

Naracoorte Lucindale Council

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To the SA Public & Environmental Health Council pursuant to Section 44 (1) of the

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT 1987

1 PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

1.1 Environmental Health Staff Numbers

Please provide a snapshot of council's environmental health workforce on **30 June 2009** by completing the tables below.

This information is requested to inform State and National environmental health workforce initiatives.

Permanent **full time** employed environmental health officers (approx 38 hours/week)
(30 June 2009)

Full name	Qualifications	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Chris Congdon	Environmental Health Officer	1	15 October 2007

Permanent **part time** employed environmental health officers **(30 June 2009)**

Full name	Qualifications	Average hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)

Temporary contract employed environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average contracted hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Contract start/finish dates

Contracted non-employee environmental health officers (30 June 2009)				
Full name	Qualifications	Average contracted hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Contract start/finish dates

Environmental health officer positions vacant (30 June 2009)				
Position type (fulltime/ part time/ contract)	Position hours/week	When the position was first advertised (date)?	Number of suitably qualified applicants (at 30/6/09)	Comments regarding this position.

Number (FTE) of Ancillary Staff that assist council to fulfil its responsibilities under the <i>Public & Environmental Health Act, 1987</i> (30 June 2009)	
Immunisation Nurses	
Administration	
Other (please specify)	

1.2 Staff Training

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

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT & REGULATIONS

Complete details of measures taken under Part III of the P&EH Act (protection of public health relating to sanitation, drainage and protection of water supplies) & P&EH Regulations (waste control).

Section No.	Type	No. of complaints received	No. of notices served	No. of court / appeals / expiations
Public & Environmental Health Act, Part III				
15 & 16	Prevention / offences re insanitary conditions on premises	0	1	0
17	Control of offensive activities	2	0	0
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place	0	0	0
19	Private thoroughfare	0	0	0
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	0	0	0
21	Pollution of water	0	0	0
22	Closure of water supplies	0	0	0
Regulations 1995 - Waste Control				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	0	0	0
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	0	0	0

2.1 Monitoring and management of Insanitary Conditions

2.1.1 Please briefly describe the chief causes of insanitary conditions reported (eg hoarded materials, pest infestation).

Council has received complaints in regards to pest infestation. This may have been due to the result of hoarding or general hygiene issues of the relevant properties.

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

Properties implicated to insanitary conditions are generally privately owned.

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

Working with the property owners to clean and implementing pest control are found to be the best practices to rectify insanitary conditions.

2.2 Monitoring and management of Offensive Activities

2.2.1 Please briefly describe the offensive activities requiring the action described in the table above under the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987.

One complaint regarding noise issues due to a Rooster in the township area.

3 PRIORITY OF PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

3.1 List the more significant environmental health issues currently facing the local community and what is being done to address them

Council is currently investigating the best way to ensure public health is upheld in the community.

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

Council is notified of issues through complaints; due to limited resources no proactive monitoring is conducted to prevent such conditions from occurring.

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

All issues are prioritised in regards to risk of public health at the time.

3.3 Detail any programs specifically aimed at dealing with public health issues related to vulnerable groups in your community (eg aboriginal, migrants, and the aged).

Currently Council has no pro-active programs aim at vulnerable groups in the community in place.

4 DISEASE CONTROL

4.1 Monitoring of Pools & Spas (public aquatic facilities) to minimise the incidence of water-borne illness (please complete the table below and provide details of any special activities, eg, training etc.)

Type of Pool	Number in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Number of Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Swimming	2		0	0	0
Spa					
Hydrotherapy	1	1	0	0	1
Waterslide					
Other	1	1	0	0	1
Total	4	2	0	0	2

Any Additional Comments?

Naracoorte has a unique Swimming Lake open to the public. Its filtration system is exempt from the Public and Environmental Health (General) Regulations 2006. This Lake is maintained by Council workers and their work is audited by Environmental Health.

4.2 Monitoring & investigation to minimise the incidence of Legionnaires Disease
(please complete the table below and provide details of any special activities, eg, training, investigations etc)

Type of System	Number registered in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Number of Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Cooling Water System	10	0	0	0	0
Warm Water System	1	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11				0

Any Additional Comments?

Since the introduction of the Public and Environmental Health (Legionella) Regulations 2008 the registration process has begun.

