





# 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







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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 four (4) occasions.

The GRFMA Audit Committee provides an important role between the Authority, its management and 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 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 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.

A further report completed in September 2020 included a number of recommendations for consideration by the Board:

- 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 Officers 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 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).
- 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.

The GRFMA Board is currently progressing recommendation 6 and directing 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. The GRFMA Board will be considering all recommendations and is 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 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, the current flood mitigation considerations including 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 in-kind support of a Project Manager to manage the SMP process is recognised and appreciated.

#### **Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam**

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 and secondly, where signs of imminent dam failure BENPFFMD are observed.

Periodic maintenance has also been undertaken at the Dam replacing security screens on the high level outlet pipes and repairing welds to the crest handrails.

Tenders submitted for works requiring repair of the lower level outlet pipes and reinstatement of dislodged baffle blocks in the stilling basin are currently under consideration. It is envisaged the 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 works to be completed over the three years 2021-23 for a range of Gawler River projects aimed at reducing flood risks across the Northern Adelaide Plains.

#### Budgeted works include:

- 1. Removal of trees and debris following the Hillier bushfire (\$350 -\$370K).
- 2. Construction of a drainage system on Carmelo and Park Road, Virginia (\$3.8M).
- 3. Installation of new flood warning infrastructure and improvement of flood forecasting and warning service (\$1M).
- 4. River survey, silt and weed removal, revegetation and levee repair (\$3.8M).

The GRFMA has engaged with the South Australian Department of Environment and Water to assist delivery of the four projects and further development of the longer term solutions for flood mitigation in the Gawler River.

#### **Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Bridge**

The 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.

#### **Retiring and New GRFMA Board Members**

Acknowledgement is made of long-serving Board Member Mr Mark Salver (Adelaide Hills Council) who retired from representation during the report period. Mr Ashley Curtis was welcomed as his successor.

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

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

The GRFMA will continue to work 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 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 three 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	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Deputy Board Members</b>
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 four (4) meetings during the year:

- 04 August 2020
- 25 November 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 (I 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 2020-2024.

#### **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.	☑ Claims lodged according to grant conditions
Maintain positive Cash Flow	At all times	Positive bank account balances at all times.	☑ 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).			

#### **Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme**

Two 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. 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.

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. 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.

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. *Completed*.

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. Will be a consideration of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan 2021/2022.

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. It is anticipated the Gawler River Unharmed Mitigation Project, will contribute to understanding of this issue and relevant strategies.

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.

\*\*Ongoing - new replacement of the rail bridge completed April 2021.\*\*

Gawle	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. Will be a consideration of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan 2021/2022.				
Eight	Investigate opportunities for funding partners and grants to undertake the necessary assessments and designs. Ongoing. GRFMA currently working with the Department of Environment and Water on the \$9M Gawler River Flood Mitigation projects.				
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	<ul> <li>✓ Routine inspection completed 8/9/2020. As per O&amp;M manual.</li> <li>✓ Replacement signage. Repairs to handrails and replacement of HLOP screen completed January 2021.</li> </ul>	

