

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Dear Member,

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 6 of the Charter that a meeting for the GRFMA Audit Committee has been called for:

DATE: Thursday 12 August 2021

TIME: 12:30pm

PLACE: 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide
Dean Newbery and Partners

(Parking – Limited 2-3 at the premises otherwise on Melbourne Street or New Street)



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The Barossa Council

Gawler



AGENDA

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

**12:30pm Thursday 12 August 2021
214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide – Dean Newbery and Partners**

1. Present

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2021.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. General Business

5.1 GRFMA 2020/2021 Financial Statements and Audit Report

5.2 GRFMA Annual Report

6. Next Meeting

December 2021

7. Closure

Agenda Item: **3.**
Committee: **GRFMA Audit Committee**
Meeting Date: **12 August 2021**
Title: **GRFMA Audit Committee Minutes 8/6/2021**

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2021 as per copies supplied to members be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

See attached minutes.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

10am Tuesday 8 June 2021

Electronic Meeting

1. Present

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member, Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Previous Minutes – 10/3/2021

GAC21/06 Previous Minutes – 10/3/2021

Moved: Cr Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Pattinson

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. General Business

5.1 GRFMA 2020/2021 Budget Review 3

GAC21/07 GRFMA 2020/2021 Budget Review 3

Moved: Mr Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Herrmann

That the Audit Committee:

1. *Notes GRFMA 2020/2021 Budget Review 3.*
2. *Requests that the Executive Officer provide the documents to the 17 June 2021 GRFMA meeting for recommendation as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2021.*

CARRIED

Members noted:

- The Executive Officer to inquire with the External Auditor on suitable processes to be undertaken to recognise and manage carryover of any unspent funds into the 2021/2022 financial year.
- The timing of the balance date audit is 22 July 2021.

5.2 Statements of Achievements Against the Business Plan

GAC21/08 Statement of Achievements Against the Business Plan
Moved: Cr Herrmann
Seconded: Mr Pattinson

That the Audit Committee:

1. *Notes the report.*
2. *Requests that the Executive Officer provide the document to the 17 June 2021 GRFMA meeting with recommendation for adoption.*

CARRIED

Members requested:

- Amendments to be made to page 6 of the document to reflect commencement of the Strategic Plan (not completed) and the Asset Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan are still to be initiated (not completed) and Public Interest Disclosure Policies drafted and on hold pending consideration of requirement for public officer.
- Provision of copies of documents relating to GRFMA Insurance renewal policies and associated questionnaires.
- A statement of achievements against the Business Plan be provided twice a year (6 months) rather than annually.

Date	Audit Committee meeting schedule 2020/2021	Action
December 2020	Operation of the Regional Subsidiary – Business Plan progress. Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	Completed
March 2021	Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2021.	Completed
June 2021	Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	Completed
August 2021	Annual Financial Statements – Audit report; 2020/2021 – Auditor to attend.	

6. Next Meeting

August 2021

7. Closure

The Chair thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 10:25am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	5.1
Committee:	GRFMA Audit Committee
Meeting Date:	12 August 2021
Title:	GRFMA 2020/2021 Financial Statements and Audit Report

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA Audit Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the audited Financial Statements for 2020/2021 and the external audit completion report.**
 - 2. Recommends that the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the Audit Committee Chair and Executive Office.**
 - 3. Recommends that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.**
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External Auditors, Dean Newbery and Partners have undertaken the 2020/2021 audit of the financial report of the GRFMA.

Attached are:

1. Copies of the audited GRFMA Financial Statements 2020/2021
2. Statement of Auditor's Independence
3. GRFMA Management Representation letter
4. The Audit Completion Report which provides:
 - a) Advice of work undertaken in completing the report
 - b) Consideration of future legislative requirements and issues
 - c) The draft copy of Audit Opinion.

Dean Newbery has regretfully advised they do not have anyone available to attend the meeting and will not be able to talk to the Audit Completion Report.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions	4	196,235	230,300
Investment income	1(d)	1,009	1,042
State Government Grants	3	20,000	98,980
Other Income		100	100
Total Income		217,344	330,422
EXPENSES			
Contractual Services	5	156,177	235,881
Depreciation	1(h), 11	321,163	321,163
Other		21,359	21,155
Total Expenses		498,698	578,198
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(281,354)	(247,776)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(281,354)	(247,776)
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(281,354)	(247,776)

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(d)	169,344	151,764
Trade and Other Receivables		49,278	32,152
Total Current Assets		<u>218,622</u>	<u>183,916</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure	10	25,329,000	25,329,000
Accumulated Depreciation Infrastructure	1(h), 10	(4,116,325)	(3,795,163)
Land	10	477,000	477,000
Total Non-current Assets		<u>21,689,675</u>	<u>22,010,838</u>
Total Assets		<u>21,908,297</u>	<u>22,194,753</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		36,567	41,669
Borrowings		-	-
Total Liabilities		<u>36,567</u>	<u>41,669</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>21,871,730</u>	<u>22,153,084</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		13,189,757	13,471,111
Asset Revaluation Reserves	1(g)	8,681,973	8,681,973
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>21,871,730</u>	<u>22,153,084</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2021

		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL EQUITY
2021	Notes	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		13,471,111	8,681,973	22,153,084
Restated opening balance		13,471,111	8,681,973	22,153,084
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(281,354)	-	(281,354)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		13,189,757	8,681,973	21,871,730
2020				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		13,718,887	8,681,973	22,400,860
Restated opening balance		13,718,887	8,681,973	22,400,860
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(247,776)	-	(247,776)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		13,471,111	8,681,973	22,153,084

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts		199,195	299,175
Interest Receipts		1,023	1,055
Payments		<u>(182,638)</u>	<u>(215,367)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		17,580	84,863
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		-	-
 Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	8	<u>17,580</u>	<u>84,863</u>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		<u>151,764</u>	<u>66,902</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	<u>169,344</u>	<u>151,764</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

a) The Local Government Reporting Entity

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and The City of Playford.

