

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ADMINISTRATION CENTRE
245 STURT ROAD, STURT
ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015**



PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

Councillors

Coastal Ward

Ian Crossland
Tim Gard

Mullawirra Ward

Jerome Appleby
Jason Velsikou

Southern Hills

Janet Byram
Nick Westwood

Warracowie Ward

Bruce Hull
Nathan Prior

Warriparinga Ward

Luke Hutchinson
Raelene Telfer

Woodlands Ward

Nick Kerry
Tim Pfeiffer

In Attendance

Mr Mark Searle
Ms Kathy Jarrett
Ms Heather Montgomerie
Mr Vincent Mifsud
Ms Kate McKenzie
Ms Victoria Moritz

Chief Executive Officer
Director
Director
Director
Manager Governance
Governance Officer

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

DISCLOSURE

All persons in attendance are advised that the audio of this General Council meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the City of Marion website.

MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting.

- Councillors Hull and Hutchinson identified a conflict of interest which has been recorded in the minutes at the following relevant agenda item for reference:
 - *Final Outcome regarding Code of Conduct Complaint, Report Reference: GC270115M02*
 - *Nominations Sought for the Development Assessment Commission, Report Reference: GC270115R11*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Councillor Pfeiffer, Seconded Councillor Kerry that the minutes of the General Council meeting held on 9 December 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

COMMUNICATION - HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Report on Mayoral Activities for November and December 2014 and January 2015

His Worship the Mayor, Kris Hanna submitted a report on meetings and functions attended by himself during November and December 2014 and January 2015.

Date	Event	Comment
25 November 2014	Attended the White Ribbon Breakfast Adelaide Convention Centre	
27 November	Hosted the Mayor's End of Year Business Function Glandore Community Centre	
27 November	Attended a Celebration of new BBQ and Playspace Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre	
28 November	Attended Christmas in the Garden - celebration with local volunteers Kingston House, Kingston Park	
28 November	Made welcome speech at the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities Awards Dinner Tonsley TAFE	
29 November	Attended the Warradale Meals on Wheels 2014 Volunteers Awards Presentation and Christmas Party Meals on Wheels Reserve, Warradale	
30 November	Launched the 13th Annual City of Marion Community Exhibition Gallery M, Marion Cultural Centre	

30 November	Attended the Marion Church of Christ final service for John Lunnay Mitchell Park	
01 December	Met with Professor Michael Barber Flinders University, Bedford Park	
03 December	Met with Principal Seaview High School Seacombe Road, Seacombe Heights	
03 December	Spoke at the Edwardstown Regional Business Association (ERBA) end of year celebration Oaklands Wetland	
03 December	Spoke at the Glandore Christmas Carols Glandore Community Centre	
05 December	Attended the City of Onkaparinga Mayor's Christmas Business Function St Francis Winery Restaurant, Reynella	
06 December	Hosted Marion Stakes Day Morphettville Race Course, Morphettville	
06 December	Spoke at the Welcome to Australia Day Oaklands Park	
07 December	Attended the Plympton Bulldogs Family Christmas Party Plympton Sports & Rec Club, Plympton Park	
07 December	Attended the Sahra Festival Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre, Adelaide	
07 December	Attended the Friends of Glenthorne Vision Day Subcommittee meeting Darlington	
08 December	Spoke at the Community Care Volunteer Christmas Thank You Event Council Chamber, City of Marion	
08 December	Attended the Outdoor Pool Group Christmas Party Duncan Avenue, Park Holme	
10 December	Spoke at the Active Elders Christmas Luncheon Active Elders Hall, Ascot Park	
10 December	Attended the Migrant Resource Centre SA 2014 AGM and Awards Ceremony King William Street, Adelaide	
11 December	Attended the Edwardstown Meals on Wheels Christmas Breakup Party Aberfeldy Avenue, Edwardstown	
11 December	Conducted Citizenship Ceremony Marion Cultural Centre	
12 December	Attended the Vietnam Veterans' Federation SA Christmas Luncheon Addison Road, Warradale	
13 December	Attended the Rajah Street Reserve Community Christmas Party Rajah Street Reserve, Oaklands Park	

