	Organisation/Comment
July	Regional LGA grants proposal	Covering 2024-25 period
	Tourism Forum	UniSA
	Regional Roads Forum	Melrose
	SAROC Meeting	LGA
	Standing Committee on Regional Infrastructure and Transport	LGA
	CWMS	Discussion
	Lifeline	Volunteer Australia
	Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Discussion	N&YLGA
August	Lifeline	Volunteer Australia
	Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Meeting	N&YLGA
	SA Community Foundation Initiative	The Healthy Collective
	Audit & Risk Management Committee	N&YLGA
	Regional Development Funding opportunities	UniSA
	AGM	N&YLGA
September	SAROC	LGA
	Roads and Waste Committee	N&YLGA
	Regional LGAs	Get together
	SA Suicide Prevention Council	Port Pirie
October	Executive Committee	N&YLGA
	Climate Risk Community of Practice	LGA
	Suicide Prevention	Conversations
	SA, NT, WA Regional CoP	Climate Change
	Community Resilience	Northern & Yorke
	CWMS Project Discussion	N&YLGA
	Special Meeting	N&YLGA
November	Agenda Ordinary Meeting	N&YLGA
	Audit & Risk Management Committee	N&YLGA
	Executive Meeting	N&YLGA
	Tourism Symposium	UniSA
	LGA AGM	LGA

In my first week as CEO, I attended the November Board meeting of the Northern & Yorke LGA and met the mayors of the fifteen councils, and some of the CEOs and invited guests that were in attendance.

To understand the requirements of the role I was advised to follow the *Annual Business Plan* document, which has helped me to organise priorities for the association. I offer these in key headings within this report.

Advocacy Plan

The first time I organised a board meeting for N&YLGA was the February 2025 meeting. Directly following the formalities of the meeting, we held an advocacy workshop with members. This workshop identified the following as most important to the councils at that time:

- Water (connectivity/access, especially for new housing developments)
- Childcare
- Health Services
- Roads and Transport
- Cost shifting.

I was also advised that the previous CEO conducted a member survey in August 2024 and the results of this survey also helped in understanding as to those items considered to be most important to the region from an advocacy perspective. As well as the above-mentioned items, other issues include:

- Regional high-speed broadband access
- Housing
- Local Government legal fees
- Rating Equity – Power Generators
- Centralised Model of Mental Health Service delivery
- Increased Commonwealth assistance grants
- The removal of barriers to State and Federal grant programs
- Increased funding for tourism and promotion of the region
- Increased funding for regional waste infrastructure.

These items have been summarised in further detail about each issue in the *N&YLGA Advocacy Plan*, which I presented to the board at its June 2025 meeting, and which was subsequently endorsed at that meeting.



Prior to the June meeting I also presented key issues at the Premier's Country Cabinet in March 2025 and received a favourable response from the Premier.

During the first 3-6 months in the role of CEO I also met with most of the member council Mayors and CEOs; members of the Flinders Alliance; and Members of Parliament for the Northern and Yorke region.

I also attended the ALGA Conference in June 2025 in Canberra, which gave me great insight into the issues impacting local government councils across Australia. During the conference I also attended a briefing with the Federal Minister for Local Government Hon Kristy McBain MP.

2025-26 Annual Business Plan

A requirement of the CEO role is to review and update the *Annual Business Plan* for N&YLGA. The review is conducted annually at the completion of the financial year.

This review included an update on the finances, after a budget review which I carried out in preparation for the February 2025 Board meeting, and which was endorsed by the board at that meeting.

The *Annual Business Plan 2025-2026* guides the priorities of the association over a rolling 4-year period, and this replaces the need for a long-term financial plan. The plan was approved by the board at the 6th June 2025 Ordinary meeting.

Board Meetings

I have attended and arranged the board papers for the following Ordinary Meetings of the association since I commenced in the role of CEO:

- 25th November 2024 (Copper Coast as an observer)
- 21st February 2025 (Adelaide Plains)
- 6th June 2025 (Orroroo Carrieton)

At the February meeting, I arranged three presentations as follows:

- Childcare Model, Michael French
- Equip Psychological Well-being program for regional communities, Dr Amanda Taylor, University of Adelaide
- 2025 Small Town Re-invention Conference, Hon Tony Piccolo MP.