All funds received and expended by the Authority have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

b) Basis of Accounting

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

c) Employees

The Authority has no employees.

d) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft.

e) Infrastructure

The Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam was constructed in 2007. The valuation includes all materials, contractor's costs plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including engineering design and supervision fees and all other costs incurred.

f) Land

The dam land includes the land on which the dam is constructed, rights of way access to the land and 'right to flood' easements over the land upstream from the dam that will be inundated by dam waters for short periods of time during a flood event. The Board valuation was undertaken at 30th June 2011. Additional Land surrounding the dam was purchased in 2017/18 and was revalued by Asset Valuation and Consulting Pty Ltd in May 2017 for part lot 750 Kemp Road Kingsford.

g) Revaluation

The Board sought an independent valuation to be applied as at 30th June 2019, of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam. The Board recognises that the dam is a unique infrastructure. The Board sought the advice of Entura (Hydro Tasmania), who provided a replacement cost valuation based on the actual construction contract costs, including some 'owner's costs' which would be incurred in the event of a replacement being necessary. The estimate of the replacement cost was \$25.245 million at June 2019. In accordance with Accounting Standard (AASB)13 Fair Value Measurement, it is to be noted that valuation has been under level 3 valuation. The next Valuation is expected to undertaken as at 30 June 2024.

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Fair value level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets – There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. The method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

The method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

h) Depreciation

The depreciation period for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is based straight line depreciation with an expected life of 80 years.

The depreciation period for the Access Road is based on straight line depreciation with an expected life of 15 years.

i) Revenue

The Authority recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Authority expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the authority to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the authority. In this case, the authority recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Revenue from the Subscriptions is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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Note 2 - Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30th June 2021

Prepared to meet the requirements of Clause 15.5 of the Charter

"The 'Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' will reflect the proportionate contribution each Constituent Council has made to the growth of the net assets of the Authority having regard to the proportionate contribution to subscriptions. The Schedule when updated by the Board at the end of each financial year will reflect the proportionate contribution of each Constituent Council since the commencement of the Authority and once accepted by each Constituent Council will be evidence of the agreed proportion of a Constituent Council's interests in the net assets as at 30 June in that year."

For the purposes of this Clause all subscriptions by Constituent Councils have been included.

This Schedule has been prepared on the basis that the Authority was 'wound up' on 30 June 2021. The value of infrastructure and land as stated in the Financial Statements at reporting date have been included. Grants and contributions from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and Northern Adelaide Barossa Catchment Water Management Board that have contributed to these costs have not been deducted.

Calculation of Net Equity

Assets

Investments / Debtors	\$ 218,622
Infrastructure	\$ 21,212,675
Land	<u>\$ 477,000</u>
	\$ 21,908,297

Less Liabilities

Accounts Payable / Creditors	<u>\$ 36,567</u>
NET EQUITY	\$ 21,871,730

Allocation of Councils Interest in Net Assets

Constituent Councils	Accumulated Subscriptions for Operations to 30 June 2021	Accumulated Subscriptions for Maintenance to 30 June 2021	Accumulated Subscriptions for Scheme Works to 30 June 2021	All Subscriptions to 30 June 2021	Percentage of Contributions to the Total	Council's Interests in Net Assets
Adelaide Hills Council	\$172,082	\$6,352	\$70,988	\$249,422	4.54%	\$992,977
The Barossa Council	\$172,082	\$31,813	\$354,951	\$558,846	10.17%	\$2,224,355
Town of Gawler	\$172,082	\$63,586	\$709,892	\$945,560	17.21%	\$3,764,125
Light Regional Council	\$172,082	\$31,813	\$354,951	\$558,846	10.17%	\$2,224,355
Adelaide Plains Council	\$172,082	\$106,079	\$1,183,146	\$1,461,307	26.60%	\$5,817,880
City of Playford	\$172,089	\$127,254	\$1,419,763	\$1,719,106	31.31%	\$6,848,038
	\$1,032,499	\$366,897	\$4,093,691	\$5,493,087	100%	\$21,871,730

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' as at the 30th June 2021 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 15.5 of the Charter on 19 August 2021.

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Note 3 - Functions / Activities of the Authority

a) Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions / activities, descriptions of which are set out in Note b.

b) The activities of the Authority are categorised into the following function / activities:

Administration: The operations of the Authority and its Board

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

c) Functions of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
(excluding depreciation)

	Year	Revenue		Expenses		Surplus (deficit)
		Grants	Other	Total Revenue	Expenses Total	
Administration	2021	-	\$147,044	\$147,044	\$85,115	\$61,929
	2020	-	\$146,042	\$146,042	\$90,152	\$55,890
Other	2021	\$20,000	\$ 50,300	\$ 70,300	\$92,421	(\$22,121)
Environment:						
Flood Mitigation	2020	\$98,980	\$ 85,400	\$184,380	\$166,883	\$17,497
Total	2021	\$20,000	\$197,344	\$217,344	\$177,536	\$39,808
	2020	\$98,980	\$231,442	\$330,422	\$257,035	\$73,387