**Part C: Operation of the Regional Subsidiary** 

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Act	ual Achievements:
Reports to Stakeholders	Bi- Monthly	Key Outcomes Summary to be published following each Board Meeting		Key Outcomes Summary prepared following GRFMA meetings.
Charter Review 1 and Charter Review 2	December	The performance of the Executive Officer be reviewed annually	Ø	Review conducted in December 2020.
		Charter Review	Ø	GRFMA Charter Review (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.		New External Auditor 2020-2024. Appropriate levels of insurance reviewed in July 2020.
Review of the Business Plan	By 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Review the Business Plan prior to preparing the Budget Forward to the Councils	\( \sqrt{1} \)	June 2020 – Business Plan 2020- 2021 adopted. June 2020 – Achievements against the Business Plan 2019-20 presented.
Budget 20/21	By 31st March, June, October, December	Adopt for consultation forward to Councils – Adopt Budget – copy to Councils in 5 days – Conduct Budget Reviews	<b>V</b>	2021-22 draft Budget forwarded in March 2021 to constituent councils for consultation.  Budget Reviews 1 & 2 adopted by GRFMA Audit Committee and GRFMA Board.
Subscriptions	June December	Send half year subscriptions to Council	<b>V</b>	All first half subscriptions paid, 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 <sup>th</sup> September	The receipt of the following reports by Councils, Board Meeting Key Outcomes Summary Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements	<ul> <li>Key Outcomes Summary prepared following meetings.</li> <li>Annual Report forwarded electronically to Councils.</li> </ul>
Governance	Ongoing	Policies and new management framework documents developed and reviewed	<ul> <li>New Fraud and Corruption Policy</li> <li>Delivery of Strategic Plan initiated consultation underway – delivery September 2021.</li> </ul>
			* 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	* Hiatus. Pending completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. ☑
		Dewatering and repair of the low-level inlet pipe and stilling basin	* Tenders for works considered at the 17/6/2021 GRFMA Board meeting.
		Scheduled inspection Establishment of the Dam Safety Emergency Plan	<ul><li>✓ Completed September 2020.</li><li>✓ Completed January 2021.</li></ul>
		Environmental management of land associated with the Dams location	<ul><li>Annual land management lease in place.</li></ul>
		GRUMP decision support tool to manage flood risk Revegetate land zone around	☑ Completed 30 June 2021 – project was delayed due to COVID-19.
		the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.	☑ Commenced June 2020

#### **Financial Statements 2020-21**

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### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021 CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Council to certify the financial statements in their final form.

#### In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Authority provide a reasonable assurance that the Authority's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Authority's accounting and other records.

David Hitchcock

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

19/8/2021

Ian Baldwin

CHAIRMAN

Date

Date

### SCHEDULE OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME		•	Ψ
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	<del>-</del>	498,698	578,198
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(281,354)	(247,776)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-	(204.254)	(047.776)
transferred to Equity Statement		(281,354)	(247,776)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operate result	ting		
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-		
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<del>-</del>	(281,354)	(247,776)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2021

ASSETS Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents	Notes	2021	2020 \$ 151,764
Trade and Other Receivables	i(u)	169,344 49,278	32,152
Total Current Assets	•	218,622	183,916
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 Total Assets	•	21,689,675 21,908,297	22,010,838 22,194,753
Total Assets	•	21,900,297	22,194,733
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		36,567	41,669
Borrowings	•	-	
Total Liabilities NET ASSETS	-	36,567 21,871,730	41,669 22,153,084
NET ASSETS	•	21,071,730	22,133,004
EQUITY Accumulated Surplus Asset Revaluation Reserves TOTAL EQUITY	1(g) _	13,189,757 8,681,973 21,871,730	13,471,111 8,681,973 22,153,084

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2021

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

#### STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2021

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

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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).

#### Note 2 - Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30<sup>th</sup> 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
 \$ 477,000