As a result of the presentations, Orroroo Carrieton Council agreed to participate in the Equip program; and the Board approved N&YLGA sponsoring the 2025 Small Town Re-Invention Conference.



At the June meeting, I arranged the following presentations:

- Tom Venning (Liberal for Grey)
- Heather Holmes-Ross (President, LGA)
- Tim Viner-Smith (HDS Consulting, Road Transport Plan Update).

Communications Plan

I prepared and presented a Communications Plan for the N&YLGA which was endorsed at the June 2025 Board Meeting.

The plan was put together after reviewing the current website of N&YLGA, social media and general communications profile. The emphasis of the plan going forward is to lift the profile of the association to ensure visibility to state and federal government agencies, and to be the point of attraction into the region for on-going engagement.

I have commenced implementing the plan and can advise the following:

- A new logo brand was approved at the June board meeting and has started to be implemented across documents and reports
- Work will commence on the updating of the internal file structure of the organisation in September 2025
- IT services have been consolidated into one location out of Clare
- Meetings have been conducted with a web designer in relation to building a new website
- Social media is on-going utilising the new brand.

Financial Services

In March 2025 I initiated a review of the finances in consultation with the Chairman N&YLGA and the Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee.

The financial services of N&YLGA had not been reviewed for several years, and so it was timely to initiate this, and to implement more rigour around the financial controls of the association.

As a result of the review the existing contractor, Colin Davies, chose to resign and negotiations were then undertaken with LGA to provide financial services going forward. LGA has been providing services since May 2025 and it was negotiated as a 12-month initial contract, which is working very well at this time; and has seen all financial reporting streamlined to a more user-friendly format.

At the time of updating the financial services provider, all signatories at bank were also updated.



Also, in preparing the paperwork for the first Audit & Risk Committee meeting I noticed that although the Board had approved the appointment of a new Auditor, it had not been progressed. This has now been rectified, with ATA Audits confirmed and on board as the new auditor. The auditor has prepared the financials for the August 2025 AGM, with no issues apparent in financial operation at this time.

IT Services

The IT contractor for the association decided to move his business activities away from the type of services offered to N&YLGA.

As a result of this, I consolidated N&YLGA's IT based services to Honeycomb Design located in Clare. Honeycomb currently support our website and provides adhoc design services as required.

With the changeover it has been identified that N&YLGA is currently holding a number of licences that are considered unnecessary, and I am working with them to streamline our operations in this regard.

Policies and Procedures

The policies and procedures of N&YLGA have not been reviewed for several years. I am currently reviewing and updating these policies, and they will be presented at forthcoming board meetings for review and ratification by the board.

Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee

The Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee (RTIAC) met on 22nd April 2025. At this meeting we conducted the scoring of the SLRP applications received from N&YLGA councils. I wrote up supporting notes from this meeting and then worked with Tim Viner-Smith of HDS Consulting to refine the grant applications.

I was pleased to be advised that N&YLGA were awarded all 6 projects submitted under the SLRP this year as follows:



Road	SLRP Funding	Priority Score
North Coast Road Stage 3 Pt Turton Yorke Peninsula Council	\$1,460,000	1
Bethel Road Stage 2 Light Regional Council	\$1,333,000	2
College Road Light Regional Council	\$1,333,000	3
Hart Road Adelaide Plains Council	\$ 559,667	4
Vandeleur Road Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	\$1,080,000	5
Bruce Road Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	\$ 736,000	6
TOTAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS	\$6,501,667	

N&YLGA will shortly be invoicing the councils that were successful at 0.64% of each grant, in return for the association's scoring and support of submissions and advice supplied by HDS Consulting.

I continue to liaise with Tim Viner-Smith on the review of the Road Transport Plan for the Northern & Yorke region.

Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)

I inherited a CWMS project from the previous CEO entitled: *Climate Resilience Community Wastewater Management System Through Data Driven Awareness and Connectivity for Regional SA Communities*.

I attended a briefing for this project at Mawson Lakes with the project team, and from there I progressed discussions with Mt Remarkable Council, and they agreed to be one of the councils participating in the study.

