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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have always considered that a successful organisation should never be afraid to change and it should always strive to keep itself updated and effective if it wishes to survive and remain relevant to its membership.

As I look back over previous years, I am pleased to see how REROC has always been willing to consider change to meet new demands and expectations and thus remain relevant to our member councils. However, change is not easy, it is often challenging and frequently unsettling.

REROC was initially conceived as a joint purchasing group. It was a criterion of employment of the newly appointed Executive Officer that a specified sum of money should be saved by the member councils within the first year. While joint purchasing facilities still exist, REROC changed over the years to a joint action and opportunity organisation where joint lobbying and submission writing became an important part of the service provided to the members.

The forming of the Local Government Review Panel and to a lesser extent the Review of the Local Government Act has provided the latest challenge for REROC to develop into new and significant areas. When the Review Panel published their first report it was quickly evident that there was a need for action by REROC to support our members. I have always considered that our response should concentrate on action rather than reaction. This became even more evident after their second interim report was released. I am very proud that the members were prepared to take on the real challenge of action in their response.

We were generally pleased to acknowledge the repeated statement that the State Government would not force amalgamations as a response to the Panel's report. However, our first premise was to accept that there was some validity in the Panel's claim that local government, especially rural local government, undertook its local functions well, but found it hard to deal with many of the regional, bigger picture issues. It is these bigger picture items that have the potential to provide rural local government with the advantages of strategic planning in general and bring specific financial advantage to their communities. After many hours of discussion within the REROC membership and with the Panel members, I am proud to claim that the REROC model has been accepted as a superior and workable model that should be of significant advantage to our members and rural local government in general, if they wish to follow it. We now await the



Cr Paul Braybrooks OAM, speaks to the members at the 2012 AGM

imminent release of the Panel's last report.

In the meantime all the usual activities of REROC continue, including making clear to the State Government our concerns about some issues such as hunting in National Parks, responding to the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, responding to the review of the model Code of Conduct, then establishing a regional Code of Conduct panel, preparing for the abandoned Referendum on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, the domestic wood smoke project, consulting over the Grain Harvest Scheme and completing a regional State of the Environment Plan.

Each year REROC holds a number of events such as the Mapped Out Conference, the No Time to Waste conference and Build a Bridge. Build a Bridge has become very successful as a practical learning opportunity for budding young civil engineers. With its tremendous success and the interest it generates State wide, we decided to trademark the name.

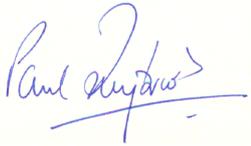
This year we received a Youth Opportunities grant and planning was well underway at the end of the financial year for a Youth Leadership Forum and dinner. The Forum and dinner aim to promote and recognise youth leadership. A youth volunteering initiative which is part of the project will provide web-based access to regional volunteering opportunities along with a rewards program is also underway.

One of the several frustrations of the year was the lack of funding commitment by the newly elected Federal Government to pay the Regional Development Australia funding round 5. The previous Federal Government had called for suitable projects from local government that were ready to start and set out the necessary criteria for successful applications. Our members responded with various projects that were accepted, but contracts were not signed. The loss of this funding source is now history, but it is unfortunate that these projects that were all of community significance will have to be postponed and wait for another funding source before they can be undertaken.

The REROC Waste Forum continues to perform practical and often outstanding projects for our members by, for example, co-ordinating scrap metal collections, assisting the installation of a glass crushing facility and negotiating a much awaited regional e-waste contract. The cluster composting trial, undertaken by using green waste and food waste collected in four of our council areas, won a State Environment award. The Forum continued to develop the very successful Safe Sharps project and the Yours 2 Take website.

It is usual for me to claim that each year has been busy and successful, but this year has been exceptionally busy and I suspect in retrospect it will be acknowledged as a significant year for REROC. Once again I must thank Julie and her staff for all they do for REROC and particularly

Tracey Cornell for her work with the Waste Forum. I must thank my Deputy Chair, Cr Lola Cummins and the Treasurer, Terrey Kiss plus the staff at Coolamon Shire Council and the Executive who have met many extra times this year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul Braybrooks", with a horizontal line underneath.

Cr Paul Braybrooks OAM
Chair

SPEAKING OUT

Local Government Review Panel

The year has been dominated by the work of the Local Government Review Panel and responding to the various papers that it has produced.

Established by the NSW Minister for Local Government at the request of the LGSA, the Panel was an outcome of the Destination 2036 process. REROC hosted a number of sessions and workshops both with Panel members and between the members themselves in order to find common ground from which to address the Panel's recommendations.



Graham Samson addresses REROC during a consultation on the Review Panel's work

REROC members resolved to pursue a position that strengthened regional representation while maintaining the autonomy of individual members. To assist in preparing a response to the Panel's *Twenty Essential Steps* report, REROC engaged Percy Allan to prepare a report for us on the potential operation of a new regional organisation - an organisation that reflected Panel Chairman Graham Samson's vision of a "ROC on speed".

Percy Allan's work assisted REROC members to consolidate their positions and perspectives on how a new model of operation for REROC might work. The REROC Model for a Strategic Regional Council was developed and put forward for consideration by the Panel.

The REROC Model builds on what REROC has already committed to undertaking through its Regional Action Plan and the use of Theme Groups to deliver strategic regional outcomes. The REROC Model proposes the creation of a Strategic Regional Council (SRC) which is recognised in the new Local Government Act. The SRC's activities would fall into three broad areas of operation:

- ▶ Regional Strategic Planning activities;
- ▶ Advocacy and Lobbying Activities; and
- ▶ Regional Shared Services.

It is proposed that the SRC take on regional strategic planning functions, the areas identified to date are:

- ▶ Transport and Infrastructure
- ▶ Workforce Development

- ▶ Planning and Environment
- ▶ Regional IP&R
- ▶ Community Planning and Culture
- ▶ Economic Development
- ▶ Water and Wastewater

REROC members were strongly opposed to the Panel's proposition that a county council model be used as the basis for new regional groupings. Our members are hopeful that by putting forward a credible alternative to the county council model that the Panel will include this as one of the ways in which councils can achieve further gains through working collaboratively at a regional level.



REROC members meet to formulate a response to Twenty Essential Steps

The REROC membership waits with baited breath, as does the rest of the sector, to see the Panel's final report which is due in October 2013.

Local Government Act Review

In mid-2012, the Local Government Acts Taskforce (the Taskforce) was appointed by the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Don Page to re-write the *Local Government Act 1993* and review the *City of Sydney Act 1988*.

The Taskforce released a Preliminary Ideas Discussion Paper in October 2012 and held a consultation in Wagga Wagga in February 2013. One of the changes that REROC has promoted is for ROCs to be given the power to tender and accept tenders on our members' behalf. The current Act does not permit this and therefore the ROC can only facilitate the tender process but not follow the tender through to the end.



