

**LEGATUS**  
GROUP

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*Legatus Group:  
Regional Local Government  
ambassador and advocate*

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## THE LEGATUS GROUP CHARTER CLAUSE 6.3 ANNUAL REPORT

- 6.3.1 *The Legatus Group must each year, produce an Annual Report summarising the activities, achievements and financial performance of the Legatus Group for the preceding Financial Year.*
- 6.3.2 *The Annual Report must incorporate the audited financial statements of the Legatus Group for the relevant Financial Year.*
- 6.3.3 *The Annual Report must be provided to the Constituent Councils by 30 September each year.*

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority. It now continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of its member Councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 by the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

In 2016 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Legatus Group to which it is now referred.

The Legatus Group is a body corporate and is governed by a Board of Management which has the responsibility to manage all activities of the group and ensure that they act in accordance with its Charter.

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## LEGATUS GROUP BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board consists of all principal members (Mayors) of the Constituent Councils which for 2022/2023 saw changes following the November 2022 elections.

COUNCIL	DELEGATE
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Wayne Thomas - Mayor Allan Aughey OAM
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Phillip Heaslip - Mayor Stephen McCarthy
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Mayor Kathie Bowman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O'Brien
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Ben Browne - Mayor Sue Scarman
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey OAM - Mayor Bill Gebhardt
The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Greg Flint - Mayor Ken Anderson
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund

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## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022/23

POSITION	DELEGATE
Chairman	Mayor Phillip Heaslip until 9 September 2022 then Mayor Rodney Reid
Deputy Chairs	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Rodney Reid until 9 September 2022 Mayor Ken Anderson from 19 May 2023
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Peter Matthey OAM until 18 August 2023 then Mayor Rodney Reid
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Simon Millcock
Auditor	Dean Newbery and Partners

The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2022/23 year:

- 18 August 2022 Special Meeting online
- 9 September 2022 Annual General Meeting - Burra
- 9 September 2022 Ordinary General Meeting - Burra
- 16 December 2022 Ordinary General Meeting - Kadina
- 10 February 2023 Ordinary General Meeting - Port Pirie
- 19 May 2023 Ordinary General Meeting - Bundaleer North
- 2 June 2022 Special Meeting online

There were five advisory committees in 2022/2023:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Regional Management Group
- Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee

All agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and these committees are published on the Legatus Group Website.

All advisory committee minutes were provided with the agendas to the Legatus Group meetings.

The Constituent Councils are provided during the year with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Report, Business Plan, Budget and Financial Reports.



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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AUDIT COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton)</li><li>• Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield)</li><li>• Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie)</li><li>• Mr Stephen Rufus (Chair) (Peterborough)</li><li>• Mr Ian McDonald (Independent)</li></ul>

MANAGEMENT GROUP (COUNCIL CEOS)	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Sam Johnson OAM (Mt Remarkable)</li><li>• Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa)</li><li>• Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West)</li><li>• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys)</li><li>• Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges)</li><li>• Mr David Stevenson (Goyder)</li><li>• Mr Richard Dodson (Light)</li><li>• Ms Kelly Westell (Northern Areas)</li><li>• Mr Paul Simpson (Orroroo Carrieton)</li><li>• Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough)</li><li>• Mr Peter Ackland (Pirie Regional)</li><li>• Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield) (Chair)</li><li>• Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula)</li></ul>



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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys) (Chair)</li><li>• Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie)</li><li>• Lee Wallis (Goyder)</li><li>• Steve Kaesler (Barossa)</li><li>• Tim Neumann (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Karen Lee-Jones (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)</li><li>• Daniel Willson (CEO RDA YMN)</li><li>• Stuart Roberts (Wakefield)</li><li>• Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges)</li></ul>

WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains) (Chair)</li><li>• Ivan Nolte (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Aaron Curtis (Barossa)</li><li>• Glen Growden (Wakefield Regional)</li><li>• Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Lynette Seccafien (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Stephen Rufus CEO (Peterborough)</li></ul>

COMMUNITY WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) (Chair)</li><li>• Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys)</li><li>• Grant Smith (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Nathan Berry (Light)</li><li>• Kirsty Morgan (Wakefield)</li></ul>

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAYOR RODNEY REID

“ *It has been an honour to have been elected as Chairman of the Legatus Group at the September 2022 AGM and to move from previous role as Deputy.* ”

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge that there has been 5 new members to the board with 4 new Mayors and 1 returning Mayor which has provided some level of continuity. The Local Government elections in late 2022 did cause some level of complexity around appointments and decision making. With this in mind we held an induction session and following the board's approval we distributed a draft strategic plan and I took the opportunity to visit all member councils along with our CEO.