4.3 Monitoring and control of Waste Control Systems *(eg. septic tanks, STEDS, CEDS)*

Type of System	Number of applications	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints
Septic Tank	5	0	0
Aerobic System	5	0	0
Other (name)			
Total	10	0	0

Any Additional Comments ?

Due to most development occurring within the Naracoorte Township, where there is a sewer maintained by SA Water there are limited number of waster control system applications.

4.4 Immunisation programs

Please provide details on the number of clinics conducted during the reporting period

<i>Clinic Type</i>	<i>Number of Clinics</i>
Number of Council Operated Public Clinics	
Number of School Clinics	1
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	
Total	1

Council contracts out the school based immunisation programs to a local health provider.

4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up

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

Documentation provided by the Communicable Disease Control Branch has led to informal investigation where a known food handler has been implicated. There have been no formal requests made by CDCB for investigations related to outbreaks.

4.6 Monitoring of Hairdressing, Beauty & Skin Penetration businesses

Type of Facility	Number in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Tattoo Parlours & Body Piercing	2	0	0	0	0
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	10	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0	0	0

Any Additional Comments ?

Council monitors Hairdressing, Beauty & Skin Penetration businesses as per the relevant guidelines provided by the Department of Health.

4.7 Monitoring and control of Vectors and Other Pests (include level of activity, control measures, number/regularity of complaints, education programs etc)

Vector or Pest	Number of Complaints	Control Program (Y/N) (Please provide further details below)
Mosquitoes		
Rodents		
Head Lice	1	
Flies		
Pigeons		
Scabies		
Cockroaches		
Bees	1	
European Wasps	29	Y
Other (please describe)		

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

European Wasps – Fipronil baits were used in conjunction with TimberCorp and other property owners. Nest destruction occurred when nests were found.

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

There is one pet retreat and one dog kennel in the Council area. These are monitored by the General Inspector of Council.

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

Council followed Department of Health Wash, Wipe, Cover program through the H1N1 outbreak.

4.10 Other

5 PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

5.1 Does Council have a current Public & Environmental Health Management Plan or Strategic/ Corporate Plan that forward plans the environmental health activities of Council?

NO

IF NO

Does Council expect to produce one within the next 2 years?

NO

IF YES

Date commenced

Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ?

YES / NO

(If Yes, go to next item)

Provide a summary of how the Plan responds to the needs of the local community, how it is progressing and how regularly it is reviewed.

6. HEALTH EDUCATION / PROMOTION & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Include Council initiatives, activities and programs designed to promote public health issues to the community including those delivered in partnership with others. (eg. training sessions, workshops, radio interviews, presentations / education sessions to schools/community groups, educational materials produced, newsletter articles, studies or trials). Provide details of consultation and community involvement, the variety of communication tools used (eg. local newspaper/radio, Council pamphlets, shopping centre displays) and how projects are evaluated.

Due to resource limitations no health education, promotion or community consultation was undertaken during this period. However, Council hopes to change this and become more proactive in this area.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Provide details of activities designed to reduce and prevent exposure of individuals to health hazards. May include number/types of complaints received, issues dealt with, concerns, inventories held etc.

7.1 Monitoring to ensure Potable Water (eg. rainwater tanks, bores)

It is known that SA Water do some in this area.

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

Local environmental groups involved with DEH, DWLBC and SENRMB have programs which capture the water quality / protection of waterways and catchments.

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

Council has a two bin system for separation of putrescibles and recyclable waste. There are two dumps and a landfill site in the Council area. These are monitored by a separate section of Council to Environmental Health.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

Council is working with other State agencies in regards to Contaminated Land.

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

Council monitors some hazardous substances. This is done through the risk assessment procedures completed by the Governance Officer.

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

No, Council does not undertake air quality monitoring.

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

Rooster complaint in township.

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

This is done through the risk assessment procedures completed by the Governance Officer.

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

The development of an Emergency Management Plan in conjunction with Robe Council is being undertaken.

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

Where applicable EHO comments were sought on Development Applications.

7.11 Other

8. OTHER

Please provide details of any other public & environmental health issues encountered by Council. (eg, complex investigations, participation in major events and festivals, strategic planning and implementation programs etc)

Date this report was / is to be presented to Council

23 / 02 /2010

This report is to be submitted by 30th September 2009 in soft copy emailed to:

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