Cr Rick Firman and GM Gary Lavelle from Temora attend a consultation on changes to local government

A further Discussion Paper was released in April 2013, REROC responded to each of the proposals contained within the Paper. In particular, REROC supported the Taskforce's proposal to avoid excessive prescription in the new Act. Our members agreed with the findings of the Taskforce that the Act needed to be more streamlined, simpler and flexible enough to accommodate the differences between councils.

Members share some concerns that the positions advocated by the Taskforce appear to be inconsistent with proposals coming from the Review Panel and it is unclear how this might play out. However it would seem reasonable that where changes to legislation are proposed by the

Review Panel they should be considered for adoption by the Taskforce.

The Taskforce's Final Report was due out mid-2013 but has been delayed.

White and Green Papers on Planning

In mid-2012 the Government released its White Paper on Planning reforms for NSW. A wide ranging approach, REROC members, like many others, were concerned that the major changes proposed could result in further uncertainty in relation to planning regimes in NSW.

Our members commented that it had taken considerable time to "bed down" the standard template LEP and that this resulted in delays to council planning instruments and additional costs. The standard template was a minor change compared with what the Green Paper proposed.

REROC held a number of meetings to discuss the proposed changes in order to prepare a regional response. In its response REROC expressed strong concerns about the use of the Independent Planning Panels. The Panels draw on the talents of local professionals such as architects, environmentalists and planners as well as community members to assess local planning applications. REROC questioned the costs and relevance of the Panels in rural and regional locations which are likely to need to import Panel members because of the difficulty in attracting professionals who are not already engaged in development activities within the LGA. The proposal failed to address the realities of skills shortages in the regions and did not consider how the Panels would be funded.

The Paper also proposed greater community involvement in the strategic planning phase of planning. The proposal could result in a situation where residents would be consulted on the broad strategic thrust of planning for their local area but not about the development that happens next door.

The Government's thinking is that once an area has been zoned in a particular way then any development that conforms to the zoning should not require the permission of the neighbours before it goes ahead. Many of the changes appeared to be in line with calls for reform from the Property Council of NSW, but seemed counter to election promises made by the Premier that planning would stay with locals.

The White Paper was released in early 2013, and all in all mirrored the proposed changes that were contained in the Green Paper. So much so, that the Government had draft Bills prepared for the new legislation at the time that the White Paper went out for consultation. However community backlash in relation to a number of the reform proposals has delayed its

implementation.

REROC members will continue to monitor the situation and provide feedback where appropriate.

Inquiry into the Adequacy of Water Storages in NSW

REROC responded to this Inquiry which was conducted by the Upper House Standing Committee on State Development. REROC's submission addressed the Terms of Reference, which were:

- ▶ The capacity of existing water storages to meet agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental needs;
- ▶ Models for determining water requirements for agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental sectors;
- ▶ Storage management practices to optimise water supply to the agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental sectors;
- ▶ Proposals for the construction and/or augmentation of water storages in NSW;
- ▶ Water storages and management practices; and
- ▶ Any other matters that may be relevant.



Cr Braybrooks OAM addresses the Water Storages Inquiry

REROC raised matters relating to the use of downstream storages for flood mitigation, in particular the use of weirs as a method of controlling the speed of flood waters. Concerns were also raised in relation to the capacity of water storages to meet the needs of all users, particularly where storages are being used to bank environmental water holdings.

Cr Braybrooks and Executive Officer Julie Briggs were invited to provide evidence at an Inquiry Hearing which was held in Wagga Wagga in November 2012. The Hearing was attended by all Committee members.

The Committee's final 216 page report was released on 26 June, many of the comments and recommendations made by REROC were canvassed in that report.

Consultation with Transport NSW on the Long Term Transport Master Plan

Transport for NSW sought the input of ROCs on the development of the Long Term Transport Master Plan for NSW. It was an important step forward in the recognition of ROCs as a

stakeholder in the State planning process – it was expected that ROCs would provide Transport for NSW with feedback on what was important to the communities we represented. One of the elements of the process which the country ROCs were particularly concerned about was the depth of the discussion around a commitment to the development of integrated transport solutions for freight.

It was disappointing to find that the State's approach seemed more focused on road freight solutions than an integrated solution that included effective use of rail transport. REROC members have long expressed their concerns about the impact increased freight loads are having on local and regional roads and the need to make better use of rail, including branchlines.

We are continuing to advocate for a more integrated approach to freight transport and particularly pushing for this through our Regional Freight Transport Plan which is being developed by the Infrastructure Theme Group.

Hunting in National Parks

REROC wrote to Premier Barry O'Farrell in April 2013 to express our members' concerns over the Government's proposal to allow hunting in NSW National Parks, State Conservation Areas and Nature Reserves. The Government proposed opening almost 80 locations for hunting in a Trial that was due to commence by mid-2013. REROC Member LGAs that were affected by the proposal were:

- ▶ Tumut (Kosciuszko National Park);
- ▶ Tumbarumba (Kosciuszko National Park);
- ▶ Bland (Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, Buddigower Nature Reserve);
- ▶ Greater Hume (Woomargama National Park, Benambra National Park);
- ▶ Temora (Big Bush Nature Reserve, Boginderra Hills Nature Reserve);
- ▶ Lockhart (Pulletop Nature Reserve); and
- ▶ Urana (Lake Urana Nature Reserve)

REROC members believe that it is impossible for campers, hikers, bushwalkers, picnickers etc to co-exist in the same geographic location as hunters, regardless of the level of regulation imposed. REROC wrote to the Premier to express the members' concerns about the interface between hunters and other visitors in public parks.

REROC advised the Premier that we believed that the decision was bad policy which could ultimately result in death or serious injury. It could also result in a reduction in visitor numbers to the affected areas, which would lead to a downturn in economies that rely on recreational users of parks and reserves. REROC does not believe that spending by the 18,000 active game hunting

licence holders in NSW will be sufficient to offset the losses sustained if even a small percentage of the hundreds of thousands of people who visit parks, conservation areas and nature reserves decide to stay away because of safety concerns.

REROC members were pleased to see that the Government has delayed its implementation while it further examines the proposal and its operation.

Referendum into the Recognition of Local Government in the Constitution

REROC strongly supported the recognition of Local Government in the Constitution. The membership was very keen to be involved in promoting the “yes” case for the Financial Recognition of Local Government in the Constitution.

Section 96 of the Constitution gives the Commonwealth the power to provide funding directly to the States, but there is no mention of local government.

Until recently this was not viewed as a barrier to the Commonwealth providing grant funding directly to local government as it does through programs like Roads to Recovery (R2R). However two recent cases in the High Court have questioned the Commonwealth’s Constitutional right to provide direct grants to parties other than State Government. It is for this reason that REROC members believe that it is vitally important that s96 of the Constitution be amended to allow the Commonwealth to give money directly to local government bodies as well as the States.

Commonwealth grant funds are used to address the infrastructure needs of local communities. For example REROC members have benefited from Roads to Recovery grant funding to assist with the upkeep of local and regional roads and more recently the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure funding has provided funding for projects as diverse as the new playground at the Wagga Botanic Gardens and the expansion of the Temora Rural Museum.