I have contacted the previous members of the CWMS Committee for N&YLGA and have received mixed reactions as to the need and purpose of the group. Some members feel it is no longer required, whilst others have indicated that it would be important to continue with this committee. I arranged a meeting on 12th August 2025, and some members attended including David Eggers of the LGA. It was a good robust discussion, and I will be progressing some items in relation to CWMS training at the local officer level in councils, due to the outcomes of this meeting.

Since I commenced in my role, I have had regular meetings with David Eggers and will continue to ensure that the N&YLGAs CWMS committee continues to meet on a regular basis.



Governance

I continue to action all of the relevant administrative duties attached to preparing agendas, minutes and correspondence, including guest presenters in relation to N&YLGA meetings, which include:

- Board meetings
- Audit & Risk Committee
- CWMS Committee
- Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee
- Waste Management Advisory Committee.

These committees met as follows during the 2024-2025 financial year:

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SAROC

I have provided regular reports on time prior to each SAROC Meeting. Reports include a summary of the regional priorities, activities and initiatives being carried out by N&YLGA.





Regional Alliance

I am a member of the Regional Alliance, and I organised the June meeting, as this activity rotates amongst regular participants.

I have been working with alliance members on a range of initiatives including:

- Drought (allocation of priorities for the \$300k provided to the region for activities beyond the \$55m provided by the State Government) – as per initiatives listed in the Regional Drought Resilience Plan
- Joint submission on the Draft Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan
- RAA Mid-North Regional Road Assessment project
- Business Mentoring program in collaboration with Honeycomb Design, Clare.

Other items

Media Training: I recently organised media training for some Mayors and CEOs within the Northern & Yorke region.

The media training was presented by journalist and media personality Graeme Goodings, along with his cameraman David Hales. Participants presented both to camera and were also mock interviewed on a relevant issue during the training.

All participants have been sent personalised feedback from Graeme Goodings upon completion of the training.

Campaign Monitor: I have implemented an electronic e:newsletter to keep in touch with member councils and regional stakeholders and to inform them of both N&YLGA initiatives and activities; and other types of opportunities that may be beneficial to the region. I have received very positive feedback about the electronic e:newsletter and continue to send them out on a monthly basis.

2025 Small Town Reinvention Conference: I have met with the organiser, Peter Kenyon of the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. Northern & Yorke have also undertaken a silver sponsorship of the event which is being held in Kapunda this September.

I have been asked to MC one of the days of the conference and ensured that our logo is being featured on all promotional materials.

Five Nations Board: N&YLGA contributes financially to support the Five Nations Landscape Board. Members of the Regional Alliance have all committed to providing funding in support of the board. We were invoiced to contribute \$3,000 on an annual basis and when I went back over the minutes, I noticed all other agencies were contributing \$2,000 per annum. After following this up I managed to have our contribution reduced to \$2,000 per annum.

I have also written to each of the Indigenous leaders within the Five Nations Board confirming our support and inviting them to present at a forthcoming N&YLGA Board meeting.

Other Regional LGAs: I have been connecting with the other CEOs of regional LGAs as there are a number of new appointments. We regularly connect to share challenges, information and any issues. This has been a very helpful group for me as a relatively new CEO to the association.

Grants: Regional LGAs are provided with \$40,000 from the LGA each year to progress regional initiatives. I have reported on the previous projects that were implemented by the previous CEO to finalise the acquittal process for the 2024-25 grant period.

I have submitted grant requirements for the 2025-2026 period with the following projects:

- Waste Management webinar series for council staff
- Get Home Safe Foundation road safety project for Flinders Ranges Council
- Community Plans for 4 townships impacted by Algal Bloom in the Yorke Peninsula council area.

In addition to the above grant, I have also secured the following:

- \$47,300 for business mentoring for drought impacted businesses
- \$38,500 for Stage 2 of the Desert Childcare Advocacy Project
- \$11,000 for business mentoring for businesses impacted by the Golden North closure in the Northern Areas Council.

Climate Change Adaptation Plan: This is regularly discussed in Regional Alliance Meetings. I am also a member of the LGAs RCP Climate group that meets online to share ideas and initiatives.