It was a pleasure to have Mayor Bill O'Brien as a Deputy Chairman and fellow member of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and to welcome Mayor Ken Anderson in May 2023 as a joint Deputy Chairman.

At the May 2023 meeting Mayor Bowman announced her intention to resign and the Legatus Group thanked her for her long service to her community and the Legatus Group including as inaugural member of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.

There had been a decline in the attendance at board meetings prior to my appointment plus a break down in the connections between the Management Group (CEOs) and their involvement with the board.

I am of the opinion that this has since turned the corner following a workshop I attended with the Management Group and a new approach to the board meetings agendas which includes relevant examples of projects and programs from member councils.

The Legatus Group at the 19 May 2023 meeting committed to having an independent review of the charter and the strategic plan which is designed to assist in clarifying our direction. This will allow both Board Members and the CEOs to be further engaged on the future of the Legatus Group and allow them to provide input to their member councils.

It should be noted that the Barunga West Council has provided the 18 months' notice required of their withdrawal of membership according to our charter and CEO Simon Millcock acknowledged this through a return email to Barunga West Council.

The board has taken an approach over the past five years to not significantly increase members fees whilst using the reserves to undertake both administration and project work including the appointment of an Administration Officer. The board last year noted this needed reviewing in 2022/2023, which occurred through our Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2023/2024, whilst the plan to meet the targets for our reserves as previously agreed to by June 2023 occurred.

For the second year in a row the Legatus Group has paid for the membership of member councils to the SA Coastal Council Alliance. With a desire from the members seeking more user pay for the various projects taken on by Legatus, the funding for the SA Coastal Council Alliance memberships has not been included in the adopted Legatus 2023/2024 budget.

The board has continued to focus on the key areas of:

- Roads and Transport Infrastructure
- Waste Management – including Wastewater
- Community Capacity Wellbeing
- Environmental Stainability



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)

The Legatus Group provides a pivotal role to member councils in advocating on regional and state-wide issues and this has included:

- Rating equity associated with major energy producers continues through the recommendations and reports by the Legatus Group to the LGA.
- Wellbeing and Mental Health with a delegation of local MPs' Lifeline and the Legatus Group meeting with Minister for Health to gain support for retaining and expanding the Community Connect Centre model delivered by Lifeline. This included attendance by Dr John Brayley Chief Psychiatrist to the December 2022 Legatus Group meeting.
- Assisted with matters relating to Community Wastewater Management Schemes which saw a review and CWMS reform program.
- Delivery of the Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan in partnership with Regional Development Australia Organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.
- Review of the methodology used in assessing applications for the Special Local Roads Program.
- The role of Regional LGAs and SAROC to reduce any ambiguity associated with the Regional LGAs being able to provide reports to SAROC so that they can provide both a filtering mechanism for members and submit appropriate reports to SAROC.
- Support to the Flinders Ranges Council in their approach to have a review of appointments to LGA Board and SAROC and timing of the AGM.
- Support to the Goyder Council in their advocacy on the lack of backup power to telecommunications towers.
- Recommendations that the LGA consider creating a new committee for areas of support sought by member councils associated with CWMS.
- Support to the Flinders Ranges Council in their advocacy for the reintroduction of electronic attendance by Councillors at Council meetings.
- Approach by the Legatus Group to lobby for increased funding for the SLRP Program.
- Support to the Orroroo Carrieton Council opposition to the model Fee Structure being set by ESCOSA.



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**MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)**

The Legatus Group provided support at a regional and state level with forums, workshops and webinars which attracted over 400 people throughout the year and they included:

- SA CWMS Conference (partnership with LGA) - Adelaide
- Legatus Group Waste Forum (partnership with KESAB) – Peterborough
- Prosper! Interdisciplinary solutions for Prosperous Regions Forum (partnership UniSA) - Nuriootpa
- Yorke Mid North Alliance Regional Planning Forum (partnership Northern and Yorke Alliance) - Tanunda
- Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum – Maitland
- Accessible Tourism Forum (partnership Catalyst Foundation) – Kadina
- Ageing and Disability Lifestyle Expo – Kadina
- Community Development Forum – Burra
- Native Foods Cultural Awareness Forum – Quorn
- Urban Sustainability Forum – Freeling

**Key reports and projects supported this year by the Legatus Group were:**

- Updated Report - Wellbeing Gap Analysis Legatus Group Northern Councils released.
- Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report released.
- Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils commenced.
- MoU established with Lions International to support Waste reduction.
- Northern and Yorke Community Continuity Planning for Disasters.
- Stormwater Harvesting.
- Legatus Group Regional Local Roads Plan database updates and Expansion of Regional Road Transport GIS and including Bridge and Culverts.
- NHVR Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project with National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
- CWMS on-line training project.
- Assessment of Bridge and Culverts report
- Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026.
- Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement.
- Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan.