Members were disappointed that the movement of the date of the Federal election resulted in the shelving of the Referendum. However given the Coalition’s lukewarm support for the proposal and the State Governments’ opposition to it we were very concerned about its success. More work needs to be done to garner the support of the community and State and Federal politicians before the Referendum question is considered again.

Submissions to the Australian Energy Regulator on Electricity Pricing

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) released its Preliminary Position Paper on the Framework and Approach for the Regulatory Period commencing 1 July 2014, in mid-2012. REROC responded following discussions with the REROC Executive.

The Position Paper discussed the levels of control which the AER will impose on Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSPs) in NSW. For the last regulatory period REROC focused its attentions on public lighting, however this time, given the high level of concern which members have expressed about electricity pricing, we responded to the entire service delivery program and not just public lighting.

The REROC submission supports a high level of control for all services. This stance is similar to the stance taken by SSROC and CENTROC (although they have only addressed public lighting) but at odds with WSROC (who have advocated a negotiated approach).

The AER was due to release its final position in November 2012 however this was delayed as a result of structural changes that were being proposed for the electricity sector.

Last December REROC was addressed by Moston Neck from the AER. Moston provided an overview of the energy sector and talked about the environment in which energy companies operate and how councils can best respond to the challenges presented by the sector.

Development of the Riverina Regional Plan

In early 2013 the first of the Regional Plans developed by the State Government under its State Planning process was released. REROC had worked hard to try and provide positive input to the process however opportunities to do so were limited. Unfortunately the Plan fell below the expectations of most of our members who were already concerned about the minimal consultation that took place during the preparation phase.

Nevertheless, the process of developing regional plans is a positive step by the State Government and REROC and our members have continued to work with the State to improve the Regional Planning process and its outcomes. It is important that local government is a key stakeholder in the development of the plans, as we are able to advocate for the needs of our communities and also provide input that has been gained through the consultation process that councils are undertaking as part of the IP&R process.



Cr Braybrooks OAM presents Moston Neck from the AER with a thank you gift.

STRATEGIC CAPACITY

IDENTIFYING REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Rail Interface Agreements with John Holland Rail

Councils are required to enter into these Agreements with the Rail Infrastructure Managers (RIM) operating within their LGAs. In the REROC region this is John Holland Rail who manage the country rail network and ARTC who manage the Main Southern Rail Line. The Agreements deal with the way in which rail and road managers service rail crossings.

In late 2012, REROC and its member councils entered into negotiations with John Holland Rail with a view to formulating a model Interface Agreement that could be used by each of the member councils. David Maertin from JHR was very open to this approach and as a result we were able to finalise the content of the agreement in March of this year. In May the final version of the Agreement was sent to member councils for execution. This approach resulted in the REROC member councils being the first in the State to enter into an Agreement with a RIM.

It is expected that the Model Agreement will be used as the basis for future negotiations with the ARTC, as it represents a uniform stance by the councils on this issue.

Finalisation of the RLCIP project

We finalised this \$4 million project in early 2013, which included \$2.7 million in Federal Government funding through the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. This was the largest infrastructure project that REROC has been involved in and one of the largest grants that the Organisation has ever secured. It clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of working together and the ability of regional councils to work collaboratively for very successful outcomes.

The twelve projects that were undertaken in six LGAs used predominately local contractors and local labour. At a time when many of our communities were attempting to recover from a long drought the cash injection into local communities via the work that was undertaken was very welcome.



A substantial upgrade to the Temora Rural Museum was one of the projects undertaken using RLCIP funding

Finalisation of the WaterSmart Project

We finalised the WaterSmart project. This project was very exciting and the result of an almost \$2million grant from the NSW Environmental Trust to improve Urban Water Management in the region. Projects were undertaken in: Water Harvesting, Water Conservation, Water Quality, Salinity Management and Environmental Flows.

In late November we were visited by Denise Day a consultant working for the Office of Environment and Heritage who conducted an independent evaluation of the project. Denise visited the Coolamon Shire to see the Effluent Reuse Project and Junee to look at the “V” drains project. Denise was very impressed with the work of both councils and the project in general. The final evaluation on the project was very positive.

The project was a great success and Case Studies from it are available on the REROC website under WaterSmart.

Regional State of the Environment Report

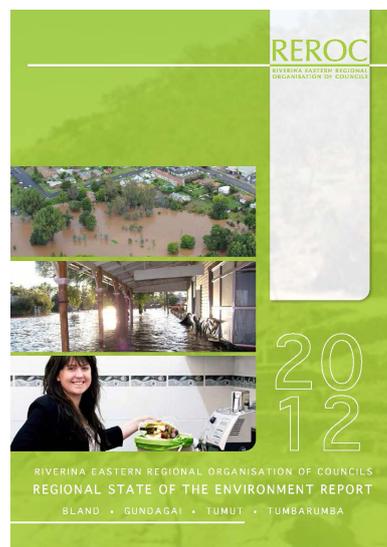
In late 2012 we prepared a regional State of the Environment Report for the Level 3 IP&R councils. These were the last of the councils required to prepare an SoE in the traditional format. The councils participating in the project were Tumbarumba, Tumut, Gundagai and Bland.

The project was well received and certainly cut down on the work that the participating councils would have had to do individually. We contracted Kylie Dunstan to assist in the writing process and she did a great job.

We also investigated the preparation of a regional SoE for the Level 1 and 2 IP&R councils, however achieving a regional approach proved to be far more difficult because of the individual nature of IP&R reporting. Each council is required to report on the environment KPIs contained within their individual Community Strategic Plans and there is little consistency of content across the member councils. However the Department



Tony Donoghue discusses Coolamon Shire Council’s water effluent reuse project with consultant Denise Day.



Regional SOE Report was prepared in late 2012.

supports a regional approach to this type of reporting and therefore we will continue to investigate its possibilities.

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

Regional Code of Conduct Panel established

A new Model Code of Conduct for Local Government came into effect in early 2013. In response to the new requirements REROC prepared a tender to establish a regional panel that members would draw from. We advertised for members in a national daily as well as locally and we also contacted people who had previously served on a member council's panel to invite them to lodge an Expression of Interest.

We received just over 20 responses; a small working party brought this down to 10 people who had the requisite experience and skill base to undertake the required tasks. Information on the Panel Members was uploaded to the Members' Section of the REROC website, where it is accessed by password.

A regional approach proved to be a very efficient and effective way of dealing with the establishment of Code of Conduct Panels, not the least because it required only one lot of advertising in the national newspapers and because we were able to attract a broader range of people who were interested in working across a number of councils.

Metal Waste Collections

Since 2000, the Waste Forum has organised a quotation to supply for the collection and disposal of metal waste.

In the last 12 months we have organised two collections, the most recent in May of this year when 788.2 tonnes of metal was collected from 5 member councils. The participating councils were Cootamundra, Gundagai, Junee, Lockhart and Tumut. The other collection was held during August/September 2012; just over 510 tonnes was collected from Coolamon, Gundagai, Cootamundra and Tumbarumba Shire Councils.