I attended the LGAs Climate Ready Regions Workshop in Clare and agreed to liaise with the LGA on initiatives emanating from this project on behalf of councils in the Northern & Yorke region.

I introduced the Equip project to the region and this will deliver climate adaptation on the ground in the local community of Orroroo Carrieton. I also continue to manage the Community Disaster Prep website which is under the N&YLGA responsibility. Link: [Home - Preparing your community for disasters & emergencies](#)

Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and a Waste Management Action Plan: I have met with the CEO of KESAB to discuss regional initiatives around waste management, and this has led to the potential funding of the Waste Management webinar series for council staff.



The Waste Management Strategy 2021-2026 for the region is also due to be updated. I have met with Rawtec consultants as the previous consultants employed to produce the strategy, and they have submitted a proposal to conduct the review by 2026.

Internal operating environment: I inherited quite a mess in relation to the internal workings of the N&YLGA. Documentation has been difficult to locate if at all. This has required me to spend quite a lot of time trying to locate information so I can determine what has been actioned, missed or requires follow up.

In addition to this, the invoicing by external contractors had been left to expand without any checks and balances in place. Some of the invoices I have received since I commenced have been excessive and I have had to go back to query the services provided and the rates charged, which has resulted in some savings.

Procedural Document: As I had limited time with the previous CEO during the handover period. There were many parts of N&YLGA that I was not made aware of; there are also no procedural guidelines on any aspect of the operation of N&YLGA. This is a serious fault that I am now in the process of rectifying. As internal procedures start to settle, I will be producing a complete procedural manual for the association, covering all aspects of its operation and this will include updating all policies and procedures.

Conclusion: I would like to thank all Mayors and CEOs within the Northern and Yorke region and also representatives of regional stakeholder organisations that have made me welcome and also continue to support me in my role as CEO. I would particularly like to thank the Chairman, Mayor Reid for his continued support, advice and direction and also Stephen Rufus, Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee for his guidance and support especially with the financial transition side of the association's activities these past 8 months.



29th August 2025

Bridget Ransome

Chief Executive Officer

Northern and Yorke Local Government Association




AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR, STEPHEN RUFUS

It gives me great pleasure to present this report to the Board of the Northern and Yorke LGA AGM on the activities of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the 2024-2025 year, and I thank the Board for my continued appointment to the position of Chair.

The Committee has met on the following occasions during the year with all members being active during the year:

- 20th August 2024
- 19th November 2024
- 17th February 2025
- 22nd May 2025
- 28th May 2025.

With the transition of the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer, the Committee has overseen a number of changes, including a revised banking process and change in signatories, and financial services provider to a shared service model provided by the LGA.

These changes have incorporated a review of the financial reporting to the Committee and the Board that addresses previous concerns raised by Member Councils with the complexity of the reporting.

Furthermore, the change in financial service provider has improved efficiency in the financial management of the organisation, with open reporting and accountability that is reassuring for the Committee.

A concern is raised with the membership of the Committee and that a vacancy remains for an appointment of another CEO from a Member Council, which in my view, requires the attention of the Board. I therefore encourage my fellow CEOs to consider nominating for the vacant position to be a part of the Committee.

I take this opportunity to thank the previous CEO Simon Millcock for his reporting and interaction with the Committee and the financial services provided by Colin Davies.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to work with the CEO Bridget Ransome in the role and to work through the challenges and changes to the financial system of the organisation, and I look forward to this ongoing professional relationship and conduct that Bridget brings to the role.



29th August 2025

Stephen Rufus

Chair

Northern and Yorke Local Government Association



This is a summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2024-2025.
The committee met as follows:

Audit & Risk Management Committee	20 th August 2024 19 th November 2024 17 th February 2025 22 nd May 2025 28 th May 2025 (online)
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mayor Rodney Reid	5
Mayor Stephen McCarthy	6
Stephen Rufus (Chair)	6
Ian McDonald	6
Colin Davies	0

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2024-2025.

