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Dear Minister

As Presiding Member of the Outback Communities Authority, appointed pursuant to section 7 of the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009*, I am pleased to present the Authority's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 as required by section 18 of that Act and section 6A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1995 and its Regulations*.

Cecilia Woolford
Chair

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Chair's report

The end of the 2013-14 financial year marks the end of my first year as Chair of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA). My appointment by the Governor in July 2013 as Presiding Member of the Outback Communities Authority was indeed a great honour. I have enjoyed a close relationship with the outback over many years so I was very excited to be offered the role of guiding the Authority through its upcoming challenges. I take this opportunity to thank OCA Board Members, past and present, Senior Management and staff for the efforts that they have displayed in 2013-14. I look forward to working with the team in 2014-15 as together we strive to advance outback communities and the region.

Funded in a similar way as local government the OCA receives the majority of its funding through Federal Assistance Grants (FAGs) in untied grants. As the General Manager, Office for the OCA has mentioned in his message, the Authority has achieved much in 2013-14, indeed since its inception in 2010. Nevertheless, like other councils the OCA will face significant challenges in light of the Commonwealth Government's decision to include in the 2014 Federal Budget a freeze on indexation on Financial Assistance Grants for the next three years. These grants are of great importance to the OCA and underpin the provision of municipal services to outback communities.

The decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs will impact on the level of service the OCA can provide and it is imperative that an alternative funding source be investigated. This is why the OCA must now consider using its legislative power to raise revenue through the introduction of an Asset Sustainability Levy (ASL) and broaden the availability of community contributions.

The benefits to local communities from community contribution levies is already evident in communities like Andamooka and Iron Knob. The introduction of an ASL will free up valuable funds that can then be used to subsidise those communities wanting to implement a community contribution scheme and to support the smaller communities where a community contribution scheme may not be feasible.

Despite the uncertainty of future funding I am confident that the OCA and all outback communities can work collaboratively toward a better, more resilient outback for all. On behalf of the OCA it gives me great pleasure to present the Outback Communities Authority's 2013-14 Annual Report highlighting some of the important achievements of the Authority during the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia Woolford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cecilia Woolford
Chair



General Manager's Report

Whilst reviewing 2013-14 I am again very pleased with the outcomes achieved by the Office for the Outback Communities Authority (OCA). These projects included outback airstrip upgrades and the continued management of municipal services to the Oodnadatta community.

2013-14 marks the commencement of the second term for the OCA Members following the first appointments made in 2010. Three existing members, Mr George Beltchev, Mrs Frances Frahn and Mrs Margaret Heylen were reappointed and the OCA welcomed four new members; Ms Cecilia Woolford, Mr Peter Allen, Mrs Joyleen Booth and Mrs Marilyn Turner. Ms Woolford takes on the role as Chair from outgoing Chair, Mr William McIntosh AM.

Mr McIntosh served a total of 22 years providing strong guidance to the outback, first as a member and then Chair of the Outback Areas Community Development Trust and the inaugural Chair of the OCA. On behalf of the Office for the OCA, I wish Mr McIntosh every success for future endeavours and thank him for his valued leadership over the many years that we have worked together.

With the continuance of the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) at Andamooka further progress in the form of paved footpaths, the opening of the new office to provide accommodation for the Andamooka Town Management Committee and the recreational Splashpad were achieved.

The Iron Knob community welcomed a CCS for an initial period of 6 months, from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 after which a community engagement process was undertaken to ascertain whether the CCS would continue into 2014-15. I am pleased to note that the CCS has provided welcome relief to the hard working volunteers and a confident decision to continue with a CCS in 2014-15 for Iron Knob will be reached.

The Office for the OCA has managed upgrades to remote airstrips since 2007 initially through the Remote Aerodrome Safety Program and now the Regional Aviation Access Program and continued on with this important role in 2013-14. The Marla Airstrip was the third stage in a 3-phase upgrade that commenced in May 2012. The registration of the Marla Airstrip was the final phase and has resulted in the airstrip providing GPS instrument approaches to landing aircraft. It is also pleasing to note that the upgrade to the Kingoonya Airstrip was also completed with a new windsock and marker cones being installed providing increased safety for aircraft landings.

The OCA's Strategic Management Plan is now in its third year and a strong focus of the Plan is to consider how to better engage with people who live and work in the outback. The OCA has continued to improve on its engagement methods and the release of the OCA's website available in a low band-width version is a positive response to feedback received from outback residents. The OCA will continue to work and support outback communities and will strive to ensure that engaging with our stakeholders continues to strengthen our strong relationships.

In acknowledging the achievements in 2013-14 I pay tribute to the small number of support staff in the Office for the OCA. The diversified capacity amongst the staff has ensured that the

office is able to consistently support the OCA members whilst providing a sound mechanism to guide and support outback communities and their views, interests and aspirations.

It is with great enthusiasm that I look to 2014-15 at the challenges that lay ahead and to working collaboratively with stakeholders whether they be outback residents, SA Government or non-government agencies on innovative ideas that will sustain and improve outback SA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Sutton', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Mark Sutton
General Manager

Highlights for 2013-14

Andamooka town management committee

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) established the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) on 1 January 2012, under Section 11 of the Outback Communities (*Administration and Management*) Act 2009 after responding to overwhelming pressure that had been placed on volunteers within the Andamooka community through the delivery of municipal services and rapid development associated with the expansion of Olympic Dam operations. An internal review of ATMC operations confirmed that it should continue and subsequently the second term of membership was extended to a 3 year term, to cease at 30 June 2016. The Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA), the peak volunteer organisation in Andamooka, works collaboratively with the ATMC on the management of town resources and projects.

The committee's membership consists of representatives from the OCA, APOMA, a community member and an independent Chair. As at 30 June 2014, the position of Chair remained vacant. The ATMC is supported by a Community Administrator who manages the delivery of municipal services to the Andamooka community and manages local community projects.

The first Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) for the unincorporated areas of SA was implemented in Andamooka on 1 July 2012. On 20 March 2013 the ATMC released its second Community Plan incorporating the draft 2013-14 financial plan and budget for a four week consultation period proposing to continue with the CCS in Andamooka. The OCA commenced consultation with Andamooka residents and landowners on the Andamooka Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement (CARM) on 1 July 2013 and concluded the consultation on 31 July 2013. As a result of the positive consultation, the OCA sought approval from the Minister for State and Local Government Relations for the Andamooka CCS to continue.

On 18 August 2013 the OCA received Ministerial approval pursuant to Section 21 (3) (b) of the Outback Communities (*Administration and Management*) Act 2009 for the application of a CCS for Andamooka (including White Dam) for the 2013-14 financial year of \$400 per property unit on rateable land.

The committee in its second term continued to work toward improving facilities for the Andamooka community. Monies raised as a result of the scheme, along with matching funding from the Outback Communities Authority and in-kind services from the OCA's Port Augusta office has seen facilities greatly improve for Andamooka residents. The ATMC has continued to make outstanding progress; resulting in the first paved foot paths for Andamooka, a new Splashpad recreation area and upgrades to the community hall – all achieved in the 2013-14 year. Contracts were put in place to deliver municipal services such as town maintenance and the Community Administrator has worked extremely hard to ensure that all projects commenced, have been finalised within contract timeframes. In most cases Andamooka residents have volunteered their time to assist with meeting project deadlines.

The Community Administrator with funding provided by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has continued to maintain the road networks in Andamooka which due to extreme weather incidents has been an ongoing battle. Two new services specifically tailored for the travelling public have been implemented; a coin operated water dispenser and also an Ezy dump (specifically for caravan travellers). These new services

have resulted in Andamooka being included in the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia.

Further improvements to the Andamooka community has seen six solar street lights being erected ensuring residents can safely navigate the community at night, fencing for the community playground and dog management signage. The local waste area is managed by the Community Administrator resulting in waste areas being left as newly covered landfill surfaces, seeing a large reduction in vandalism.

Iron Knob town services

In June 2012 the OCA became aware of the difficulties faced by the Iron Knob Progress Association in delivering municipal services and facing the day to day challenges of managing the Iron Knob community. Throughout 2012-13 the OCA worked with the Iron Knob Progress Association on an agreed way forward which resulted in a Community Administrator being employed for 2 days per week from November 2012 until April 2013.

In July 2013 the OCA was approached by the Iron Knob Progress Association seeking a more formal process of assistance that would see the OCA manage the day to day operations of the Iron Knob Progress Association. The OCA was advised that the capacity of the Iron Knob Progress Association to manage the Iron Knob community into the future had been severely reduced due to the reducing capacity of volunteers.

The OCA proposed that a similar management model to the Andamooka Town Management Committee be investigated but noted the size of the Iron Knob community and the municipal services delivered, would not warrant a formal Section 11, Outback Communities (*Administration and Management*) Act 2009 committee. In mid 2013 the Iron Knob Progress Association endorsed the application of a Community Contribution Scheme as a mechanism for equitable cost sharing for the delivery of municipal services currently provided by the Iron Knob Progress Association for the benefit of the whole community.

On 11 October 2013 the OCA commenced consultation with Iron Knob landowners and occupiers seeking feedback on the draft 2014 Financial Plan and Budget and Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement. The Financial Plan confirmed the core responsibilities of both the Iron Knob Progress Association and the OCA. During the consultation period, the OCA held a public meeting on 4 November 2013 at Iron Knob which was well attended. At the conclusion of the consultation period, the vast majority of Iron Knob residents recognised the burden carried by the Iron Knob Progress Association and were supportive of the proposed Community Contribution Scheme and CARM Agreement. The consultation period ceased on 15 November 2013.

On 26 November 2013 the OCA sought approval from the Minister for State and Local Government Relations Gail Gago, to implement a Community Contribution Scheme at Iron Knob.

On 9 December 2013 the OCA received Ministerial approval pursuant to Section 21 (3) (b) of the Outback Communities (*Administration and Management*) Act 2009 for the introduction of a CCS for Iron Knob for the 2013-14 financial year of \$120.00 per property unit on rateable land for a six month period only, being for the period of 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014.

For the six months that the CCS was in place the OCA administered services such as town maintenance, waste collection and governance support.

Besides the CCS for the Andamooka and Iron Knob communities, the OCA did not implement any other form of rating in its region of jurisdiction during 2013-2014.

Remote aerodromes

Regional aviation access program

With joint funding provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Government and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, (DPTI) SA Government the OCA undertook upgrades of the William Creek, Mungerannie and Marla airstrips. The funding amount of \$184,590 through the Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP) and matched \$184,590 funding from DPTI SA Government enabled the relocation of a perimeter fence and waste area at the William Creek airstrip, the addition of solar airstrip lights at the Mungerannie airstrip and the registration of the Marla airstrip, providing GPS instrument landing approaches.

The William Creek and Mungerannie airstrip upgrades were completed as at 30 June 2013, leaving the third component, the registration of the Marla airstrip to be completed in the 2013-14 year.

Throughout 2013-14 the OCA worked to achieve the registration of the Marla airstrip which involved the preparation, flight test and publishing of GPS approaches. Further upgrades at the Marla airstrip included the provision of airstrip markers and the installation of a windsock. It is envisaged that the registration of the Marla airstrip will be achieved by August 2014.

The OCA has responded to the Emergency Preparedness Audit – Outback SA Aircraft Landing Areas document and project managed upgrades to strategically located outback airstrips since 2007. Airstrips located at Balcanoona, Glendambo, Manna Hill, Marla, Marree, Mintabie, Mungerannie, Oodnadatta and William Creek have been upgraded with the assistance of joint funding provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Government and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Government. The OCA will continue to seek assistance from these funding partners and upgrade those airstrips that remain identified in the Emergency Preparedness Audit – Outback SA Aircraft Landing Areas document.

Oodnadatta airstrip upgrade

The OCA commenced a major upgrade of the Oodnadatta airstrip in late June, 2010. Joint funding was provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Government and DPTI, SA Government.

Constant delays in securing contractors to undertake the work in one of the remotest areas of SA hindered the project until May 2013 when all works were finalised. The finalised upgrade provides, where possible, year round all weather access to a very remote community, surrounding pastoralists and the general travelling public. Further to this an increase in safety of all aircraft, crews and passengers along with improved community access to essential services for the Oodnadatta community and the operational requirements of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and operators providing similar aero-medical services has been achieved.

On 12 July 2013 the Minister for State and Local Government Relations and Regional Development Gail Gago, formerly opened the airstrip dedicating the Oodnadatta airstrip to the memory of the late Adam Plate.

The OCA owns the airstrip at Oodnadatta and manage it with the assistance of the Oodnadatta community.

Kingoonya airstrip upgrade

In April 2014 the OCA received confirmation that funding would be provided through the Regional Aviation Access Program to undertake an upgrade at the Kingoonya airstrip. Joint funding was provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Commonwealth Government and DPTI SA Government. The upgrade will ensure that emergency aviation access is available to the Kingoonya community and surrounding regional areas.

OCA website

The much anticipated new OCA website went live on 14 April 2014. The many hours of research and time spent in developing the website is a true reflection of the dedication given by the small OCA team and in particular the Governance Manager who project managed the upgrade. To ensure that outback residents can access the website easily, the OCA has made available low band-width access ensuring that a wide range of information technology needs can be met.

The Outback Communities Authority's purpose and role

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) was established pursuant to the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* and commenced operations on 1 July 2010. The OCA replaced the Outback Areas Community Development Trust as the management and governance authority for the outback.

The OCA has responsibility for the management and local governance of the unincorporated areas of South Australia and to articulate the views, interests and aspirations of outback residents. The region encompasses 63% of the State of South Australia and is home to approximately 4,500 people who reside in a number of small townships and numerous smaller settlements including pastoral, farming and tourism enterprises.

From 1 July 2013 up to and including 31 July 2013, the OCA sat administratively within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC). Through the Machinery of Government changes, the OCA was transitioned to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) for the remainder of the 2013-14 year (from 1 August 2013 up until 30 June 2014). Up until late March 2014, the OCA provided advice to the Minister for State and Local Government Relations, the Hon Gail Gago MLC through PIRSA. For the months of April through to June 2014, the OCA provided advice to the newly elected Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock MP, again through PIRSA.

The OCA's structure is unique in the Australian context as it performs some functions traditionally undertaken by Local Government and some which usually fall within the jurisdiction of State Governments.

Our purpose

The purpose or functions of the OCA are defined in the OCA's empowering Legislation, the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009*, being to:

- a) manage the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities; and
- b) promote improvements in the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities; and
- c) articulate the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities.

