

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

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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 **full time** employed environmental health officers (approx 38 hours/week)
(30 June 2009)

Full name	Qualifications	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Nil Report			

Permanent **part time** employed environmental health officers **(30 June 2009)**

Full name	Qualifications	Average hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Mark Smith	HNC Environmental Protection	7.6	6 years	19.01.2009
Ronald Ashenden		7.6	20 years plus	04.08.2008

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
Nil Report				

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
Nil Report				

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.
Nil Report				

Number (FTE) of Ancillary Staff that assist council to fulfil its responsibilities under the <i>Public & Environmental Health Act, 1987 (30 June 2009)</i>	
Immunisation Nurses	
Administration	0.05
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.

Attendance at Environmental Health Australia State Conference
 EHO Plumbing Course through TAFE
 Post Graduate Diploma – Environmental Health Practice

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 / expiations
Public & Environmental Health Act, Part III				
15 & 16	Prevention / offences re insanitary conditions on premises	2	0	0
17	Control of offensive activities	0	0	0
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place			
19	Private thoroughfare	0	0	0
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	0	0	0
21	Pollution of water	0	0	0
22	Closure of water supplies	0	0	0
Regulations 1995 - Waste Control				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	0	0	0
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	2	0	0

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).

Excess refuse stored on property.

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

Privately owned.

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

Inability to speak with owners as not at home when visit made.

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.

Nil

3 PRIORITY OF PUBLIC & ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

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

No Community Wastewater Management Scheme available in North Quorn – currently listed with LGA for funding.

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

Complaints.

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

Council decision to provide adequate environmental health provision for all residents.

- 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).**

Nil

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	0	0	0	0
Spa	0	0	0	0	0
Hydrotherapy	0	0	0	0	0
Waterslide	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	2	0	0	0	0

Any Additional Comments?

Nil

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	0	0	0	0	0
Warm Water System	2	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0	0	0

Any Additional Comments?

Nil

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	5	4	0
Aerobic System	3	3	0
Other (name)	0	0	0
Total	8	0	0

Any Additional Comments ?

Nil

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	0
Number of School Clinics	0
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	1
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	0
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	0
Total	1

Immunisation Clinics are undertaken by Hawker Memorial Hospital and Quorn Health Services.

4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up

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

No follow up required.

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	0	0	0	0	0
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	2	2	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	0	0	0

Any Additional Comments ?

Nil

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	0	Y
Rodents	0	N
Head Lice	0	N
Flies	0	N
Pigeons	0	N
Scabies	0	N
Cockroaches	0	N
Bees	0	N
European Wasps	0	N
Other (please describe)	0	N

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

Department of Health 'Fight the Bite' brochures available to the public

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

Nil

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

Information available to the public.

4.10 Other

Nil

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

IF NO

Does Council expect to produce one within the next 2 years?

YES / NO

IF YES

Council's Strategic Plan reviewed and adopted May 2009

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.

Strategic Plan provides objectives relating to provision of potable water for Quorn and Hawker, pursue funding and installation options for Community Wastewater Management Scheme for northern area of Quorn, advocate and lobby government to provide accessible medical and health services that meet the needs of the community.

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.

Activities –

Provision of Food Information Kits to food businesses and community groups ;
Provision of templates for the recording of temperatures, cleaning etc. in food businesses.

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)

Nil

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

Nil

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

Hawker and Quorn Refuse Depots receive domestic, hard and green waste.
Green waste mulched at Quorn Depot for free use by residents.
Recycling containers for paper only, available at Quorn Depot.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

Nil

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

Annual inspection of Council facilities by Cater Corporation.
Controlled asbestos waste area available at Quorn Depot.
Sharps disposal containers at public amenities collected by accredited supplier / disposal company.

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

Nil

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

One noise complaint received in relation to air compressor.

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

Audits of all recreational areas undertaken on regular basis.

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

Nil.

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

Nil

7.11 Other

Nil

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)

Nil.

Date this report is to be presented to Council

13 / 10 / 2009

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

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