Principal Issues Examined	Comment
Audit Committee Chair and Members	Stephen Rufus continued as Chair and all members are serving within their 2-year tenure
Annual Financial Report	No issues, and a new auditor was appointed being ATA Audits and endorsed by the committee and the N&YLGA full Board. Noted the continued independence of the auditing process
Review of budget against actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure certified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets
Review of work plan and internal controls	The provision of external financial services to the association was reviewed and a new provider endorsed being LGA Shared Services
Charter	No change to the Charter
Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	Monitored the 2024-2025 business plan and budget Noted, supported and provided input to the N&YLGA <i>Annual Business Plan 2025-2026</i> Simplified budget reporting
Equity/Reserves	Recommendations to the Board on the levels to be held and noted that they are in alignment with previous agreed levels.



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**Northern and Yorke Local
Government Association**

**Annual Financial
Statements**

**For the financial year
01 July 2024 - 30 June 2025**



NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended
30 June 2025

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NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th June 2025

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association ('the Association') to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- The accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- The financial statements present a true and fair view of the Association's financial position at 30th June 2025 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls implemented by the Association provide a reasonable assurance that the Group's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- The financial statements accurately reflect the Association's accounting and other records.



Bridget Ransome
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Date: 3rd September 2025



Mayor Rodney Reid
CHAIRMAN

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th June 2025

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME			
Council Contributions	2	251,182	237,615
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	70,000	107,400
Investment Income	2	25,837	27,731
Other income	2	450	7,211
Total Income		347,469	379,957
EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	3	186,190	239,291
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3	112,100	188,815
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,721	2,500
Total Expenses		302,011	430,606
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		45,458	(50,649)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		45,458	(50,649)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS)		45,458	(50,649)

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30th June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	433,856	486,022
Trade and other receivables	4	34,503	1,791
Total Current Assets		468,359	487,813
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		44,072	10,000
Total Non-Current Assets		44,072	10,000
TOTAL ASSETS		512,431	497,813
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	8,971	8,469
Provisions	5	8,819	-
Total Current Liabilities		17,790	8,469
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions		-	40,161
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	40,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES		17,790	48,630
NET ASSETS		494,642	449,183
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		224,872	179,413
Other Reserves	6	269,770	269,770
TOTAL EQUITY		494,642	449,183

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30th June 2025

2025	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	Other Reserves \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		179,413	269,770	449,183
Net Surplus for Year		45,458		45,458
Other Comprehensive Income				-
Transfers between reserves		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		224,872	269,770	494,641
2024				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		230,062	269,770	499,831
Net Deficit for Year		(50,649)	-	(50,649)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-
Transfers between reserves				-
Balance at end of period		179,413	269,770	449,182

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30th June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Council Contributions		251,082	237,615
Investment receipts		26,226	27,731
Grants utilised for operating purpose		44,000	196,708
Reimbursement			
Other Revenues		450	7,211
Payments			
Employee Costs		(219,831)	(234,009)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(116,299)	(254,383)
Finance Payments			
Net Cash used in Operating Activities		(14,372)	(19,127)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-	-
Sale of replaced assets			
Payments		-	-
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(37,793)	909
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets			
Purchase of investment securities		-	-
Net purchase of investment securities		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loan Made to community groups		-	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(37,793)	909
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts		-	-
Payments		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		-	-
Net cash increase / (decrease) in cash held		(52,165)	(18,218)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7	486,022	504,240
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		433,856	486,022

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES to and FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of Preparation

This general-purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying the Association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

1.1 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Northern and Yorke Local Government Association ('the Association') is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Constituent Councils are:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Barossa Council | 2. District Council of Mount Remarkable |
| 3. Barunga West Council | 4. Northern Areas Council |
| 5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council | 6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| 7. Copper Coast Council | 8. District Council of Peterborough |
| 9. The Flinders Ranges Council | 10. Port Pirie Regional Council |
| 11. Regional Council of Goyder | 12. Wakefield Regional Council |
| 13. Light Regional Council | 14. Yorke Peninsula Council |
| 15. Adelaide Plains Council. | |

All funds received and expended by the Association have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

1.3 Income recognition

The Association recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate. In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on:

The consideration to which the Association expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer. In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when the Association enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the Association.

