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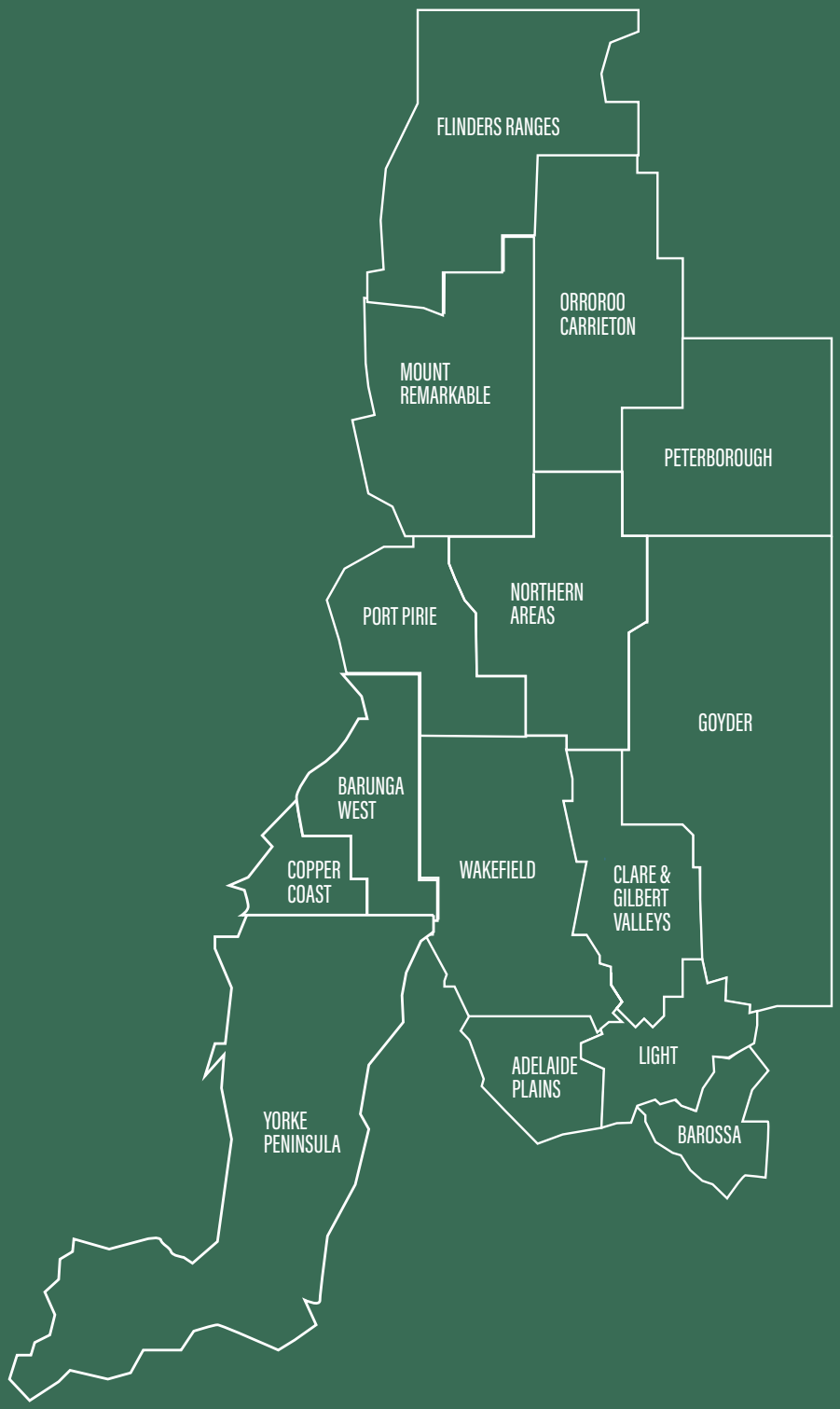

OPERATIONS

FINANCE

REGIONAL ALLIANCE

BOARD GOVERNANCE

COORDINATION

ADVOCACY

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 Close
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Keith Pluckrose
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 Kylie Gray





OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2025-2026

ROLE/ORGANISATION	NAME
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	Mrs Bridget Ransome
Auditor	ATA Audits

N&YLGA BOARD MEETINGS	
Annual General Meeting	29th August 2025
Board Meeting	29th August 2025
Board Meeting	5th December 2025
Board Meeting	6th March 2026
Board Meeting	12th June 2026

COMMITTEE	DATES
Executive Management Committee	29th July 2025 1st December 2025 25th February 2026 4th June 2026 (unable to obtain a quorum)
Audit & Risk Committee	14th August 2025 24th November 2025 13th February 2026 28th May 2026
Road Transport & Infrastructure Advisory Committee	1st October 2025 6th May 2026 (unable to obtain a quorum, discussion only)
CWMS Advisory Committee	12th August 2025 21st April 2026 (unable to obtain a quorum for both meetings)
Waste Management Advisory Committee	This advisory committee is inactive

All agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and committees (where applicable) are published in the N&YLGA website at this location: nylga.sa.gov.au.

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

The constituent councils during the year are provided with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Reports, Annual Business Plan, Budget, other plans e.g. Advocacy and Communications, 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 David Stobbe (CEO) resigned Stephen Rufus (CEO) elected June 2026
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)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MAYOR RODNEY REID

It has been my privilege to lead the Northern and Yorke LGA for the past 4 years. During that time, I have conducted the meetings of N&YLGA in my own style (following LGA guidelines) as all leaders do. I have endeavoured to be fair to give all members an opportunity to speak in debates and workshops. I have also tried to keep up to date with all councils and made myself available for all mayors to be able to contact me at any time.