13 December	Hosted the Mayor's Christmas Drinks Club Marion, Sturt	
14 December	Attended the Friends of Glenthorne Christmas lunch Marion	
14 December	Attended the Park Holme / Plympton Park Christmas in the Park and Art Exhibition Duncan Avenue Reserve, Park Holme	
17 December	Attended the Trott Park Fencing Club come and try event Sheidow Park Primary School, Sheidow Park	
19 December	Opened a new business - Hadi Fitness Marion Road, Marion	
10 January 2015	Met with the Edwardstown Community Church Governance Team Towers Terrace, Edwardstown	
11 January	Presented the 120 metre winners sash and prize money at the 2015 Marion Gift Carnival Marion Sports and Community Club, Sturt	
19 January	Met with Superintendent Tom Rieniets, Sturt Police City of Marion	
20 January	Attended the Hallett Cove Lions meeting The Barn, Hallett Cove	
21 January	Met with representative from Minda Inc. City of Marion	
21 January	Met with representative from Gymnastics SA City of Marion	
22 January	Participated in radio segment with Coast FM Glandore Community Centre	
23 January	Attended the City of Marion Australia Day Event – Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony and presented the City of Marion Australia Day Awards Glandore Community Centre	
26 January	Spoke at the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Hallett Cove Australia Day Breakfast Heron Way, Hallett Cove	
26 January	Attended the Multifaith Service organised by Order of Australia Association Pilgrim Church, Flinders Street, Adelaide	
In addition the Mayor has met with numerous residents, local MP's and also with the CEO and Council staff regarding various issues.		

Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Gard that the report by the Mayor be received.

Carried Unanimously

COMMUNICATION – DEPUTY MAYOR

Report on Deputy Mayoral Activities for November and December 2014 and January 2015

Date	Event	Comment
11-Nov-14	Introduction Meeting for Elected Members	Attended
12-Nov-14	Darlington Road Upgrade Stakeholder Meeting	Attended
18-Nov-14	Swearing in Ceremony	Attended
22-Nov-14	Induction Weekend Saturday	Attended
23-Nov-14	Induction Weekend Sunday	Attended
25-Nov-14	General Council Meeting	Attended
26-Nov-14	Graffiti Volunteers End of Year Thank You Event	Attended / Spoke on Behalf of Council
27-Nov-14	Business Community End of Year Event	Attended
30-Nov-14	GalleryM 2014 Exhibition	Attended
2-Dec-14	Warriparinga Ward Briefing	Attended
2-Dec-14	Elected Member Forum	Attended
5-Dec-14	CEO Performance Review Committee	Attended
6-Dec-14	SAJC Marion Race Day	Attended
9-Dec-14	General Council Meeting	Attended
10-Dec-14	Active Elders Association Christmas Celebration	Attended
13-Dec-14	Mayors Christmas Function	Attended
16-Dec-14	Elected Member Forum	Attended
17-Jan-15	Elected Member Bus Tour of facilities	Attended
23-Jan-15	CEO Performance Review Committee	Attended

Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Gard, that the report by the Deputy Mayor be received.

Carried Unanimously

COMMUNICATION – ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor Ian Crossland
File No. 9.33.3.30

