

District Council of Ceduna

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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)

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
David Michael Thompson	B App Sci (Env Health)	1.75	42 yrs	Ongoing since 2002

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	N/A
Administration	
Other (please specify)	

1.2 Staff Training

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

Nil

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	0	0
17	Control of offensive activities	0	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).

Nil

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

Nil

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

Nil

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.

Nil

3 PRIORITY OF PUBLIC & ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

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

Nil

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

N/A

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

N/A

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).

Council, in partnership with the Office of Aboriginal Housing, maintains the 'Town Camp' in Ceduna, which accommodates itinerant aboriginal persons on a temporary basis in a style and environment more akin to their traditional way of life.

Developed in consultation with the Oak Valley and Yalata aboriginal groups and licensed premises within the Ceduna district, a template of standard license conditions is in place. It seeks to curtail binge drinking by restricting the takeaway purchase of alcohol to low alcohol drinks.

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	3	3	0	0	3
Spa	0	0	0	0	0
Hydrotherapy	0	0	0	0	0
Waterslide	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	3

Any Additional Comments?

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

Type of System	Number registered in area	Number of routine inspections	Number of complaints	Number of Inspections related to complaints/investigations	Total number of inspections
Cooling Water System	0	0	0	0	0
Warm Water System	3	0	0	0	3
Other – Identification of systems	N/A	0	0	2	2
Total	3			2	5

Any Additional Comments?

Council has resolved that business operators will arrange their own annual independent audits.

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	22	38	
Aerobic System	2	4	
Other (name)			
Total	24	42	

Any Additional Comments ?

4.4 Immunisation programs

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

<i>Clinic Type</i>	<i>Number of Clinics</i>
Number of Council Operated Public Clinics	0
Number of School Clinics	0
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	0
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	0
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>

The Ceduna Hospital Inc. is contracted by the department to undertake the necessary clinics.

4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up

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

Nil

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	0	0	0	0	0
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	4	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	0	0	0	0

Any Additional Comments ?

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	2	Yes
Rodents	0	N
Head Lice	0	N
Flies	0	N
Pigeons	0	N
Scabies	0	N
Cockroaches	0	N
Bees	0	N
European Wasps	0	N
Other (please describe)	0	N

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

The joint venture mosquito monitoring program, in conjunction with the University of South Australia, was completed in early 2009, the result of the project was for council to request a costing for a pilot control program for the Denial Bay township area, highlighted in the program as the most affected area by mosquitoes.

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

Dog & Cat Management Act administered.

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

Relevant documents viewed and kept available.

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?

YES

IF NO

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

IF YES

Date commenced

Have details of the plan been provided in previous reports ?

YES

(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.

Literature at council offices and library. Articles in local newspaper. Presentations to schools and community groups are available on request. One talk was given to the middle school children of the Lutheran School during the year.

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)

Only if problem identified – no routine monitoring.

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

Council monitors its Water West Scheme water quality and CWMS effluent.

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

Council provides weekly kerbside collection of domestic waste to all residential properties within the townships of Ceduna, Thevenard, Denial Bay and Smoky Bay. Collection is via a robotic armed compactor with waste placed in 240 litre MGB's. Commercial properties have waste collected by Council upon signing of a collection agreement and payment of the appropriate fee. There is no kerbside collection of recyclables.

Kerbside collection of domestic waste also occurs in 8 indigenous Homelands that are located in the Ceduna District.

Council has a landfill site located 3kms north east of Ceduna that is managed by a contractor. The site accepts domestic, municipal, industrial and construction/demolition waste. Non friable asbestos can also be disposed of at the landfill site. Quarantine waste from ships docking at Thevenard port is also buried.

Public recycling bins are now available in, two locations within the Ceduna district, for 24 hour disposal of steel, aluminium, glass, and plastic containers.

Waste streams recycled at the site include steel and metals, some green waste, mineral oils, refrigerant gases, lead acid batteries CDL containers and non deposit glass.

Council takes part in the Chemcollect program and also took part in Zero Wastes hazardous chemical collection program towards the end of 2005.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

Nil

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

Nil

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

Nil

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

Nil

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

Council has a risk assessment and inspection regime in place; in which playgrounds, parks and foreshore areas are considered.

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

Council undertakes emergency planning for significant events including the annual Oysterfest event over the October long weekend.

Council has developed and implemented a whole of district Emergency Risk Management Plan.

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

Nil

7.11 Other

Nil

