

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KAROONDA EAST MURRAY

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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
Michael Stephenson	B.App.Sc (Env Hlth)	As required	25 years	

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

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).

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

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

There are no significant environmental health issues that have been identified. Attention is given to issues raised on a case-by-case basis. Karoonda East Murray is the State's smallest LGA with predominantly farming activities, although the expansion of zircon mineral sand mining near Mindarie is having a positive economic impact on the district

Council has recently undertaken a major upgrade of it's stormwater collection in anticipation of future recycling opportunities.

Planning for upgrading of the defective effluent treatment lagoons is also underway pending funding support from the Federal Government through the LGA Statewide Recycling Program.

3.2 Prioritisation process

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

No comment required

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

No comment required

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).

Nil

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	1	0	0	2
Spa					
Hydrotherapy					
Waterslide					
Other					
Total	2	2	0	0	2

Any Additional Comments?

Both swimming pools are located on school property and are available for limited public access.

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	0				
Other	0				
Total	0				

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	4	2	
Aerobic System	1	0	
Other (name)			
Total			

Any Additional Comments ?

Aerobic only recently approval, yet to be installed an inspected.

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	
Number of Internal (Council Staff) Influenza Clinics	
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>

Service provided by local GP, no input from Council

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				
Hairdressing & Beauty Salons (including those that undertake skin penetration)	1	0			
Other	0				
Total	1	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	
Rodents	0	
Head Lice	0	
Flies	0	
Pigeons	0	
Scabies	0	
Cockroaches	0	
Bees	0	
European Wasps	0	
Other (please describe)	0	

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

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

No report

4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu

No report

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/ NO

IF NO

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

YES/ 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.

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)

SA Water reticulated supply to major townships. Horticultural areas rely on private rainwater supply

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)

A single landfill depot is operated by the Council with the EPA licence renewed. This was subject to Council submitting and gaining approval for a LEMP.

Council is continuing to participate in the Murray Mallee Regional Waste Strategy discussions. However at present Council continues to meet all EPA licence requirements.

7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land

No report

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

No report

7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality

No report

7.7 Noise Complaint Investigations

No report

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

No report

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

No report

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

Nil

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 is to be presented to Council on 8 September 2009

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

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