

District Council Elliston

PO Box 46, Elliston SA 5670

2008 / 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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
Joss Heinen		-	25	Ongoing
Emma McDonald	Environmental Health Degree	2 days per month	5 yrs	Ongoing

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		
17	Control of offensive activities	0		
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place	0		
19	Private thoroughfare	0		
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	0		
21	Pollution of water	0		
22	Closure of water supplies	0		
Regulations 1995 - Waste Control				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	0		
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	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).

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

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

No change since last reporting period

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.

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

No change since last reporting period

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

Councillors raise issues they have been made aware of by members of the public. Council has a feedback/request form at the front office which members of the public use to raise issues.

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

Issues are minimal and Council is able to attend to all of them at the present moment

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).

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				
Spa	0				
Hydrotherapy	0				
Waterslide	0				
Other	0				
Total	3				

Any Additional Comments?

Department of Health fact sheets and information posters were distributed to the swimming pool operator.

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				
Warm Water System	1	0	0	0	1
Other					
Total	1	0			1

Any Additional Comments?

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	10	10	0
Aerobic System	4	4	0
Other (name)			
Total	14	14	

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	1
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>1</i>

4.5 Notifiable Disease Follow Up

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

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

Mosquito control program – vectabac larval control program in Lock and Elliston

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

No change since last reporting period

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

Council has an Emergency Management Plan. The plan covers details for dealing with Pandemic Flu

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 2007

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.

The plan includes objectives aimed at improving the health of our community. Essentially by ensuring Environmental Health services are carried out and regulations are communicated to and supported by the community.

Plan is to be reviewed in 2012

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.

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)

7.2 Monitoring to ensure 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)

Extensive groundwork was carried out in preparation for the implementation of the newly developed waste management strategy, which will include mechanical collection of kerbside waste and recyclables over the next three years, converting existing landfill sites to transfer stations and only operating one landfill site in the District. This included the closure, extensive clean up and removal of metals, covering and rehabilitation of Port Kenny, Murdinga and Elliston Landfill Sites and preparation for transfer stations and bin banks.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

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

Council continued to offer a DrumMuster drum collection service to members of the public. Council also provides a waste oil disposal service in Lock.

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

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

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

Outlined in Councils Emergency Management Plan

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

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 / /2009

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

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