Note 4 - Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter for the year:

Constituent Council	Maintenance		Operations		TOTALS	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Adelaide Hills Council	\$ 871	\$ 1,476	\$24,322	\$24,166	\$25,193	\$25,642
The Barossa Council	\$ 4,361	\$ 7,396	\$24,322	\$24,166	\$28,683	\$31,562
Town of Gawler	\$ 8,722	\$14,791	\$24,322	\$24,166	\$33,044	\$38,957
Light Regional Council	\$ 4,361	\$ 7,396	\$24,322	\$24,166	\$28,683	\$31,562
Adelaide Plains Council	\$14,541	\$24,660	\$24,322	\$24,166	\$38,863	\$48,826
City of Playford	\$17,444	\$29,581	\$24,325	\$24,170	\$41,769	\$53,751
TOTAL	\$50,300	\$85,300	\$145,935	\$145,000	\$196,235	\$230,300

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Note 5- Contractual Services

	2021	2020
Executive Officer	\$56,280	\$57,330
Audit Committee	\$2,600	\$2,600
Audit Fees	\$5,000	\$7,057
Legal Fees	\$0	\$2,133
Gawler River Scheme Consultancies	\$84,737	\$139,025
Maintenance Contractors	\$7,560	\$27,736
TOTALS	\$156,177	\$235,881

Note 6 - Comparison of Budget and Actual Results (excluding depreciation)

	2021		2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue				
Administration	\$147,050	\$147,044	\$146,400	\$146,042
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
State Grant	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$110,980	\$98,980
Maintenance	\$50,300	\$50,300	\$85,300	\$85,300
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$217,350	\$217,344	\$342,680	\$330,422
Expenditure				
Administration	\$88,050	\$85,115	\$89,095	\$90,152
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	\$97,950	\$7,684	\$25,150	\$27,858
Maintenance	\$100,736	\$84,736	\$158,475	\$139,025
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation Capital				
Total Expenditure	\$286,736	\$177,535	\$272,720	\$257,035
Surplus (deficit)	(\$69,386)	\$39,809	\$69,960	\$73,387

Note 7 - Expenditure Commitment

- i. An agreement has been entered into with David Hitchcock to provide Executive Officer and Supervision of Consultants services to 31 December 2021.

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Note 8 - Reconciliation Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	<u>196,235</u>	<u>230,300</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	<u>196,235</u>	<u>230,300</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(281,354)	(247,776)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	<u>321,163</u>	<u>321,163</u>
	<u>39,809</u>	<u>73,387</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(17,127)	(30,194)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<u>(5,102)</u>	<u>41,669</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>17,580</u>	<u>84,862</u>

Note 9 -Economic Dependence

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 in August 2002, by a Charter that was amended and published in The South Australian Government Gazette on 27th February 2020 at page 474.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is dependent upon subscriptions levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure of the Authority which it owns and manages.

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Note 10 - Non-Current Assets Summary

	Fair Value Level	2021				2020			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land and easements	-	\$477,000	-	-	\$477,000	\$477,000	-	-	\$477,000
North Para Dam Access Roads	3	\$84,000	-	(\$14,200)	\$69,800	\$84,000	-	(\$8,600)	\$75,400
North Para Dam	3	\$25,245,000	-	(\$4,102,125)	\$21,142,875	\$25,245,000	-	(\$3,786,563)	\$21,458,437
Total Infrastructure and Land		\$25,806,000	-	(\$4,116,325)	\$21,689,675	\$25,806,000	-	(\$3,795,163)	\$22,010,837
Comparatives		\$25,806,000	-	(\$3,795,163)	\$22,010,937	\$25,806,000	-	(\$3,474,000)	\$22,332,000

	2020	Carrying Amount Movements During the Year							2021
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Valuation	Carrying Amount
		New Upgrade	Renewals						
Land and easements	\$477,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$477,000
Access Roads	\$75,400	-	-	-	(\$5,600)	-	-	-	\$69,800
Infrastructure - North Para Dam	\$21,458,437	-	-	-	(\$315,563)	-	-	-	\$21,142,875
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	\$22,010,837	-	-	-	(\$321,163)	-	-	-	\$21,689,675
Comparatives	\$22,332,000	-	-	-	(\$321,163)	-	-	-	\$22,010,837

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Note 11 - Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.25% and 0.30% (2020: 0.25% and 1.25%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

Liquidity Analysis

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	169,344	-	-	-	169,344
Receivables	49,278	-	-	-	49,278
Total	218,622	-	-	-	218,622
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	36,567	-	-	-	36,567
Total	36,567	-	-	-	36,567
2020	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	151,764	-	-	-	151,764
Receivables	32,152	-	-	-	32,152
Total	183,916	-	-	-	183,916
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	41,669	-	-	-	41,669
Total	41,669	-	-	-	41,669

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for the year ended 30 June 2021**

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Authority is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Authority investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Authorities financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Authority has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 12 Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Authority prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Local Government Councils and Authorities have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Authorities finances.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income	217,344	330,422
Expenses	(498,698)	(578,198)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(281,354)	(247,776)
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment	321,163	321,163
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
	321,163	321,163
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-	-
	-	-
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	39,808	73,386

Note 13 – Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities not recognised in the Balance Sheet

There are no contingencies, asset or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Note 14 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2021 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
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for the year ended 30 June 2021**

Note 15 - Related Parties Disclosures

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) include the Chairman, Board Members, Deputy Board Members and Executive Officer. In all Key Management Personnel were paid the following total compensation:

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Salaries, allowances & Other Short Term Benefits	\$65,530	\$66,930
TOTAL	\$65,530	\$66,930

	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year	Amounts outstanding from Related Party at the end of the financial year
	2021 \$	2021 \$
Adelaide Hills Council	\$12,597	\$12,597
The Barossa Council	\$28,683	\$0
Town of Gawler	\$33,044	\$0
Light Regional Council	\$28,683	\$0
Adelaide Plains Council	\$38,863	\$0
City of Playford	\$41,769	\$0
TOTAL	\$183,639	\$12,597

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

1. To co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. This purpose is the core business of the Authority;
2. To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining works approved by the board;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation for the Gawler River;
4. Upon application of one or more Constituent Councils pursuant to clause 12.4:
 1. to coordinate the construction, maintenance and promotion and enhancement of the Gawler River and areas adjacent to the Gawler River as recreational open space for the adjacent communities: and
 2. to enter into agreements with one or more of the Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Gawler River.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority for the year ended 30 June 2021 the Authority's Auditor Dean Newbery and Partners has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

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Andrew Aitken
Chief Executive Officer
Adelaide Hills Council

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James Miller
Chief Executive Officer
Adelaide Plains Council

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Henry Inat
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Gawler

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Martin McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer
The Barossa Council

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Sam Green
Chief Executive Officer
City of Playford

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Brian Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Light Regional Council

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
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David Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Peter Brass

PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Ian Baldwin

CHAIR GRFMA



Audit Completion Report

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Year Ended 30 June 2021

DeanNewbery

Executive Summary

3 August 2021

Dear Mr Ian Baldwin

This report has been prepared for the Audit Committee of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (the Authority) in relation to the 30 June 2021 external audit.

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Audit Committee and those charged with governance of the Authority a summary of the significant matters that have arisen from our audit which we believe covers material matters dealt within our work completed.

We are pleased to advise that subject to finalisation of the outstanding matters outlined within this report, our audit opinion for financial year ended 30 June 2021 is expected to be issued as an unmodified audit report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Administration for the assistance provided throughout the year.

If there is any need for further clarification on matters raised in this report, please feel free to contact me on 8267 4777 or jimkeogh@deannewbery.com.au.

Your sincerely
DEAN NEWBERY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JK' with a flourish.

Jim Keogh
Partner

Executive Summary

Scope

The audit procedures have been designed and carried out by the audit team in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and per the audit scope prescribed under the Local Government Act 1999 and applicable Regulations for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Independence

In accordance with our professional ethical requirements, we confirm that, for the audit of the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, all members of our audit team have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and in accordance with Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

Audit Status

All requested audit adjustments have been processed and disclosures within the financial report appropriately modified based on audit testing completed.

All requested information has been provided by the Administration during the course of the audit.

Subject to the finalisation of the matters outlined in this report, our audit opinion for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 will be signed without reference to any qualification.

Outstanding Matters

All requested audit adjustments have been processed and disclosures within the financial report appropriately modified based on audit testing completed.

Subject to the following work being satisfactorily completed, we expect an unmodified audit opinion to be issued for the financial year:

- Undertake a review of subsequent events since 30 June
- Complete a review of the draft Financial Statements
- Obtain certified financial statements as required
- Receipt of the signed Management Representation Letter

Fraud & Litigation

As part of our audit we have discussed with the Administration's management staff;

- The safeguards in place in relation to the prevention and detection of fraud
- The existence of any fraud
- The existence of any litigation and claims.

We have not become aware of any matter which should be brought to the Board or Audit Committee's attention

Summary of Misstatements

There remain no misstatements that have not been adjusted by the Administration that have been identified during the course of our audit or that in our assessment, require to be reported to Authority's Audit Committee.

Any misstatements, either individually or in aggregate, that are considered to be immaterial, have not been reported and regarded as being minor in the context of the financial report as a whole.

All requested audit adjustment have been processed within the financial report appropriately modified based on audit testing completed.

Subject to all matters being appropriately completed as outlined in this report, we anticipate to be issuing an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements (Section 129(1)(a) audit opinion).

Materiality

An item is considered material to the financial statements if, through its omission or non-disclosure, the financial statements would no longer show a true and fair view to the users of the financial statements. Materiality is set at the outset of planning to ensure that an appropriate level of audit work is planned. It is then used throughout the audit process in order to assess the impact of any item on the financial statements.

Any identified errors or differences are investigated and are recorded on a schedule of potential misstatements. These are assessed individually and in aggregate, discussed with the Administration and Audit Committee to further clarify the proposed treatment and/or disclosure of the matter.

Should the matter remain unadjusted and signed off by the Authority's Administration in their letter of representation to us, confirming that in the Audit Committee's view also that the matter(s) are immaterial to the financial statements, an item of low value may still be judged material by its nature.

An item of higher value may also be judged not material if it does not distort the accuracy and/or fairness of the financial statements.

Key Audit Matters Considered

As part of our audit planning process we identified key audit and accounting matters that were considered and tested during the course of the audit which represented areas of identified risk where material misstatements could occur.

As a result of the work we have recently completed, we have provided further detail below of the key audit matters and the outcomes from our testing completed.