As a region we are very diverse with some councils growing in population and some declining. Some councils are growing faster than infrastructure is keeping up with.

N&YLGA has councils that cover large regions with extensive road networks. It includes coastal councils and they face the many issues that coastal activities bring. Inland communities have also been impacted by drought again.

All councils have been audited by ESCOSA, and the sustainability of some councils has been challenged. It is how we use this information in our decision making going forward that will allow councils to meet the needs of their communities.

Recruiting and retaining staff is a common challenge for our councils.

This year Northern Areas Council appointed a new Mayor, Cr Pluckrose. We welcomed him to our Board Meetings.

I believe it is important to have Council CEOs attending and contributing to discussions and knowledge sharing at the N&YLGA Meetings. Movement of CEOs of councils within our region has continued to occur with Acting of Interim CEOs holding several positions. I am thankful for the expertise these people have brought to our region.

I have been the SAROC representative for 14 of the 15 councils of N&YLGA during 2025 2026 with Mayor Roslyn Talbot of Copper Coast Council. We have been a strong voice for our region and for the regional councils across the state.

In my President's role I have attended the Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance. The Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance meets quarterly with representatives from Northern & Yorke Landscape Board, RDA Yorke & Mid North, RDA Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains, Northern & Yorke LGA and Yorke and Mid North PIRSA.

Mayors Roslyn Talbot and Ken Anderson are the current deputy chairpersons and sharing thoughts and ideas makes my role easier and has greatly influenced our board meeting agendas. I appreciate the additional time these people have contributed to the running of N&YLGA.







Bridget Ransome, our CEO, has continued to manage the affairs of the organisation. Her quarterly updates and preparation for the State Election this year were useful tools and easy for all to follow. Bridget continues to meet with many of the new State Ministers updating them on key issues impacting our region as formulated by the board.

I am thankful for all the members of the Advisory Committees and for the recommendations they bring to our Board Meetings. The hard work they cover in their meetings makes our meetings running smoother.

As I said last year and I repeat, I may be your president, 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.



Mayor Rodney Reid
Chairperson

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

BRIDGET RANSOME

The 2025–2026 financial year has been one of growth, renewal and strengthened regional leadership for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association.

As my first full year leading the Association, the focus has been on establishing a clear strategic direction, strengthening governance, building relationships and ensuring the Association continues to deliver meaningful value for our fifteen member councils. Throughout the year, we have worked to reinforce the Association's role as the collective voice of local government across the Northern and Yorke region, advocating on issues that no single council can address alone.

Our region is one of South Australia's most significant contributors to the State's economy. From world-class agriculture and food production to mining, renewable energy, manufacturing, tourism and regional services, the Northern & Yorke region continues to demonstrate resilience, innovation and opportunity. However, like many regional communities, we face complex and interconnected challenges that require coordinated leadership and long-term investment.

Throughout the year, the Association has focused its advocacy on the issues that matter most to our member councils and the communities they represent.

Reliable transport infrastructure, water security, housing availability, workforce attraction and retention, childcare accessibility, economic development and regional investment have all remained central to our engagement with State and Federal Governments.

A significant achievement has been the development of a more strategic and evidence-based approach to advocacy. By working collaboratively with member councils, we have strengthened our ability to present a united regional voice and clearly articulate the opportunities and challenges facing Northern & Yorke. Strong advocacy is most effective when it is informed by data, supported by evidence and reflects the collective priorities of our councils. This approach has strengthened our relationships with government and positioned the Association as a respected contributor to policy discussions affecting regional South Australia.

Building partnerships has also been a defining feature of the year. We have continued to strengthen relationships with the Local Government Association of South Australia, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North, Regional Development Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and other State Government agencies,

Members of Parliament, neighbouring regional organisations and a broad range of stakeholders who share our commitment to regional prosperity. These relationships are fundamental to achieving outcomes that extend beyond the capacity of individual councils.

Internally, considerable work has been undertaken to strengthen the organisation itself. During the year, we commenced a comprehensive review of governance policies and operational practices to ensure the Association is well positioned to meet contemporary governance expectations and support future growth. Strong governance provides confidence to our member councils and ensures the Association continues to operate with transparency, accountability and sound financial management.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the year has been witnessing the commitment of our member councils to regional collaboration. While each council has its own unique priorities and local context, there is a genuine willingness to work together in pursuit of outcomes that benefit the broader region. This collaborative spirit is one of the Association's greatest strengths and continues to demonstrate the value of regional local government working collectively.

The Association has also commenced work to better promote the Northern & Yorke region as a place to invest, live, work and visit with the development of a new website portal into the region and a consistent social media campaign of positive regional stories. Increasingly, our role extends beyond advocacy to helping tell the story of our region—its economic strengths, competitive advantages and opportunities for future growth. By strengthening the regional narrative, we can improve investment confidence and support long-term economic development across our communities.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the commitment and support of our Board.

I thank the Board Members for their leadership, strategic guidance and willingness to work collaboratively on behalf of the region.

Their commitment to looking beyond individual council boundaries to pursue regional outcomes continues to strengthen the Association and the communities we serve.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Chief Executive Officers and staff across our fifteen member councils.

Their expertise, professionalism and willingness to share knowledge ensures the Association remains informed, relevant and responsive to the needs of local government.

Finally, I acknowledge the many government agencies, regional organisations, industry representatives and community leaders who have worked with us throughout the year. Strong partnerships are essential to regional success, and I value the collaborative relationships we continue to build.

