

COUNCIL NAME

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2008 / 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

To the SA Public & Environmental Health Council pursuant to Section 44 (1) of the

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT 1987

1 PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

1.1 Environmental Health Staff Numbers

Please provide a snapshot of council's environmental health workforce on **30 June 2009** by completing the tables below.

This information is requested to inform State and National environmental health workforce initiatives.

Permanent <i>full time</i> employed environmental health officers (approx 38 hours/week) (30 June 2009)			
Full name	Qualifications	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)

Permanent <i>part time</i> employed environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Raimondo Pasetto	BSc Env Hlth major	26	5 years	05/07/2007

Temporary contract employed environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average contracted hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Contract start/finish dates

Contracted non-employee environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average contracted hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Contract start/finish dates

Environmental health officer positions vacant (30 June 2009)				
Position type (fulltime/ part time/ contract)	Position hours/week	When the position was first advertised (date)?	Number of suitably qualified applicants (at 30/6/09)	Comments regarding this position.

Number (FTE) of Ancillary Staff that assist council to fulfil its responsibilities under the <i>Public & Environmental Health Act, 1987</i> (30 June 2009)	
Immunisation Nurses	Sub-contracted: City of Playford
Administration	2.2 FTE
Other (please specify)	

1.2 Staff Training

Detail training and development implemented during the financial year to maintain/develop EHO or ancillary staff skills and knowledge.

Dept. Of Health: Biolytix waste water system assessments
 Plumbing Association of S.A. Product information evening.
 First Aid Training St Johns CLARE

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT & REGULATIONS

Complete details of measures taken under Part III of the P&EH Act (protection of public health relating to sanitation, drainage and protection of water supplies) & P&EH Regulations (waste control).

Section No.	Type	No. of complaints received	No. of notices served	No. of court / appeals / explanations
Public & Environmental Health Act, Part III				
15 & 16	Prevention / offences re insanitary conditions on premises	20		
17	Control of offensive activities	4		
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place			
19	Private thoroughfare			
20	Provision of adequate sanitation			
21	Pollution of water			
22	Closure of water supplies			
Regulations 1995 - Waste Control				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders			
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	3		

2.1 **Monitoring and management of Insanitary Conditions**

2.1.1 Please briefly describe the chief causes of insanitary conditions reported (eg hoarded materials, pest infestation).

Stockpiling of rubbish, dilapidated dwellings, animal refuse.

2.1.2 Please briefly describe the properties most implicated in the insanitary conditions reported (eg rental properties, privately owned).

Privately owned residences, commercial & industrial properties

2.1.3 Please briefly describe the primary impediments to resolving the insanitary conditions reported.

Money to dispose of rubbish, people's hoarding tendencies and reluctance to change.

2.2 **Monitoring and management of Offensive Activities**

2.2.1 Please briefly describe the offensive activities requiring the action described in the table above under the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987.

3 PRIORITY OF PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- 3.1 List the more significant environmental health issues currently facing the local community and what is being done to address them**

Managing their onsite waste water systems correctly – dissemination of information.

STED systems struggling to cope with pop. Growth – planned upgrade of STED schemes

European wasp complaints – Nest eradication.

3.2 Prioritisation process

- 3.2.1 How was council made aware of these priority issues (eg investigation, research, complaint)?**

Phone complaints/enquiries; surveys.

- 3.2.2 How were these issues prioritised (number of people affected, risk, politics) ?**

According to risk rating, no of people involved, potential outcomes etc

- 3.3 Detail any programs specifically aimed at dealing with public health issues related to vulnerable groups in your community (eg aboriginal, migrants, and the aged).**

4 DISEASE CONTROL

4.1 Monitoring of Pools & Spas (public aquatic facilities) to minimise the incidence of water-borne illness (please complete the table below and provide details of any special activities, eg, training etc.)

Type of Pool	Number in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Number of Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Swimming	2				
Spa	Not counted				
Hydrotherapy					
Waterslide					
Other					
Total					

Any Additional Comments? *update 9/9/09: The C&GVC has purchased a suitable water test meter * and will commence testing of swimming pools/spas this year. * Color @ pro 7*

4.2 Monitoring & investigation to minimise the incidence of Legionnaires Disease (please complete the table below and provide details of any special activities, eg, training, investigations etc)

Type of System	Number registered in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Number of Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Cooling Water System					
Warm Water System	1				
Other					
Total	1				

Any Additional Comments?

