

DC YORKE PENINSULA

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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)
Christopher Dale Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Royal Society of Health Diploma – London -Public Health Inspectors</u>- <u>Royal Society of Health Diploma – London - Meat & Other Foods</u>- <u>RABQSA – Level 4 National Food Safety Auditor High Risk</u>- <u>Food Safety Auditor - Certificate IV Food Safety Programs and Auditing for Authorised Officers - SouthBank Institute of TAFE, Brisbane</u>- <u>Certificate of Law Enforcement – Environmental Protection Authority, Adelaide University</u>	32 - 33 years	7/3/05
Peter Bryant Timoney	Bachelor Environmental Health	6 years	10/07 2006

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)
Allan George Cotton	Certificate in Health Surveying	3	26 years	23/2/09
	EPA Certificate of Law Enforcement			

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
NA				

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
NA				

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.
NA				

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	0.4 (SA Country Health under contract)
Administration	0.5
Other (please specify)	

1.2 Staff Training

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

- Attendance at the Environmental Health Australia State Conference.
- Attendance at the DOH Workshop for High Risk Food Safety Auditors.
- Northern Area Local Government Inspector Group meetings are attended by Environmental Health Officers.
- Zone emergency Management Committee
- Attendance at Human Swine Flu Workshop

• **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	9	2	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	NA	NIL	NIL
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	NA	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).

- Hoarded materials.
- Effluent disposal trench failures.
- Illegal effluent disposal.
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2.1.2 Please briefly describe the properties most implicated in the insanitary conditions reported (eg rental properties, privately owned).

- Both rental & privately owned premises are generally implicated.

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

- NA – matters generally resolved without impediments encountered.
- Lack of financial resources of some property owners
- Lack of social support for some property owners
- Lack of support for residents with mental disorders.
- Lack of alternative and emergency accommodation.

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.

- NA

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

- Lack of available land in some cases for effluent disposal on small allotments – LMA's Land Management Agreements are then put into place.
- Compliance with effluent disposal within the 100m setback requirements from the high water tidal mark.

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

- During the normal Waste Control Application processing.
- Council became aware of the need for the agreements by way of community consultation and by community groups at public meetings. Various Progress Associations have been instrumental in helping to organise these agreements.

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

- Prioritised to ensure legislative compliance was being met.

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).

- High Risk Food Safety audits are conducted internally on all DCYP private hospitals and aged care facilities.
- Public hospitals are audited by the SA Health Department.

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	4				4
Spa					
Hydrotherapy					
Waterslide					
Other					
Total	4				4

Any Additional Comments?

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	NIL				0
Warm Water System	3				0
Other					
Total	3				0

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	32	21	
Aerobic System	53	28	1
STED	80	52	
Sewer	7	7	
Holding Tank	1		
Total	173	108	1

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	36
Number of School Clinics	16
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	2 clinics with a total of 55 council staff vaccinated
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	71 DEET employees vaccinated at 5 public school clinics
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>

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
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	14				Nil
Other					
Total	14				Nil

Any Additional Comments ?

NA

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		
Rodents	3	Y
Head Lice		
Flies		
Pigeons	1	Y
Scabies		
Cockroaches		
Bees		
European Wasps		
Other (please describe)		

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

- Several complaints have been received concerning shags and pigeons at a number of marinas. This situation has been a seasonal problem and a program of approved culling has seen reasonable medium term success.
- Rat baiting programs are initiated to control rodent populations in rock seawalls at marinas/boat ramp launching facilities.
- A property owner being asked to cover windows in a long term partially completed building resolved a pigeon complaint.

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

- Issues relating to animals etc are dealt with by Council's General Inspector / RSPCA Officer.

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

- All council staff offered flu vaccinations at council expense.
- Hand washing and personal hygiene posters in staff ablutions and in public areas of council offices.
- EHO attendance at Human Swine Flu Workshop

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?

Strategic / Corporate Plan YES / ~~NO~~

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

IF YES Date commenced 1998
Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ? **YES / 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.

- Reviewed annually.
- Responds by evaluating issues that affect 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.

- 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)

- DCYP provides a reticulated water supply to Black Point, Balgowan and Hardwicke Bay. Water samples are regularly taken by the Coordinator Water & Wastewater (Engineering Section) to ensure the required standards are maintained.
- Rainwater and bore water is sampled as required where reticulated systems are not provided.

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)

- A waste recycling wheelie bin system (3 bins) is currently servicing domestic premises.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

- No report.

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

- DCYP has an asbestos register which identifies Council buildings which may contain asbestos.
- When notification is made, waste asbestos is accepted at one of our transfer stations.
- Medical waste is normally returned to local health facility and then disposed off.

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

- Occasional dust complaints are received in new sub divisions. The problem is generally resolved by means of dewatering all areas affected.

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.)

- The Council's Engineering Services Section carries out the risk assessment for these facilities.

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

- District Council of Yorke Peninsula is represented on the Yorke Peninsula Mid North Zone Emergency Management Committee.
- A District Council of Yorke Peninsula Emergency Management and Risk Mitigation Plan has been produced by council Engineering Services Department.

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

- Pertinent Development Applications are assessed by the Environmental Health Officers when there may be health implications involved.

7.11 Other