Nil

Councillor Tim Gard
File No. 9.33.3.31

Nil

Councillor Jerome Appleby
File No. 9.33.3.20

Nil

Councillor Jason Veliskou
File No. 9.33.3.17

Nil

Councillor Janet Byram
File No. 9.33.3.34

Date	Event	Comment
19 Nov 14	Citizenship Ceremony – Marion Cultural Centre	Attended
21 Nov 14	Meeting with cove football club new chair	Attended
22 Nov 14	Induction Weekend	Attended
23 Nov 14	Induction Weekend	Attended
24 Nov 14	Meeting with cove soccer club committee	Attended
26 Nov 14	Graffiti Volunteers End of Year function	Attended
27 Nov 14	Cove sports centre AGM	Attended
28 Nov 14	Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable cities Awards Dinner	Attended
01 Dec 14	ICAC Elected Members Morning Tea	Attended
03 Dec 14	Glandore Christmas Carols – Glandore Community Centre	Attended
04 Dec 14	Hallett Cove year 10 PLP presentations	Reviewed presentations and provided comments to each student
04 Dec 14	HACC Christmas lunch Trott Park Neighbourhood centre	Attended
05 Dec 14	Hallett Cove year 10 PLP presentations	Reviewed presentations and provided comments to each student
06 Dec 14	SAJC Marion race day	Attended
08 Dec 14	Hallett Cove year 10 PLP presentations	Reviewed presentations and

		provided comments to each student
13 Dec 14	Mayors Christmas party	Attended
16 Dec 14	Ward briefing Southern Hills and Coastal Wards	Attended
17 Dec 14	Hallett Cove Baptist Church Christmas lunch for Baptist care recipients	Helped with greeting guests and serving lunch
18 Dec 14	Cove Sports centre Christmas drinks	Attended
09 Jan 15	Meeting with Graeme Botting – re Lions club Anzac day ceremony	Attended with Cr Crossland
12 Jan 15	Meeting with president RSL Marion	Attended
14 Jan 14	Meeting with manager cove sports	Attended
15 Jan 15	Principal Seaview High School intro meeting as liaison councillor	Attended with Cr Telfer
16 Jan 15	Meeting Hallett Cove Library re councillor liaison role with friends of the library	Attended
17 Jan 15	Elected Member Bus Tour of sporting facilities	Attended
23 Jan 15	Assisted the Lions and Rotary Clubs promoting the Australia Day breakfast at Hallett Cove shopping centre	Assisted
23 Jan 15	Marion Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony - Glandore	Attended
26 Jan 15	Australia Day Breakfast Hallett Cove	Attended
26 Jan 15	Australia Day Breakfast debrief – Lions club Hallett Cove	Attended
In addition Cr Byram met with numerous residents, local MP's and council staff regarding various issues.		

Councillor Nick Westwood
File No. 9.33.3.35

Nil

Councillor Bruce Hull
File No. 9.33.3.27

Nil

Councillor Nathan Prior
File No. 9.33.3.29

Nil

Councillor Luke Hutchinson
File No. 9.33.3.24

Nil

Councillor Raelene Telfer
File No. 9.33.3.33

Date	Event	Comment
11 Nov 14	Induction meeting	
18 Nov 14	Elected Member Swearing in	
27 Nov 14	Final Business Function Glandore	
28 Nov 14	KESAB Sustainable Awards	
30 Nov 14	Gallery M Community Exhibition	
2 Dec 14	Warriparinga Ward briefing	
5 Dec 14	CEO Performance Review	
6 Dec 14	Marion Stakes Day	
6 Dec 14	Welcome to Australia party at St Elizabeth	
8 Dec 14	Clovelly Park Mitchell Park contamination meeting	
10 Dec 14	Clovelly Park Mitchell Park Community Reference Gp	
18 Dec 14	Active Elders Christmas lunch	
15 Jan 15	Principal Seaview High meeting re basketball stadium and communitywith Cr Byram	
16 Jan 15	Gallery M 300 exhibition	
17 Jan 15	Sports Facilities Tour	
23 Jan 15	CEO Review Committee	
23 Jan 15	Marion Australia Day Citizenship Awards	
26 Jan 15	Australia Day Hallett Cove Lions breakfast	
26 Jan 15	Edwardstown Oval Cycling Competitions	

Councillor Nick Kerry
File No. 9.33.3.32

Nil

Councillor Tim Pfeiffer
File No. 9.33.3.22

Nil

YOUTH ADVISRY COMMITTEE (YAC) UPDATE

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Deputation – Parking Restrictions Norfolk and Township Roads Marion
Report Reference: GC270115D01

Mrs Thomas and Mr Garfoot gave a 10 minute Deputation to Council in relation to parking on Township Road and Norfolk Road Marion.