Our role

In performing its functions, the OCA is –

- a) Primarily to foster and support the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities by community organisations, including by making grants and loans to such organisations; and
- b) To consider long-term requirements for maintenance, replacement and development of infrastructure for public services and facilities for outback communities; and
- c) To consider State and national objectives and strategies that are relevant to outback communities; and
- d) To seek ongoing collaboration with local, State and national governments in the planning and delivery of public services and facilities to outback communities; and

- e) To ensure that there are systems in place to further its understanding of the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities; and
- f) To facilitate decision making by others on a basis that is well informed in relation to the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities, including by participating in appropriate local, State and national forums; and
- g) To provide services with a high level of efficiency and effectiveness, manage resources effectively, prudently and in a fully accountable manner and maintain and enhance the value of public assets.

The OCA is the key contact for development, sustainability and new initiatives in the unincorporated areas of South Australia and works collaboratively across a diverse range of government and industry sectors. To achieve its functions, the OCA:

- Manages the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities including smaller settlements such as farming, pastoral and tourism enterprises.
- Plans for the development, maintenance or replacement of infrastructure for public services and facilities in outback communities by implementing long-term planning initiatives.
- Commits to consulting with people in the unincorporated areas on matters that may be important to them, or that may affect the region in which they live.
- Through community development initiatives such as training and planning activities, supports the remotely located communities to be self-sustaining.

The OCA encourages dog owners to register their dogs in the unincorporated areas of South Australia and negotiates with outback agencies to collect dog registrations on the OCA's behalf. The OCA maintains a record of all dog registrations in a financial year – this service proving to be very useful when tracing lost dogs.

Nine local agencies provided a dog registration service to residents of the outback during 2013-14. The Office for the OCA also provides the opportunity for residents in the unincorporated areas to register their dogs. During the year 323 dog registrations were processed and a total of \$5,600 was collected, this being a decrease from registrations collected in the 2012-13 which was \$5,918.

The OCA's stakeholders include:

- Progress Associations and or body corporates in the remote areas of South Australia.
- Residents in the unincorporated areas of South Australia.
- Other State and Federal Government agencies.
- Other non-Government agencies.

While supporting outback communities, the OCA strongly encourages the communities to work together on projects and improvements that benefit the wider outback.

Funds available to the OCA

The OCA's principal funding sources are the Commonwealth Local Government Financial Assistance Grants provided through the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission, and an appropriation received annually from the South Australian Government. In the 2013-14 year the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission remained the principal contributor providing \$1,437,000, although the first two quarterly payments were received in June 2013. Through accounting processes, the OCA was able to recognise the early payments in the 2013-14 year. The South Australian Government's appropriation totalled \$618,000.

The OCA operates as a recognised local governing body under the *South Australian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1992* for the purposes of receiving financial assistance grants funding. This recognition assists the OCA when seeking project specific funding from other areas of Government.

The OCA also receives funding from State and Commonwealth agencies specific to particular projects, interest on funds held, landing fees from outback airstrips managed by the OCA, user-pays visitor facilities, dog registration fees and general publication sales.

Organisation structure

Membership

The OCA was established on 1 July 2010 under the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* (the Act) as a result of legislative changes passed by Parliament in late 2009.

The Governor appoints the seven members of the OCA, of whom at least four are to be members of different outback communities and at least one member must be female and one a male. Members of the OCA are appointed for a term not exceeding three years and at the conclusion of a term of office, are eligible for reappointment.

The initial term of Board Membership commenced on 1 July 2010 and ceased on 30 June 2013. Outgoing Chair, Mr William McIntosh AM served initially on the Outback Areas Community Development Trust and then the Outback Communities Authority. Mr McIntosh served a total of 22 years providing guidance and support on outback matters. He will continue to actively advocate on matters of interest regarding the outback.

Three Members were reappointed for a second term; Mr George Beltchev, Mrs Frances Frahn and Mrs Margaret Heylen, along with four new appointees consisting of Ms Cecilia Woolford as Chair, Mr Peter Allen, Mrs Joyleen Booth and Mrs Marilyn Turner. The Minister for State and Local Government Relations, Minister Gail Gago MLC announced the OCA Membership on 20 June 2013 and for the first time, membership terms were staggered. The OCA Board are:



Ms Cecilia Woolford, (Chair)
Term 1/7/13-30/6/16



Mr Peter Allen
Term 1/7/13 – 31/12/14



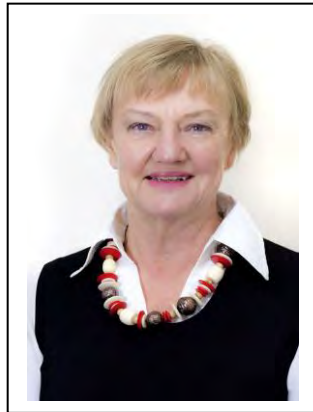
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Term 1/7/13-30/6/16



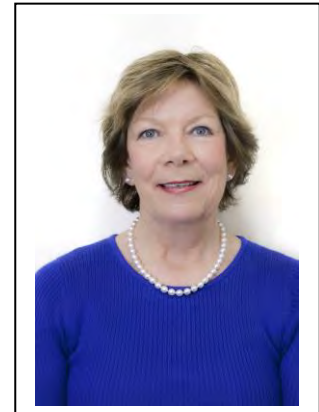
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Term 1/7/2013-30/6/2016



Mrs Francis Frahn
Term 1/7/13-31/12/14



Mrs Margie Heylen
Term 1/7/13-31/12/14



Mrs Marilyn Turner
Term 1/7/13-30/6/16

Support staff

The Office for the OCA in Port Augusta is supported by seven staff. Four of the staff are full time employees, three staff originally employed on 12-month contracts have had their contracts extended for a further 12 months.

The Andamooka Town Management Committee is supported by a Community Administrator, who is employed on a contract basis. The Community Administrator position is an OCA employee and included in the employee allocation. Administration support is provided to the Community Administrator by an external contractor.

The seven employees located in the Port Augusta office support approximately 30 remotely located communities and although the support staff are low in number, the support is well managed and can relate to matters as broad as maintaining and developing new infrastructure to dog registrations and community development.

Upon request the OCA also assists with sourcing training for outback community members, often being financial management and governance matters. In the past, specific training has been organised to assist seniors with computer operation and general first aid.

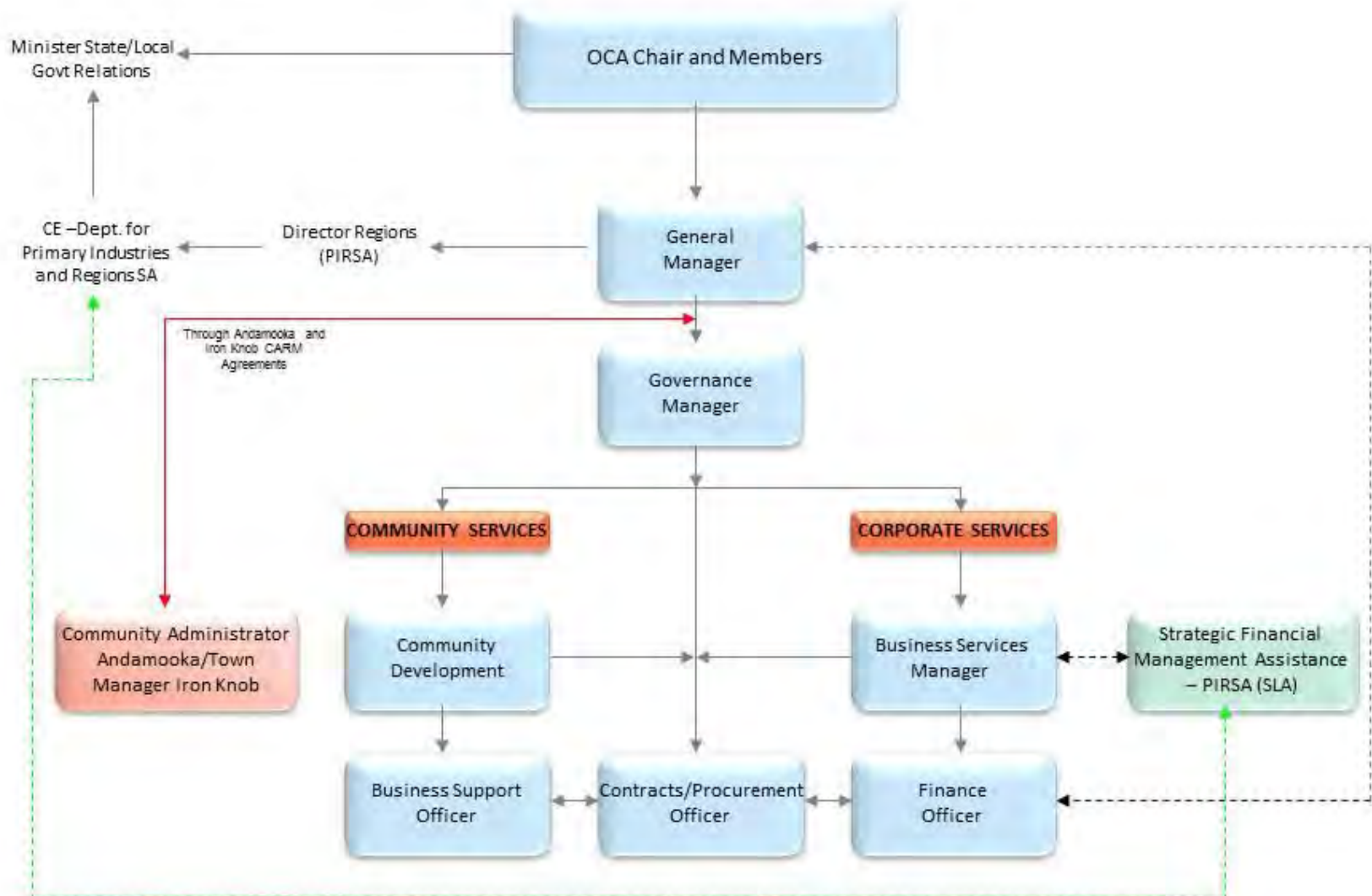
Throughout 2013 at the request of the Iron Knob Progress Association, the OCA provided support to ensure that municipal services continued in the community. The request for support from the Iron Knob Progress Association culminated in a Community Contribution Scheme being implemented from 1 January 2014 (refer to page 5 Iron Knob Town Services). Since mid-February the Community Administrator located in Andamooka, took on a support role with the Iron Knob Progress Association and community. This resulted in three days per week working in Andamooka and two days per week working to support the operations of the Iron Knob community.

The Office for the OCA welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with both State and Federal agencies applying for grant funding to assist with improvements in the outback and support community development initiatives. The OCA strongly supports these inter agency relationships acknowledging that as a result of receiving grant funds, significant improvements to the outback have been achieved ensuring the sustainability of remotely located communities.

Up until August 2013 the Office for the OCA maintained a close working relationship with staff from the Office for State and Local Government Relations. This unit was disbanded due to machinery of government changes.

Since February 2011 the OCA has shared accommodation arrangements with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) and Rural Solutions SA (RSSA). Although the OCA is by far the biggest agency in the office arrangement, management of the accommodation has worked very well with all agencies benefitting from cost savings.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE 2013-14



Group operations

Infrastructure

In the unincorporated areas of South Australia the OCA owns and manages property, plant and equipment assets valued at \$6.6 million. Assets owned by the OCA consist of airstrips, public conveniences, community waste water units and UHF towers. At the request of communities, the OCA has taken over ownership and therefore management of infrastructure, such as UHF towers as communities have found that with diminished volunteer capacity, the infrastructure cannot be maintained resulting in the facility deteriorating.

Airstrips

The OCA owns airstrips located at Marla and Oodnadatta. Both of these airstrips have undergone major upgrades as a result of the Emergency Preparedness Audit undertaken in 2006 with joint funding received from the Commonwealth and State Governments. The Oodnadatta Progress Association transferred ownership of the airstrip to the OCA on 1 March 2013. The lack of volunteers able to commit to the upkeep of the airstrip being a telling factor in this decision. The OCA has implemented a collection system to collect landing fees which will be used for ongoing maintenance at the airstrip and has employed a Reporting Officer to ensure that the airstrip remains clear for use.

The OCA also employs a local community member to undertake the duties of a Reporting Officer at the Marla airstrip. A collection system has also been installed at the Marla airstrip.

As at 30 June 2014, approximately \$4,500 had been collected in landing fees.

The OCA supports the maintenance of community owned and managed airstrips located at Andamooka, Blinman, Glendambo, Innamincka, Kingoonya, Manna Hill, Marla, Marree, William Creek and Yunta through annual Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) agreements. The Progress Associations at each of these locations organise for the maintenance to occur to accommodate scheduled visits and emergency evacuations by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Public facilities

The OCA owns and manages 19 public conveniences within the unincorporated areas of South Australia. Although at times, the location of some public conveniences proves difficult to service, the OCA has a very reliable contractor base that cleans and maintains the facilities to a high standard providing a service to the travelling public and to local residents. The OCA's contractors are employed from local communities.

Expenditure on OCA owned public conveniences for the 2013-14 year was approximately \$220,000 which included cleaning contractors, maintenance of facilities, electricity and water expenses and the provision of consumables.

Planning for the replacement of the public toilets at Blinman began in May 2013. The replacement programme encountered numerous hurdles that had to be overcome before the on ground work could commence. Issues such as property ownership, extremely rocky terrain and compatible effluent systems caused significant delays. The OCA is pleased that the issues have been resolved and look forward to the implementation of new public toilets in the 2014-15 year.

In an effort to assist with ongoing maintenance with remotely located public conveniences, the OCA has installed donation pillars at each site. Approximately \$1,700 was received as a result of donations for the 2013-2014 year which is a slight increase on 2012-13. In an effort to raise awareness amongst the travelling public of the ever increasing cost to operate these facilities, the OCA will investigate updating signage at the public convenience locations. Very few public complaints are received by the OCA regarding the public conveniences which is a testament to the committed cleaning contractors.

Shower facilities are provided at Innamincka and Pimba and are managed by the local Progress Associations. Both facilities have a donation system in place. In the 2013-2014 year approximately \$19,830 was received from donations as a result of the travelling public accessing the facility at Innamincka; this in itself is a very good indication of the high numbers that visit this remote community.

Community waste water management systems are managed by the OCA and located in the Blinman, Marla, Oodnadatta, Parachilna and William Creek communities, although the unit in William Creek is not being used. The systems are designed to collect, treat and dispose of primary treated effluent from septic tanks.

UHF repeater towers

The OCA owns 34 UHF repeater towers within a network that spans across the outback region. The towers are strategically placed to provide a communication link for outback residents and the general travelling public.