Contractors pay money to the councils for the metal that is collected, a percentage of what is earned through is repatriated to REROC where it is ring-fenced for use by the Waste Forum to fund future infrastructure and management projects.

We are continuing to find that this one-off approach is beneficial for the following reasons:

- ▶ It allows us to go out for collections when the market is high, ensuring the best possible return for councils;
- ▶ We have better control and monitoring of the collections because councils are better informed about when the collections will occur; and
- ▶ It results in improved reporting because the contractor stays in much closer contact with us than was the case when our contracts ran over multiple years.

Liquid Alum Tender

REROC has been managing this tender process for 10 years. Once again all the water supply councils were involved in the tender which went out in February 2013.

Audits of Non-Contestable Energy Sites

We embarked on this project in mid-2012 and concluded it at the end of 2012. It aimed to identify opportunities to improve energy use for council sites that were non-contestable – sites that have not been included in REROC's previous electricity tendering activities.

This was a productive exercise as a number of sites that had zero consumption were removed from the distribution network making substantial savings for the participating councils.

SHARED RESOURCES

Energy Management Workshops organised with OEH

We worked with the Office of Environment and Heritage to conduct Energy Management workshops in Wagga Wagga during April and May for councils. RAMROC member councils were also invited to participate in the workshops which aimed to increase councils' understanding of their energy bills in order to develop strategies that would reduce usage and increase efficiency.

STRATEGIC REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECTS

REROC embarked on a Strategic Action Plan in early 2012 which saw the establishment of seven Theme Groups:

- ▶ Infrastructure
- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Community Services
- ▶ Economic Development
- ▶ Resource Sharing
- ▶ Workforce Development
- ▶ Lobbying and Advocacy

The Groups are meeting on a regular basis and working on a number of projects as follows, the most significant of which are as follows:

Regional Freight Transport Study

This project was initiated by the Infrastructure Theme Group to investigate freight infrastructure network from a regional perspective. The implementation of integrated transport solutions for the region is an overriding goal of the project and to that end REROC has reviewed both the rail and road transport networks that service the eastern Riverina region. It is the first project of its type in the region.

In the past councils have been concerned with road and rail movements within their own local government boundaries, this project considers the bigger picture, identifying regional issues that impact on efficient and effective freight movements from within and through the eastern Riverina region. To that end a study of the movement of vehicles and infrastructure needs from a regional basis has been undertaken.

The project has included detailed mapping that linked industry sources to destinations. These infrastructure links were then examined to determine blockages or hindrances to efficient movement. As a result of that analysis the measures required to alleviate these inefficiencies are now being identified and costed.

The Lead Council for this project is Coolamon, Terrey Kiss is the Chair of this Theme Group. The Council has provided all the mapping support that has enabled us to map virtually every freight route in our region and to identify, spatially, where constraints exist. Thanks to Tony Donoghue, Tony Kelly and Daniel Smith who have been so committed to ensuring a quality end product.

Review of Workforce Plans and Skills Shortage Survey

This project was initiated by the Workforce Development Theme Group. The aim was to find commonalities in the member councils' workforce plans with a view to identifying strategies that could be implemented on a regional basis.

The skills shortage survey showed an aging workforce base and identified a number of gaps and potential skills' gaps that needed to be addressed. One of the ways that was identified to address this issue was the development of the Mentoring and Staff Information Exchange.

Mentoring and Staff Information Exchange

This project was initiated by the Workforce Development Theme Group as a result of the Skills Shortage survey the Group had undertaken. The aim of the exchange is to provide mentoring and support, staff placements and exchange for member council staff from within the REROC group of councils.

The Information Exchange details can be found in the Members' Area of the REROC website. It contains the contact details for staff across the region that have particular expertise which they are prepared to share with staff from other councils. The project is designed to provide REROC member councils' staff with easy access to professional support and advice at no cost.

The Group is chaired by Steve Pinnuck with considerable support provided by David Smith.

Gravel Resources Mapping

The Resource Sharing Group initiated this project in response to concerns expressed by engineers about the supply of gravel for regional roadworks. The resource provides information on all the locations in the region where councils can obtain gravel and the condition of the resources. This was seen as a significant issue for REROC councils who rely on a regular supply of quality gravel for roadworks. The resource includes information on the quality of the gravel and its availability and can be accessed from the Members' section of the REROC website.

The Resource Sharing Group is chaired by Phil Pinyon and the mapping for the project was undertaken by Wagga Wagga City's GIS Unit lead by Trent Whitehead.

Greater Use of the Members' Section of the REROC Website

The Resource Sharing group has been at the forefront of a push to upload more information for members to the REROC website. The site has a password protected Members' area where

a plethora of information can be accessed, including a listing of council delegations, generic policy documents, the Mentor and Staff Information Exchange and Board meeting papers and minutes.

Survey of Businesses in the REROC Region

This project was initiated by the Economic Development Group which is chaired by Ken Trethewey. The Group compiled a business questionnaire, which aimed to collect information on 9 key industry sectors with a view to identifying activities that could support the development of those industries. Unfortunately the take up for the questionnaire was very low and consequently we were unable to pursue the support activities.



However what was a constant message in the surveys that were returned was a very strong concern by businesses about the increasing cost of electricity. As a result the Economic Development Group resolved to organise an energy management conference to address some of those concerns. The Conference *Off the Grid*, will be held on 14 November.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The REROC Youth and Community Development Network brings together all the council staff working with youth in the REROC region. The Network now meets bi-monthly and aims to assist member councils by working together to enhance youth services in the region.

We are continuing to invite service providers as guest speakers to our meetings as this allows both the providers and the member councils to work together to provide youth focused services to local council areas.

After 2 very successful Regional BMX Skate Scooter Competitions, we decided not to hold the event this financial year and instead focussed on delivering the results from our Youth Opportunities Grant.

Take Charge Youth Leadership and Volunteering Project

We were very fortunate in late 2012 to receive funding of \$100,000 from the Office of Communities to run a program for youth in our region that focused on building leadership and volunteering.



The REROC Youth and Community Development Network is leading the project which has two main goals: to promote skill development and capacity building for young leaders encouraging them to take on leadership roles and the promotion of the value of volunteering to young people to encourage them to take up volunteering opportunities.

Take Charge! our Regional Youth Leadership Forum will be held on Friday 23 August at CSU in Wagga Wagga. We are inviting students from all REROC member council high schools with the aim of attracting 100 students and teachers. The day will include workshops, presentations as well as hip-hop dancing sessions. The aim of the day is to bring together young people who have shown leadership qualities to provide them with information and skills so that they can have a stronger voice locally and hopefully be more inclined to take on leadership positions.

In addition to the Forum we will be holding a dinner that night at the Magpies Nest in Wagga Wagga for member councils and young people aged 18-30 who have held leadership positions in their community.