Looking ahead, the Association is well placed to build on the momentum established during 2025–2026. We will continue to advocate for the investment our region needs, strengthen our partnerships, enhance our governance and support our member councils in responding to emerging opportunities and challenges.

The Northern & Yorke region has an important role to play in South Australia's future. Through collaboration, innovation and strong regional leadership, we can ensure our communities continue to prosper and remain vibrant places to live, work and invest.

It is a privilege to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association, and I look forward to continuing to work with our member councils and partners to realise the full potential of the region.



Chief Executive Officer

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CHAIR AUDIT & RISK ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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 2025-2026 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:

- 14th August 2025
- 24th November 2025
- 13th February 2026
- 28th May 2026.

During the year the Committee has overseen a number of changes to the financial and governance operations of the Region under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, the LGA Finance team and external consultants.

Highlighted main changes include; Revised Financial Reports provided to the Committee and Board; Revised process for developing and reviewing the Annual Budget; Procurement; appointment of new banking provider; and the Review of N&YLGA Policies and Procedures.

These changes have enabled the Committee to be focused on ensuring its role of oversight and providing structured and considered recommendations to the Board has been fulfilled.

With the excellent financial services provided by the LGA Finance Team in accordance with the shared service agreement, the Committee has been reassured of the quality and detail of the information provided to ensure informed decisions are made. It is in the Committee's view that the continuation of this service is imperative to the ongoing financial management of the Region and furthermore, stands as a sound example to the other regions and the LGA that shared services simply works. I thank the LGA Team for their work and input into the ongoing management of the Committee and the Region.

It was pleasing to see that during the year Sean Holden, Chief Executive Officer of The Flinders Ranges Council, accepted the position of appointment to the Committee, which had been a concern raised previously. The importance of these appointments and the ongoing commitment of the Region to the Audit and Risk Committee is imperative to ensuring good governance and financial responsibility is maintained at a high level.





This important governance role further ensures that member Councils can be satisfied that compliance with the Local Government Act and the Region's Charter is maintained and assured.

I take this opportunity to thank the Chief Executive Officer, Bridget Ransome, for her professionalism, guidance and work during the year in assisting the Committee and overall management of the N&YLGA.



Stephen Rufus
Chair Audit & Risk Advisory Committee

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2025-2026



Photo: Minister Nat Cook, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well in 2025, officially opened the conference

2025 SMALL TOWN RE-INVENTION CONFERENCE

The 2025 Small Town Re-Invention Conference took place in Kapunda from the 22nd – 25th September 2025. The conference was supported by the South Australian Government, Light Regional Council, Northern & Yorke Local Government Association, Rebuilding Australia and was coordinated locally by the then Office of Tony Piccolo MP (Member for Light).

Registrations were received from international, interstate and local participants and the conference contributed $250,000 into the local economy.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH MODEL

In October 2025 the association met with representatives of Preventive Health SA along with representatives of Adelaide Plains Council and Light Regional Council.

The meeting was to further explore the proposal to form a regional partnership with clusters of councils and regional LGAs to develop a workforce or coalition of preventive staff in SA.

This project comes with $200k of funding and Preventive Health SA indicated that they would like to explore the model with Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula, and discussions have been progressing in this regard to bringthis important initiative to the region.

N&YLGA WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE STRATEGY REVIEW

A key action for the N&YLGA Chief Executive Officer in 2026 was to implement a review of the Northern & Yorke LGA Waste and Resource Strategy 2021-2026.

Consultants Rawtec were contracted to undertake this review, and key findings included:

- Increased regional diversion from 35% to 47%.
- Reduced landfill volumes by 10% increased comingled recycling volumes by 6% and organics volumes by 121%.

On-going the 2026-2031 strategy:

- Will target a regional increase in kerbside diversion to 57%.

Includes initiatives:

- To explore shared resourcing for the region
- Deliver ongoing improvements to kerbside collection services
- Conduct joint procurement of kerbside services
- Develop regional resource recovery infrastructure
- Develop the circular economy.

The review is now complete and was presented to the N&YLGA board at their June 2026 meeting. The N&YLGA Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026-2031 document will be available for download from the new N&YLGA website, once launched.





DROUGHT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In May 2026 PIRSA announced that they would be providing $300k to the region as additional drought funding. This funding is to be used for projects not currently funded under the overall drought fund of $73m.

As well as the $300k we were advised that a further $140k would be provided to employ a project officer to manage and coordinate delivery of the projects funded by the $300k; subsequently an officer has been appointed to RDA Yorke and Mid North.

Members of the Regional Alliance had been working across 2025 to formalise a list of projects. One of these projects allocated to N&YLGA is the delivery of business mentoring support ($61,300) to directly work with drought impacted businesses.

N&YLGA also secured an additional $2,000 for this project from NbN Co as a partner in delivering this project across key locations in the Northern and Yorke region.

Clare-based consultant Giedre Budrius is delivering this project which consists of in person workshops, 1:1 sessions; and online resources. Workshops have been delivered to date in Quorn, Orroroo and Clare. Workshops are also planned for Wallaroo, Minlaton, Port Pirie, Jamestown, Balaklava and Burra.

LGA REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

Every financial year the Regional LGAs are provided with $40k to deliver projects that will be of benefit to their regions. The following projects were approved within the Northern & Yorke LGA region across the 2025-2026 year and have now been completed:

- Get Home Safe Foundation and Flinders Council road safety project ($5k)
- KESAB Webinar Education program for all relevant council staff in the N&YLGA region ($20k)
- Yorke Peninsula Council x 4 township plans ($15k).

The emphasis of projects under this funding allocation is that outcomes can be replicated and shared for the benefit of other local government councils.