 \$ 21,908,297

**Less Liabilities** 

Accounts Payable / Creditors \$ 36,567 **NET EQUITY** \$ 21,871,730

#### **Allocation of Councils Interest in Net Assets**

Constituent	Accumulated	Accumulated	Accumulated	All Subscriptions	Percentage of	Council's Interests
Councils	Subscriptions for	Subscriptions for	Subscriptions for	to 30 June 2021	Contributions to	in Net Assets
	Operations to 30	Maintenance to	Scheme Works		the Total	
	June 2021	30 June 2021	to 30 June 2021			
Adelaide Hills	\$172,082	\$6,352	\$70,988	\$249,422	4.54%	\$992,977
Council	\$172,082	J0,332	\$70,366	3243,422	4.54/0	3332,311
The Barossa	\$172,082	\$31,813	\$354,951	\$558,846	10.17%	\$2,224,355
Council	\$172,062	351,015	\$554,951	\$556,640	10.17%	\$2,224,333
Town of	¢172.002	¢62.506	¢700.003	¢045 500	17.310/	¢2.764.425
Gawler	\$172,082	\$63,586	\$709,892	\$945,560	17.21%	\$3,764,125
Light Regional	\$172,082	¢24.042	¢254.054	¢550.046	10 170/	ć2 224 255
Council	\$172,082	\$31,813	\$354,951	\$558,846	10.17%	\$2,224,355
Adelaide	¢472.002	¢406.070	¢4.402.446	¢4 464 207	26.600/	ÅE 047 000
Plains Council	\$172,082	\$106,079	\$1,183,146	\$1,461,307	26.60%	\$5,817,880
City of	¢472.000	¢427.254	¢4 440 763	¢4.740.406	24.240/	dc 040 000
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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 15.5 of the Charter on 19 August 2021.

#### 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)

		Revenue			Expenses		
	Voor	Grants	Other	Total	Expenses	Surplus	
	Year	Grants	Other	Revenue	Total	(deficit)	
Administration	2021	-	\$147,044	\$147,044	\$85,115	\$61,929	
Auministration	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	
Total	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:

	Maintena	ince	Operations	5	TOTALS	
Constituent Council	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

**Note 5- Contractual Services** 

	2021	2020
Executive Officer	\$56,280	\$57,330
Audit Committee (Independent & Presiding Member)	\$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**

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

#### 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	2020
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	169,344	151,764
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	169,344	151,764
(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Acti	ivities	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(281,354)	(247,776)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	321,163	321,163
	39,809	73,387
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(17,127)	(30,194)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(5,102)	41,669
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	17,580	84,862

#### **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Note 10 - Non-Current Assets Summary

			2021					2020		
	Fair Value Level	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
		Addi	itions						
	Carrying Amount	New Upgrade	Renewals	Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Valuation	Carrying Amount
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

#### **Note 11 - Financial Instruments**

All financial instruments are categorised as loans and receivables.

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments** 

Bank, Deposits at Call, Term Deposits	Short	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised atfair value and subsequently measured atamortised cost, interest is recognised when earned						
					g fixed interest	rates betwee		
0.25% and 0.30% (2020: 0.25% and 1.25%).  Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to								
Receivables - Fees & other charges  Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subset measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised the expected credit loss method  Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, creexposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries.  Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction allowance).								
<b>Liabilities</b> - Creditors a Accruals	nd	future for go Authority. Terms & cond	ods and servic	es received, v	for amounts to whether or not settled on 30 day	billed to th		
Liquidity Analysis								
2021		Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year <u>&lt;</u> 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values		
Financial Assets		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Cash & Equivalent	S	169,344	-	-	-	169,344		
Receivables		49,278	-	-	-	49,278		
	Total	218,622	-	-	-	218,622		
Financial Liabilities								
Payables		36,567	-	-	-	36,567		
	Total	36,567	-	-	-	36,567		
2020		Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; <u>&lt;</u> 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values		
Financial Assets		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Cash & Equivalents		151,764	-	-	-	151,764		
Receivables		32,152	-	-	-	32,152		
	Total	183,916	-	-	-	183,916		
Financial Liabilities								
Payables		41,669	-	-	-	41,669		

#### **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.

#### **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.

Income		2021 \$ 217,344		2020 \$ 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 Exising 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.

#### **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.

### **DeanNewbery**

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

#### Chartered Accountants

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#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (the Authority), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Authority as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and the 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 Authority 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 of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, and for such controls as Management 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, Management is responsible for assessing the Authority'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 Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

#### 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 Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006

### 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.

David Hitchcock

19/8/21

19/3/21

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

Peter Brass

PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHAIR GRFMA

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

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 22 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 to the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority for the year ended 30 June 2021, I have maintained my 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, in accordance with 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 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.* 

JIM KEOGH PARTNER

Signed on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006