As part of achieving our second goal we will be establishing a website which encourages young people to volunteer in their local community. We are currently working on the website and also identifying community organisations within the REROC region who would like to be part of the project. We will then work with these organisations to assist them to work successfully with young people in volunteering situations. We hope that this project will be up and running in early 2014.

DEVELOPING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

No Time to Waste

The challenges facing the rural and regional waste management and resource recovery sector were the focus of the fourth annual No Time to Waste Conference held in Wagga Wagga on Wednesday 5 June 2013. The Conference was once again sponsored by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

The Conference was attended by 95 people from across NSW and Victoria, including waste managers, landfill operators, local government staff and councillors, and recycling operators. Also in attendance on the day were 11 organisations who manned trade stands.

We were again fortunate to attract speakers from across NSW who showcased the innovative responses that have been implemented to create sustainable solutions to waste management and resource recovery that particularly apply to operations in rural and regional areas.

The key note address was given by leading waste and resource recovery expert, Mike Ritchie from MRA Consulting. Mr Ritchie gave an engaging presentation the State of Waste in NSW. Other speakers and presentations on the day were:

- ▶ Margie Ferguson & Sean Crowe, Snowy River Shire Council – Introducing a 360L Recycling Service and using GPS Monitoring
- ▶ Ann Trofa, NSW Environment Protection Authority – Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative
- ▶ Sarah Gorman, Sustainability Victoria – Improving household recycling practices: Get it Right on Bin Night campaign
- ▶ Adam Faulkner, Tweed Shire Council – The past, present and future of landfilling in Tweed Shire Council
- ▶ Julie Briggs, REROC – Using on-line solutions for effective waste management



Keynote Speaker Mike Ritchie from MRA Consulting addresses delegates at the No Time to Waste Conference

- ▶ Penny Davies, Carrathool Shire Council – Waste Not Want Not: a rural community’s response to hunger relief and waste reduction
- ▶ John Formosa, NSW Public Works – Emergency Waste Management Plan for Asbestos and non-Asbestos Buildings
- ▶ Tony Donoghue, Coolamon Shire Council – Viable organics collection for small communities

The speaker presentations from the Conference can be downloaded from the REROC Waste Forum website <http://waste.reroc.com.au/projects/no-time-waste-conference>



Trade Stands are an important part of the No Time to Waste Conference

No Time to Waste is an annual event and will be held again on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

Mapped Out

The Mapped Out Conference was held on Thursday 18 October 2012. The 8th Mapped Out Conference, ‘Preserving our Past - saving our future’ was once again organised by REROC and the Riverina Spatial Information Group (RivSIG). The Conference is held annually to showcase the use of spatial data to enhance the operation and delivery of government services.

Sixty-five people attended the Conference which was held at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, which is recognised as one of the leading conferences of its type in Australia.



Robert Owers from Wagga Wagga City Council addresses Delegates

The aim of the day is to obtain a range of speakers that can demonstrate the diversity of applications for spatial data. This goal was certainly achieved at the 2012 Conference where speakers included:

- ▶ Kellie Pearson, ESRI - ArcGIS Online
- ▶ Bryan Reeves, Radar Portal Systems - Road Condition Monitoring
- ▶ Warwick Hehir, Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute - SSSI Initiatives and Undertakings
- ▶ Simon O’Keefe, Groundtruth - GIS in Bushfire Management
- ▶ Doug Mills, National Parks and Wildlife Services - Using GIS in Wild Dog Management
- ▶ Associate Professor Dick Spennemann and Craig Poynter, Charles Sturt University - Kiska Island
- ▶ James Brandt, JB Spatial - Port Phillip Bay

- ▶ Tracy Ireland, Canberra University and Neil Urwin, Griffin Associates Environment - GIS and Cultural Heritage Management
- ▶ Greg Windsor, Land and Property Information - LPI News

The 2013 Conference will be held on Thursday 17 October.

Build a Bridge..... and get over it!

Build a Bridge..... and get over it! is a 3 day Camp run by REROC in partnership with Compact. The activity receives sponsorship from NSW Roads and Maritime Services and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA). The Camp, which was launched in 2006, aims to encourage students in years 10 to 12 to consider a career in civil engineering.

Students who attend the Camp are drawn from across the REROC/Compact region and entry into the Camp is competitive. Numbers attending the Camp are restricted to 24 each year to ensure that the participating students have the best possible experience.

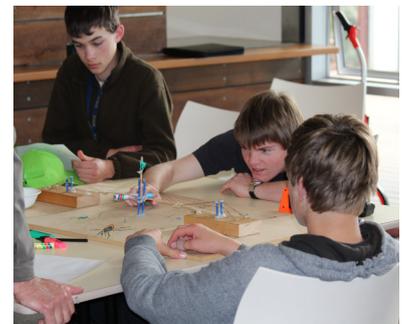
During the Camp which was held at Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre from 13-15 August 2012, students participated in practical 'hands on' activities that allowed them to experience the work that a civil engineer does. The students were mentored by engineers from the REROC member councils as well as the RMS, IPWEA and Engineer's Australia. Nigel Worne was again engaged through TAFE NSW as the facilitator/trainer.

Students are divided into teams of six and each team is required to design a bridge to cross a running creek at Borambola. The creek is about 6 metres wide. Once the bridge is designed the students build a model of it as well as produce a project plan that sets out the construction requirements to convert the model to a full-scale structure.

Each model is judged by the students against standard criteria. The design that scores the highest marks against the criteria is the winner.



Delegates at the Conference were able to hear the latest LPI news from Greg Windsor



Students work in teams on the design of their Bridge



The 2012 Build a Bridge Graduation Class

On the last day of Camp, the students built a full scale version of the winning bridge design over water – the tender winning team act as project managers and the remainder of the students work on the construction of the bridge. At the end of the day, the students crossed the bridge to receive their certificate of participation in the program.

Thank you to John Roydhouse from IPWEA NSW and Ian Davies from Engineer’s Australia who gave up 3 days of their time to mentor the students during the Camp as well as Nigel Worne for undertaking the role of Camp facilitator again.

Over the years we have had many requests from other organisations and councils to run Build a Bridge in their local area. Whilst we are happy for this to happen, we want to ensure that the integrity of the program is kept so we made the decision to trademark both the Build a Bridge..... and get over it! name and also the project logo. Both of these trademarks were accepted so REROC now holds the trademark which will enable us to ensure the high standards of the program.



Students start work on the construction of their bridge over the creek at Borambola



MANAGING WASTE AND PROMOTING RESOURCE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Waste Forum develops a Strategic Plan once every 3 years and an Action Plan based on the Strategic Plan each year. The implementation of the Plans are partially funded through a grant from the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The projects are implemented and managed by Tracey Cornell, REROC's Waste Forum Co-ordinator.

The Waste Forum continues to meet every second month and the website www.waste.reroc.com.au is regularly updated with information for member councils and the community on the activities being undertaken by the group. A written report on Waste Forum activities is included in the REROC Board papers and a verbal report is given at each bi-monthly meeting.