Northern & Yorke LGA was responsible for managing the distribution of funds, engaging appropriate consultants to deliver the projects, and completing all acquittal requirements for each project.



COUNTRY CABINET

The N&YLGA CEO attended Country Cabinet meetings at both Clare on 24th August 2025 and Kapunda on 25th August 2025. She was also invited to the confidential briefing to the Premier and Cabinet on the morning of the 25th in Clare. A summary report of key findings from both meetings was prepared and sent to all Northern & Yorke mayors and CEOs for their information.

SPECIAL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM FUNDING

The Northern & Yorke region was successful in applying for 6 grants under the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) 2025 grant round of funding, with a combined total of $6,501,667.

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	

Northern & Yorke LGA received 0.64% overall return ($41,610) to the association for its work on the Stage 2 assessment of the SLRP grants.

ADVOCACY

The N&YLGA Advocacy Plan was presented at the June 2025 Board meeting and has been endorsed by the board. Principal focus of the plan includes the following:

- Water
- Roads
- Childcare
- Health Services
- Cost Shifting.

In addition to the above, the following items are also included in the Advocacy Plan:

- 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
- Removal of barriers to State and Federal grant programs
- Increased funding for tourism and promotion of the region
- Increased funding for regional waste infrastructure.

Work has progressed over the year in relation to a number of advocacy issues including waste management, CWMS, electricity rating bill, business support, health and childcare services.

Following up on advocacy efforts by the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association, the CEO met with Minister Szakacs MP (Infrastructure) on 1st June 2026, along with Acting Chair Helen McDonald of the RDA Yorke and Mid North.

The meeting discussed a range of items relevant to the region and the Minister was invited to a forthcoming board meeting of N&YLGA.



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The N&YLGA Communications Plan was approved at the June 2025 Board Meeting to guide 2025-2026 actions. The plan will seek to lift the profile of the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association to ensure its visibility to state and federal government agencies; and to be the point of attraction into the region for on-going investment and engagement.

This plan includes an integrated approach across communications assets, media and the advocacy directions for the association. In particular the plan will focus on:

- Internal file structures (One Drive)
- Policies and Procedures (review and update)
- IT services
- Financial Services
- Websites x 2
- Social Media
- Media
- General communications
- Brand and profile of the association
- Advocacy Plan directives.

MEDIA TRAINING

Media Training for Mayors and CEOs was delivered on 13th and 14th August 2025 by journalist and media personality Graeme Goodings at the Adelaide Plains Council Chamber.

Feedback from the training has been very positive. As a result of this it was recommended that the training be repeated again in 2026. It was also suggested that the training (with some modifications) would be beneficial to those council staff that are required to produce communications materials.



Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project

REGIONAL CHILDCARE DESERT ADVOCACY PROJECT (RCDAP)

N&YLGA secured further funding from the LGA for Stage 2 of this project of $38,500, and this work has now been completed. N&YLGA worked with consultant Capetal to ensure that all reporting requirements were met to acquit the LGAs grant reporting process.

As part of this stage, the RCDAP delegation travelled to Canberra and were able to meet with Member for Gray Tom Venning; Minister for Regional Development Kirsty McBain's office; SA Minister for Education Blair Boyer; Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education Jess Walsh; and Senator Karen Grogan's office.

Following these meetings the consultant wrote to all MPs to follow up.

Capetal connected with the LGASA and Coaxial to inform the full scope of what is happening in the childcare space to date.

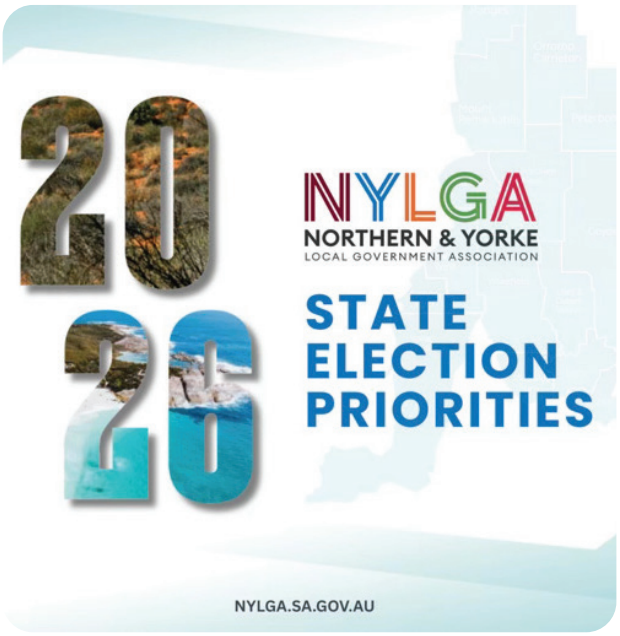
N&YLGA was responsible for managing and acquitting the grant.

Childcare continues to be a significant issue for the region and was included in the State Elections Priorities advocacy activities.

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS TO REDUCE THE OPEN ROAD DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT

N&YLGA provided a response to this issue with a formal reply submitted on behalf of the Northern & Yorke LGA member 15 councils to the Federal Government.





INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

N&YLGA developed an Investment Attraction A3 brochure in consultation with RDA Yorke & Mid North. This came about after the RDA approached N&YLGA to seek support with investment attraction activities given the regional impacts of algal bloom, drought and major business closures.

The purpose of this document is to be able to provide information about the region in a concise format, as we seek to undertake discussions with State Government representatives and departments, so we can advocate on a variety of issues.



STATE ELECTION ADVOCACY

In the context of the 2026 South Australian State Election in March the N&YLGA continued to advocate for regional priorities that are centred around enhancing regional resilience, improving infrastructure, supporting community services, and securing fair and increased investment into the region.