Historically, some towers were originally owned by outback communities and pastoralists but due to diminished volunteer capacity and the increase in maintenance costs, the OCA has agreed to take over ownership and continues to manage this important communication network.

Due to the extreme weather conditions in the outback region, the OCA has implemented a scheduled maintenance run which is planned well in advance to allow the contractor to undertake extensive travel.

In the 2013-2014 year two scheduled maintenance visits were undertaken and a major upgrade to one tower at a cost to the OCA of approximately \$58,000. The OCA is very aware that there are areas in the outback where the existing UHF towers do not cover. To address this situation the OCA financed the installation of a new repeater tower on Bollards Lagoon in May 2012.

The OCA looks at the outback strategically

Pursuant to section 15 (1) of the Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009, a Strategic Management Plan is to be submitted to the Minister for State and Local Government Relations. The OCA's first five-year Strategic Management Plan was released in October 2011 and incorporated the 2011-2012 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

2013-14 is the third year of the implementation of the 2011-2015 Strategic Management Plan; copies of the Plan and the 2013-14 Annual Business Plan and Budget are available from the Office for the OCA.

South Australia's Strategic Plan is comprised of specific targets and is a guide to the well-being and prosperity of South Australia. The OCA is pleased to be able to link into the following SA Strategic Plan Targets.

Target 4: Tourism Industry: Increase visitor expenditure in South Australia's total tourism industry to \$8billion and on Kangaroo Island to \$180 million by 2020

Supporting tourism activity in the remote areas of SA is extremely important to not only individual businesses but also to the many small communities that rely on the tourism dollar to grow their industry. In 2013-14 the OCA along with the South Australian Tourism Commission, Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism, Port Augusta City Council, Coober Pedy Council, Flinders Ranges Council and the Roxby Downs Council provided funding to Regional Development Australia Far North for a regional Tourism Officer position.

The OCA also financially supported the regional 'A Brush with Art' event which attracts visitors from all over Australia to follow a unique 'art trail' throughout the north of SA.

Target 6: Aboriginal wellbeing: Improve the overall wellbeing of Aboriginal South Australians

The OCA has worked with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) since 2006 to deliver municipal services to the Aboriginal people residing in one of the most remote communities in SA - Oodnadatta. One component of this project is to also provide the services of a veterinary officer who visits the community and assists with animal health matters. (More information on this project is available on page 22)

Target 24: Volunteering: Maintain a high level of formal and informal volunteering in South Australia at 70% participation rate or higher

The OCA has 28 communities scattered across the unincorporated areas of SA. All of these communities embrace volunteering as this becomes the strength of each community. Volunteers in outback areas often provide municipal services to community residents which includes, waste disposal, town maintenance, and in some communities management of local airstrips and the production of the ever important local newsletter, keeping the community and surrounding areas informed of local events.

Progress Associations are often the peak body in each community with members being the local volunteers. In supporting the communities, the OCA offers the opportunity to have a Community Affairs, Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement in place. A CARM Agreement is a formal arrangement which confirms funding provided by the OCA over the course of a financial year. (For more information on CARM Agreements, see page 25).

Target 13: Work-life balance: Improve the quality of life of all South Australians through maintenance of a healthy work-life balance

The OCA offers Incorporated Associations in the remote areas of SA, the opportunity to apply for Small Sports Grants. The grants are to encourage outback residents to join together in sporting and recreational activities, recognising the importance of work-life balance. The OCA also offers two opportunities per financial year for Incorporated Associations to apply for funding through the Project Grants program. The OCA provided sponsorship funding in 2013-14 to five outdoor events which included the William Creek and Marree Gymkhanas, the Yunta tennis tournament, the Marree picnic race event and the Marla Bronco Branding and family day event. (For more information on the OCA's grant program, see page 25).

Target 56: Strategic infrastructure: Ensure that the provision of key economic and social infrastructure accommodates population growth

The OCA owns 19 public toilets, 34 UHF towers, 5 community waste water treatment schemes, 2 airstrips and 2 Ezy-dump points in its area of responsibility. The infrastructure is well maintained with the OCA employing locals, where possible. The public toilets are a service provided to the general travelling public, as are the Ezy-dump points for caravan travellers. The UHF towers are used by the travelling public and are also of great benefit to the many pastoralists that reside in the outback by providing another option for communication. The waste water treatment schemes are located at Blinman, Marla, Oodnadatta, Parachilna and William Creek. The airstrips are located at Oodnadatta and Marla and are maintained to a Royal Flying Doctor Service standard ensuring access to medical assistance in emergency situations. (For more information on OCA owned infrastructure, see page 15).

In planning for the future, the OCA is committed to:

- Establishing effective communication with the outback community and understanding the issues that affect people's lives;
- Keeping people in the outback informed about what we are doing;
- Listening to the diverse views and aspirations of people living and working in the outback before making decisions that will affect everyday life;
- Promoting equitable access to services and facilities, and seeking innovative solutions to the outback's unique challenges;
- Regularly reporting on our progress and asking for feedback about what we are doing; and
- Striving to be an organisation that is easy to do business with.

Annual business plan and budget

In 2011-12 and 2012-13 the OCA released its Business Plan and Budget incorporated with the Strategic Management Plan document. To simplify reading, the Annual Business Plan and Budget information for 2013-14 was separated from the Strategic Management Plan, which remained unchanged.

On 26 April 2013 the OCA released its Draft 2013-2014 Annual Business Plan and Budget for consultation, inviting outback community members to comment on the OCA's proposed direction and priorities. The consultation period ended on 7 June 2013 with 7 submissions being received. At its meeting held on 13 June 2013, the OCA considered the submissions and agreed that no material change was required for the 2013-14 Annual Business Plan and Budget document. The document was forwarded to the Minister for State and Local Government Relations, seeking approval.

On 18 September 2013 the Minister for State and Local Government Relations approved the 2013-2014 Annual Business Plan and Budget which enabled the OCA to progress with its priority actions to achieve the five-year Strategic Management Plan.

2013-14 Annual business plan key strategic objectives

The OCA has continued to build on the key strategic objectives identified in its 5-year Strategic Management Plan, including them in the Annual Business Plan and budget. The objectives guide the OCA in its operations and underpin the significant activities achieved in 2013-14:

Key Strategic Objectives	Significant Activity Achieved
Build and maintain relationships with people who live and work in the outback	Held two well attended meetings in Iron Knob in November 2013, Penong and Fowlers Bay in March 2014.
Articulate the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities to policy and decision makers	Representation on the whole of outback Waste Management Strategy working group to ensure that recommendations are achievable in the unincorporated areas of SA.
Manage the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities	Completed major upgrades to the remotely located UHF repeater network to ensure that communications for people living and working in the outback are maintained to a high standard.
Promote and facilitate improvements in the provision of public facilities and services to outback communities	Finalised the registration of the Marla Airstrip including the provision of GPS instrument landing approaches. Secured funding for an upgrade to the Kingoonya Airstrip.
Support outback people in their community development aspirations	Continued to support the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association for the continuance of a Community Contribution Scheme for the residents of Andamooka. Supported the Iron Knob Progress Association for the implementation of a Community Contribution Scheme for the residents of Iron Knob.
Ensure accountability and transparency in the management of OCA affairs	Developed and launched the new OCA website ensuring that a low band width option is available to residents in remote areas.

Other achievements in 2013-14

New office at Andamooka

2013-14 saw the continuation of a Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) for Andamooka. It was apparent with the CCS in place for a second year that a central point of contact was required in Andamooka. Working collaboratively the OCA, Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) and the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA) commenced construction of a new office in August 2013. Thorough planning was undertaken to ensure that the office for the ATMC was fully compliant for disabled access, this included a ramp access entrance, oversized doors throughout the building, internal signage for sight impaired and unisex disabled toilet facilities. Operations commenced from the new office location in December 2013, with the project being formally completed in February 2014.

On 4 March 2014, the Hon Gail Gago MLC, Minister for State and Local Government Relations travelled to Andamooka and formally opened the new ATMC office and Splashpad recreation area.

The office for the ATMC is managed by a Community Administrator and supported by an Administration Officer.

The recreational Splashpad area has incorporated disabled access with the inclusion of an access ramp and has provided a social outlet for the Andamooka community.

Outback community parks

The OCA applied for funding and received \$25,150 from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure under the Local Government Stimulus Program for a project that will enhance parks at two communities in the unincorporated region of South Australia. The communities to be assisted are Lyndhurst and Yunta and the general objectives of the project are to develop community areas that will be turned into a revitalised space incorporating a play space, picnic area, shade, barbeque and shelter as well as solar lights and outdoor furniture.

The outcomes will be a recreational space for visitors and community members of all ages. The improvements to both of the recreational areas at Lyndhurst and Yunta will improve the amenity of both towns and encourage the travelling public to visit and appreciate the special qualities of the region and will also encourage community cohesion for local residents.

Management of the community water supply at Copley

The OCA has managed the community water supply located at Copley since 2011. The Copley and Districts Progress Association were unable to continue to manage the local water supply and sought support from the OCA to ensure that this essential municipal service continued. The Copley and Districts Progress Association worked with the OCA to implement a mutually acceptable agreement which has relieved pressure on the volunteers who had admirably managed the water supply up until assistance was sought.

Management of the water supply involves a local contractor to undertake quarterly water readings and carry out maintenance on the water supply to ensure that this essential service remains operational.

Outback projects

Dedication of Oodnadatta airstrip

The OCA managed the major upgrade of the Oodnadatta Airstrip with joint funding provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Government and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA Government totalling approximately \$1 million. The project continued over the course of 2011-12 and 2012-13. The upgrade to the Oodnadatta Airstrip was finalised in May 2013.

The dedication of the Oodnadatta Airstrip took place on 12 July 2013 when the Hon Gail Gago, Minister for State/Local Government Relations dedicated the airstrip in the memory of the late Mr Adam Plate, co-owner of the iconic Pink Roadhouse at Oodnadatta.

Supporting youth in the outback

Through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, the OCA was able to financially support the Youth Advisory Committees operating in outback SA to assist with activities for youth aged between 12-25 years. The OCA has found that a high percentage of youth in the outback leave the area from an approximate age of 17 years in pursuit of employment. Funding totalling \$3,000 assisted the Copley community to provide activities every second weekend and throughout the Easter weekend, during April 2014. Andamooka youth benefitted from the funding as they were able to coordinate a youth group gathering on a weekly basis where cooking instruction and meal preparation was provided.

Further activities were provided in Penong and Marree where the Youth Advisory Committees organised activities such as the local Christmas Tree event, a film evening, a New Years Eve cricket match and a school holiday film festival.

The OCA sought further funding from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion to assist with National Youth Week activities, scheduled for April 2014. The OCA was successful with its application and received \$4,000 in grant funds. Using the funding, the OCA organised for the Australian Football League, Port Power Football Club to visit Leigh Creek, Copley, Marree and Oodnadatta. Football clinics were conducted at each location and over 200 youth participated.

In May 2014 the OCA were advised that they had been successful in receiving \$10,000 in funding from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion for a new program developed which will organise for a youth forum to be held in outback SA. It is envisaged that the forum will provide the opportunity for youth to learn about event management, volunteering in general, governance and communication skills. The OCA will look to hold the forum in the 2014-15 year at a location yet to be determined.

Outback clean up

Since 2007 a dedicated team of volunteers have spent a week long pilgrimage travelling along the Oodnadatta, Birdsville and Strzelecki tracks to collect rubbish strewn along SA's much travelled tourist routes.

The group's members are aged 6-85 years and the annual rubbish collection run involves about 30 volunteers in 10-12 vehicles, a collection truck and a mobile camp kitchen.

In March 2014 20 volunteers split between the northern and southern groups, rendezvoused at Parachilna after collecting rubbish enroute. The volunteers continued with their rubbish collection along the routes to Blinman, Wilpena Pound and Hawker. The Parachilna expedition grossed in excess of 580 volunteer hours over a three day period by 20 volunteers and alleviated outback roads of approximately 15 tonnes of rubbish. Two treks to collect rubbish in

the northern remote areas of SA were undertaken during March 2014, collectively removing 19 tonnes of rubbish.

The OCA became aware of the stalwart work undertaken by the Great Tracks Cleanup Crew in 2013 and subsequently supported them by providing signage for their vehicles.

On 6 November 2013 The Great Tracks Cleanup Crew were awarded the 2013 Landcare South Australia innovative community group prize.

In March 2014 the OCA again financially supported this worthy volunteer group and provided funding through the Project Grants program totalling \$4,200 to assist with the purchase of portable refrigerators and freezers, UHF radios and the use of a hydraulic crane to assist with the annual clean up.

Dates have already been set for the annual Strzelecki Track clean up, scheduled to commence on 10 July 2014.

The OCA is very pleased to be able to support the Great Tracks Cleanup Crew and commends this diverse group of volunteers for their tireless effort in keeping outback SA clear of rubbish enabling residents and visitors to the region, to fully appreciate the unique surrounds.

Remote municipal services project

Since 2006 the OCA has project managed the delivery of municipal services to the Oodnadatta community, some 1,000 kilometres north of Adelaide. The OCA works collaboratively with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to provide the municipal services that most people in cities would take for granted. In the 2013-14 year the OCA received funding totalling \$101,700 to project manage the effective delivery of community services to the Oodnadatta community. The Dunjiba Community Council Inc were contracted to pick up hard waste within the community, stockpile recyclables and maintain the local waste area; the work providing the opportunity for seven Indigenous people to gain casual and part time employment.

The Municipal Services project also undertakes landscaping and dust control within the Oodnadatta community by maintaining community parks and ensuring that public areas are maintained in a tidy condition with an emphasis on dust minimisation and fire prevention. A community camping area for tourists and locals that commenced in the 2012-13 year, was completed during 2013-2014, providing the opportunity for visitors to remain for extended visits. The project also provided a shelter at the local Dunjiba Community Council office area and outdoor tables and chairs were purchased to increase opportunities for social interaction for community residents. A further two more shelters have been ordered and it is envisaged that they will be constructed in the 2014-15 year at the local cemetery and recreational area.

The project also provides for professional veterinary services to visit the Oodnadatta community with the aim of improving the health of community dogs by regular treatment. Four visits were undertaken in 2013-14 with very good attendances recorded. The veterinary visits enable general pet health to be assessed providing the opportunity for community dogs to be healthier and dog numbers to be contained.

Outback heritage works

The Farina Restoration Group was formed in 2008 for a very specific reason – to restore and preserve the original buildings and marking roads and implement new interpretive signage at Farina which is located 26km north of Lyndhurst and 55 km south of Marree – well and truly within the OCA's region. Farina, which is no longer inhabited was originally surveyed and proclaimed a town on 21 March 1878 and was first known as Government Gums, with the name later being changed to Farina.