Key Audit Matter Description	Audit Work Undertaken	Outcomes of Testing Completed
Management override of internal controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and observation of controls in operation to assess whether controls are operating effectively as intended throughout the period.Perform analytical reviews and recalculation of transactions.	As there are strict budget controls and transparent reporting to the Board on a monthly basis there were no issues noted.
Revenue recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of grants received.	All grants received during the financial year were correctly recorded as per AASB 1058 <i>Income of Not-for-Profit Entities</i> .
Valuation of Land and Infrastructure assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical site visit to dam occurred December 2020. Asset sighting and verification was undertaken.	Site visit assisted in verifying existence of assets held. No issues identified during this visit.
Capital works, site repairs and maintenance works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of capital and operating transactions.	There was no capital expenditure recorded during the financial year. All repairs and maintenance expenditure was correctly allocated.
Expenditure on Contractual Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Detailed sample transaction testing.Perform analytical reviews and recalculation of transactions.	Testing of the expenditure relating to Note 5 Contractual Services didn't identify any issues.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (the entity), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by the Directors on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Entity is in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), including;

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) that the financial records kept by the entity are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the need of the directors. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of the entity is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Draft Audit Report

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that the audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

DEAN NEWBERY

Jim Keogh
Partner

Signed on the day of 2021,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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Agenda Item: **5.2**
Committee: **GRFMA Audit Committee**
Meeting Date: **12 August 2021**
Title: **GRFMA 2020-21 Annual Report**

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA Audit Committee receives and notes the GRFMA 2020-21 Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority has been prepared for the period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.

It has been prepared pursuant to Clause 17 of the Charter which requires that the Authority must submit an annual report on its work and operations including its audited financial statements, to each Constituent Council before 30 September.

See attached for a copy of the GRFMA 2020/2021 Annual Report.

Note the 2020/2021 Annual Financial Statements are to be inserted in the report following consideration and adoption of recommendation of agenda Item 5.1 of the 12/08/2021 GRFMA Audit Committee meeting.



The Barossa Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford

Gawler



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Chair Report

The past year of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority's (GRFMA) operation has been challenging across many fronts, the impact of COVID-19 primarily presenting difficulties with communications for the 13-member Board representing the six constituent councils forming the GRFMA (i.e., Adelaide Hills, Adelaide Plains, Barossa, Gawler, Light and Playford), Federal and State governments and other stakeholders having interest in the protection of the Gawler River floodplain.

The GRFMA Board conducted six (6) Ordinary meetings and convened two (2) Special meetings during the report period. Further, the GRMA's Audit Committee met on five (5) occasions.

The GRFMA Audit Committee provides an important role between the Authority, its management and its constituent councils. The committee provides suggestions and recommendations to the GRFMA Board about actions to be taken to enhance financial and operational governance, considered to be in the best interests of the subsidiary and its constituent councils.

Numerous Committee and Working Group meetings were also undertaken enabling the progression of activities identified necessary by the GRFMA Board.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who have been available for e-meetings and alternate means of communication allowing the business of the GRFMA to progress effectively. Special mention is also made of the assistance provided by the Town of Gawler Council and Playford Council allocating staff and IT resources assisting with the scheduling and conduct of e-meetings as required.

Notwithstanding the above, there have been a number of significant achievements throughout the report period, some of which are briefly outlined below.

Charter and Governance - Two Stage Review Implementation

As reported in 2019, a periodic review of the Charter and associated governance (First Stage) was completed with adoption by the GRFMA's Board on the 28 January 2020.

A more comprehensive review "Charter Review 2" commenced in April 2020 with Jeff Tate Consulting being engaged to undertake the required work. This review was to explore further governance and operational processes including options for alternative management (i.e., other than the Authority) for the Gawler River and supporting financial arrangements.

The completed, September 2020, report recommended that:

1. The Authority's legal structure continue as a Regional Subsidiary under s43 of the Local Government Act 1999.
2. At this stage the GRFMA continue to have a representative Board of an Elected Member and staff member from each Council (and an Independent Chair).
3. Consideration be given to an arrangement between the Chief Executive Officer's of the constituent councils to ensure that the combined staff appointments to the Board include all relevant skills.
4. Consideration be given to amending clause 4.3.2 of the GRFMA Charter so that Deputy Members attending Board meetings in their own right and not in place of the Member may be permitted to speak with approval of the meeting, rather than having the same right to speak as Members.
5. The GRFMA proactively build relationships with relevant South Australian Government Departments and agencies, separately and together, to build understanding of the issues relating to the Gawler River and to assist with strategies, plans, and advice including about external funding.
6. The GRFMA and constituent councils consider the four funding model options set out in section 10.5 of the report, starting from a consideration of funding principles and then potential scenarios for modelling (possibly through Finance and Engineering staff of the constituent councils). In doing so note that option 7, though relatively complex, had the highest rating against funding principles from the analysis conducted.
7. The GRFMA develop and implement a clear, resourced strategy for achieving external funding, including consideration of a 'broker' to identify and pursue funding opportunities.

Following consideration of the report, the GRFMA Board noted recommendation 6 and directed the Charter Review 2 Working Group to engage resources to compile and evaluate required data to further understand possible funding principles and formula to be applied in any proposed funding model. Noting any final consideration would be subject to support or otherwise of the GRFMA and constituent councils.

Key agreements subsequently established by the Charter Review 2 Working Group include:

1. The current application of even shares for funding of Operation of the GRFMA to remain i.e. 16.66% per council for costs applicable to Administration and Gawler River Mark 2 consultancies should remain unchanged.
2. Any new percentage formula contribution requirement should only apply to new projects.
3. The current Charter percentage formula contribution for Capital Works and Maintenance to Dam infrastructure should remain unchanged.