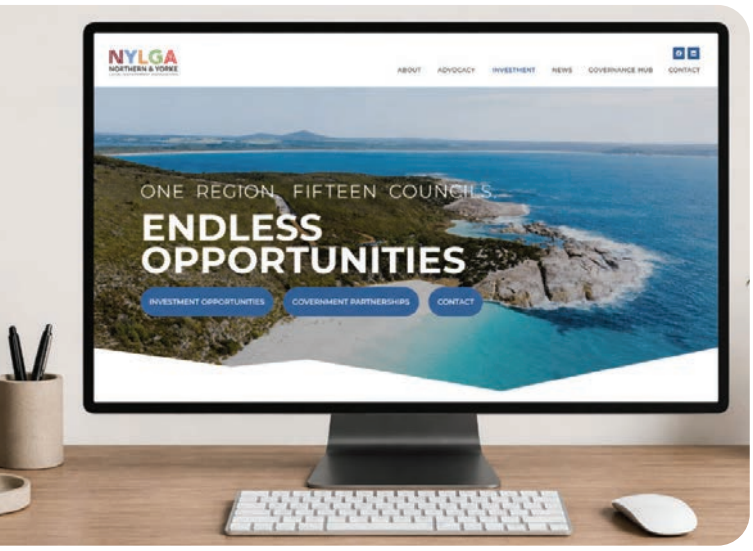
A central focus of the Association's advocacy agenda is to maximise the region's opportunities to benefit from available funding streams and grant programs, particularly through increased access to state and federal funding for local roads and transport infrastructure.

The 7 key priorities for N&YLGA are:

- Water
- Childcare
- Roads and Transport
- Climate Impacts
- Essential Services – including housing, health services and education and training
- Cost Shifting
- Engagement.

CLIMATE SECTOR AGREEMENT

N&YLGA CEO as part of the Regional Alliance group, was tasked with updating the Climate Sector Agreement for the region. After consultation with regional members (2 x RDAs and the Landscape Board) and updating of the agreement, the document was sent to the Minister for the Environment, Emily Bourke for signing. The Minister's office is currently reviewing the agreement with the intention of arranging a signing time in the region in the coming months.



N&YLGA NEW WEBSITE

The new website for the association is progressing. The current website is experiencing degradation behind the scenes, so much so that the company that looks after the site has indicated that the site is close to its end date.

At the June Board meeting 2025, a budget allocation of $15,000 was agreed upon to work towards a new website (this budget included other elements of marketing and promotions for the region, with a specific amount of $8,000 allocated to the creation of a new website).

Meetings have been held with the design company, and the CEO has provided a website written proposal to direct content and design which we are working on at present.

The N&YLGA has a legislative requirement to ensure all public documents are available on its website, and we are taking this into consideration with the new build by creating a Governance Hub within the site.

N&YLGA POLICIES & PROCEDURES

N&YLGA currently has 27 policies and procedures and some of these documents have not been reviewed for 5 years, and others as long as 9 years.

The CEO is working with an external consultant to review each policy and procedure and to update the details as required. Work has commenced in determining those policies that are no longer applicable; merging some existing policies; and updating specific information so that policies are relevant and appropriate to the needs of the association.

It is timely to also re-brand these policy and procedure documents with the new updated logo of N&YLGA; and this also coincides with the development of the new N&YLGA website, where these documents will be published.

New updates of all policies and procedures are progressively being presented to the Audit & Risk Committee and from there referred to the full N&YLGA Board for approval.

Three updated policies were approved at the June 2026 Board meeting, including:

- Asset Disposal
- Purchase Card Policy
- Disciplinary Policy.

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The project 'Resilience CWMS through data-driven awareness and Connectivity for Regional SA Communities' was completed in 2025. The District Council of Mount Remarkable participated in this project which was delivered by the University of South Australia. The project was successfully completed, and it was noted that the EPA is further interested in exploring the use of analytics in CWMS data as was the basis of this project.

FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

N&YLGA has been operating with a new financial services provider since May 2025, being the LGA and this has been working well.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

The review of the Regional Transport Plan by HDS Consulting has been conducted over the 2025-2026 financial year and is almost complete.

The review is in two parts:

Part A: Includes the further development of geographic movements, people movements, various transport modes, and focuses on vehicle types, utilising maps and flow charts, and will form a stand-alone document for road stakeholder engagement.

Part B: Focuses on roads methodology / regionally significant route definitions with outcomes in line with the previous plan.

The updated plan is expected to be delivered to the August 2026 meeting of the N&YLGA Board.

EQUIP PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING PROJECT

The Equip project is a community-based program designed to improve mental health and psychological well-being in regions impacted by natural disasters and extreme weather events. The Orroroo Carrieton Council is working with the project team at Adelaide University to progress this project in their region.



FIVE NATIONS BOARD

N&YLGA contributes financially to support the work of the Five Nations Landscape group that sits under the auspices of the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board. Membership of this group includes the Indigenous people of Kaurna, Peramangk, Narungga, Ngadjuri and Nukunu.

The committee representative from the Northern and Yorke LGA Board for part of the year was Mayor Sue Scarman (Northern Areas Council) and is currently supported by representation from Mayor McCarthy (District Council of Mount Remarkable).



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

N&YLGA submitted a response to the recent Federal Government Inquiry into Local Government Fiscal Sustainability.