Waste Less, Recycle More initiative

In February, the NSW Government announced the release of a \$465.7 million Waste Less, Recycle More initiative for the next 5 years. The initiative is in response to the recommendations of the independent review of the NSW Waste Levy.

There are several programs that the Waste Forum is considering submitting regional applications for including:

- ▶ Organics Infrastructure Funding and Program
- ▶ Drop off centres
- ▶ Illegal Dumping
- ▶ Litter

The Waste Less, Recycle More initiative also included a recommendation to extend the Waste Levy to the whole of NSW. The NSW Government did not accept recommendation but instead decided to undertake a further review and consultations on the issue. It is anticipated that the EPA will be undertaking consultations in our area over the coming months.

E-waste

In late 2011 the Federal Government introduced Product Stewardship legislation which required the companies that imported and selling televisions, computers and computer peripherals to be responsible for the cost of recycling those same products that had reached their end of life. The legislation required that the companies provide free e-waste collection and recycling services on a national basis. The issue for the Waste Forum was that the legislation only required

that the companies provide one service within 150 kilometres of most of our member councils.

The Waste Forum decided that such an arrangement would not work for our members. Its goal for e-waste was to implement a solution that resulted in a free collection in every LGA in the REROC region. Additionally, we wanted to support and utilise Kurrajong Recyclers to undertake the e-waste processing.

Initially negotiations were commenced with ANZRP one of three accredited providers of e-waste services under the Scheme in Australia. However after lengthy negotiations to achieve our twin goals faltered in early 2013, we entered into discussions with DHL Supply Chain. DHL were open to finding a regional solution that met both our goals, an e-waste collection in every LGA and Kurrajong Recyclers processing the waste.

REROC signed a 2 year contract with DHL in June, which resulted in collections being established in all the member LGAs with all the e-waste collected transported into Kurrajong Recyclers in Wagga Wagga for processing and recycling. Kurrajong Recyclers have also entered into an agreement with DHL to be the Designated Collection Facility for the Wagga Wagga region. All member councils with the exception of Wagga Wagga are participating in this project. Each participating council entered into an exclusive Collection Agreement with REROC to ensure that everyone is operating in the same way.

REROC will manage the collection logistics of the e-waste and receive a per tonne amount to manage the transport of e-waste for the 12 councils into Kurrajong Recyclers.

REROC has had a character designed to brand the collection regime, we have called "Ernie". The character will appear on all our signage and television ad campaigns. Television advertising is scheduled to commence in July 2013 and will promote all the sites that are accepting e-waste for free.

REROC will also be supplying all participating councils with signage at the e-waste collection points.

8.5 tonnes was collected during our first pick-up from Cootamundra, Tumbarumba, Tumut and Gundagai in July 2013.



Our e-waste character "Ernie"



Residents dropping off their old TV's & computers to Kurrajong Recyclers in Wagga Wagga.

Yours2Take

www.yours2take.com.au was launched in March 2008 and now has over 7,100 registered users. The website is an on-line resource exchange program which aims to reduce the amount of waste entering council landfill sites. The site allows users to give items away that they no longer want to someone who has a use for them. Thousands of tonnes of reusable product are sent to landfill every year because it's too hard to find someone who wants to reuse them. Yours2Take makes it easier for people to link with others who can put those unwanted items to good use.

The website has undergone a major upgrade over the last 12 months. It has a new look as well as more streamlined processing behind the website which allows us to do more.

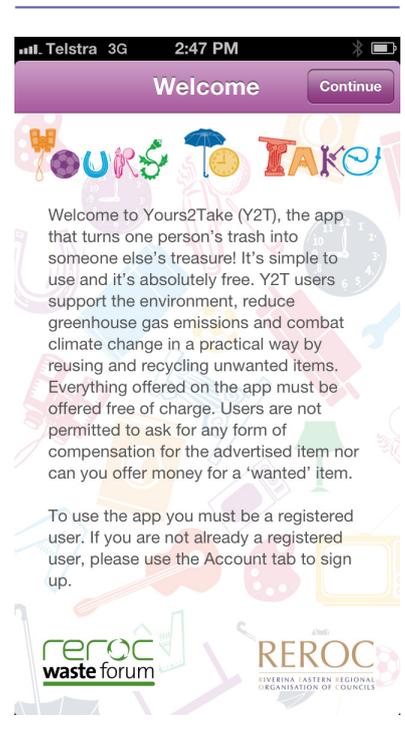
The iPhone/iPad apps have been updated to better reflect the website and we have also developed an Android app for smart phones. The new look apps allow users to take photos with their smart phones and upload the photo directly to the site. This has already resulted in more people uploading photos of their items to the website as it is a much easier, streamlined process. Our biggest issue with the site is still getting enough products up as everything moves very quickly from the site. The iPhone/iPad apps are available through iTunes and the Android app is available through the Google Play Store.

Ken Fletcher from Tumut Shire Council attended WasteQ on behalf of the REROC Waste Forum and presented a paper 'using on-line platforms to deliver waste solutions' about Yours2Take and Safe Sharps. Julie Briggs also presented a similar paper at the 2013 Rural and Regional Waste Management Conference held on Wednesday 5 June.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

REROC received funding from the EPA to undertake HHW collections in all REROC member councils. Collections were held during June 2013 with 7,529.73 kilos collected from 13 council areas with 446 people attending a collection.

Since the Waste Forum first started undertaking HHW collections in 2003, over 34,775 kilos have been collected from households in the REROC region.



The new Yours 2 Take iPhone App.

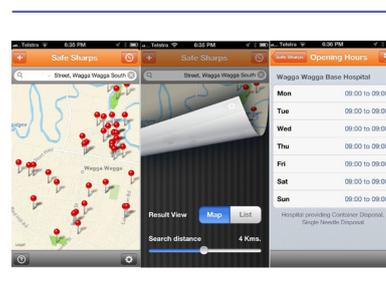
A summary of the quantity's collected is listed below:

COUNCIL NAME	DATE	QUANTITY COLLECTED	NO OF RESPONDENTS
Corowa Shire Council	18 June 2013	368.60	19
Greater Hume Shire Council	19 June 2013	146.20	8
Tumbarumba Shire Council	20 June 2013	914.40	36
Gundagai Shire Council	21 June 2013	392.90	22
Tumut Shire Council	21 June 2013	785.00	42
Wagga Wagga City Council	22 June 2013	3,745.40	210
Urana Shire Council	24 June 2013	12.20	1
Lockhart Shire Council	24 June 2013	490.00	27
Coolamon Shire Council	25 June 2013	185.10	11
Junee Shire Council	25 June 2013	106.40	10
Bland Shire Council	26 June 2013	0	0
Temora Shire Council	27 June 2013	104.83	24
Cootamundra Shire Council	28 June 2013	278.70	36
		7529.73	446

Safe Sharps

The aim of the Safe Sharps' project is to assist sharps' users to easily find approved sharps' disposal locations so that used sharps can be properly and safely disposed of.