PETITIONS

Petition - Parking Restrictions Norfolk and Township Roads Marion Report Reference: GC270115P01

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Gard that:

1. Council note the petition;
2. Council introduce additional yellow line restrictions along Norfolk and Township Roads Marion such that at any given point parking only be available on one side of the road.
3. Parking opposite the entry of the Norfolk Estate Village be also restricted by a yellow line.

Lost

Councillor Hutchinson called for a divison:

Those for: Councillors Kerry, Hutchinson, Prior, Hull and Gard

Those against: Councillors Pfeiffer, Telfer, Westwood, Byram, Veliskou, Appleby, and Crossland

Lost

Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Byram that

1. Council staff undertake a survey of all residents, business and community groups along both Township Road and Norfolk Road to ascertain their views on the installation of Traffic Management Strategies on one side of each road . The consultation is to take into consideration the following options:
 - Council introduce additional yellow line restrictions along Norfolk and Township Roads Marion such that at any given point parking only be available on one side of the road.
 - Parking opposite the entry of the Norfolk Estate Village be also restricted by a yellow line.
2. Outcomes of the survey to be reported back to Council at the earliest possible convenience and by the end of April 2015 with recommendations from Council's Traffic Management staff.
3. Report back to Council on the results of the survey.
4. The petition organisers be advised of Council's resolution

Moved Councillor Westwood, Seconded Councillor Kerry that the motion be put

Carried

The motion was put and was **Lost**

Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Hutchinson that:

1. Council's Traffic Management Engineers propose options for traffic restrictions on Norfolk Road and Township Road.
2. A Report back to Council be provided by the end of March 2015.
3. The petition organisers be advised of Council's resolution

Moved Councillor Kerry, Seconded Councillor Westwood that the motion be put

Carried

The motion was put and was **Carried**

Councillor Appleby called for a division:

Those for: Councillors Pfeiffer, Kerry, Telfer, Hutchinson, Prior, Hull, Westwood, Gard and Crossland

Those against: Councillors Byram, Veliskou and Appleby

Carried

ADJOURNED ITEMS

Play Equipment Audit

Report Reference: GC091214M01

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Gard that:

1. In the course of the next quarterly inspection of council's playground equipment, the City of Marion identify the risks associated with super heating of surfaces, in particular those that may come into contact with skin; and
2. Appropriate risk mitigation strategies are developed and implemented within the current budget and within 4 weeks after the inspection.

8.26pm Councillor Pfeiffer left the meeting

Lost

Councillor Hutchinson called for a division:

8.29pm councillor Pfeiffer re-entered the meeting

Those for: Councillors Pfeiffer, Kerry, Telfer, Hutchinson, Prior, Hull, Veliskou, Gard and Crossland

Those against: Councillors Westwood, Byram and Appleby

Carried

Ideas for Planning Reform

Report Reference: GC270115M01 (additional information to GC091214M02)

This item was Withdrawn

Streetscape Working Party

Report Reference: GC091214M03

Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Gard that Council:

1. Establish a streetscape working party for the incoming council to provide input in the development of the Council's streetscape policy draft before it goes to consultation.
2. Aims to establish and convene the streetscape working party by the end of April 2015 and that their input be incorporated into the draft policy being worked on.
3. Build on the work done by council staff on this to date.

Carried Unanimously

Consideration of Opportunities for a Low Rating Strategy

Report Reference: GC091214M04

Moved Councillor, Seconded Councillor that:

1. Council declare its commitment to a low rating strategy for the next 4 years, whilst ensuring long term financial sustainability.
2. A report be prepared for the March 2015 General Council Meeting outlining opportunities for a low rating strategy including consideration of a rate rise no greater than the Adelaide CPI for the 2015/16 financial year, whilst also ensuring long term financial sustainability.

Moved Councillor Kerry Seconded Councillor Westwood that the motion be left lying on the table.