The Parliamentary Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of Local Government is significantly important to the Northern and Yorke region, providing an opportunity to highlight the financial pressures facing the region's 15 councils and the impacts of increasing responsibilities, cost shifting and infrastructure demands. The Inquiry enables the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association to advocate for sustainable funding arrangements that recognise the unique challenges of regional communities and support councils to continue delivering essential services, infrastructure and economic and community development outcomes.

N&YLGA BANKING PROVIDER

The N&YLGA board approved at its June 2026 Board meeting a decision to move from its current banking provider Bank SA to the National Bank.

NORTHERN & YORKE LGA ELECTRONIC E:NEWSLETTER

Electronic newsletters are sent out on a regular basis to all mayors, CEOs, regional stakeholders and community members. These newsletters contain information about current initiatives, opportunities, grants etc. relevant to the region.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

The 2026-2027 budget for N&YLGA was presented to the June 2026 board meeting and was approved and adopted at that meeting.

N&YLGA continues to acknowledge the LGA (SA) finance team in the delivery of financial services support to the association. The current contract has been extended until October 2026, pending discussion of other options going forward.



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 the CEO carried out in preparation for the February 2026 Board 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.

N&YLGA also conducted a leadership strategy meeting with Mayors and CEOs in May 2026 to review and set the direction of the association for the 2026-2027 financial year. The details from this session have now been updated in the Annual Business Plan 2026-2027 document.



ALGA CONFERENCE 2026

The N&YLGA CEO attended the Australian Local Government Association annual conference held in Canberra from 23rd to 25th June 2026, and the theme of the conference focused on strengthening the role of local government in addressing Australia's major economic and community challenges.

More than 1,000 mayors, councillors and local government leaders attended, with discussions centred around funding reform, housing, infrastructure, resilience and productivity.

The CEO produced a summary report for N&YLGA mayors and CEOs, emphasising the implications for the Northern and Yorke region.

Conference outcomes aligned closely with existing regional advocacy priorities. They reinforced opportunities to continue advocating for:

- increased Financial Assistance Grants to strengthen council financial sustainability
- greater investment in regional roads and freight infrastructure
- improved telecommunications and digital connectivity
- workforce attraction and retention in regional South Australia
- funding for climate resilience and disaster preparedness
- support for regional housing development and enabling infrastructure
- recognition of regional local government as a key delivery partner for state and national initiatives.

These themes provide a strong foundation for discussions with both the South Australian and Australian Governments over the coming 12 months and align well with the strategic priorities already being advanced by the Northern & Yorke region.



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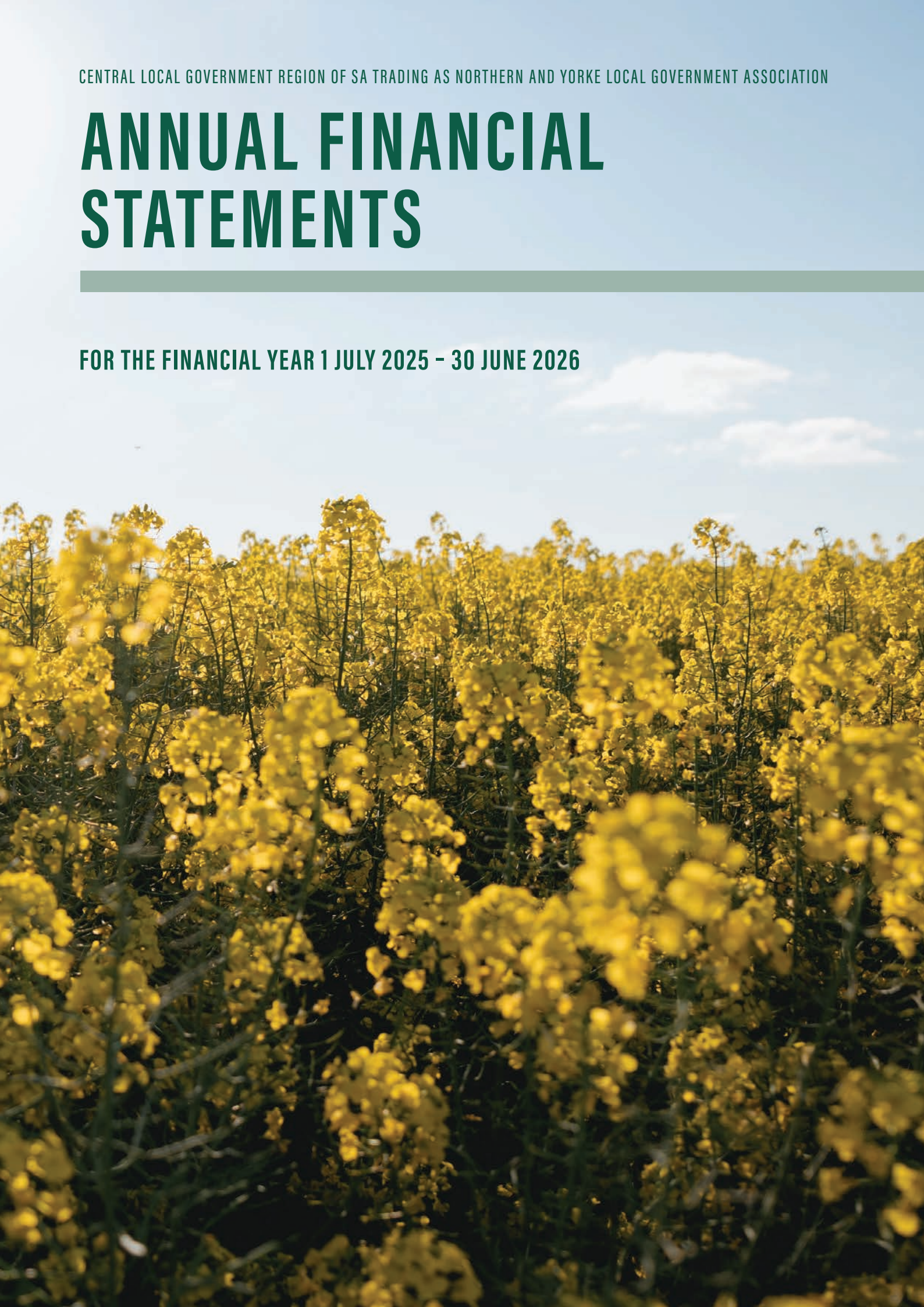
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2025 – 30 JUNE 2026



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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 30 June 2026 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls implemented by the Association's provide a reasonable assurance that the association'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.