The website, www.safesharps.org.au which was launched in July 2011, now has over 850 locations listed on the site. The majority of the sites are in NSW.



Safe Sharps new look iPhone app

REROC was successful in receiving further funding during the year through the Community Sharps Management Grants Program to develop an Android version of the app as well as undertake additional promotion and advertising of the website.

The Android version has been developed and is now available through the Google Play Store free of charge. The website and iPhone/iPad apps have been updated and now have an easier background system to manage.

We wrote to all the Local Health Boards across NSW asking them for information on their hospitals and community centres. We had a great response to this and have heard from the

majority of them, as a result we now have updated information and new sites from across NSW.

The site is continuing to receive new locations every week and people are also notifying us of inaccuracies through the website or the apps.

Wood Smoke Reduction Program

REROC was successful in receiving \$100,000 in funding from the EPA to undertake an education campaign on behalf of 7 member councils: Bland, Cootamundra, Corowa, Junee, Temora, Tumut and Wagga Wagga.

The project is to be finalised by 30 September 2013. To date we have distributed over 40,000 flyers to householders in the participating council areas as well as commenced a TV and radio promotional campaign.

During July and August we will be attending community events to inform residents on the proper use of wood heaters as well as offering free chimney checks to householders.

Kindy Kits

Kindy Kits is a project for kindergarten students that aims to reduce waste at school and promote sustainable options to young children and their parents.

The project, now in its ninth year, is run jointly with the REROC region's Road Safety Officers. 2,200 library bags containing information that promotes the message "No Waste in my Lunchbox" are distributed to Kindergarten students across the REROC region during the first week of school. The library bags also include information on road safety.

The character, Recycle Roo, is used to promote the reduce, reuse, recycle message via a worksheet for the students. Also included in the materials is a colourful brochure that gives parents valuable tips on how to reduce lunchbox waste.

The resource materials are used to create in-class discussion on both environmental and waste



issues. A letter is included in the library bag explaining the project, and resource materials for parents are also included to encourage them to discuss these issues with their children.

Green Waste and Organic Waste Recovery

The Cluster Composting Trial, which collected green and food waste from 800 households in Cootamundra, Gundagai, Coolamon and Junee finished in mid-2012. During the Trial, 139 tonnes of organic waste was received and processed in Cootamundra.

The aim of the Trial was to test the feasibility of the proposed cluster approach to composting. The Trial introduced an organics and green waste kerbside collection for 200 households in each of the 4 participating shires.

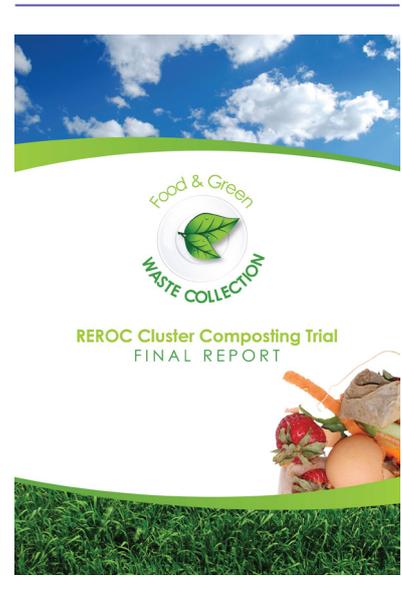
Since the end of the Trial, Coolamon Shire Council has commenced a permanent green and food waste collection system which commenced in October 2012. Cootamundra Shire Council are looking to roll out a greenwaste collection in 2014 and Junee and Gundagai Councils are investigating their options.

The Trial was included as a Case Study in the Hyder Consulting Report *Food and Garden Organics – Best Practice Collection Manual* which was developed for the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

The Cluster Composting Trial project won the Division B Waste Avoidance Award at the 2012 Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards held in Sydney on 3 December 2012. The Project was also announced as the overall winner of the Waste Avoidance Category and Julie presented on the project at the awards ceremony.

Julie Briggs presented a paper on the project at the Waste Conference held in Coffs Harbor in May 2013.

REROC is currently compiling a new report which gives an overview of the whole of the Cluster Composting Trial.



Garden Smart Workshops

The Garden Smart Workshops are designed to promote sustainable gardening practices to the local community and are conducted by local horticulturalist and ABC Local Radio personality Kerry Geale. Over the past 12 months, 150 people have attended workshops in Tumut, Temora and Gundagai. A range of topics are covered during the 2 ½ hour workshop including composting and mulching, soil testing, irrigation systems, using worms in the garden, companion planting, water smart plants and water use, alternatives to pesticides and elements of garden design.

All participants who attend a workshop receive a Garden Diary, a pencil, notepad and further information on composting and being Water Smart all in a non-woven re-usable bag.

The REROC Waste Forum continues to promote the Love Food Hate Waste program through the Garden Smart Workshops.



Rural and Regional Landfill Strategy

The members of the REROC Waste Forum continued to develop the Rural Regional Waste Management Strategy for the REROC region.

The aim of the strategy is “to deliver cost effective, efficient, environmentally sound, sustainable waste management to rural areas”.

The key areas of operation covered in the strategy include: Finance, Service Delivery, Regulatory Requirements, Environment, Risk Management, Resource Recovery, Legacy, Education and Skills.

The Strategy has been adopted by the Waste Forum and the REROC Board. Projects from the Strategy were included in the new 3 year Action Plan.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Eastern Riverina Arts

REROC has a permanent position on the board of Eastern Riverina Arts. REROC Executive Officer, Julie Briggs, currently fills the position and is also the current Chairperson of the Organisation. Eastern Riverina Arts and REROC share a common geographic footprint so it makes good sense for the two organisations to work collaboratively to delivery services into the region. Scott Howie, the Eastern Riverina Arts RADO, attends the REROC Youth Network meetings where he has worked closely with the member councils to identify arts and cultural activities that a can be implemented across the region.



Renew NSW

RENEW NSW is the banner organisation for the voluntary waste groups that are partially funded by NSW Environment Protection Authority.



RENEW members of which the REROC Waste Forum is one, meet on a quarterly basis in different NSW locations and in Sydney. The Group is convened by the NSW EPA, Tracey Cornell is REROC's representative. RENEW is a very influential group and is often first in line to receive information and advice from the EPA about issues that will impact on waste management and resource recovery on both a state and federal level. REROC's involvement in the Group is invaluable in ensuring we are at the forefront of developments in these important areas.

NSW ROCs Meetings

REROC has continued to attend regular meetings with other ROCs in NSW. These meetings have proved to be a valuable way to exchange information and ideas about what is happening in local government. They have also been a forum for State agencies to disseminate information on a variety of initiatives.

The fact that it brings metropolitan and regional ROCs together has also meant that we have been able to gain an appreciation of each other's stance on a variety of issues.

CSU Regional Consultative Committee

REROC is represented on this committee by Julie Briggs. The Committee meets 2-3 times a year to discuss issues in the Riverina and South-east region of NSW and ways in which CSU can respond to the challenges faced by communities and industry. This is the forum where, REROC has over many years, consistently raised the need for a civil engineering course to address labour shortages in local government.