4. No retrospective changes to the Schedule of constituent council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30 June 2020 should be made.

Agreed funding model principles:

- Future Cost Avoided - Monetary value of damage avoided as identified within each council area. Calculations required to understand what these costs are.
- Water inflow - Measurable proportion of volume of water (i.e. m³/s) from each council area based on the whole of catchment (not just upstream of the Gawler River junction as per original model), excluding the area west of Port Wakefield Road.
- Waterway length - Gawler River, North Para, South Para. With consideration of order of streams e.g. Gawler River is a Seven Order Stream with North and South Para Rivers being Five or Six Order Streams. Other minor tributaries (lower than Five Order Streams) are not to be included.
- Ability to pay - Identify via SA Local Government Grants Commission - Financial Assistance Grant equalization considerations and allocations in order to determine each councils ability to pay.
- Working considerations for weighting of principles

The GRFMA Board is now looking to finalise the review early in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Strategic Plan

As a requirement of Charter Review 1 the GRFMA is now working to establish a Strategic Plan. The plan will consist of a 5 year Strategic Plan (2026) and have regard to any longer term strategic issues (2026-2036) that might be identified during preparation of the plan.

Consultation on the plan with constituent councils and other stakeholders commenced in May 2021 and it is anticipated the document will be completed by the end of September 2021.

Gawler River UNHaRMED Management Tool (GRUMP)

In 2019 the GRFMA entered into partnership with the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC and the University of Adelaide to develop a decision support tool (UNHaRMED) to explore how to manage flood risk into the future. The model tool has now been completed and will be made available to other local government authorities and floodplain managers responsible for flood-associated social, environmental and economic risk modelling and subsequent management.

Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

The GRFMA (including its constituent councils), in partnership with the Stormwater Management Authority of South Australia, the Green Adelaide Board and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Boards and the Department for Environment and Water have commenced a project to develop a Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) for the Gawler River.

The plan will provide background and strategic direction for managing stormwater in the Gawler River. The SMP catchment is defined as the 'Gawler River proper', being the main channel below the confluence of the North Para and South Para Rivers, down through Buckland Lake to the coastal outlet.

In consideration of the strategic nature of any SMP recommendations that may result, all current flood mitigation considerations, such as increasing the height of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam and the construction of the Northern Floodway Proposal have been placed on hold. Assistance from the City of Playford in providing inkind support of a Project Manager to manage the SMP process is recognised and appreciated.

Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (BENPFMD)

The Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (BENPFMD) Operation and Safety Plan has now been completed. The Plan was facilitated by the GRFMA in partnership with the Local Government Association of South Australia Council Ready Program.

The completed plan provides direction in two-parts specifically for the operational response to a critical flood event (operational floods up to the Dam Crest Flood) of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation and secondly where signs of imminent dam failure of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam are observed.

Periodic maintenance has also been undertaken at the Dam with replacement of security screens on the High Level Outlet Pipes and welding repairs to the crest handrails.

Tender works to undertake repairs to the (Dam) lower level outlet pipes and reinstatement of dislodged baffle blocks in the stilling basin are currently under consideration. It is envisaged any agreed services for works will be undertaken post winter 2021.

Gawler River Flood Mitigation

The 2020-21 State Government Budget allocated \$9 Million for Gawler River flood mitigation works. This initiative provides \$9 Million over the three years 2022-23 for a range of Gawler River projects aimed at reducing flood risks across the Northern Adelaide Plains.

Budgeted works include

1. Removal of trees following Hillier bushfire, \$350k - \$370k.
2. Construction of a drainage system for Virginia, Carmelo and Park Road drain, \$3.8M
3. New control structures (Gawler West, North Para, Nuriootpa), flood warning infrastructure, flood warning levels, \$1M.
4. Northern Floodway early works, existing levee banks, river survey and works \$3.8M.

The GRFMA has engaged with the Department of Environment and Water to assist delivery of the four “no regrets” projects and further development of the longer term solutions for flood mitigation in the Gawler River.

ARTC Bridge

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) commenced work in September 2020 to replace the existing rail bridge across the Gawler River.

The GRFMA engaged with ARTC during the Bridge design and construction phase to ensure that the resultant bridge structure and embankment did not compromise water flows in the Gawler River channel.

Outgoing and New GRFMA Board Members

Acknowledgement is made of outgoing Board Member Mr Mark Slaver for his long service and membership to the GRFMA, and Mr Ashley Curtis was welcomed as the new Board Member (CEO nominee) Adelaide Hills Council, from 27/11/2020.

Finally, I wish to thank the six constituent councils, Board, Audit Committee, Working Group representatives and Executive Officer for their ongoing involvement and valued direction given to the activities of the Authority.

There have been many achievements attained throughout the report period which hopefully will ultimately lead to the provision of better flood mitigation and warning systems for the Gawler River and associated floodplain.

The Authority looks forward to continue working with the Federal and State governments and stakeholders to achieve this end.

Ian J. Baldwin

Chair and Independent Member

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is located in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River Floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$225 million.

Purpose of the GRFMA

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 on 22 August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and the City of Playford.



The Charter provides for one independent person, who is not an officer, employee, or elected member of a Constituent Council, to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of two years.

The Charter sets down the powers, functions, safeguards, accountabilities, and an operational framework.