Mayor Rodney Reid
Chairperson
Northern & Yorke LGA

16 September 2026



Bridget Ransome
Chief Executive Officer
Northern & Yorke LGA

16 September 2026

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
INCOME			
Council Contributions	2	242,611	251,182
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	45,000	70,000
Investment Income	2	18,825	25,837
Other income	2	3,909	450
Total Income		**310,345**	**347,469**
EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	3	165,655	185,715
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3	239,337	111,088
Depreciation	3	6,943	5,208
Total Expenses		**411,935**	**302,011**
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		**(101,590)**	**45,458**
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		**(101,590)**	**45,458**
TOTAL COMPRENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS)		**(101,590)**	**45,458**

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
ASSETS		**$**	**$**
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	381,093	433,856
Accrued Revenues		1,414	1,403
Prepayments		5,578	-
Trade Debtors		36,960	33,100
Total Current Assets		**425,045**	**468,359**
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	38,378	44,072
Total Non-Current Assets		38,378	44,072
TOTAL ASSETS		**463,423**	**512,431**
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	3,207	3,990
Accrued expenses	5	6,497	4,981
Provisions	5	14,068	8,819
Grant Received in Advance	13	46,600	-
Total Current Liabilities		**70,372**	**17,790**
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions		-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**70,372**	**17,790**
NET ASSETS		393,052	494,642
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		123,282	224,872
Other Reserves	6	269,770	269,770
TOTAL EQUITY		**393,052**	**494,642**

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

2026	Accumulated Surplus	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	$	$	$
Balance at end of previous reporting period	224,872	269,770	494,642
Net Deficit for Year	(101,590)	-	(101,590)
Other Comprehensive Income			-
Transfers between reserves	-	-	-
Balance at end of period	**123,282**	**269,770**	**393,052**

2025			
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**	**494,642**

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Council Contributions		242,611	251,082
Investment receipts		18,813	26,226
Grants utilised for operating purpose		92,140	44,000
Event/Conference Income		3,564	-
Other Revenues		446	450
Employee Costs		(165,857)	(219,831)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(244,480)	(114,811)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		**(52,763)**	**(12,885)**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	(39,281)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		**-**	**(39,281)**
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		**-**	**-**
Net cash increase/(decrease) in cash held		(52,763)	(52,166)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7	433,856	486,022
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		**381,093**	**433,856**

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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 receivables.

Receivables are 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

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 30 June 2026, 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 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 12% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff.

1.9 GST Implications

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

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- 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.

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NOTE 2 – INCOME

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026	2025
COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS	**$**	**$**
General Contribution	201,000	201,091
Coastal Alliance	-	15,000
SLRP Assessment Fee	41,611	35,091
	242,611	**251,182**
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Waste and Circular Economy Milestone	18,000	-
Township Activation Project Milestone	15,000	-
Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project	5,000	30,000
Speed Radar in School Zone	5,000	-
Drought Wellbeing Project	2,000	-
Regional Capacity	-	40,000
	45,000	**70,000**
Grant Funding Source:		
State government	2,000	-
LGA	43,000	70,000
Other	-	-
	45,000	**70,000**

NOTE 3 - EXPENSES

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026	2025
EMPLOYEE COSTS	$	$
Salaries and Wages	133,081	144,118
Employees leave expense	7,548	18,245
Superannuation	15,970	19,101
Workers' Compensation Insurance	1,982	636
FBT	7,074	3,614
	165,655	**185,715**
Total Operating Employee Costs		
Total Number of Employees		
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)	0.80	0.80
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES		
Prescribed Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration	5,075	2,849
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	5,075	2,849
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		
Contractors & Consultants	154,221	38,180
Accounting Expenses	15,278	15,992
Legal Expenses	-	572
Professional Development	5,450	475
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	2,132	2,929
Unleaded Fuel	2,270	4,595
Members Allowances & Support	4,733	5,000
Meetings & Conferences	7,015	2,498
Insurance	10,835	9,681
Rental - Premises	573	177
Advertising	3,102	8,316
Accommodation	4,829	3,033
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	2,819	532
Travel - Reimbursement	70	3,135
Catering & Meals	1,764	2,945
Telephone & Internet	1,468	1,053
IT & Web	15,303	7,575
Postage/Stationery	1,695	1297
Subscription & Membership	602	-
Sundry	103	256
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	234,262	108,239
	239,337	**111,088**
DEPRECIATION		
Depreciation		
Motor Vehicle	5,694	3,721
Equipment	1,249	1,487
	6,943	**5,208**

NOTE 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026	2025
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS	**$**	**$**
Cash at Bank	11,054	22,630
Deposits at Call	370,039	411,226
	381,093	**433,856**