Carried

8.40pm Councillor Prior left the meeting

MATTERS LYING ON THE TABLE

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit Committee Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16 December 2014 Report Reference: GC270115R01

8.45pm councillor Prior re-entered the meeting

Moved Councillor Pfeiffer, Seconded Councillor Hull that Council:

1. Receive and adopt the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of 16 December 2014 (Appendix 1).

Carried Unanimously

WORKSHOP / PRESENTATION ITEM

Nil

CORPORATE REPORTS FOR DECISION

Residential (General) Development Plan Amendment (DPA) – Committee Report Reference: GC270115R02

Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Crossland that Council:

1. Appoint a Committee to consider representations made by the public/agencies on the Residential (General) DPA at a meeting to be held on 19 February 2015 and subsequently recommend to council amendments required to be made to the DPA.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Veliskou that the following Councillors be appointed to the Committee:

- Councillor Kerry
- Councillor Westwood
- Councillor Crossland
- Councillor Telfer

Carried Unanimously

Local Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment
Report Reference: GC270115R03

Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Gard that Council:

1. Consider the Minister's proposed alterations to the Local Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment.
2. Advise the Minister that Council has no objection to the reinstatement of the following properties to the Local Heritage Places list:
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 6 Norfolk Road, Marion
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 32 Galway Avenue, Seacombe Heights
 - Vermont Uniting Church, 574-578 Cross Road, South Plympton
3. Forward an amended version of Table Mar/3 – Local Heritage Places, with amended descriptions/extent for the Local Heritage items, to the Minister.

Amendment

9.09pm Councillor Crossland left the meeting

9.12pm Councillor Crossland re-entered the meeting

Moved Councillor Pfeiffer, Seconded Councillor Kerry that Council:

1. Consider the Minister's proposed alterations to the Local Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment.
2. Advise the Minister that Council has no objection to the reinstatement of the following properties to the Local Heritage Places list:
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 6 Norfolk Road, Marion
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 32 Galway Avenue, Seacombe Heights
3. Forward an amended version of Table Mar/3 – Local Heritage Places, with amended descriptions/extent for the Local Heritage items, to the Minister.

The Amendment was Withdrawn

Debate ensued in relation to the original motion

The original motion was Lost

9.23pm Councillor Appleby left the meeting

9.25pm Councillor Appleby re-entered the meeting

Moved Councillor Westwood, Seconded Councillor Hull that Council:

1. Consider the Minister's proposed alterations to the Local Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment.
2. Advise the Minister that Council objects to the reinstatement of the following properties to the Local Heritage Places list:
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 6 Norfolk Road, Marion
 - Dwelling (former farmhouse) – 32 Galway Avenue, Seacombe Heights
 - Vermont Uniting Church, 574-578 Cross Road, South Plympton
3. Forward an amended version of Table Mar/3 – Local Heritage Places, with amended descriptions/extent for the Local Heritage items, to the Minister.

Carried

9.30pm Councillor Byram left the meeting

Expert Panel on Planning Reform – Final Report
Report Reference: GC270115R04

Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Kerry that Council:

1. Notes the Expert Panel on Planning Reform's final report.
2. write to the Minister / DPTI indicating that while Council opposes the creating of a network of regional planning boards, it reinforces that any planning authority should include measures that ensure transparency for the public interest (including their deliberations).

9.33pm Councillor Byram re-entered the meeting

Carried

Oaklands Inclusive Playspace
Report Reference: GC270115R05

Moved Councillor Prior, Seconded Councillor Hull that Council:

1. Endorse the allocation of \$250,000 out of the available \$425,000 from the 2015/16 playspace budget for Stage 1 of the Oaklands Inclusive Playspace development.
2. Endorse the submission of a matched funding application for \$250,000 to DPTI's 2015 Open Space and Places for People Grant Funding program.

Carried Unanimously

9.44pm Councillor Gard left the meeting

1st Budget Review 2014/15 and 2013/14 Savings
Report Reference: GC270115R06

Moved Councillor Westwood, Seconded Councillor Hull that the item “1st Budget Review 2014/15 and 2013/14 Savings, Report Reference: GC270115R06” be adjourned until the General Council Meeting on 24 February 2015.