The Farina site has created a point of interest for the travelling public being an oasis of outback history and a true tourist destination in outback SA. The OCA has financially supported the Farina Restoration Group since 2009, providing a total of \$65,600; \$10,000 in funding being provided in 2013-14. The funding provided in 2013-14 by the OCA enabled the group of volunteers to stabilise the Exchange Hotel, police station and stables and provided the opportunity for local community members and youth to work alongside the older volunteers and gain skills.

The OCA is very pleased to have been able to support the Farina Restoration Group and be a part of securing the past into the future.



Residents from outback communities and pastoralists participating in the annual cricket match held at Farina, June 2014.

Since approximately 2011 the Farina Restoration Group have invited outback locals to participate in a cricket match, also providing the opportunity to fundraise enabling the heritage work to continue.

Community support

The OCA held two regional meetings in the 2013-14 year; 21 November 2013 at Iron Knob and 19 March 2014 at Penong. Both meetings were well attended and provided the opportunity for community residents and surrounding pastoralists to meet with the OCA Members and discuss local challenges.

In addition to the regional meetings, the OCA met formerly on 5 occasions and also participated in 4 meetings via electronic means (email). All OCA meetings are open to the general public to attend. When OCA meetings are scheduled for regional locations, the OCA invites community residents and surrounding pastoralists to attend.

In 2013-14 the OCA supported 28 community associations within its region (refer to Appendix 4). Associations in the unincorporated areas of SA that are constituted under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* and are able to receive, hold and dispense funds, are able to receive financial assistance from the OCA. Co-existing Aboriginal groups located at Copley (the Aroona Council Inc.), at Marree (the Marree Arabunna People's Committee Inc.) and at Oodnadatta (the Dunjiba Community Council Inc.) are also recognised for funding purposes.

Financial assistance provided by the OCA to outback associations is available via many opportunities; namely the Administration Grant, Executive Officer Grant, Project Grants, Small Sports Grants, reimbursement of municipal service delivery expenses (through an annual Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) agreement), community insurance and youth development assistance. The total amount of financial assistance provided to outback associations in 2013-14 was \$487,840. A comprehensive breakdown of the financial assistance is provided in Appendix 4. The Project Grants and Small Sports Grants are released twice per year. The Administration and Executive Officer Grants, community insurance assistance and reimbursement of municipal service delivery expenses are all intrinsically linked to each Association's CARM agreement. Youth development in the outback is linked to the annual 'Youth Week' activities, financially supported by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. The OCA Community Development Officer works closely with outback communities in organising activities ranging from sporting events, such as football coaching, to fun recreational events, such as film and theme evenings, specifically for youth aged between 4 and 13.

The OCA also provides governance and community development support through the visits that the Community Development Officer and Governance Manager undertake to communities. The Community Development Officer is able to arrange for Governance training if identified by any of the Progress Associations. The Community Development Officer and Governance Manager also attend various community meetings, including Annual General Meetings if requested by a Progress Association.

Andamooka is the largest community supported by the OCA. The size of communities across the remote areas varies with some smaller communities such as Coorabie, Kingoonya and William Creek accommodating low numbers of residents, but find that the general travelling public often increase local numbers. It is a credit to the smaller communities when social events such as gymkhanas and family race meets are organised as this is a draw card to surrounding areas and the general public and has a positive effect on local businesses and the moral of the region. There are approximately 4,500 people who reside in the unincorporated areas and call this unique region 'home'.

Since approximately 2007 the OCA has witnessed an increase in the number of inactive outback communities. As at 30 June 2014 the Bookabie, North East CFS District, Seven Waterholes and Tarcoola communities remain dormant. The inactivity has been explained as being caused by an aging population in areas where aged services are not available, or local work opportunities have diminished resulting in residents moving.

The pressure from mining activity in the outback has only really impacted on the Andamooka community, although the announcement made by BHP Billiton in August 2012 advising that the expansion at Olympic Dam would be postponed indefinitely pending investigation of more cost effective alternatives, alleviated a lot of the pressure. Mining activity in the outback has provided a positive outcome with employment opportunities being provided, although this does have repercussions for some communities, losing young community citizens and thereby relying on the aging population to coordinate community activities.

The majority of the communities that the OCA recognises are situated at small towns or around settlements. Some like the Gawler Ranges Progress Association Inc, consist of members from widely scattered pastoral communities. None the less, the smaller associations provide the same support and leadership to the surrounding areas, but due to the sheer logistics regarding the distances of travel, they face more challenges in achieving this.

Community affairs resourcing and management (CARM) agreements

Section 17 of the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* stipulates that the OCA may enter into a memorandum of understanding (a Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement) with an incorporated body representing an outback community.

CARM Agreements have been in place since 2006 and were implemented to formalise the financial commitment by the OCA with a specific community for a financial year. CARM Agreements are negotiated with peak body members who represent their individual community, namely Progress Associations. In May/June of each year, the OCA commences negotiations with the Progress Associations to determine their operating costs to deliver municipal services to community members.

In 2013-14 the OCA continued to offer a 'community support package' of funding to Progress Association's. The community support package underpins the community CARM Agreements and consisted of:

- The long-established administration support grant.
- An executive support grant that is specifically tied to administrative tasks and accountability compliance purposes.

In 2013-14 the Community Support Package provided a total of \$40,662 to communities through the Administration Support grant, \$44,104 through the Executive Support grant and a further \$60,417 through the CARM Agreement process. The amount claimed through the CARM Agreement process is a significant decrease on previous years. This indicated to the OCA that the volunteers working on Progress Associations were succumbing to the endless hours required to ensure that municipal delivery and community cohesion continues in outback communities. With this in mind, the OCA intends to review its community funding policies in 2014-15.

In 2013-14 twenty-six CARM Agreements were forwarded to recognised community bodies with 23 being returned confirming the commitment to outback communities.

Although CARM Agreements are specific to individual communities, they commonly include costs associated with municipal services such as town maintenance, waste management collection and storage and community insurance which provides insurance for community assets, public liability and volunteers cover. Other services such as airstrip maintenance and water supply management are also included in CARM Agreements where communities are active in these specific areas.

Outback grant program

The OCA's Outback Grants Program is available to Incorporated bodies that operate within the OCA's area that aim to improve the well-being, quality of life and participation of outback residents in developing and strengthening communities across the outback of SA.

There are two categories of grants available within the Outback Grants Program:

- Project
- Small Sports

The OCA offers two opportunities per financial year to apply for grants in both categories.

Project Grants

Project grants are one-off funding for specific purposes that do not require recurrent funding. Funding is available for events and sponsorship, community based initiatives including youth and aged activities up to a limit of \$10,000.

The OCA released Round 1 of the Project Grants on 5 August 2013 encouraging outback communities to come up with interesting ideas that reflect their community's unique identity. Although Round 1 focused on funding support for community events and festivals, the OCA made it very clear that there would be opportunities for applications to seek funding for projects that aimed to provide wide community benefit.

Round 1 closed on 30 August 2013 with 14 applications being received. 1 application was withdrawn prior to the assessment of the applications being undertaken. 13 applications were approved; a total of \$44,016 made available for projects to be implemented across the unincorporated areas of SA. Projects ranged from the purchase of a town tractor to assist with town maintenance, sponsorship for a Gymkhana, community hall renovations, implementation of historical signage and the purchase of a water tank and trailer.

Round 2 of the Project Grants was released on 3 February 2014. Applications were invited to seek funding for innovative ideas that would see the outback region promoted. Calls for the second round of grants closed on 3 March 2014 with a record amount of applications being received. An assessment Panel evaluated the 17 applications received and at a meeting held on 19 March 2014, the OCA approved 12 applications to receive a total of \$47,446 in funding.

As with round 1, round 2 applications were very diversified, projects approved ranged from sponsorship for outback events, community hall restoration, erection of a disabled access for a community clubroom, support for an outback roadshow to deliver information on depression and anxiety and the restoration of heritage buildings.

Applications received in both rounds were assessed on merit based on criteria determined by the OCA as a priority:

- Relevance to the OCA and SA Strategic Management Plans.
- Level, type and evidence of need.
- Extent of community benefit/outcome.
- Nature and size of the project.
- Cost effectiveness.
- Consultation undertaken and the support received from relevant stakeholders.
- Equitable funding and allocations across outback regions.
- The organisation's capacity to deliver the project.
- The existing infrastructure and resources of the organisation.
- The complementation of other programs.
- Priority given to smaller projects and applications seeking matching funding.
- Projects commenced and/or completed before a grant application has been submitted may not be considered for funding.

Sustainability in the remote areas can often be very challenging, therefore the OCA have stipulated that if an organisation is establishing a new ongoing program, the organisation must

demonstrate sustainability and provide evidence that it has sufficient resources or infrastructure to maintain the program once OCA funds have been expended.

Small sports grants

Round 1 of the Small Sports Grants was released on 5 August 2013 to coincide with the Project Grants call. The Small Sports Grants provides financial assistance up to \$500 to Incorporated, active recreation and sport organisations for projects and initiatives that encourage sporting activities in the area covered by the OCA. Applicants approved for funding must make every effort to acquit the grant within a financial year.

An assessment panel evaluated the 9 applications received and approved a total of \$2,887 in funding. Of the two applications denied funding, one application was referred to the OCA's Project Grants and one application was denied as it did not meet the grant guidelines. Of the approved applications, 7 of the applicants requested funding to purchase sporting and recreational equipment ranging from a shade marquee, tennis equipment, gym mats and senior and junior helmets for competitors at an outback gymkhana and 1 applicant requested funding to build horse yards for a gymkhana.

The OCA received feedback from outback residents who requested that the OCA release its Project Grants and Small Sports Grants independently. The OCA considered this request and released Round 2 of the Small Sports Grants on 2 April 2014. The OCA encouraged applicants to seek funding to improve opportunities for sporting and recreational groups to increase their ability to offer more activities.

The OCA received 5 applications and after assessment, approved 4 to receive funding. Approved projects included funding for cricket equipment, football guernseys and equipment and the restoration of shooting targets. One application was declined as it did not meet the grant guidelines. Round 2 of the Small Sports Grants provided a total of \$2,000 in funding.

External grants

Throughout the course of a financial year, opportunities will occur for the OCA to support communities by applying for external funding which if successful, results in the OCA being the project manager of specific community projects.

The following is a list of projects that the OCA has managed during 2013-14 that were made possible by successful applications seeking external funding.

Community	Grant Provider	Community Project	Successful Grant \$
Lyndhurst and Yunta	Local Government Stimulus Package	Development of community parks	25,000
Oodnadatta	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Delivery of municipal services.	101,700
		Community Project Manager	180,000
Whole of outback	Office for Youth	Youth week	4,000
	Office for Youth	Youth Advisory Committees.	3,000

The OCA whilst working with outback communities will often apply for external funding on behalf of a community. When this occurs, the successful community manages the project. In 2013-14 the Community Development Officer was successful in obtaining a total of \$39,000 in funding for the following communities:

Community	Grant Provider	Community Project	Successful Grant \$
Blinman	Community Benefit SA	Development of community park.	15,000
Fowlers Bay	Community Benefit	Restoration of community hall.	5,000
Lyndhurst	Community Benefit SA	Community shelter.	19,000

Training and development

Training and development opportunities are supported by the OCA for Progress Associations operating in the unincorporated areas of SA. The OCA's Community Development Officer in consultation with Progress Association Executive Office bearers, recommends and sources appropriate training. It is often the case that the training is delivered locally alleviating the need for extensive travel. Throughout 2013-14 the OCA was not requested to provide governance training as has occurred in previous years, indicating that the Progress Association's Executive positions are very confident in their knowledge of governance procedures.

The following is a summary of the training organised in 2013-2014 by the OCA's Community Development Officer and financially supported by the OCA.

Community	Training Opportunity
Iron Knob	Executive Secretary training
Blinman	Financial training
Copley	Financial training
Lyndhurst	Financial training
Marree	Financial training
Parachilna	Financial training
Oodnadatta	Oral History training Project Management training

Community insurance

At its meeting held on 11 September 2013, the OCA agreed to continue to support outback Associations with community insurance expenses in the form of a one-third subsidy for those Associations who had a current CARM Agreement in place and participated in the community insurance scheme. The insurance portfolio in place for a calendar year provides cover for community assets, volunteer protection and public liability. In November of each year the OCA strongly encourages outback Associations to review their insurance requirements for the forthcoming year. This practice has been in place for five years.

On 12 December 2013 the OCA agreed to meet the costs of implementing a further insurance portfolio, that being 'hall hirer's liability' insurance for those communities who hire out their community hall to private entities. In the 2013-2014 year the OCA's support toward community insurance costs was approximately \$24,000.

Financial contributions to communities are set out in Appendix 4.

Joint funding initiatives

The OCA with its small support staff recognises that working collaboratively with other government and non-government agencies provides many more opportunities for the outback region. In the 2013-14 year the OCA partnered with Regional Development Australia Far North (RDA FN) and provided financial support toward a regional Tourism Officer position that would work with local tourism operators and undertake tourism economic development. The OCA partnered with the South Australian Tourism Commission, Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism, Port Augusta City Council, Coober Pedy Council, Flinders Ranges Council and the Roxby Downs Council on this initiative.

A further partnership between the OCA and RDA FN resulted in core funding being committed for three years toward a resource agreement that would support the core operations of the Far North and Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Regional Development Australia Boards in delivering economic development services into the OCA's vast region. In supporting the regional Tourism Officer and also providing core funding to the RDA FN, the OCA provided a total of \$56,283 funding to RDA FN.

In 2013-14 the OCA was one of many partners who provided funding toward sponsorship of the Brands South Australia (Advantage SA) annual Regional Awards which were held in October 2013. The awards are held annually to celebrate and showcase the achievements of individuals, groups and organisations that have made significant contributions to regional SA. The Andamooka School and Roxby Downs Kindergarten, Beltana Station and Stuart Range Caravan and Tourist Park, all from the outback region, featured as winners in 2013-14.

The OCA provided sponsorship to the 'A Brush with Art' event held annually in small townships across the north of South Australia. The event has been operating since 2004 with a good deal of success and provides many opportunities for the general public to experience a wide range of artwork. 'A Brush with Art' is quite a unique event as it incorporates a trail of exhibition galleries throughout the Flinders Ranges. The OCA is very pleased to be associated with this event as the monetary benefits that arise from this event are widespread across the region.

Details of these contributions are set out in Appendix 5.