1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Association's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables generally unsecured and do not bear interest. All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

1.5 Vehicles & Contents

All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held 'ready for use.' All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Association for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows:

Contents	\$2,000
Motor Vehicles	\$5,000

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Association, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below.

Contents	1 to 5 years
Motor Vehicles	3 to 5 years

1.6 Payables

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

Amounts (other than grants) received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

1.7 Provisions

Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

The Association has 0.8 FTE employees as at 30th June 2025, a Chief Executive Officer. Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll- based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll-based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10-year bond rates.

No accrual is made for sick leave as the Association's experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. The Association does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

1.8 Superannuation

The Association contributes the statutory 11.5% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff. This will increase to 12% for the 2025-26 financial year.

1.9 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 'Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax:'

- Ø Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Ø Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Ø Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Ø Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

1.10 New Accounting Standards

No new accounting standards were applied by the Association during the financial year. The Association has not elected to early adopt any new accounting standards, interpretations or amendments which are not yet effective.

1.11 Economic Dependencies

The Association is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Association. Should the Association not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Association to continue operating as a going concern.

1.12 Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

1.13 Comparative Information

During the financial year, the Association has reviewed the allocation and classification of some transactions which have been updated in the comparative information presented. Changes in classification have resulted in no change to the previously reported financial performance and position of the Association.

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 2 - INCOME

	2025	2024
COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	\$
General Contribution	201,091	191,325
Other Council Contributions		
Coastal Alliance	15,000	13,290
SLRP Assessment Fee	35,091	33,000
	50,091	46,290
	251,182	237,615
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	25,837	27,731
Banks	-	-
	25,837	27,731
OTHER INCOME		
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship	450	7,211
Sundry	-	-
	450	7,211
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
CWMS	-	4,500
Disaster Recovery	-	62,900
Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project	30,000	-
Volunteering	-	-
Regional Capacity	40,000	40,000
	70,000	107,400
 Commonwealth Government	 -	 -
State government	-	62,900
LGA	70,000	44,500
Other	-	-
	70,000	107,400

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NOTES to and FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 3 - EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE COSTS	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Salaries and Wages	142,643	171,614
Employee leave expense	20,100	34,466
Pay in Lieu of Notice	-	909
Superannuation	19,101	22,108
Workers' Compensation Insurance	636	2,963
Professional Development	475	1,011
FBT	3,614	6,220
Total Operating Employee Costs	186,190	239,291
Total Number of Employees		
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>	0.80	1.00
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES		
Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration	2,849	2,645
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	2,849	2,645
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		
Contractors & Consultants	54,172	133,005
Legal Expenses	572	0
Unleaded Fuel	4,595	5,362
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	2,929	3,378
Members Allowances & Support	5,000	5,292
Meetings & Conferences	2,498	2,206
Insurance	9,681	9,839
Rental - Premises	177	195
Advertising	8,316	1,419
Accommodation	3,033	1,046
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	532	488
Travel - Reimbursement	3,135	630
Catering & Meals	2,945	14,085
Telephone & Internet	1,053	2,079
IT & Web	9,062	5,169
Postage/Stationery	1,297	1103
Sundry	256	874
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	109,251	186,170
	112,100	188,815
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Motor Vehicle	3,721	2,500
Contents	-	-
	3,721	2,500

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	22,630	36,022
Deposits at Call	411,226	450,000
	433,856	486,022
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Revenues	1,403	1,791
Other levels of Government	-	-
Debtor - General	33,100	-
	34,503	1,791

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES to and FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 5 – LIABILITIES

	2025		2024	
	\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services	50	-	1,068	-
Payments received in advance	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses - employee benefits	3,531	-	3,622	-
Accrued expenses - other	1,450	-	1,972	-
GST & PAYG	3,940	-	1,807	-
	8,971	-	8,469	-
PROVISIONS				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	6,519	-	10,031	-
Employee entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	-	30,130	-
Superannuation Payable	2,300	-	-	-
	8,819	-	40,161	-

Note 6 – RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2024	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2025
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	269,770
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	269,770	-	-	269,770
<i>Comparatives</i>	269,770			269,770

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Other Reserves

This reserve was established to provide for one year of basic operation (employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, materials), should no revenue be received.