Carried Unanimously

SA Ombudsman Report – Complaint by Mr and Mrs Stevens
Report Reference: GC270115R12

9.47pm Councillor Gard re-entered the meeting

Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Prior that :

1. Council note the SA Ombudsman’s report following an investigation into a complaint made by Mr and Mrs Stevens
2. Council reinstate the driveway of Mr and Mrs Stevens at 70 Lascelles Avenue and the fence at 70a Lascelles Avenue.
3. Council apologise to Mr and Mrs Stevens for the customer service provided.

Carried

Recruitment of an Independent Audit Committee Member
Reference No: GC270115R07

Moved Councillor Westwood, Seconded Councillor Hutchinson that Council:

1. Endorse the composition of a Selection Advisory Panel to source and evaluate potential candidates for appointment as independent members of the Audit Committee as being the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer and Councillor Velsikou and Councillor Byram.

Carried

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Pfeiffer that the meeting be extended up until 10.30pm.

Carried Unanimously

9.56pm meeting extended.

Elected Member Private Email Accounts – Ombudsman Advice
Report Reference: GC270115R08

This item was not considered

The John Legoe Award
Report Reference: GC270115R09

This item was not considered as no nominations were received.

**Nominations for LGA President and Board Members and Deputy Board Members
representing Metropolitan Local Government Group**
Report Reference: GC270115R10

This item was not considered as no nominations were received.

CORPORATE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION NOTING

Finance Report – December 2014
Report Reference: GC270115R13

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Pfeiffer that Council:

1. Receive the report "Finance Report – December 2014".

Carried Unanimously

Strategic Activities as at 27 January 2015
Report Reference: GC270115R14

Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Appleby that:

1. The Strategic Activities as at 27 January 2015 undertaken by the CEO and the Directors be noted.

Carried Unanimously

CORPORATE REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nominations Sought for the Development Assessment Commission Reference No: GC270115R11

Councillor Hutchinson declared a conflict of interest in this item *Nominations sought for the Development Assessment Commission* as he is being nominated and left the meeting.

10.03pm Councillor Hutchinson left the meeting

Moved Councillor Prior , Seconded Councillor Kerry that Council:

1. Notes the report *Nominations Sought for the Development Assessment Commission* Report Reference GC270115R11.
2. Nominates Councillor Hutchinson to the LGA for consideration as the Local Government Member on the Development Assessment Commission.
3. Administration forwards the above nomination/s to the Local Government Association by 9.00am 28 January 2015

Carried

10.04pm Councillor Hutchinson re-entered the meeting

10.04pm Councillor Kerry left the meeting.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Residential Rate Income Report Reference: GC270115Q01

QUESTION:

Councillor Crossland

What is the total amount of residential rate income collected per council ward and what is the average household payment within those wards? As a comparison of costs, if the wards were within the City of Onkaparinga or Holdfast Bay what would each ward be contributing and what would the average household payment be?

COMMENTS:

David Harman, Acting Manager Finance

The residential rate income collected per council ward and the average household payment for those wards for 2014/15 are listed below.

Ward	Total Residential Rate Income	Average Rate per household
Mullawirra	9,282,108	1,443
Woodlands	9,321,741	1,292
Warracowie	9,689,577	1,367
Warriparinga	9,689,577	1,320
Coastal	8,211,294	1,521
Southern Hills	7,248,222	1,366
TOTAL	52,190,705	1,319

There are a number of factors that impact a council's average residential rate, including:-

- Property portfolio - each council has a different residential property portfolio and therefore different average residential capital values.
- Land use types - each council has a different mix of land use types (residential, commercial, industrial, primary production, vacant land and other) and differential rates that apply to those land uses, which results in different proportionate rating revenue amounts being derived from each land use.
- Property values - are affected by many factors, including location, amenities, transport, lifestyle, as well as the type and quality of other properties in the area.
- Services – the level and types of services provided vary from council to council.

As such it is not possible to determine what capital value a residential property in Marion may have, if that same property were physically located in another council as it would, for a number of reasons, have a different and unknown capital value to the one it has in Marion.