Other community services

Living in the remote areas of South Australia provides many challenges for residents and along with these challenges comes the opportunity for the OCA to support these people in a variety of ways which are perhaps taken for granted by city dwellers.

Community streetlights

In July 2012 the OCA took over the management of community streetlights for 10 outback communities. The OCA acknowledged that municipal costs were placing a further demand on outback volunteers and subsequently offered those communities receiving grid power the opportunity to hand over management of streetlights to the OCA. As at 30 June 2014 the OCA continued to manage 11 communities' streetlights. Further communication will occur later in 2014 to reiterate the OCA's offer to the remaining two communities that chose to not take up the OCA's offer. For the 2013-14 year the OCA's financial support for outback streetlight costs totalled approximately \$10,000.

Registration of dogs

In Part 1, Section 4 of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* the Outback Areas Community Development Trust (OACDT) (predecessor to the OCA) is described as a council and where the Act refers to a council's area, the former OACDT's area (and now the OCA's area) of responsibility is acknowledged. The OCA having replaced the OACDT negotiates with outback local businesses and community associations to collect dog registrations on behalf of the OCA. Each collection agency has a formal agreement with the OCA that remains current for a two year period. Similar to councils, the agencies are provided with all of the information relating to dog registrations and are encouraged to display educational material to assist with the education of animal owners. The OCA also provides educational information on its website relating to dog and cat management. The General Manager is the Registrar of Dogs within the area, pursuant to section 26 of that Act.

In 2013-2014 323 dogs were registered in the unincorporated areas, collecting \$5,400. There was one expiation notice issued resulting in a further \$233 being collected. The mandatory contribution was made to the Dog and Cat Management Board, pursuant to the requirements of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. It is surprising to note that a total of 313 dog breeds were registered in the unincorporated areas of South Australia over the course of 2013-14, but not surprising that the Australian Kelpie breed was the most prominent for this area of the state.

Register of outback burials

The OCA maintains a register of burials consisting of known burial sites and interments in the unincorporated areas of South Australia. The register was established by the OACDT in 2006 and the general public continue to seek the information, although not in high volumes. Due to the complexity of the information included in the register, the development phase was quite time consuming.

To our knowledge this is the first central, publicly available register of these areas and includes records from community-run cemeteries, historic sites, station and property graves, known burials in conservation areas and sites along historic transport corridors. The burials register is conducted on a person's name and not on location and at June 2014 there were almost 800 records on the register. It is thought that there are in all about 1500 interments in the outback, out-of-councils area. Information on the register may be updated by contacting the OCA office.

Community communication

The OCA acknowledges the remoteness of its region and therefore encourages the peak body which is often a Progress Association to provide a community newsletter delivering items of interest to residents and also surrounding pastoral areas. The OCA allocates \$2,500 per financial year for those Progress Association's that produce a newsletter. This allocation is included in community CARM Agreements and is able to be claimed as each newsletter is produced. Communities that access this funding, provide a copy of their newsletters to the OCA, ensuring that the OCA is aware of upcoming events and new initiatives occurring in the outback. Aside from residents living in an outback community, a local newsletter is well received by those outback people residing on pastoral properties who have very little opportunity to interact with the closest regional community.

Isolated children's parents' association (ICPA)

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) is a voluntary, apolitical non-profit parent body dedicated to ensuring that all rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education. The ICPA encompasses the education of children from early childhood through to tertiary and it seeks to have all elements of education (cultural experiences, social contacts, participation in sport and other enriching activities) available for all children regardless of their home location. For many rural and remote children the only form of education available due to geographical location is via distance education. Some of the issues facing children living in remote areas are the lack of reliable communication methods and having to board away from home to seek education.

The OCA continued to support the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) in 2013-14 through its Outback Grants Program. In Round 2 of the Project Grants the OCA approved \$1,000 in sponsorship funding to assist with the SA State Conference where approximately 100 people attended. The State Conference is an important event for the outback region providing an opportunity for social interaction and community engagement.

Human resources data

Employee numbers, gender and status

Total number of employees	
Persons	8
FTE's	7
Part-time employees	1

Gender	
Male	4
Female	4

Number of persons during the 2013-2014 financial year	
Separated from the OCA	0
Recruited to the agency	0
On leave without pay	0
Participating in flexible working arrangements	0

Status of employees in current position					
FTE's	Ongoing	Short-term contract	Long-term contract	Other (casual)	Total
Male	2	0	2	0	4
Female	2	0	2	0	4

Number of employees by salary bracket (FTE's)

Salary Bracket	Male	Female	Total
\$0 - \$53,199	1	2	3
\$53,200 - \$67,699	0	0	0
\$67,700 - \$86,599	1	1	2
\$86,600 - \$109,299	2	1	3
Total	4	4	8

Salary details relate to pre-tax income excluding superannuation and FBT. The salary brackets have been constructed as an approximation for the level of responsibility, and are based on the current remuneration structures of the Public Sector Act 2009 Administrative Services Stream.

Leave management across division per FTE

Leave Type	2012-2013 (days)	2013-2014 (days)
Annual Leave	77	78
Sick leave	18	19
Family carer's leave	3	2
Miscellaneous special leave	2	2

Training/conference participation

Training Package	Number of OCA members and staff attending
Company Directors Course	3
Introduction to Emergency Management in PIRSA	8
Community Parks Workshop	1
Career Development Workshop	1
Mentoring Training	1
SA Tourism Workshop	1
MYOB (Mind Your Own Business) workshop	1
Social Media Seminar	3

Health, safety and welfare (HS&W) notices and corrective action taken

The OCA is committed to providing a safe working environment and facilities for all employees. The OCA is determined to retain its current record as an injury free workplace and is committed to the health, safety and welfare of all employees. The OCA strongly encourages 'buy-in' from employees with regard to identifying and eliminating hazards, practices and behaviour that could result in an accident, injury or illness to another employee, contractor, visitor and the general public.

The OCA acknowledges its responsibilities for providing and maintaining a safe working environment, safe systems of work and to providing any information, instruction and training required to ensure the safety of its employees.

OCA employees acknowledge their responsibility to safe working practices by ensuring their own personal health and safety and that of others in the workplace and by complying with any reasonable directions to follow safe work procedures. The OCA allocates funding in each year's budget for educational and health, safety and welfare training and encourages Board members and staff to access training courses or workshops.

The Office for the OCA generally holds Team Meetings every fortnight where all OCA employees are encouraged to attend. In the 2013-14 year, 16 Team Meetings were held where matters relating to HS&W, office matters and staff workloads were discussed. Throughout the year emergency evacuation trials were successfully completed 4 times.

Each meeting agenda includes an HS&W component where topics such as hazards, incidents and staff training are discussed. The Office for the OCA are very aware of the

time spent by field operatives on the road to support outback communities and acknowledge that fatigue due to lengthy travel times and animals wandering onto the road remain the biggest risk to employees. When travelling remotely OCA employees are required to take a SPOT GPS Messenger device which reports on an employee's location. OCA staff initiate the SPOT GPS reporting once their journey commences and finalise the trip with a closing report once the destination has been reached. Staff at the Office for the OCA monitor each trip, ensuring that contact is made. Contact is required at least once in a 24-hour period.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA and Rural Solutions staff who share the office premises with the OCA are invited to attend the Team Meetings to discuss HS&W matters. Due to the small number of employees an HS&W Representative has not been established for the OCA office, although all staff agree that safety is everyone's responsibility.

The OCA works with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA in the development and implementation of agency HS&W policies encouraging employees to provide comment at all times.

Number of notifiable occurrences pursuant to <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012</i> (WHS Act), part 3	0
Number of notifiable injuries pursuant to WHS Act, part 3	0
Number of notices served pursuant to WHS Act, section 90, 191 and 195 (provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices)	0
Number of HS&W staff meetings held in 2013-14	16

Note: There were no workplace fatalities, injury claims or lost time injuries during 2013-2014.

Other financial and corporate matters

The OCA operations are well supported by the small number of staff at the office located in Port Augusta and Andamooka. However, to ensure outcomes are met and projects are delivered, the OCA does from time to time rely on contractors to deliver programs or provide services.

Consultants

The OCA did not engage any consultants in the 2013-2014 year.

Contractual arrangements

The OCA does not have any contractual arrangements in which the total value of the contract exceeds \$4 million (gst inclusive) and extends beyond a single year.

A total of 18 community contractors were used by the OCA to ensure the remotely located public conveniences were serviced and available to the general public. The total cost for 2013-14 was \$127,400. Apart from the public convenience contractors the OCA also used the following contractors in 2013-14.

Table 1: Contractors below \$10,000

Contractor	Description	Total Cost to the OCA \$
Bianco Construction	Training delivered to outback residents.	3,300
L Blackmore	Youth Development, Andamooka	1,880
CLJ Investments	Town maintenance	5,400
Designhaus Pty Ltd	Signage	2,015
Northlands Plumbing	Maintenance of outback public conveniences and implementation of dump points at Marla and Yunta	2,200
Oodnadatta Progress Association	Community Park Implementation	3,500
Quorn Plumbing	Maintenance of outback public conveniences	5,700
Redgum Vet	Veterinary services provided through Dunjiba Municipal Services project	9,500
Reynolds Electrical	Maintenance of outback community waste water systems	3,800
E Strawbridge	Maintenance of outback community waste water systems and management of Marla airstrip	8,500
L Warren	Maintenance of outback community waste water systems	4,200
Yunta Telecentre	Training provider	2,000

Table 2: Contractors above \$10,000

Contractor	Description	Total Cost to the OCA \$
Blu Jabiru	Town maintenance, Andamooka	45,400
Bury Plumbing	Installation of dump points at Marla and Yunta	15,100
Dunjiba Community Council	Town maintenance, Oodnadatta	13,000
Flinders Ranges Council	Collection of Community Contribution Schemes, Andamooka and Iron Knob	15,300
Gambier Electronics	Maintenance of outback UHF network	26,400
GHD	Andamooka Community Hub Plan and Blinman Sewerage	30,700
S Lyons	Administration support, Andamooka	37,300
Northern Earthmoving	Road and waste area maintenance, Andamooka	88,600
PA & CI Martin	Maintenance of outback public conveniences	17,900
D Robins	Maintenance of Copley water supply	13,000
K Rowett	Administration support, Andamooka	10,800
TAG Pty Ltd	Design and validation for Marla Airstrip registration	35,300
RJ Taylor	Town maintenance, Andamooka	21,400

Table 3: Account Payment Performance

Particulars	Accounts paid		Amount paid	
	Number	%	\$'000	%
Paid within 30 calendar days or less	24 242	98	166 824	97
Paid within 31 to 60 calendar days	299	1	3 925	2
Paid greater than 60 calendar days	213	1	669	1

Please note that the above statistics refer to the entire Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) of which the Outback Communities Authority is a Division of.

Fraud

The OCA did not find any evidence of fraudulent activity in the 2013-14 year.

Financial services are provided to the OCA by Shared Services and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA. The OCA ensures that approval of financial transactions are within the financial delegations as attributed by PIRSA and the internal control environment. The OCA's financial activities are supported by PIRSA's Financial

Management policies which include but are not confined to guidelines regarding financial delegations and authorisations, audits and information security controls.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009*, audited statements of income and expenditure of the OCA, together with details of the items of income and expenditure must be included in the OCA's Annual Report.

Overseas travel

It is declared that no member of the OCA Board or OCA staff member has travelled overseas on OCA business during the reporting period.

Looking to 2014-2015

A review of the 2013-14 year reveals once again that a small dedicated team of people can achieve great heights. The OCA support staff have admirably supported the outback region with its daily challenges and continued to provide professional and effective support to the OCA Members.

Although the OCA is a small agency it continues to strive to improve facilities in the outback and in 2013-14 supported the Andamooka and Iron Knob communities with their Community Contribution Schemes, finalised the registration of the Marla airstrip and was extremely pleased that the upgraded Oodnadatta airstrip's formal opening was held on 12 July 2013.

Looking to 2014-15 the OCA will continue to work with outback communities providing Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) agreements. The agreements clearly set out the OCA's support and a community's contribution. The Administration and Executive Officer grants will again be provided to assist those communities that have a CARM agreement in place. The OCA will again offer through its grants program, two opportunities to apply for specific Project Grants and Small Sports Grants.

The OCA notes that in 2015 membership of the Board may change with 3 Member's terms being completed on 31 December 2014. A formal process for membership nomination will be instigated prior to December 2014 and existing Members will be able to reapply.

2014-15 will be the final year of the OCA's first 5-year Strategic Management Plan. The strategic direction for the OCA is exciting with opportunities for the outback to continue to grow and the Board welcomes the challenges of furthering this direction as it develops its subsequent five-year Strategic Management Plan with a vision to 'grow the outback'.

The OCA will continue to meet bi-monthly and will hold meetings via electronic means as and when required to ensure that business is addressed in a timely manner. Regional meetings will be programmed into the meeting schedule providing the opportunity for outback residents to meet with the OCA and discuss the challenges that living remotely create.

The OCA is very keen to finalise the upgrade to the Kingoonya airstrip in 2014-15 which has been unavoidably delayed. The completion of the airstrip will add an important location to the network of remotely located airstrips providing access for emergency services in the outback.

The OCA's extensive list of infrastructure in the outback consists of UHF towers, airstrips and public conveniences. The OCA will continue to manage this infrastructure in 2014-15 acknowledging the importance of these services to outback residents and the general travelling public.

Unfortunately the OCA's vision for the *oneOutback* project did not progress as envisaged in 2013-14. The OCA looks to the new financial year with enthusiasm to develop the project inviting comment and input from the public to gain an insight into innovative ideas that will challenge the hurdles negotiated on a daily basis by people living remotely in South Australia.

Financial reports

Financial Year Ended 30 June 2014

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

Certification of the Financial Statements

We certify that the attached general purpose financial statements for the Outback Communities Authority:

- comply with any relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under section 41 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, and any relevant Australian Accounting Standards;
- are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Authority; and
- present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 30 June 2014 and the results of its operation and cash flows for the financial year.

We certify that the internal controls employed by the Outback Communities Authority for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the general purpose financial statements have been effective throughout the reporting period.