The Authority has been established for the purpose of coordinating the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River, and for the following functions:

- to raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing, and operating and maintaining works approved by the Board;
- to provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flooding of the Gawler River;
- to advocate on behalf of the Constituent Councils and their communities where required to State and Federal Governments for legislative policy changes on matters related to flood mitigation and management and associated land use planning with Gawler River flood mitigation;
- to facilitate sustainable outcomes to ensure a proper balance between economic, social, environmental, and cultural consideration; and
- to provide advice as appropriate to the Constituent Councils in relation to development applications relevant to the Authority's roles and functions.



Governance

The Board

The Authority is governed by the Board of management. The Board comprises of

- one independent person, who is not an officer, employee, or elected member of a constituent council, to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of two years.
- Two persons appointed from each of the six constituent councils (12 members in total). Council appointees comprise of the Council CEO, or delegate and one Elected Member.
- Deputy Board members as appointed by each constituent council

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairperson & Independent Member	Mr Ian Baldwin	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr Ashley Curtis	Cr Pauline Gill
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Terry-Anne Keen Mr James Miller	Cr John Lush Ms Alyssa Denicola
The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange Mr Gary Mavrinac	Cr Russell Johnstone
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Mr Sam Dilena	Cr Nathan Shanks Mr Ben DeGilio
Light Regional Council	Cr William Close Mr Brian Carr	Mr Andrew Philpott
City of Playford	Cr Agapios (Peter) Rentoulis Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Clinton Marsh

Meetings of the Board are held at such time and such place as the Board decides subject only to the requirement that there will be at least one meeting in every two calendar months. A special meeting of the Board may be held at any time and may be called at the request of the Chairperson or at the written request of six members of the Board representing all the Constituent Councils.

Ordinary meetings of the Board are generally held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the even months commencing at 9.45am: excepting December which is held on the second Thursday. Meetings are hosted by the Constituent Councils on a rotational roster with six Board meetings and two Special Board Meetings held during the year as follows:

Ordinary Board Meetings:

- Thursday 13 August 2020 – Town of Gawler
- Thursday 15 October 2020 – Adelaide Plains Council
- Thursday 10 December 2020 – City of Playford
- Thursday 11 February 2021 – Light Regional Council
- Thursday 15 April 2021 – Adelaide Hills Council
- Thursday 17 June 2021 – The Barossa Council

Two Special Board Meetings:

- Friday 17 July 2020 – City of Playford
- Wednesday 17 March 2021 – City of Playford

Technical Assessment Panel

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of the various parts of the Scheme.

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Ian Baldwin, Independent Chair
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Manager Flood Management, DEWNR
- Dr Moji Kan, Principal Engineer Dams, SA Water
- Mr Matt Elding, Barossa Council
- Mr Braden Austin, Playford Council
- Mr David Hitchcock Executive Officer

No meetings of the Panel were held during the year, however, email out of session consideration was undertaken to consider proposed repairs to the Lower Level Outlet Pipe and Baffle Block replacement at the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

Audit Committee

An Audit Committee has been appointed to review:

- the annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the situation of the Board, and
- the adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices of the Board on a regular basis.

The Committee held five meetings during the year:

- 04 August 2020
- 25 November 2020
- 10 December 2020
- 10 March 2021
- 09 June 2021

The members of the Committee are:

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council

Membership of the GRFMA Audit Committee is for two years (1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022).

Executive Officer

Mr David Hitchcock has been appointed Executive Officer on a contract basis (part time) to 31 December 2021.

External Auditor

Dean Newbery and Partners have been appointed as the external auditor for the financial year period 2019/20 until 2023/24.

At the 16/4/2020 Ordinary meeting the GRFMA Board resolved to reappoint the current membership of the GRFMA Audit Committee for a further two years (1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022).

GRFMA Policies

The following Policies have been adopted to provide management guidelines for the day-to-day business of the GRFMA:

- Procurement and Operations Policy
- Grant Policy
- Internal Review of Decisions Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Access to Meetings and Documents Policy
- Dam Valuation Policy
- Treasury Management Policy

The purpose of policies is to provide prudent management guidelines for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Authority.

Meetings

All meetings of the GRFMA and its committees are open to the public, except for those matters to be considered under Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999.

No Freedom of Information requests were received during the year.

Forum	Total Resolutions for the year	Resolutions to exclude the Public – S90(3)	Purpose	Order for docs to remain confidential - S91(7)	%
Board	152	4	Possible commercial advantage of a person	4	3
Technical Assessment Panel	0	0	N/A	0	0
Audit Committee	24	0		0	0

Evaluation of Performance Against the Business Plan

This Statement of Achievements against the Business Plan will form part of the Key Outcomes Summary to Councils following the meetings at which it is tabled. The June report will form part of the GRFMA Annual Report 2020-2021.

Part A: Funding

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements:
Grant Claims	At all times	Lodge claims monthly for the payment of Commonwealth and State Government Grants.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims lodged according to grant conditions
Maintain positive Cash Flow	At all times	Positive bank account balances at all times.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive cash flow maintained