The best and most appropriate way to compare residential rates between one council and another is by comparing the average rates for those councils:

2014/15 Average Residential Rate	
Marion	\$1,319
Onkaparinga	\$1,361
Holdfast Bay	\$1,372

City of Marion Staffing Levels **Report Reference: GC270115Q02**

QUESTION:

Councillor Crossland

What were the City of Marion staffing levels 5, 10 and 15 years ago. What was the total income to council in those years and what percentage of that income was used to pay staff?

COMMENTS:

Andrew Lindsay, Manager Organisational Development

The data in the following table has been sourced from City of Marion Annual reports for the years ending June 2000, 2004, 2009 and 2014 and represent the figure as at 30 June each year but does not include any vacant positions. Employee numbers are not available for year ending 1999.

It should be noted that while employee numbers have been included in the Annual Financial Statements since 2001, the method of calculation has changed over time to be more inclusive, with agency staff filling positions temporarily only being included from 2007. The influence of this changed reporting method can be seen in the full time equivalent variation between 2004 and 2009.

	What were the City of Marion staffing levels 5, 10 and 15 years ago? (FTE)	What was the total income to council in those years? (\$000's)	What percentage of that income was used to pay staff?
1999/2000	271	\$33,397	35.8%
2003/2004	274	\$40,087	37.4%
2008/2009	342	\$57,520	40.9%
2013/2014	351	\$74,894	42.1%

**Additional Services and Grants Provided by City of Marion
Report Reference: GC270115Q03**

QUESTION:

Councillor Crossland

Other than essential services such as road maintenance, management of parks and maintenance of assets etc please could I have a list of additional services and grants provided by the City of Marion Council together with the annual cost of each of those services?

COMMENTS:

David Harman, Acting Manager Finance

Non-Mandatory/Statutory Services

Council delivers a number of Mandatory/Statutory services required under both the Local Government Act 1999 and other forms of legislation. Attached in Appendix 1 is a list providing budgeted costs of services that are not Mandatory/Statutory and are therefore discretionary by nature.

Community Grants Program

In 2013/2014 Council provided funding of \$75,000 towards its Community Grants program. As noted by Council on 27 May 2014 (GC270514R02) since 2005 the City of Marion's Community Grants Program has contributed \$800,000, supporting 441 projects valued at \$2,264,879 from 254 organisations.

'Green Power' for Street Lighting
Report Reference: GC270115Q04

QUESTION:

Councillor Appleby

How much extra expense does the City of Marion incur in purchasing "green" power for street lighting?

COMMENTS:

Mathew Allen, Manager Infrastructure

The additional cost for Green Power during 2013/2014 financial year was \$35,929.
(3% of the overall street lighting cost)

Purchasing Green Power ensures the purchase of electricity is from accredited renewable energy generators, which generate electricity from sources such as wind and solar energy.

Staffing and Recruitment
Report Reference: GC270115Q05

QUESTION:

Councillor Appleby

- 1) How many vacancies did the City of Marion seek to fill in each of the past four years?
- 2) How many of these vacancies were filled from within the organisation?
- 3) What was the average spent on costs related to recruitment in each of the last four years?

COMMENTS:

Andrew Lindsay, Manager Organisational Development

The following data has been collated and analysed on a 12 month January to December basis. Vacancies include recruitment activity arising from staff leaving the organisation as well as backfill arrangements associated with temporary vacancies. The data excludes recruitment activity associated with maintaining the Library casual pool.

Recruitment cost has been calculated using actual costs associated with the use of external recruitment consultants as well as recruitment managed internally (excluding staff costs) and includes those costs associated with pre-employment medical, psychometric testing and advertising.

Year	Question 1 How many vacancies did the City of Marion seek to fill in each of the past four years?	Question 2 How many of these vacancies were filled from within the organisation?	Question 3 What was the average spent on costs related to recruitment in each of the last four years?
2014	52	18	\$2,596
2013	67	24	\$2,908
2012	89	44	\$2,790
2011	72	24	\$4,540

Strategic Directions Committee Costs
Report Reference: GC270115Q06

QUESTION:

Councillor Appleby

What was the total cost of the Strategic Directions Committee for the previous term of council including staff costs?