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 7 - Reconciliation of Cash Flow Statement

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	433,856	486,022
Less: Short-term borrowings		-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		433,856	486,022

() Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	45,458	-50,649
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3,721	2,500
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(33,642)	5,281
	15,537	(42,868)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(32,711)	89,308
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	(37,793)	909
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	2,802	(65,568)
Net Cash provided used in operations	(52,165)	(18,219)

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 8 – Functions

Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions/activities throughout the financial year. The activities of the Association are categorised into the following broad functions:

1	A	- Corporate Function
2	P001	- Regional & Community Sustainability
3	P006	- Disaster & Emergency Management
4	P009	- CWMS & Climate Change Co-ordination
5	P017	- Waste Management Composting
6	P022	- Roads & Transport
7	P027	- Community Capacity Building
8	P028	- Regional Capacity Building
9	P034	- N&Y Coastal Management Action Plan
10	P038	- Regional Waste Strategy
11	P040	- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
12	P045	- Aboriginal Engagement Committee
13	P046	- DCP Pilot Organics Plant
14	P047	- Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 9 - Financial Indicators

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

	2025	2024	2023
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	13.1%	(13.3%)	(37.1%)
Total Operating Income			
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(129.7%)	(115.6%)	(151.2%)
Total Operating Income			
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue</i>			

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 10 – Related Party Disclosures

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Association include the Chief Executive Officer and 15 Mayors/Chairpersons of the constituent Councils. In all Key Management Personnel were paid the following total compensation:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
CEO		
Salaries, allowances & other short-term benefits	160,804	166,637
Post-employment benefits	19,101	11,197
Long term benefits	1,559	-
FBT	3,614	6,220
Termination benefits	-	-
Total CEO	185,078	184,054
Chairperson		
Allowance	5,000	5,292
Total Chairperson	5,000	5,292
Total Key Personnel Remuneration	190,078	189,346

OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from Related Parties during the financial year (exclusive of GST).

	Received 2025 \$	Outstanding 2025 \$
The Barossa Council	13,400	0
Barunga West Council	13,400	0
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	13,400	0
Copper Coast Council	13,400	0
The Flinders Ranges Council	13,400	0
Regional Council of Goyder	13,400	0
Light Regional Council	13,400	0
Adelaide Plains Council	13,400	0
District Council of Mount Remarkable	13,400	0
Northern Areas Council	13,400	0
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	13,400	0
District Council of Peterborough	13,400	0
Port Pirie Regional Council	13,400	0
Wakefield Regional Council	13,400	0
Yorke Peninsula Council	13,400	0
TOTAL	201,000	0

Description of Services provided to all Related Parties above:

The Association is the peak regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The Association's primary purpose focuses on the wealth, wellbeing and social cohesion of these communities via a sustainable approach of productive landscapes and natural environment. Its focus is on the key roles of local government.

NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30th June 2025

Note 11 - Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities Not Recognised in the Statement of Financial Position

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Note 12 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There were no events subsequent to 30th June 2025 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

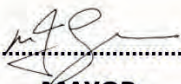
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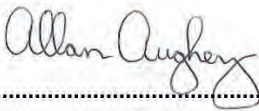
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

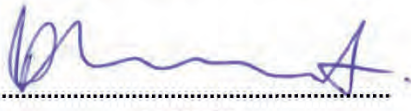
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This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

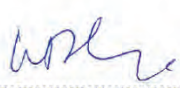

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The Barossa Council

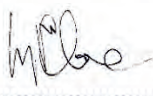

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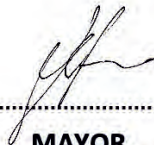
NORTHERN and YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th June 2025

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE (Continued)

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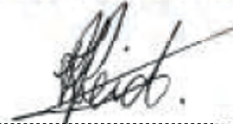
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Wakefield Regional Council



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Northern And Yorke Local Government Association (the Association), which comprises the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025 the, the statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Management's financial reporting responsibilities and for due diligence purposes. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and for such internal control as the Board of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Management are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individual or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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