Update 9/9/09: EHO will attend a HRM Water Systems compliance Inspection training workshop on 11/9/09. (D.H. sponsored).

4.3 **Monitoring and control of Waste Control Systems** (eg. septic tanks, STEDS, CEDS)

Type of System	Number of applications	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints
Septic Tank	80	30	2
Aerobic System	46	16	2
Other (name)	6 Biolytix, Ecomax		
Total	132		

Any Additional Comments ?

4.4 **Immunisation programs**

Please provide details on the number of clinics conducted during the reporting period

<i>Clinic Type</i>	<i>Number of Clinics</i>
Number of Council Operated Public Clinics	
Number of School Clinics	4
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	1
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	
<i>Total</i>	

School-based program, subcontracted to City of Playford.

4.5 **Notifiable Disease Follow Up**

Provide details of actions resulting from notifiable disease notifications received from CDCB (insert a table if preferred)

Phone calls to certain affected people – food handlers.

4.6 Monitoring of Hairdressing, Beauty & Skin Penetration businesses

Type of Facility	Number in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Tattoo Parlours & Body Piercing	1				
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	15				
Other					
Total	16				

Any Additional Comments ?

4.7 **Monitoring and control of Vectors and Other Pests** (include level of activity, control measures, number/regularity of complaints, education programs etc)

Vector or Pest	Number of Complaints	Control Program (Y/N) (Please provide further details below)
Mosquitoes	4	n
Rodents	6	y
Head Lice		
Flies		
Pigeons		
Scabies		
Cockroaches		
Bees		
European Wasps	3	y
Other – Bed bugs	2	y

Description of control program (identifying vector/pest and activity undertaken)

R: clean-up directions/orders long grass, rubbish.

EW: nest eradication by pest controllers, traps

BB: information dissemination, inspections.

4.8 **Monitoring & control of Animal Keeping Facilities** (eg. domestic animals, petting zoos, kennels)

4.9 **Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu**

4.10 **Other**

5 PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

5.1 Does Council have a current Public & Environmental Health Management Plan or Strategic/ Corporate Plan that forward plans the environmental health activities of Council?

YES

The Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Strategic Plan 2008-2012.

IF NO Does Council expect to produce one within the next 2 years? YES / NO

IF YES Date commenced 2008

Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ?
NO
(If Yes, go to next item)

Provide a summary of how the Plan responds to the needs of the local community, how it is progressing and how regularly it is reviewed.

It responds to the needs of the local community through community consultation, e.g. with local peak bodies.

The Plan is reviewed annually and assessed against key performance indicators.

6. HEALTH EDUCATION / PROMOTION & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Include Council initiatives, activities and programs designed to promote public health issues to the community including those delivered in partnership with others. (eg. training sessions, workshops, radio interviews, presentations / education sessions to schools/community groups, educational materials produced, newsletter articles, studies or trials). Provide details of consultation and community involvement, the variety of communication tools used (eg. local newspaper/radio, Council pamphlets, shopping centre displays) and how projects are evaluated.

EHO conducts information sessions to school students and community groups about food safety.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Provide details of activities designed to reduce and prevent exposure of individuals to health hazards. May include number/types of complaints received, issues dealt with, concerns, inventories held etc.

7.1 Monitoring to ensure Potable Water (eg. rainwater tanks, bores)

7.2 Monitoring to ensure Water Quality / Protection of Waterways and Catchments

Regular Water testing of STED ponds by the AWQC

7.3 Waste Management Practices (domestic waste, landfills, green waste, recycling, solid waste, hazardous waste) (eg. types and regularity of services)

Upgrade of waste depot in progress.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

7.5 Monitoring and Control of Hazardous Substances (eg. asbestos, medical waste)

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

7.8 Monitoring and Control of Recreation Facilities (eg. risk assessment of playgrounds, inspections of camping areas etc.)

7.9 Emergency Planning Activities (eg. disaster recovery / business continuity plans)

A draft Community Emergency Risk Management Plan has been created.

A Local Emergency Control Plan is currently in place

7.10 Rural and Urban Planning Activities (eg. number of development applications assessed by EHOs)

7.11 Other

8. OTHER

Please provide details of any other public & environmental health issues encountered by Council. (eg, complex investigations, participation in major events and festivals, strategic planning and implementation programs etc)

Date this report is to be presented to Council

17/08/2009

This report is to be submitted by 30th September 2009 in soft copy emailed to:

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