COMMENTS:

Fiona Harvey, Manager Strategy

The Strategic Directions Committee (SDC) was established to meet the legislative requirement in the Development Act 1993 S101A whereby councils must establish a strategic planning and development committee. The SDC in its current form was adopted by Council in 2011 (GC111011R07) and is comprised of four Independent Members and all Elected Members.

Over the previous term of Council the SDC met 24 times between November 2011 and October 2014. This included three induction meetings and three induction site visits for the Committee early in its term, and two annual joint forums with the Audit Committee in 2013 and 2014. This equates to over 300 hours of Independent Members' time committed for attendance at SDC meetings and workshops. This does not include other time committed such as meeting preparation time, travel etc. The total cost of the SDC inclusive of Independent Member fees and catering for meetings for Elected Members, Independent Members and Staff, over this period was \$97,990.

Preparation for, and attendance at, SDC meetings is a component of staffs' existing roles and therefore covered by existing labour costs. The only additional cost associated with staff attendance at SDC meetings is if staff choose to have a meal prior to the meeting. Over the previous term of council this cost can be reasonably estimated to be \$1,875.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Final Outcome regarding Code of Conduct Complaint
Report Reference: GC270115M02

Councillor Hull declared a conflict of interest in this item *Final Outcome regarding Code of Conduct Complaint* as it relates to himself and left the meeting.

10.05pm Councillor Hull left the meeting.

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Crossland that

1. Council writes to the SA Ombudsman seeking a final outcome on elected member benefits for travel expenses that gave rise to the code of conduct complaint between Cr Allen and Cr Hull earlier this year.

Carried Unanimously

10.06pm Councillor Hull re-entered the meeting
10.06pm Councillor Kerry re-entered the meeting

**Parking Restrictions Norfolk and Township Roads Marion
Report Reference: GC270115M03**

This item was Withdrawn

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.07pm Councillor Telfer left the meeting

**Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre
Lease to CASA Leisure Pty Ltd
Report Referene: GC270115F01**

Moved Councillor Pfeiffer , Seconded Councillor Prior that:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following Mark Searle, Kathy Jarrett, Heather Montgomerie, Peter Patterson, Mark Gibson, Heather Michell, Kate McKenzie, Ray Barnwell, Craig Clarke and Victoria Moritz be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers a report in relation to Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre Lease to CASA Leisure Pty Ltd on the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the consideration of the matter confidential in order to ensure that the council does not disclose information that would (i) prejudice the commercial position of the council and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Carried Unanimously

10.08 pm the meeting went into confidence

Moved Councillor Appleby, Seconded Councillor Byram that:

1. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that this report, Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre, Lease to CASA Licence Pty Ltd and the Minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Act be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until no later than 20 February 2015.

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Hull that the meeting be extended until 10.45pm.

Carried

10.27pm meeting extended

Motion was Carried

10.45 pm the meeting came out of confidence

Ombudsman Report
Report Reference: GC270115F02

This item was Withdrawn

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Veliskou to extend the meeting for a further 5 minutes.

Carried Unanimously

10.45pm meeting extended

10.45pm Councillor Telfer re-entered the meeting

LATE ITEMS

Confirmation of CEO Review Committee Minutes Report Reference: GC230115F03

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Pfeiffer that

1. That Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of Kathy Jarrett, Director be excluded from the meeting as the Committee considers that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in circumstances where the Council will receive and consider a report dealing with a review of the Chief Executive Officer's Employment Agreement and performance and remuneration review processes.

Carried Unanimously

10.45 pm the meeting went into confidence

Moved Councillor Hutchinson, Seconded Councillor Kerry

1. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that this report and any appendices to this report be kept confidential and not available for the public inspection for the period that the Chief Executive Officer remains in gainful employment on the basis that it deals with information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person being the Chief Executive Office of the Council. This order will be reviewed at the General Council meeting in December 2015.

Carried Unanimously

10.47 pm the meeting came out of confidence

CLOSURE - Meeting Declared Closed at 10.47pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24 FEBRUARY 2015

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CHAIRPERSON