

# District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

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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)

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)

Temporary <b>contract employed</b> environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average contracted hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Contract start/finish dates
Emma McDonald	Environmental Health Degree	.5	5yrs 4 months	ongoing

<b>Contracted non-employee</b> 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 <b>positions vacant</b> (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 &amp; Environmental Health Act, 1987</i> (30 June 2009)	
Immunisation Nurses	
Administration	
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.*

Expiation Training- Whyalla

## 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
<b>Public &amp; Environmental Health Act, Part III</b>				
15 & 16	Prevention / offences re insanitary conditions on premises	0		
17	Control of offensive activities	0		
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place	0		
19	Private thoroughfare	0		
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	0		
21	Pollution of water	0		
22	Closure of water supplies	0		
<b>Regulations 1995 - Waste Control</b>				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	0		
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	31		

### 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).

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

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

### 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 & ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

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

**No change since previous reporting period**

#### **3.2 Prioritisation process**

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

Investigations through Development Applications and Development Plan Amendment Processes

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

Level of associated environmental and public risk

#### **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

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### 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	1	1			
Spa	0				
Hydrotherapy	0				
Waterslide	0				
Other	0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>				

Any Additional Comments?

Department of Health fact sheets and information posters were distributed to the swimming pool operator.

### 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				
Warm Water System	1	1	0	0	1
Other					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>

Any Additional Comments?

**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	31	3	0
Aerobic System	29	6	0
Other (name)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	

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

**4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up**

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

#### 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					
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	3	3	0	0	3
Other					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

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

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

Control program for headlice – Local schools are provided with Headlice literature provided from the Department of Health. Schools conduct regular head lice checks

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

No change since last reporting period

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

Information packs are provided to the public upon request. Any current flu information is displayed in the Council office for public viewing.

**4.10 Other**

## **5 PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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**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?

**IF YES**

Date commenced 2008

Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ?

**YES**

(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.*

## **6. HEALTH EDUCATION / PROMOTION & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

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*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.*

Health promotion occurs on a regular basis by carrying out Council's duties pursuant to the Public & Environmental Health Act and Regulations.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**

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*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)**

No change since last reporting period

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

Over a period of time, Council consultants have completed drainage studies for North Shields and Tulka, and a report for Coffin Bay will be complete in 2008. The plan allows for some recommendations from these studies to be implemented, and allows for future planning for improved stormwater management in Cummins. Works in Coffin Bay, Cummins and Tulka will address capacity issues within these townships, and will consider opportunity for additional treatment of stormwater discharge to protect the natural environment.

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

Over the next few years Council will go through a significant change in Waste Management within the Council area. In accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Authority, the plan accommodates the closure and capping of five landfill sites (Cummins, Coffin Bay, Coultas, Mt Hope and Edillilie). Two Waste Transfer Stations will be created at Cummins and Coffin Bay to allow the transfer of waste to a sub-regional landfill site to be developed in conjunction with the City of Port Lincoln and District Council of Tumbly Bay. This change will require a significant investment in earthworks and infrastructure, and will also require a significant change in waste management culture within the community. This change will be implemented by 2011, and will provide the opportunity to implement some level of recycling within Council waste operations, a desire which was strongly expressed in community input to this plan.

### **7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land**

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

### **7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality**

#### **7.7**

No change since last reporting period

## 7.8 Noise Complaint Investigations

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

## 7.11 Other

## 8. OTHER

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*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 was presented to Council**

**18 / 09 / 2009**

**This report is to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in soft copy emailed to:**

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