Part B: Proposed Flood Mitigation Scheme Works

Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme	
One	What will the Mark Two Scheme Include? (Note these steps may occur concurrently and not necessarily in the following order).
Two	<p>Reconfirm with the Constituent Councils that a 1 in 100-year level of protection is the protection standard that is to be pursued in the development of the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme – Mark Two Strategy. N.B. The protection standard does not guarantee full protection for all flood events. <i>The Findings Report 2016 advises the 1 in 100 ARI event is considered to be the minimum desirable level of flood protection for new development as well as for much of the existing floodplain development.</i></p> <p>Determine if a second dam on the North Para River or modification to the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is an option. The GRFMA Board has recently accepted a tender for a Findings Report to undertake an assessment to determine if a second dam is required and feasible. <i>The Findings Report 2016 advised enlarging the existing Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam on the North Para offers the greatest level of protection with least impacts and is rated as the most favoured structural mitigation option. This option deferred pending completion of the Northern Floodway Project proposal. Noting feasibility of raising the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam is still a strategic consideration.</i></p>
Three	The Gawler River Floodplain Mapping Model should be maintained as the reference tool to demonstrate the level of flood protection and validity of design of land proposed for development as part of the approval process. To achieve this, the model should be upgraded to include recent works such as the Northern Expressway works and the additional floodplain mapping completed as part of the Light River Templers Creek Salt Creek Mapping Study by the Adelaide Plains Council. <i>Completed.</i>
Four	To further develop the preliminary assessment of possible local area levees prepared in the 2008 Gawler River Floodplain Mapping Study at Gawler, Angle Vale and Two Wells and develop a levee strategy for Virginia to a robust design standard with a staging plan. Undertake a cost benefit study for each stage of the plan. <i>Will be a consideration of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan 2021/2022.</i>
Five	Establish a protocol with the Floodplain Councils that where development of land in areas identified as ‘at risk of flooding’ is planned to proceed by the implementation of a local area levee that mapping of the proposed levees on the Gawler River Floodplain Mapping Study Model will be required. <i>It is anticipated the Gawler River Unharmful Mitigation Project, will contribute to understanding of this issue and relevant strategies.</i>

Six	Maintain a working relationship with the Australian Rail Track Corporation to ensure that any changes to Railtrack infrastructure of culverts and rail heights are mapped on the Gawler River Floodplain Mapping Study Model to identify any changes to flooding impacts. <i>Ongoing – new replacement of the rail bridge completed April 2021.</i>
Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme	
Seven	Develop a funding strategy for flood protection that is delivered by local area levees on the questions of who should own and maintain the levees and whether local area levees are regional works that the GRFMA should fund or are they local works that are the responsibility of the local Council. <i>Will be a consideration of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan 2021/2022.</i>
Eight	Investigate opportunities for funding partners and grants to undertake the necessary assessments and designs. <i>Ongoing. GRFMA currently working with the Department of Environment and Water on the \$9M Gawler River Flood Mitigation projects.</i>
Nine	The Scheme will also seek to clarify, through the Local Government Association, the policy and legal framework around maintenance of rivers and creeks where those rivers and creeks are part of the regional flood management plan. Under current legislation a landowner is responsible for the condition of a creek or waterway on private land. <i>Pending finalisation of the review by the Department of Environment and Water. GRFMA submission provided.</i>

Part B: Maintenance of the Scheme

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements:
Six monthly inspection	June and December	Completion of Inspection Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine inspection completed 8/9/2020. As per O&M manual. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement signage. Repairs to handrails and replacement of HLOP screen completed January 2021.

Part C: Operation of the Regional Subsidiary

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements:
Reports to Stakeholders	Bi-Monthly	Key Outcomes Summary to be published following each Board Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Outcomes Summary prepared following GRFMA meetings.
Charter Review 1 and Charter Review 2	December	The performance of the Executive Officer be reviewed annually Charter Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review conducted in December 2020. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRFMA Charter Review (2nd stage) commenced April 2020 – materially completed pending finalisation of cost share funding model.
	August	The appointment of Auditor, Bank Operators, levels of insurance, appropriate registrations, delegations, and policies be reviewed annually.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New External Auditor 2019-2024 appointed June 2019. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate levels of insurance reviewed in July 2020.
Review of the Business Plan	By 31 st March	Review the Business Plan prior to preparing the Budget Forward to the Councils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June 2020 – Business Plan 2020-2021 adopted. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June 2020 – Achievements against the Business Plan 2019-20 presented.
Budget 20/21	By 31 st March, June, October, December	Adopt for consultation forward to Councils – Adopt Budget – copy to Councils in 5 days – Conduct Budget Reviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2021-22 draft Budget forwarded in March 2021 to constituent councils for consultation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Reviews 1 & 2 adopted by GRFMA Audit Committee and GRFMA Board.
Subscriptions	June December	Send half year subscriptions to Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All first half subscriptions paid, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Five (5) Second half subscriptions paid.

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements:
Report to Constituent Councils	Following each Board meeting By 30 th September	The receipt of the following reports by Councils, Board Meeting Key Outcomes Summary Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Outcomes Summary prepared following meetings. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Report forwarded electronically to Councils.
Governance	Ongoing	Policies and new management framework documents developed and reviewed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Fraud and Corruption Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery of Strategic Plan initiated consultation underway – delivery September 2021. * Public Interest Disclosure Policies drafted and on hold pending consideration of requirement for public officer – review October 2021. * Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan to be developed.
Annual Operations		Advocacy for construction of Northern Floodway project GRFMA currently working with DEW on the \$9M Gawler River Flood Mitigation projects Dewatering and repair of the low-level inlet pipe and stilling basin Scheduled inspection Establishment of the Dam Safety Emergency Plan Environmental management of land associated with the Dams location GRUMP decision support tool to manage flood risk Revegetate land zone around the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.	* Hiatus. Pending completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Tenders for works considered at the 17/6/2021 GRFMA Board meeting. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed September 2020. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed January 2021. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual land management lease in place. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed 30 June 2021 – project was delayed due to COVID-19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced June 2020

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