Cecilia Woolford
CHAIRPERSON
Outback Communities
Authority

19 March 2015



Mark Sutton
DIRECTOR
Outback Communities
Authority

19th March 2015

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Expenses			
Employee benefits expenses	5	827	817
Supplies and services	6	1,516	1,544
Depreciation expense	7	446	276
Grants and subsidies	8	302	375
Net loss from disposal of assets	9	15	5
Other expenses	10	10	520
Total expenses		3,116	3,537
Income			
Advances and grants	12	846	1,960
Interest revenue	13	13	53
Resources received free of charge	14	-	2,932
Other income	15	380	369
Total income		1,239	5,314
Net cost of providing services		(1,877)	1,777
Revenues from / Payments to SA Government			
Revenues from SA Government	16	618	608
Net revenues from SA Government		618	608
Net result		(1,259)	2,385
Other comprehensive income			
Changes in property, plant and equipment asset revaluation surplus		-	(5)
Total other comprehensive income		-	(5)
Total comprehensive result		(1,259)	2,380

The net result and comprehensive result is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Current assets			
Cash	17	541	1,749
Receivables	18	17	17
Total current assets		558	1,766
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	19	6,608	6,901
Total non-current assets		6,608	6,901
Total assets		7,166	8,667
Current liabilities			
Payables	20	118	650
Employee benefits	21	97	114
Provisions	22	1	-
Other current liabilities	23	243	-
Total current liabilities		459	764
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	20	24	18
Employee benefits	21	252	195
Provisions	22	1	1
Total non-current liabilities		277	214
Total liabilities		736	978
Net assets		6,430	7,689
Equity			
Retained earnings	24	4,998	6,257
Asset revaluation surplus	24	1,432	1,432
Total equity		6,430	7,689

The total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Unrecognised contractual commitments	25
Contingent assets and liabilities	26

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	Asset Revaluation Surplus \$' 000	Retained Earnings \$' 000	Total \$' 000
Balance at 30 June 2012		1,437	3,727	5,164
Prior period adjustment		-	145	145
Restated balance as at 30 June 2012		1,437	3,872	5,309
Net result for 2012-13		-	2,385	2,385
Loss on revaluation of infrastructure during 2012-13		(5)	-	(5)
Total comprehensive result for 2012-13		(5)	2,385	2,380
Balance at 30 June 2013		1,432	6,257	7,689
Net result for 2013-14		-	(1,259)	(1,259)
Total comprehensive result for 2013-14		-	(1,259)	(1,259)
Balance at 30 June 2014	24	1,432	4,998	6,430

All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash outflows			
Employee benefit payments		(786)	(696)
Supplies and services		(1,799)	(1,782)
Grants and subsidies		(302)	(375)
Other payments		(19)	(520)
Cash used in operations		(2,906)	(3,373)
Cash inflows			
Advances and grants		846	1,960
Interest received		12	54
Other receipts		390	224
Cash generated from operations		1,248	2,238
Cash flows from (payments to) SA Government			
Receipts from SA Government		618	608
Cash generated from SA Government		618	608
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	27	(1,040)	(527)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Cash outflows			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(168)	(253)
Cash used in investing activities		(168)	(253)
Cash inflows			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		-	103
Cash generated from investing activities		-	103
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(168)	(150)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(1,208)	(677)
Cash at 1 July		1,749	2,426
Cash at 30 June	17	541	1,749

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Objectives of the Outback Communities Authority

As defined in the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009*, the functions of the Outback Communities Authority ("the Authority") are:

- to manage the provision of the public services and facilities to outback communities;
- to promote improvements in the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities; and
- to articulate the view, interests and aspirations of outback communities.

In performing its functions the Authority is to:

- foster and support the provision of public services and facilities to outback communities by community organisations, including by making grants and loans to such organisations;
- consider long-term requirements for maintenance, replacement and development of infrastructure for public services and facilities for outback communities;
- consider State and national objectives and strategies that are relevant to outback communities;
- seek ongoing collaboration with local, State and national governments in the planning and delivery of public services and facilities to outback communities;
- ensure that there are systems in place to further its understanding of the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities;
- facilitate decision making by others on a basis that is well informed in relation to the views, interests and aspirations of outback communities, including by participating in appropriate local, State and national forums; and
- provide services with a high level of efficiency and effectiveness, manage resources effectively, prudently and in a fully accountable manner, and maintain and enhance the value of public assets.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Statement of compliance

The Authority has prepared these financial statements in compliance with section 23 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards, and comply with Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements promulgated under the provision of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

The Authority has applied Australian Accounting Standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities, as the Authority is a not-for-profit entity.

b) Basis of preparation

The preparation of the financial statements requires:

- The use of certain accounting estimates where management is required to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Authority's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are outlined in the applicable notes;
- Accounting policies to be selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events are reported; and
- Compliance with accounting policy statements issued pursuant to section 41 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. In the interest of public accountability and transparency the accounting policy statements require the following note disclosures, which have been included in these financial statements:

- a) Revenues, expenses, financial assets and liabilities where the counterparty/transaction is with an entity within the SA Government as at reporting date, classified according to their nature. A threshold of \$100,000 for separate identification of these items applies.
- b) Board member and remuneration information where a board member is entitled to receive income from membership other than a direct out-of-pocket reimbursement.

The Authority's Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Changes in Equity have been prepared on an accrual basis and are in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets that were valued in accordance with the applicable valuation policy.

The Statement of Cash flows has been prepared on a cash basis.

The financial statements have been prepared on a 12 month operating cycle and presented in Australian currency.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 and the comparative information presented.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

c) Reporting Entity

The Authority is established and empowered by the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* ("the Act") which is within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Local Government. The Act also defines the areas of the State to which its provisions apply, sets out the Authority's powers and functions and makes provision for support staff. It also enables specified provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999* to be applied by regulation to part, or all, of the Authority's area. The Act further requires the yearly statement of accounts of the Authority to be audited by the Auditor-General and that the Authority provides an annual report to State Parliament.

The *Outback Areas Community Development Trust Act 1978* was repealed by the Act.

The Act also provides that the Authority is the same body corporate as the Outback Areas Community Development Trust established under the *Outback Areas Community Development Trust Act 1978*.

d) Transfer of Administrative Responsibility

Public Sector (Reorganisation of Public Sector Operations) Notice 2013 declared that effective from 1 August 2013 employees of the Outback Communities Authority would transfer from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA). As a result of this restructuring of administrative arrangements, the Authority's administrative responsibility transferred to PIRSA during 2013-14.

e) Comparative Information

The presentation and classification of items in the financial statements are consistent with prior periods except where specific accounting standards and/or accounting policy statements have required a change.

Where presentation or classification of items in the financial statements have been amended, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in these financial statements unless impracticable.

The restated comparative amounts do not replace the original financial statements for the preceding period.

f) Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

g) Taxation

The Authority is not subject to income tax. The Authority is liable for payroll tax, fringe benefits tax, goods and services tax (GST) and the emergency services levy.

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- When the GST incurred on a purchase of goods or services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item applicable.
- Receivables and payables which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of the GST receivable/payable to the ATO is not recognised as a receivable/payable in the Statement of Financial Position as the Authority is a member of an approved GST group of which PIRSA is responsible for the remittance and collection of GST.

There are no cash flows relating to GST transactions with the ATO in the Statement of Cash Flows.

Unrecognised contractual commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable, to the ATO. If GST is not payable to, or recoverable from, the ATO, the commitments and contingencies are disclosed on a gross basis.

h) Events after the reporting period

No events have occurred after the reporting date that would affect the financial statements of the Authority as at 30 June 2014.

As a result of restructuring of administrative arrangements outlined in the Government Gazette on 26 June 2014, the administrative responsibility for the Authority transferred from PIRSA to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on 1 July 2014.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

i) Income

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the flow of economic benefits to the Authority will occur and can be reliably measured.

Income has been aggregated according to its nature and has not been offset unless required or permitted by a specific accounting standard, or where offsetting reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

The notes accompanying the financial statements disclose income where the counterpart/transaction is with an entity within the SA Government as at the reporting date, classified according to their nature.

Transactions with SA Government entities below the threshold of \$100,000 have been included with the non-government transactions, classified according to their nature.

The following are specific recognition criteria:

Advances and grants

Advances and grants are recognised as an asset and income when the Authority obtains control of the advances and grants or obtains the right to receive the advances and grants and the income recognition criteria are met (i.e. the amount can be reliably measured and the flow of resources is probable).

Generally the Authority has obtained control or the right to receive for:

- advances and grants with unconditional stipulations. This will be when the agreement becomes enforceable, i.e. the earlier of when the receiving entity has formally been advised that the contribution (e.g. grant application) has been approved, an agreement/contract is executed, and/or the contribution is received.
- advances and grants with conditional stipulations. This will be when the enforceable stipulations specified in the agreement occur or are satisfied, that is, income would be recognised for contributions received or receivable under the agreement.

Revenues from SA Government

Appropriations for program funding are recognised as revenues when the Authority obtains control over the funding. Control over appropriations is normally obtained upon receipt.

Other Income

Other income consists of insurance recoveries, registration fees and other miscellaneous revenue.

j) Expenses

Expenses are recognised to the extent that it is probable that the flow of economic benefits from the Authority will occur and can be reliably measured.

Expenses have been aggregated according to their nature and have not been offset unless required or permitted by a specific accounting standard, or where offsetting reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

The notes accompanying the financial statements disclose expenses where the counterpart/transaction is with an entity within the SA Government as at the reporting date, classified according to their nature.

Transactions with SA Government entities below the threshold of \$100,000 have been included with the non-government transactions, classified according to their nature.

The following are specific recognition criteria:

Employee benefits expenses

Employee benefits expenses includes all costs related to employment including salaries and wages, non-monetary benefits and leave entitlements. These are recognised when incurred.

Superannuation

The amount charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the contributions made by the Authority to the superannuation plan in respect of services of current staff. The Department of Treasury and Finance centrally recognises the superannuation liability in the whole of government financial statements.

Depreciation

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of their service potential. Depreciation is applied to tangible assets such as property, plant and equipment.

Assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate on an annual basis.

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Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for prospectively by changing the time period or method, as appropriate, which is a change in accounting estimate.

Land and non-current assets held for sale are not depreciated.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the following classes of assets as follows:

Class of asset	Useful life (years)
Buildings and infrastructure	20-70
Water, sewerage and drainage equipment	20-80
Plant and equipment	3-20

Grants and subsidies

For grants and subsidies payable, the grants and subsidies will be recognised as a liability and expense when the entity has a present obligation to pay the grants and subsidies and the expense recognition criteria are met.

All contributions paid by the Authority have been contributions with unconditional stipulations attached.

Net loss from the disposal of non-current assets

Losses on disposal are recognised at the date the control of the asset is passed to the buyer and are determined after deducting the cost of the asset from the proceeds at that time.

k) Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are characterised as either current or non-current in nature. Assets and liabilities that are sold, consumed or realised as part of the normal operating cycle even when they are not expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting date have been classified as current assets or current liabilities. All other assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

l) Assets

Assets have been classified according to their nature and have not been offset unless required or permitted by a specific accounting standard, or where offsetting reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

The notes accompanying the financial statements disclose financial assets where the counterparty/transaction is with an entity within the SA Government as at the reporting date, classified according to their nature.

Transactions with SA Government entities below the threshold of \$100,000 have been included with the non-government transactions, classified according to their nature.

Cash

Cash in the Statement of Financial Position includes cash at bank and on hand. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash consists of cash as defined above.

Cash is measured at nominal value.

Receivables

Receivables include amounts receivable from goods and services, prepayments and other accruals.

Receivables arise in the normal course of selling goods and services to other government agencies and to the public. Receivables are generally settled within 30 days after the issue of an invoice or the goods/services have been provided under a contractual arrangement.

Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that the Authority will not be able to collect the debt. Bad debts are written off when identified.

Non-current assets

Acquisition and recognition

Non-current assets are initially recorded at cost or at the value of any liabilities assumed, plus any incidental cost involved with the acquisition. Non-current assets are subsequently measured at fair value less accumulated depreciation.

Revaluation of non-current assets

All non-current tangible assets are valued at written down current cost (a proxy for fair value), and revaluation of non-current assets or group of assets is only performed when its fair value at the time of acquisition is greater than \$1 million and estimated useful life is greater than three years.

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Every five years the Authority revalues its non-current assets. However, if at any time management considers that the carrying amount of an asset materially differs from its fair value, then the asset will be revalued regardless of when the last valuation took place. Non-current tangible assets that are acquired between revaluations are held at cost until the next valuation where they are revalued to fair value.

Any revaluation increment is credited to the asset revaluation surplus except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset class previously recognised as an expense, in which case the increase is recognised as income. Any revaluation decrease is recognised as an expense, except to the extent that it offsets a previous revaluation increase for the same asset class, in which case the decrease is debited directly to the asset revaluation surplus to the extent of the credit balance existing in the revaluations surplus for that asset class.

Upon disposal or derecognition, any revaluation surplus relating to that asset is transferred to retained earnings.

Impairment

All non-current tangible and intangible assets are tested for indication of impairment at each reporting date. Where there is an indication of impairment, the recoverable amount is estimated. An amount by which the assets carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

For revalued assets, an impairment loss is offset against the respective asset revaluation surplus.

Fair Value Measurement

AASB 13 defined fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, in the principal or most advantageous market, at the measurement date.

The Authority classifies fair value measurement using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the Authority's measurements, based on the data and assumptions used in the most recent revaluation.

- Level 1 – traded in active markets and is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at measurement date.
- Level 2 – not traded in an active market and are derived from inputs (inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 – not traded in an active market and are derived from unobservable inputs.

The valuation processes and fair value changes are reviewed by the Authority at each reporting date.

Valuation techniques adopted by the Authority are;

- Land valuations – Market Approach classified as a Level 2 input.
- Building and Infrastructure – Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) –classified as a Level 3 input.
- All other assets classes – Deemed Fair Value – Classified as a Level 3 input.

Unobservable inputs for level 3 inputs of the Authority are;

- Depreciated replacement cost – Replacement costs are derived by reference to OCA's internal records, that provide the actual construction and acquisition cost of project work, subscriber databases and published industry materials.
- Deemed fair value - Costs are derived by reference to OCA's internal records, that provide the actual construction and acquisition cost of project work.

There were no transfers of assets between level 1 and 2 fair value hierarchy levels in 2014.

m) Liabilities

Liabilities have been classified according to their nature and have not been offset unless required or permitted by a specific accounting standard, or where offsetting reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

The notes accompanying the financial statements disclose financial liabilities where the counterparty/transaction is with an entity within the SA Government as at the reporting date, classified according to their nature.

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Payables

Payables include creditors, accrued expenses and employment on-costs.

Creditors represent the amounts owing for goods and services received prior to the end of the reporting period that are unpaid at the end of the reporting period. Creditors include all unpaid invoices received relating to the normal operations of the Authority.

Accrued expenses represent goods and services provided by other parties during the period that are unpaid at the end of the reporting period and where an invoice has not been received.