Riverina TAFE Advisory Board

Julie Briggs is a member of this Board which meets on a quarterly basis. The Board discusses vocational education and training issues across the Riverina TAFE footprint, which includes all the REROC council areas.

The Compact

The Compact and REROC have formed a very strong alliance through the delivery of programs like Build a Bridge and Where on Earth? In addressing skills shortages in councils one of the strategies that REROC has deployed is trying to engage young people at school to consider a career in local government.



Compact's role in engaging with schools to deliver outcomes for business and industry is crucial. The Compact has been working with schools in our region, in the careers development area, for almost 20 years and our partnership provides us with a strong pathway into schools to promote our programs.

Regional Development Australia

REROC maintains a strong and on-going relationship with RDA-Riverina. The RDA-Riverina's role is an evolving one, we continue to work with them on the development of plans relating to infrastructure in the region and particularly road and rail transport issues.



We believe that it is important that the region puts forward a cohesive voice on these issues in order to have a chance to attract much needed funding. Tom Watson, RDA Chairman and Lani Houston, the RDA Executive Officer are invited to attend all the REROC Board meetings.

NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC)

REROC continues to enjoy a strong working relationship with DPC in this region. Ross O'Shea, the Senior Regional Co-ordinator, who retired at the end of June, was invited to REROC Board meetings and kept in regular contact with the REROC office if anything is occurring that impacts on local government or the communities that our members represent. We anticipate that REROC will enjoy a similar working relationship with Ross' replacement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT		2012/13
INCOME		
Council Contributions		222,700.45
Sundry Income		525.00
Special Projects		
	- Training	0.00
	- Regional Youth Council	1,954.55
	- Bitumen Emulsion Rebate	20,932.39
	- SBC Project Management Income	0.00
	- LG Software EOI Contributions	28,500.00
	- BESB Project Management Income	0.00
	- RLCIP Project Management Income	7,382.32
	- Regional SEO Report	8,000.00
Interest on Investments		24,761.08
Specific Projects - Income		
	- Sustainability Project	119,784.42
	- BESB - EnviroSmart Project	0.00
	- DSLO Hosting Project	22,010.52
	- Wood Smoke Reduction Project	30,000.00
	- Youth Project Funding	50,000.00
	- Organics Cluster Trial	0.00
	- EPA Waste Funding	165,000.00
	- EPA Household Hazardous Waste Funding	75,000.00
	- Waste Management	9,317.68
	- Scrap Metal	22,982.43
	- No Time to Waste Conference	13,700.00
	- Sharps Project Funding	45,454.55
	- "Build a Bridge" Project	10,000.00
	- GIS	0.00
	- Mapped Out Income	6,880.00
	- Environmental Trust Project	144.11
	- Strengthening Basin Communities Project	0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$885,029.50

INCOME STATEMENT		2012/13
EXPENDITURE		
Executive Services		182,010.60
Phone		4,168.61
Travel		4,122.85
Printing/Stationery		3,274.84
Advertising		2,161.42
Meetings/Catering		7,044.76
Representations		4,692.68
Legal/Accounting/Audit		657.00
Sundry		1,384.22
Website		4,044.27
Rent		19,999.81
Subscriptions		401.82
Insurance		6,553.78
Special Projects		
	- Training	1,446.33
	- YouthROC	329.55
	- Careers in Local Government	8,042.00
	- RLCIP Project Management	8,900.00
	- SBC Project Management	2,400.00
	- LG Software EOI Tender	21,986.84
	- Scholarships	10,000.00
	- Regional SOE Report	8,755.46
Specific Projects		
	- Sustainability Project	96,505.52
	- DSLO Hosting Project	6,806.15
	- Wood Smoke Reduction Project	21,010.30
	- Youth Project	8,825.00
	- Organics Cluster Trial	0.00
	- EPA Waste Funding	179,159.30
	- EPA Household Hazardous Waste Funding	67,431.23
	- Waste Management	15,451.24
	- Waste Management Depreciation	7,448.00
	- No Time to Waste Conference	9,014.17
	- Sharps Project	17,545.45
	- "Build a Bridge" Project	14,059.08
	- GIS	751.72
	- Mapped Out Expenditure	4,303.99
	- Where on Earth Expenditure	0.00
	- Environmental Trust Project	30,214.13
	- Strengthening Basin Communities Project	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$780,902.12
OPERATING RESULTS		\$104,127.38

BALANCE SHEET		2012/13
Current Assets		
	Cash at Bank -REROC	660,783.02
	Cash at Bank -Environmental Trust Project	0.00
	Cash at Bank -Strengthening Basin Communities	0.00
	Sundry Debtors	7,513.73
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	668,296.75
Non Current Assets		
	Plant & Equipment	22,347.04
	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	22,347.04
		690,643.79
TOTAL ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
	Sundry Creditors -Accrued Expenses	3,526.68
	Sundry Creditors	70,930.23
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	74,456.91
Non Current Liabilities		
	TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		74,456.91
NET ASSETS		616,186.88
Equity		
	REROC	235,415.98
	Sustainability Projects	154,175.36
	DSLO Hosting Project	0.00
	Wood Smoke Reduction Project	8,989.70
	Youth Project	41,175.00
	EPA Waste Funding	(17,932.37)
	EPA Household Hazardous Waste Funding	7,568.77
	Waste Management	13,947.91
	Scrap Metal	132,966.40
	No Time to Waste Conference	0.00
	Safe Sharps Project	27,909.10
	"Build a Bridge" Project	4,184.80
	GIS	7,786.23
	Mapped Out	0.00
	Environmental Trust Project	0.00
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 616,186.88

MEMBERS' DELEGATES TO REROC As at June 30, 2013

Bland Shire Council

Cr. Neil Pokoney
Mr. Ray Smith

Coolamon Shire Council

Cr. Robert Menzies
Mr. Terrey Kiss

Cootamundra Shire Council

Cr. Paul Braybrooks OAM
Mr. Ken Trethewey

Corowa Shire Council

Cr. Fred Longmire
Mr. Bruce Corcoran

Goldenfields Water County Council

Cr. Peter Speirs
Mr. Andrew Grant

Greater Hume Shire Council

Cr. Heather Wilton
Mr. Steve Pinnuck

Gundagai Shire Council

Cr. Abb McAlister
Mr. Michael Brady

Junee Shire Council

Cr. Lola Cummins
Mr. James Davis

Lockhart Shire Council

Cr. Peter Yates
Mr. Rod Shaw

Riverina Water County Council

Cr. Gary Hiscock
Mr. Graeme Haley

Temora Shire Council

Cr. Rick Firman
Mr. Gary Lavelle

Tumbarumba Shire Council

Cr. Ian Chaffey
Ms. Kay Whitehead

Tumut Shire Council

Cr. Trina Thomson
Mr. Bob Stewart

Urana Shire Council

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