

**SOUTHERN MALLEE DISTRICT 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)
Harc Wordsworth	Dip Health Surveying – Degree Status MEHA, MRSPH, MPIA, MAIES, MMCAA	Approx 20 years plus	July 2002

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)

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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

<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	Contracted out to Mallee Health Service
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.*

- 10 July 2008 –LGA Planning forum
- 29 July 2008 – Emergency Management
- August 2008 – Legal Seminar – Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – EPA Seminar
- 21 November 2008 – Enforcement Seminar
- 4 December 2008 – Murray Mallee LG Inspectors Regional Group Meeting(MMLGIG) – Berri
- 5 March 2009 – MMLGIG – Lameroo
- 15-17 April 2009 – EHA State Conference –Hahndorf

## 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			
17	Control of offensive activities			
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			
<b>Regulations 1995 – Waste Control</b>				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	Nil	Nil	Nil
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS			

### 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).

- Nil

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

- Nil

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

- Nil

### 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

## **7. □ 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**

- **Rainwater tank maintenance**
- **Pigeon nuisance**
- **Re-use of effluent**
- **STEDS – desludge program**
- **Food educational programs**

**3.2 Prioritisation process**

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

- Follow up complaints
- Intelligence/information

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

- Pest management program –feral pigeon population
- Water sampling program

**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).**

- Introduction of water sampling program
- Cleaning of gutters of affected sites
- Eradication program of feral pigeons

## 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	23	Nil	nil	23
Spa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hydrotherapy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Waterslide	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other					
<b>Total</b>					

Any Additional Comments?

- Council's two public swimming pools are under my control and management, thus during the season I visit the pools on a regular basis to monitor employee activities and to ensure that we all operate in accordance with Council's OH&S policy and that we work as an efficient effective and responsive manner.

### 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					
Other					
<b>Total</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	5	10	nil
Aerobic System			
Other (name)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Nil</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	2
Number of School Clinics	2
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	nil
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	nil
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

**7.4 Notifiable Disease Follow Up**

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

- Nil

#### 7.4 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)	4	4	nil	nil	4
Other					
<b>Total</b>					<b>4</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	Nil	Y
Rodents	Nil	
Head Lice	Nil	
Flies	Nil	
Pigeons	3	Y
Scabies	Nil	
Cockroaches	Nil	
Bees	Nil	
European Wasps	Nil	
Other (please describe)		

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

- Terminix Pest Control –contractor –rodents, spiders, termites
- Adelaide Bird Removal –Pigeon control program twice a year
- Baiting program targeting Council’s stormwater and effluent ponds
- Fight the bite educational program

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

- Annual inspection of Freedom Kennels

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

- Distributed information packs to relevant businesses within the townships

**4.10 Other**

## **7. 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? NO**

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

**IF YES** Date commenced  
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.*

## **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.*

Numerous educational programs for the community have been facilitated in regard to Safe Food Handling, news letter articles in Council's News Letter, Pinnaroo Agricultural Show, held annually where a lot of Public information pamphlets are handed out.

Its an excellent venue to promote Council extending out to the community and promoting its services.

- The annual Spud Festival held at Pinnaroo
- The Annual Pinnaroo Show

## **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)**

- Rainwater sampling program to monitor quality of water and Ultraviolet light irradiation system in place at Council's Retirement village

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

- N/A

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

- Kerbside weekly garbage service
- Kerbside monthly recycling service

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

- Land use practices

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

- Monitoring by waste management practices

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

- N/A

### **7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations**

- Referred to the EPA

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

- OH&S Risk assessment by LG Mutual Liability Scheme practices

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

- Under the control of the Riverland Disaster Plan

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

- As Manager Environment & Planning I am in a position to assess all applications lodged seeking Council consent and thus view and conduct assessment under the relevant legislation

### **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)*

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

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