NOTE 5 - LIABILITIES

	2026		2025	
	$		$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	**Current**	**Non-current**	**Current**	**Non-current**
Trade Payables	-	-	50	-
GST & PAYG	3,207	-	3,940	-
	3,207	**-**	**3,990**	**-**
ACCRUED EXPENSES				
Accrued expenses - employee benefits	4,365	-	3,531	-
Professional Fees	990	-	-	-
FBT	1,033	-	1,033	-
Members Allowance	-	-	417	-
Rent/Hire of premises	109	-	-	-
	6,497	**-**	**4,981**	**-**
PROVISIONS				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	14,068	-	6,519	-
Superannuation Payable	-	-	2,300	-
	14,068	**-**	**8,819**	**-**

NOTE 6 - RESERVES

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2025	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2026
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	269,770
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	**269,770**	**-**	**-**	**269,770**

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Other Reserves

The reserve was established by the board and is part of the long-term financial plan to support its financial sustainability and continuity of operations in the event of unforeseen expenditure, revenue shortfalls or other financial disruptions. The Association aims to maintain an operating reserve equivalent to 18 months of ordinary operating expenditure.

Ordinary operating expenditure comprises recurring costs necessary to maintain the Association's ongoing operations, including employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, and materials, with the exclusion of extraordinary or non-recurring expenditure.

The adequacy of the reserve is reviewed annually by the Audit and Risk Committee and Board, having regard to anticipated operating expenditure, financial commitments, and funding arrangements.

A formal Reserves Policy is expected to be adopted by the Board during the year ending 30 June 2027. The policy will provide further guidance on the methodology and assumptions used to determine the Association's operating reserve requirements.

NOTE 7 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

(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 Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	NOTES	2026	2025
		$	$
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	381,093	433,856
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		**381,093**	**433,856**

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

Net (Deficit) / Surplus	(101,590)	45,458
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	6,943	5,208
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	7,548	(33,642)
	(87,099)	17,025
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(3,871)	(32,711)
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	(1,249)	-
Net (increase) decrease in prepayments	(5,578)	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	45,034	2,802
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	**(52,763)**	**(12,885)**

NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $				2025 $			
Fair Value Level	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount
Motor Vehicles	-	45,555	7,176	38,378	-	45,555	1,482	44,072
Computer	-	3,678	3,678	-	-	3,678	3,678	-
Total	**-**	**49,232**	**10,854**	**38,378**	**-**	**49,232**	**5,160**	**44,072**

NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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:

	2026	2025
CEO	**$**	**$**
Salaries, allowances & other short-term benefits	140,629	160,804
Post-employment benefits	15,970	19,101
Long term benefits	-	1,559
FBT	7,074	3,614
Total CEO	**163,673**	**185,078**
Chairperson		
Allowance	4,733	5,000
Total Chairperson	4,733	5,000
Total Key Personnel Remuneration	**168,406**	**190,078**

OTHER RELATED PARTIES

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

	Received 2026 $	Received 2025 $
The Barossa Council	13,400	13,400
Barunga West Council	13,400	13,400
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	13,400	13,400
Copper Coast Council	13,400	13,400
The Flinders Ranges Council	13,400	13,400
Regional Council of Goyder	13,400	13,400
Light Regional Council	13,400	13,400
Adelaide Plains Council	13,400	13,400
District Council of Mount Remarkable	13,400	13,400
Northern Areas Council	13,400	13,400
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	13,400	13,400
District Council of Peterborough	13,400	13,400
Port Pirie Regional Council	13,400	13,400
Wakefield Regional Council	13,400	13,400
Yorke Peninsula Council	13,400	13,400
TOTAL	**201,000**	**201,000**

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.

NOTE 10 - CONTINGENT ASSETS & CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

NOTE 11 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2026 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

NOTE 12 - AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

During the financial year a fee was paid for services provided by the auditor of the incorporated association, there is an audit fee payable to ATA Audits of $2,700 plus GST for the 30 June 2026 Audit.

	2026	2025
	$	$
Audit services		
Audit Services - ATA Audits (30 June 2025 Audit)	2,700	-
Audit Services - Dean Newbery	-	2,849
	2,700	**2,849**
Other Services		
Other Services - ATA Audits	2,375	-
	2,375	-
Total	**5,075**	**2,849**

NOTE 13 - GRANT RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

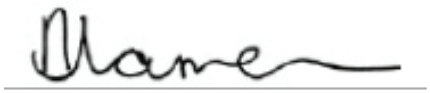
	2026	2025
	$	$
Grant in Advance		
Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDPR) Implementation Activity Grant - Primary Industries and Regional Development	46,600	-
	46,600	**-**

The above amount represents unexpended grant funding received for which the associated services have not yet been performed.

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2026, the Council's Auditor, ATA Audits, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

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



Chief Executive Officer

Yorke Peninsula Council



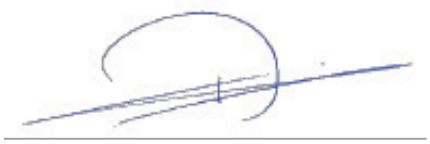
Chief Executive Officer

Wakefield Regional Council



Acting Chief Executive Officer

The Flinders Ranges Council



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District Council of Peterborough



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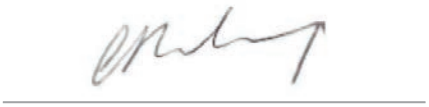

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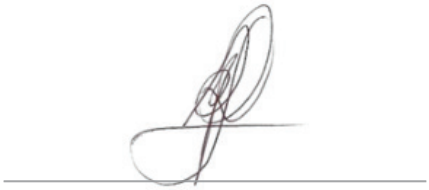

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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 2026 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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Director

16 September 2026
Adelaide SA

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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.

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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.