

# DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE

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## 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 <b>full time</b> employed environmental health officers (approx 38 hours/week) <b>(30 June 2009)</b>			
Full name	Qualifications	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Nil Report			

Permanent <b>part time</b> employed environmental health officers <b>(30 June 2009)</b>				
Full name	Qualifications	Average hours worked per week	EHO experience (years/months)	Commenced working for council (date)
Mark Smith	HNC Environmental Protection	15.2	6 years	19/1/2009
Ronald Borda Ashenden	'Grandfather'	15.2	20 years Plus	4/8/2008

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

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

Environmental health officer <b>positions vacant (30 June 2009)</b>				
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.
No report				

Number (FTE) of Ancillary Staff that assist council to fulfil its responsibilities under the <i>Public &amp; Environmental Health Act, 1987 (30 June 2009)</i>	
Immunisation Nurses	
Administration	0.05
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.*

Attendance at Environmental Health Australia State Conference  
 EHO Plumbing course through TAFE  
 Post Graduate Diploma – Environmental Health Practice

## 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
<b>Public &amp; Environmental Health Act, Part III</b>				
15 & 16	Prevention / offences re insanitary conditions on premises	1	0	0
17	Control of offensive activities	2	0	0
18	Discharge of wastes in a public place	1	0	0
19	Private thoroughfare	0	0	0
20	Provision of adequate sanitation	0	0	0
21	Pollution of water	1	0	0
22	Closure of water supplies	0	0	0
<b>Regulations 1995 - Waste Control</b>				
Reg. 19	Maintenance orders	0	0	0
Reg. 24	Connect to STEDS	4	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).

Inadequate sanitary facilities; Nil heating, cooling or lighting; Nil services provided

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

Privately owned

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

Lacking in social skills

## **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.

Poultry – odour related  
Dogs – odour and noise related

## **3 PRIORITY OF PUBLIC & ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

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

No Community Wastewater Management Scheme within townships of Port Germein, Wirrabara and Port Flinders – have been listed with the LGA for funding.

### **3.2 Prioritisation process**

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

Through complaints and investigation

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

Addressed through risk assessments for creation of positive health outcomes.  
Public demand

- 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).**

No programs provided

## 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	4	0	0	0	0
Spa	1	0	0	0	0
Hydrotherapy	0	0	0	0	0
Waterslide	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Any Additional Comments?

No change since previous reporting period.

### 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	1	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Any Additional Comments?

No change since previous reporting period.

### 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	19	4	0
Aerobic System	14	2	0
Other (name)	Install Grey Water Diverter - 1	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

Any Additional Comments ?

Have monitored the desludging and disposal of waste including the use of the land for cropping following this tender.

#### 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	1
Number of External Influenza Workplace Clinics	0
Number of Other Workplace Clinics	
<i>Total</i>	

The doctors at the Booleroo Medical Centre do not operate specific public clinics for immunisation purposes except for the School Immunisation Program. However, all child immunisations (as per the National Immunisation Program SA) are given to all children at the Medical Centre by appointment. A recall system is kept for all children ages less than 7 years of age and reminders are sent to those who are overdue for scheduled immunisations.

#### 4.5 **Notifiable Disease Follow Up**

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

No change since previous reporting period.

#### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Any Additional Comments ?

Nil

**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	

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

Mosquitoes Control Program has been developed to disseminate information to the public.

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

No change since previous reporting period.

**4.9 Outline any preparation work done for Pandemic Flu**

Posters displayed on community notice boards by Council.

**4.10 Other**

No change since previous reporting period.

**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**  
**Strategic Management Plan**

**IF NO** Does Council expect to produce one within the next 2 years?

**IF YES** Date commenced May 2008

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**

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*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.*

Community education and promotion has included:

- the trialling of composting bins for purchase by the community through a bulk order purchase
- Provision of Food Information Kits to food businesses and community groups
- Provision of templates for the recording of temperatures, cleaning etc in food businesses.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**

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*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)**

One complaint received for rainwater tank quality – advice given to achieve best outcome.

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

No change since previous reporting period.

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

Done scoping report on main landfill site for Council on waste and waste liquid containment and fire risk.

### **7.4 Monitoring of Contaminated Land**

No change since previous reporting period.

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

Inspections have been conducted on all Council Asbestos by Carter Corporation.

### **7.6 Monitoring of Air Quality**

Complaints received were in relation to dust and burning.

## 7.7 **Noise Complaint Investigations**

On noise complaint received for excessive car noise on a private property.

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

No change since previous reporting period.

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

No change since previous reporting period.

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

Nil report

## 7.11 **Other**

Nil Report

## 8. **OTHER**

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*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)*

EHO has been involved with providing advice and feedback to the Planning and Building Department in relation to future proposals and extensions.

**Date this report was to be presented to Council**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

**This report is to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in soft copy emailed to:**

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