

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

29 East Terrace, Loxton SA 5333

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)
Paul John Day	Bachelor of Science (Applied Health)	12	04/08

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)
NIL				

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				

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				

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				

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	0.2
Administration	0.1
Other (please specify)	NIL

1.2 Staff Training

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

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	3	1	NIL
17	Control of offensive activities	NIL	NIL	NIL
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place	1	NIL	NIL
19	Private thoroughfare	NIL	NIL	NIL
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Pollution of water	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Closure of water supplies	NIL	NIL	NIL
Regulations 1995 - Waste Control				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	NIL	NIL	NIL
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	NIL	NIL	NIL

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).

Pest Infestation

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

Two Privately Owned One Rental Property

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

No Impediments – all resolved

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.

No Report

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

Due to the economic recession many fruit growers are leaving their properties or removing their trees or vines and taking the government incentive packages to do so. A requirement of the incentive program is that the trees or vines must be removed. A problem associated with this is the number of permapipe posts that have been removed and stockpiled without an easy disposal solution. Council is working with PIRSA, the Department of Environment and Heritage and landowners in an attempt to resolve this significant health issue.

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

Complaints and enquiries

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

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).

No Report

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	12	15	Nil	Nil	15
Spa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hydrotherapy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Waterslide	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	12	15	Nil	Nil	15

Any Additional Comments?

No Report

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	13	13	Nil	Nil	13
Warm Water System	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other					
Total	13	13	Nil	Nil	13

Any Additional Comments?

No Report

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	79	95	Nil
Aerobic System	13	21	Nil
Other (name)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	92	116	Nil

Any Additional Comments ?

No Report

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	24
Number of School Clinics	10
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	2
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	Nil
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	Nil
<i>Total</i>	36

4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up

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

No Report

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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	8	5	Nil	Nil	5
Other					
Total	8	5	Nil	Nil	5

Any Additional Comments ?

No Report

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	Nil	Y
Rodents	1	N
Head Lice	2	N
Flies	1	N
Pigeons	Nil	N
Scabies	Nil	N
Cockroaches	Nil	N
Bees	Nil	N
European Wasps	Nil	N
Other (please describe)	Nil	N

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

The Mosquito and Plant Laboratory at the University of South Australia (UniSA) provided mosquito surveillance and spot control services to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Eleven sampling trips were performed by the field officer (Stephen Fricker). A total of 1078 adult mosquitoes were collected from the 5 traps.

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

No Report

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

Staff flu immunisation program conducted. Sixty five percent of staff immunised.

4.10 Other

No Report

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

Date commenced

September 2008

Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ?

NO

(If Yes, go to next item)

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.

No Report

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)

No Report

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

No Report

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

Council participates in the Murray Mallee Regional Waste Strategy investigating regional approaches to waste management

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

No Report

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

No Report

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

No Report

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

All 135 development applications were assessed by the EHO.

7.11 Other

No Report

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 was presented to Council

21 August 2009

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

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