All payables are measured at their nominal amount, are unsecured and are normally settled within 30 days from the date of the invoice or date the invoice is first received.

Employment on-costs include superannuation contributions and payroll tax with respect to outstanding liabilities for salaries and wages, long service leave, skills and experience retention leave and annual leave.

The Authority makes contributions to several State Government and externally managed superannuation schemes. These contributions are treated as an expense when they occur. There is no liability for payments for beneficiaries as they have been assumed by the respective superannuation schemes. The only liability outstanding at reporting date relates to contributions due but not yet paid to the superannuation scheme managers.

Employee benefits

These benefits accrue for employees as a result of services provided up to the reporting date that remain unpaid. Long-term employee benefits are measured at present value and short-term employee benefits are measured at nominal amounts.

Wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave

The liability for salaries and wages is measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current remuneration rates.

The annual leave liability is expected to be payable within 12 months and is measured at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid. In the unusual event where salaries and wages and annual leave are payable later than 12 months, the liability will be measured at present value.

No provision has been made for sick leave, as all sick leave is non-vesting and the average sick leave taken in future years by employees is estimated to be less than the annual entitlement for sick leave.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method.

The estimated liability for long service leave is based on actuarial assumptions over expected future salary and wage levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. These assumptions are based on employee departures and periods of service. These assumptions are based on employee data over SA Government entities across government. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds with durations that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Skills and experience retention leave

A liability for skills and experience retention leave is calculated by determining the amount unpaid at the reporting date at remuneration rates current at reporting date. The liability is expected to be payable within 12 months and is measured at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid. In the unusual event where skills and experience retention leave is payable later than 12 months, the liability will be measured at present value.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Authority has a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Authority expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income net of any reimbursement.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted for the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

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n) Unrecognised contractual commitments and contingent assets and liabilities

Commitments include operating, capital and outsourcing arrangements arising from contractual or statutory sources and are disclosed at their nominal value.

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value.

Unrecognised contractual commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable, to the ATO. If GST is not payable to, or recoverable from, the ATO, the commitments and contingencies are disclosed on a gross basis.

3 Financial risk management

Market risk

The Authority has a low level of non-interest bearing and interest bearing assets (deposits with the Treasurer) and liabilities. The Authority's exposure to market risk and cash flow interest risks is minimal.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility of the Authority's debtors defaulting on their contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Authority. The Authority measures credit risk on a fair value basis and monitors risk on a regular basis.

The Authority has minimal concentration of credit risk. The Authority has policies and procedures in place to ensure transactions occur with customers with appropriate credit history.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises where the Authority is unable to meet its financial obligations as they are due to be settled. The continued existence of the Authority is dependent on State Government policy and on continuing appropriations by Parliament for the Authority's administration and programs. The Authority settles undisputed accounts within 30 days from the date of the invoice or date of the invoice is first received. In the event of a dispute, payment is made within 30 days from resolution.

The Authority's exposure to liquidity risk is insignificant based on past experience and current assessment of risk.

4 New and revised accounting standards and policies

The Authority did not voluntarily change any of its accounting policies during 2013-14.

In accordance with the new AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, which became effective for the first time in 2013-14, the Authority has:

- reviewed its fair value valuation techniques (both internal estimates and independent valuation appraisal) for non-financial assets to ensure they are consistent with the standard. Previously, the Authority has used the cost approach or the market approach to determine fair value. The Authority will continue to measure its non-financial assets using either the cost or market approach. The application of AASB 13 has not had a material impact on the fair value measurements.

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted by the Authority for the period ending 30 June 2014. The Authority has assessed the impact of the new and amended standards and interpretations and considers there will be no impact on the accounting policies or the financial statements of the Authority.

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5 Employee benefits expenses

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Salaries and wages	571	502
Annual leave	40	53
Long service leave	30	90
Skills and experience retention leave	3	4
Employment on-costs - superannuation	71	63
Employment on-costs - payroll tax	39	38
Board fees	62	57
Other employee related expenses	11	10
Total employee benefits expenses	827	817

Targeted Voluntary Separation Packages (TVSPs)

No employees were paid TVSP's during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

6 Supplies and services

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Supplies and services provided by entities within SA Government		
Professional and technical services ⁽¹⁾	46	44
Community infrastructure services	-	46
Utility and property costs	74	81
Computing and communications costs	7	11
Travel and accomodation	-	1
Vehicle and equipment operating costs	3	1
Total supplies and services - SA Government entities	130	184

Supplies and services provided by entities external to the SA Government

Professional and technical services	226	24
Administrative and operating costs	331	396
Community infrastructure services	229	315
Utilities and property costs	485	502
Computing and communications costs	43	44
Travel and accomodation	38	47
Vehicle and equipment operating costs	19	22
Staff development and safety	15	10
Total supplies and services - non SA Government entities	1,386	1,360
Total supplies and services	1,516	1,544

⁽¹⁾ Includes audit fees paid/payable to the Auditor-General's Department, refer to Note 11.

The total supplies and services amount disclosed includes any GST amounts which are not recoverable from the ATO.

7 Depreciation expense

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Depreciation		
Buildings and infrastructure	324	142
Water, sewerage and drainage equipment	65	65
Plant and equipment	57	69
Total depreciation expense	446	276

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8 Grants and subsidies

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Grants and subsidies paid/payable to entities external to the SA Government		
Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Grants	102	228
Community projects	101	44
Community subsidies	36	103
Other	63	-
Total grants and subsidies - non-SA Government entities	302	375
Total grants and subsidies	302	375

9 Net (loss)/gain from the disposal of assets

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Land and buildings		
Less net book value of assets disposed	(10)	-
Net gain (loss) from disposal of land and buildings	(10)	-
Plant and equipment		
Proceeds from disposal	103	103
Less net book value of assets disposed	(108)	(108)
Net (loss) gain from disposal of plant and equipment	(5)	(5)
Total assets		
Total proceeds from disposal	103	103
Less total value of assets disposed	(118)	(108)
Total net (loss) gain from disposal of assets	(15)	(5)

10 Other expenses

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Other expenses paid/payable to entities external to the SA Government		
Refunds	-	520
Other	10	-
Total other expenses - non SA Government entities	10	520
Total other expenses	10	520

11 Auditor's remuneration

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Audit fees paid/payable to the Auditor-General's Department relating to the audit of the financial statements	42	31
Total auditor's remuneration	42	31

Other services

No other services were provided by the Auditor-General's Department.

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12 Advances and grants

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Advances and grants received/receivable from entities within the SA Government		
State grants	-	5
Commonwealth grants ⁽¹⁾	696	1,724
Intra government transfers	56	22
Total advances and grants - SA Government entities	752	1,751
Advances and grants received/receivable from entities external to the SA Government		
Commonwealth grants	76	209
Industry grants	18	-
Total advances and grants - non SA Government entities	94	209
Total advances and grants	846	1,960

The above advances and grants were allocated to the following projects:

Advances and grants received/receivable from entities within the SA Government		
Financial assistance grants ⁽¹⁾	696	1,451
Airstrips upgrade and safety	-	276
Andamooka Town Services	40	-
Other	16	24
Total advances and grants - SA Government entities	752	1,751
Advances and grants received/receivable from entities external to the SA Government		
Dunjiba municipal services	76	209
Other	18	-
Total advances and grants - non SA Government entities	94	209
Total advances and grants	846	1,960

⁽¹⁾ Commonwealth grants allocated by South Australian Local Government Grants Commission.

13 Interest revenue

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Interest from the Department of Treasury and Finance	13	53
Total interest revenue	13	53

14 Resources received free of charge

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Resources received free of charge	-	2,932
Total resources received free of charge	-	2,932

Resources received free of charge relate to repeater towers and the Oodnadatta airstrip that were transferred to the control of the Authority during the 2012-13 year.

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15 Other income

	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Other income received/receivable from entities within SA Government		
Reimbursements/recoveries	-	4
Other	68	69
Total other income - SA Government entities	68	73
Other income received/receivable from entities external to SA Government		
Reimbursements/recoveries	119	65
Community contribution scheme	179	100
Other	14	131
Total other income - non-SA Government entities	312	296
Total other income	380	369

16 Revenues from SA Government

	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Revenues from SA Government		
Appropriations from Consolidated Account pursuant to the Appropriation Act	618	608
Net revenues from Government	618	608

17 Cash

	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Deposits with the Department of Treasury and Finance	541	1,749
Total cash	541	1,749

Interest rate risk

Cash on hand is non-interest bearing. Deposits at call and with the Department of Treasury and Finance earn a floating interest rate, based on daily banking deposit rates.

18 Receivables

	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Current		
Receivables	35	22
Accrued revenue	-	4
Less: allowance for doubtful debts	(18)	(9)
Total current receivables	17	17
Total receivables	17	17
Receivables from SA Government entities		
Accrued revenue	-	4
Total receivables from SA Government entities	-	4
Receivables from non-SA Government entities		
Receivables	17	13
Total receivables from non-SA Government entities	17	13
Total receivables	17	17

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Allowance for doubtful debts

The allowance for doubtful debts (allowance for impairment loss) is recognised when there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired. An allowance for impairment loss has been recognised in 'other income' ('other expenses') in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for specific debtors and debtors assessed on a collective basis for which such evidence exists.

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Carrying amount at the beginning of the period	9	11
(Decrease)/increase in the allowance	9	-
Amounts written off	-	(2)
Carrying amount at the end of the period	18	9

Bad and doubtful debts

The Authority has recognised a change in its bad and doubtful debt expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, with an increase to the provision of \$9,000 however no debts were written off during the year.

19 Property, plant and equipment

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Land, buildings and infrastructure		
Land at fair value	17	17
Buildings and infrastructure at fair value	6,648	7,391
Accumulated depreciation	(1,665)	(2,101)
Total land and buildings	5,000	5,307
Water, sewerage and drainage		
Water, sewerage and drainage assets at fair value	2,296	2,296
Accumulated depreciation	(1,065)	(1,000)
Total water, sewerage and drainage	1,231	1,296
Plant and equipment		
Plant and equipment at fair value	386	395
Accumulated depreciation	(226)	(194)
Total plant and equipment	160	201
Work in progress		
Work in progress	217	97
Total work in progress	217	97
Total property, plant and equipment	6,608	6,901

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment

The following table shows the movement of property, plant and equipment during 2013-14

	Land	Buildings and Infrastructure	Water, sewerage and drainage	Plant and Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at beginning of period	17	5,290	1,296	201	97	6,901
Disposals	-	(10)	-	(108)	-	(118)
Acquisitions	-	27	-	124	120	271
Depreciation expense	-	(324)	(65)	(57)	-	(446)
Carrying amount at end of period	17	4,983	1,231	160	217	6,608

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Impairment

There were no indications of impairment of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets at 30 June 2014.

Valuation of Land, buildings, water, sewerage and drainage assets

A valuation of certain land, buildings and infrastructure were performed by independent valuers from Valcorp Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2013. All assets were revalued at fair value apart from repeater towers which were valued at depreciated replacement cost as a proxy for fair value. The buildings and infrastructure class includes many assets in isolated locations, including amenities and toilet blocks.

The valuation of water, sewerage and drainage assets was last performed by Maloney Field Services, an independent valuer as at 30 June 2008.

20 Payables

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Current		
Creditors	-	636
Accrued expenses	104	-
Employment on-costs	14	14
Total current payables	118	650
Non-current		
Employment on-costs	24	18
Total non-current payables	24	18
Total payables	142	668
Government / non-Government payables		
Payables to SA Government entities		
Creditors	-	380
Employment on-costs	37	16
Total payables to SA Government entities	37	396
Payables to non-SA Government entities		
Creditors	-	256
Accrued expenses	104	-
Employment on-costs	1	16
Total payables to non-SA Government entities	105	272
Total payables	142	668

Interest rate risk

Creditors and accruals are raised for all amounts billed but unpaid. Creditors are normally settled within 30 days and employment on-costs are settled when the related employee benefit is discharged. All payables are non-interest bearing. The carrying amount of payables represents fair value due to the amounts being payable on demand.

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21 Employee benefits	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Current		
Annual leave	64	60
Skills and experience retention leave	8	4
Long service leave	23	50
Accrued salaries and wages	2	-
Total current employee benefits	97	114
Non-current		
Long service leave	252	195
Total non-current employee benefits	252	195
Total employee benefits	349	309

AASB 119 requires the use of the yield on long term Commonwealth Government bonds as the discount rate in the measurement of the long service leave liability. The yield on long term Commonwealth Government bonds has decreased from 2013 (3.75%) to 2014 (3.5%).

This decrease in the bond yield, which is used as the rate to discount future long service leave cash flows, results in an increase in the reported long service leave liability.

The actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance left the salary inflation rate at 4%. As a result, there is no net financial effect resulting from changes in the salary inflation rate.

22 Provisions	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Non-current		
Provision for workers compensation	1	1
Total non-current provisions	1	1
Total provisions	1	1
Carrying amount at 1 July	1	4
Decrease in the provision	-	(3)
Carrying amount at 30 June	1	1

A liability has been recognised to reflect unsettled workers compensation claims. The workers compensation provision is based on an actuarial assessment performed by the Public Sector Workforce Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

23 Other liabilities	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Current		
Unearned revenue	243	-
Total current other liabilities	243	-
Total other liabilities	243	-

24 Equity	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Retained earnings	4,998	6,257
Asset revaluation reserve	1,432	1,432
Total equity	6,430	7,689

All changes in equity are attributable to the South Australian Government as owner.

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25 Unrecognised contractual commitments

	2014 \$' 000	2013 \$' 000
Operating lease commitments		
Commitments in relation to operating leases contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:		
Within one year	51	52
Later than one year and not later than five years	115	174
Total operating lease commitments	166	226
Representing:		
Non-cancellable operating leases	166	226
Total operating lease commitments	166	226

Operating leases relate to property and accommodation occupied by the Authority. This lease is non-cancellable, with rental payable monthly in advance. Contingent rental provisions within the lease agreement allow for the review of lease payments every year.

Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but are not yet recognised as liabilities in the financial report, are payable as follows:

Within one year	13	-
Total capital commitments	13	-

Capital commitment related to the purchase of water tanks.

Other commitments

Commitments for the payment of maintenance and other service contracts at the reporting date but not recognised as payables in the financial statements are payable as follows:

Within one year	230	288
Later than one year and not later than five years	174	28
Total other commitments	404	316

Other commitments relate to cancellable commitments arising from maintenance and other service contracts.

26 Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

The Authority is not aware of any contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2014.

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27 Cash flow reconciliation

	2014	2013
	\$' 000	\$' 000
Reconciliation of cash at year end of the reporting period:		
Statement of Cash Flows	541	1,749
Statement of Financial Position	541	1,749
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to net cost of providing services:		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(1,040)	(527)
Less: Revenue from SA Government	(618)	(608)
Add (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	(446)	(276)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of assets	(15)	(5)
Assets received free of charge	-	2,932
Changes in assets/liabilities		
Increase/(decrease) in receivables	-	(7)
(Increase)/decrease in payables and provisions	525	237
(Increase)/decrease in employee benefits	(40)	(120)
(Increase)/decrease in other liabilities	(243)	151
Net cost of providing services	(1,877)	1,777

28 Financial instruments/Financial risk management

Categorisation of financial instruments

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement, and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised with respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 4 of the Significant Accounting Policies.

			Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
			2014	2014	2013	2013
	Note	Category of financial assets	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets						
Cash	17	Cash	541	541	1,749	1,749
Loans and receivables ⁽¹⁾	18	Loans and receivables (at cost)	17	17	17	17
Total financial assets			558	558	1,766	1,766
Financial liabilities						
Payables ⁽¹⁾	20	Financial liabilities (at cost)	104	104	636	636
Total financial liabilities			104	104	636	636

⁽¹⁾ Amount of receivables and payables disclosed here excludes statutory receivables and payables (amounts owing from/to South Australian Government and GST input tax credit payable and recoverable). They are carried at cost.

Currently the Authority does not hold any collateral as security to any of its financial assets.

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Aging analysis of financial assets

The following table discloses the aging of financial assets, past due, including past due and impaired assets.

	Overdue for < 30 days	Overdue for 30 - 60 days	Overdue for > 60 days	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2014				
Not impaired				
Receivables	9	3	5	17
Impaired				
Receivables	4	-	14	18
Total financial assets	13	3	19	35
2013				
Not impaired				
Receivables	22	-	4	26
Impaired				
Receivables	-	-	9	9
Total financial assets	22	-	13	35

Maturity Analysis of financial assets and liabilities

	Carrying	< 1 year	1 - 5 years	> 5 years
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2014				
Financial assets				
Cash	541	541	-	-
Loans and receivables	17	17	-	-
Total financial assets	558	558	-	-
Financial liabilities				
Payables	104	104	-	-
Total financial liabilities	104	104	-	-
2013				
Financial assets				
Cash	1,749	1,749	-	-
Loans and receivables	17	17	-	-
Total financial assets	1,766	1,766	-	-
Financial liabilities				
Payables	636	636	-	-
Total financial liabilities	636	636	-	-

29 Event after balance date

As a result of restructuring of administrative arrangements outlined in the Government Gazette on 26 June 2014, the administrative responsibility for the Authority transferred from PIRSA to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure effective 1 July 2014.

OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

30 Remuneration of board and committee members

Members that were entitled to receive remuneration for membership during the year are listed below in the following summary table:

The number of members whose remuneration received or receivable falls within the following bands:	2014	2013
\$0	3	-
\$1 - \$9 999	7	8
\$20 000 - \$29 999	1	1
Total number of members	11	9

Remuneration of members reflects all costs of performing board/committee member duties including sitting fees, superannuation contributions, fringe benefits tax and any other salary sacrifice arrangements. The total remuneration received or receivable by members was \$66,193 (\$56,640).

Amounts paid to a superannuation plan for board and committee members was \$4,593 (\$6,000).

Unless otherwise disclosed, transactions between members are on conditions no more favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted if dealing with the related party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

In accordance with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular No. 016, government employees do not receive any remuneration for board/committee duties during the financial year.

* Government Employees

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Appendices

Appendix 1:

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PO Box 246, Andamooka SA 5722
Website is shared with the Outback Communities Authority:
<http://www.oqa.sa.gov.au/AndamookaTownManagementCommittee>

Appendix 2:

Client communities

The community groups with which the OCA deals are situated at, or within, the following townships, centres or districts:

Andamooka	Fowlers Bay	Marla
Ash	Gawler Ranges	Marree (2)
Beltana	Glendambo	Olary
Blinman	Innamincka	Oodnadatta (2)
Border Village	Iron Knob	Parachilna
Cockburn	Kingoonya	Penong
Coorabie	Leigh Creek	Pimba
Copley (2)	Lyndhurst	William Creek
Eastern Districts	Manna Hill	Woomera
		Yunta

Since 2007 the communities at Seven Waterholes, Tarcoola and more recently, Bookabie have disbanded due to diminishing community numbers making it impossible to operate as an Association body. As at 30 June 2014 these communities continue to be non-operational.

On 1 July 2012 a new town lease and legislation commenced confirming that the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy through the Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (known as the Department of State Development since 1 July 2014) would manage and administer the Mintabie township lease area. While the new town lease was being implemented, the OCA continued to support the Mintabie community up until 30 June 2013.

Appendix 3:

Community visits by OCA members and staff

Andamooka	6
Beltana	4
Blinman	3
Coorabie	4
Copley	5
Fowlers Bay	5
Gawler Ranges	1
Glendambo	2
Innamincka	1
Iron Knob	22*
Kingoonya	2
Leigh Creek	4
Lyndhurst	5
Manna Hill	4
Marla	2
Marree	6
Olary	1
Oodnadatta	6
Parachilna	4
Penong	7
Pimba	3
William Creek	1
Woomera	2
Yunta	4

* Weekly visits were undertaken by the Iron Knob Town Manager assisting with the transition to a Community Contribution Scheme and providing administration support.

The OCA makes every effort to hold formal regional meetings providing the opportunity for community residents and surrounding pastoralists to meet with the OCA Members. Two regional meetings were held during 2013-14; Iron Knob and Penong and were very well attended.

The OCA's Community Development Officer and Governance Officer travel to the communities in the unincorporated areas on a regular basis. Due to the extensive region, trips are planned well in advance and a concerted effort is made to include as many community meetings in a trip, as is feasibly achievable, thus making good use of travel time away from the OCA office.

The Community Development Officer meets with communities to undertake preliminary planning of the annual CARM agreements, annual budget, discuss any training that is identified and assist with planning for future community projects.

The Governance Manager also undertakes visits to outback communities and has been of particular support to the Andamooka and Iron Knob communities through the consultation and implementation of the Community Contribution Scheme.

Appendix 4:

OCA financial assistance 2013-14

.Financial assistance to outback communities:

Community	Community Support Package *	Community Assistance **	Youth Programs	Total Amount of Community Assistance
Andamooka	250,000#	3,472	5,390	258,862
Aroona	-	313	-	313
Ash	-	111	-	111
Beltana	4,060	1,037	-	5,097
Blinman	8,180	12,033	-	20,213
Border Village	-	323	-	323
Coorabie	1,560	4,228	-	5,788
Copley	5,060	1,050	202	6,312
Eastern Districts	-	103	-	103
Fowlers Bay	2,500	9,263	-	11,763
Gawler Ranges	2,500	3,919	-	6,419
Glendambo	4,060	993	-	5,053
Innamincka	-	10,732	-	10,732
Iron Knob	25,680##	1,592	-	27,272
Kingoonya	1,500	499	-	1,999
Leigh Creek	2,500	1,131	-	3,631
Lyndhurst	2,500	4,621	-	7,121
Manna Hill	2,500	404	-	2,904
Marla	4,680	5,541	-	10,221
Marree Arabunna	-	1,197	-	1,197
Marree	6,240	8,004	600	14,844
Olary	1,560	10,296	-	11,856
Oodnadatta	-	2,120	-	2,120
Parachilna	2,500	526	-	3,026
Penong	9,740	28,211	300	38,251
Pimba	6,248	351	-	6,599
Woomera	-	-	-	0
William Creek	2,500	4,061	-	6,561
Yunta	9,740	9,409	-	19,149
	\$355,808	\$125,540	\$6,492	\$487,840

* Community Support Package = Administration grant, Executive Officer Support grant.

** Community Assistance = Projects grants, Small Sports grants, Community Affairs, Resourcing and Management Agreement reimbursements, community insurance contributions, miscellaneous reimbursements.

The OCA provides the opportunity for outback communities to alleviate the responsibility of streetlight costs. In the 2013-2014 year the OCA assisted outback communities by providing \$10,000 toward outback streetlight costs.

Actual resource support provided by OCA Port Augusta personnel, use of vehicle and dedicated Community Administrator position located in Andamooka.

Actual resource support provided by OCA Port Augusta personnel, use of vehicle and dedicated Town Manager position.

Financial assistance to other incorporated community groups:

Recipient	Type of Funding	Amount of Funding
Diocese of Willochra	Projects Grant	3,219
Farina Restoration Group	Projects Grant	10,000
Great Tracks Clean up	Projects Grant	4,226
Isolated Children's Parents' Association	Projects Grant	1,000
Total		\$18,445

Appendix 5:

Joint initiative contributions

Regional Development Australia Far North

Resource agreement funding	\$ 35,229
Regional Tourism Officer	\$ 21,054

A Brush with Art

Sponsorship of outback art exhibition	\$ 1,000
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Brand South Australia

Sponsorship of SA Regional Awards	\$ 500
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\$ 57,783

Appendix 6:

Aboriginal reconciliation statement

The OCA acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of this land, their resilience and diversified cultures. The OCA continues to foster and nurture sound partnerships with all Aboriginal communities as together we strive to achieve positive outcomes for Aboriginal people living and working on traditional lands.

The OCA recognises the requirement to comply with Commonwealth and State legislation, policies and directions in respect to native title in South Australia. The OCA acknowledges the National Native Title Tribunal as the appropriate body to assist communities to facilitate timely and effective native title outcomes through its delivery of a wide range of services.

The OCA is a strong supporter of attaining land settlement through negotiation rather than litigation and plays a significant role in achieving settlement. To assist in the resolution of native title claims the OCA commits to providing sound and timely commentary on the impact of claim settlement on all communities within OCA's area of responsibility to relevant stakeholders.

Appendix 7:

Equal opportunity employment

The OCA is committed to creating and maintaining equal opportunity at its workplaces.

The OCA fosters tolerance in the workplace and promotes the prevention of discrimination and harassment including but not limited to gender, race, marital or family status, age, sexual orientation, disability, religious or political beliefs.

The OCA recognises that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal opportunity.

The OCA aims to promote equal opportunities, eliminate discrimination and eliminate harassment through the following:

- Opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.
- All employees (whether part-time, full-time or temporary), volunteers and members will be treated fairly and with respect.
- Selection for employment/volunteering, promotion, training or any other benefit will be on the basis of aptitude and ability. All selection/rejection decisions will be recorded.

At 30 June 2014 the OCA support staff comprised four males and four females while the OCA Board with a total of seven members consisted of five female members and two male members.

The OCA's support of equal opportunity employment is consistent with the equal opportunity policies and programs of the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA.

Appendix 8:

Disability action plan

The OCA continued its operations in the 2013-2014 year from 12 Tassie Street, Port Augusta. The building is of a historical nature and unfortunately does not provide disabled public access, however there is a side entrance that can accommodate wheelchair access.

Through the 'hi' Deafness Friendly Program a Counter Hearing Unit (CHU) was made available. This unit is located at the reception area and provides better access to communication services for hearing impaired clients when visiting the OCA office.

The Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) has worked particularly hard at improving venues in the Andamooka community for disabled access. The ATMC office, operational since December 2013 included wheelchair access and is cyclone, earthquake, tornado and termite resistant as well as being 'clean and green'. Internal signage for the sight impaired and unisex toilets have also been included in the office. The recreational Splashpad formally opened in March 2014, also has disabled access ensuring all children in the Andamooka region can enjoy this innovative water park.

The OCA has incorporated wheel chair access at a number of new public conveniences installed in the remote areas of South Australia. Where possible, this approach will continue with future constructions.

Advice has been provided to remotely located communities who are engaged in construction projects regarding wheelchair and disabled access. Through the Outback Grants Program, the OCA has provided funding assistance to incorporated groups for projects that have involved wheelchair access to community infrastructure. In July 2014 the Western United Tigers Inc benefitted from grant funding from the OCA which enabled the sporting group to construct a disabled ramp providing access to the community Football Club.



The completed access ramp at the Western United Tigers Football Clubrooms, Penong.

Appendix 9:

Energy efficient action plan

The OCA continues to demonstrate its commitment to the environment through the:

- Installation of solar street lights at Andamooka.
- Recycling of mobile telephones and accessories through MobileMuster.
- Recycling of toner cartridges through PlanetArk.
- Actively working toward paperless OCA meetings.

Andamooka leads the way in ensuring public safety in an efficient, effective and sustainable way. Andamooka has the largest population of any outback town in the OCA's area. The OCA in conjunction with the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association continues to set the benchmark in providing solar street lighting. Six solar street lights have been installed and more are planned for the 2014-15 financial year. The solar lighting is now providing a safe environment for locals and visitors to the area with the smallest of environmental footprints.

The OCA recognises that the cost of producing hard copy, paper, printing, storage, destruction etc. represent a significant cost to both the environment and OCA finances. In 2014 the OCA engaged with software providers to enable its meeting to be conducted as far as possible on an electronic platform. After much research and development the OCA has developed a method in house that will soon allow for paperless meetings.

Despite the terrain of distance causing significant challenges in managing waste across the outback the OCA has maintained its commitment to achieve sustainable waste management in the outback. A waste management solution which will meet the day to day requirements of outback residents, businesses, government agencies and visitors to the outback as well as the regulatory requirements of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is a complicated issue. The OCA's role in waste management across the outback is one of collaboration with other stakeholders. The OCA is confident a solution for efficient, environmentally sustainable waste management practices for outback communities will be achieved over the upcoming financial year.

In September 2012 the Western United Tigers Football Club applied with support from the Penong and Districts Progress Association for grant funding from the OCA to install 50 solar panels at the community clubrooms. The clubrooms are used by various sporting groups in the community and are identified as the main community meeting location. The solar panel project was completed in February 2013 and is an energy solution with far reaching benefits across the Penong community.

Appendix 10:

Freedom of information

The purpose of an information statement is to provide people wanting access to information held by State and Local Government and Universities.

Application forms to request information under the Act can be obtained from the State Records website: www.archives.sa.gov.au/foi.forms.html.

An application lodged under the Act costs \$31.50.

All freedom of information enquiries and requests should be addressed to:

Outback Communities Authority
PO Box 2353
Port Augusta SA 5700

No applications or enquiries for access to OCA files or records pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* were received during 2013-2014.

Whistleblower Protection Act 1993

In the last financial year, no disclosures were made under the *Whistleblower's Protection Act 1993*.

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