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### MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)

Direct support has been provided to grant applications for the region which have resulted in close to \$4.5m of value to the region. They include:

- 2022 SLRP grants resulting in \$4.056m across 4 councils from a total \$13.356m allocated to regional councils in 2022 or approx. 30% of the funding.
- Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – Northern and Yorke Region of SA secured \$92,000 funding from SAFECOM.
- Pilot Organics Processing Plant at Peterborough (successful).
- Carbon Offsetting for Local Government – being led by City of Adelaide (successful).
- Climate Resilient Asset Capacity Augmentation for Community Wastewater Management with Constructed Floating Wetland Systems – being led by UniSA (successful).
- Caravan / RV Dump Point Project – being led by Flinders University (successful).
- LG Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils – being led by Torrens University (successful).
- Landscape Board Future Drought Fund: Extension and Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grants Program application.
- Adelaide Plains Council Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.
- Uni SA Solar PV Recycling.

The Legatus Group continued to support the South Australia Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub as a Local Government project partner.

There has been significant support for equity associated with the Special Local Roads Program funding and we were pleased to see the positive outcomes especially for the Yorke Peninsula Council application.

We continue to encourage and foster closer working relationships with the three Regional Development Australia (RDA) organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The Legatus Group have supported and are an active partner in the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

The board has made a concerted effort to reduce the amount of project work being undertaken and progress more on advocacy and providing a partnership approach with others on projects.

The Legatus Group CEO and staff committed large amounts of time to the development of many Conferences and Forums which have all been highly regarded and of great value to those attending and especially member councils. I also note with positivity the CEO efforts to support regional councils across the State.

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**MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)**

The Audit and Risk Management Group Committee have ensured that the work plan has assisted us in improving our governance and recommendations around variations to our policies. The other advisory committees have played a key role in supporting and recommending actions to the board. It is pleasing to see more board members and council staff being active on these committees. I would like to acknowledge all the Board members and council CEOs and staff who have committed time to the Advisory Committees.

I thank CEO Simon Millcock for the reports prepared and the introduction of the bi-monthly newsletter which is distributed to stakeholders and partners in all spheres of government. I wish to thank him for his commitment and passion for the local government sector and his willingness to work with all members and to accept and progress the ongoing changes within the Legatus Group.

2022/2023 has been a year of listening to each other, learning from each other and redirecting our focus as we work together to support and strengthen our region.



Mayor Rodney Reid

Chairman Legatus Group

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## CEO REPORT MR SIMON MILLCOCK

“ Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the support provided to me by Chairman Mayor Rodney Reid and Deputy Chairman Mayor Bill O’Brien, Board Members, CEOs, Committees, Regional Partners and the Legatus Group staff over the past year.

This year saw the focus on a more consolidated approach to advocacy and increased partnerships.

There were three grants secured in 2023/2024 which were:

1. **Regional Capacity Building Allocations – LGA**
2. **Joint Services Arrangements CWMS – LGA CWMS**
3. **Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – SAFECOM**

Items 2 and 3 allowed for the employment of part time Project Officers Dr Paul Chapman and Robert Bunch. All contracts for grants and projects have been reported on according to the agreements with a delay experienced in securing the first payment of the SAFECOM funds due to the reference group meeting late in June 2023 to approval a draft document required by SAFECOM.

This year 54% of the Legatus Group’s income came from its membership fees. The 15-member council contributions during the previous six years had been on average around 30% of the Legatus Group income.

Due to a reduction in project work, there were less grants obtained although they did make up around 33% of the Legatus Group income. Interest rates increased, which resulted in a better than predicted return on investment income.

This reduction in grant funding was also reflected in a major reduction in contractor and consultant costs compared to the previous 4-5 years.

Areas with increases in expenses to those budgeted were due to motor vehicle costs as the change over to a new vehicle was not able to occur due to supply delays. The meeting and conference costs were substantially higher than the previous year but this was budgeted for as the Legatus Group had responsibility to manage the Annual Forum for the Northern and Yorke Alliance. Telephone, Internet and Websites were around half of the costs from 2022 and this was due to working from home and the website being updating in 2022.

The financial result is that the Legatus Group continues to be in a sound financial position to cover its forthcoming liabilities and within the targets set by the board for its reserves. Previous decisions by the Legatus Group were to have around 18 months of operational costs / commitments available with some funds as a contingency for any possible immediate project. The amount that has been identified previously was \$450,000 and this year the amount in the accumulated surplus and other reserves is just slightly under \$500,000.

The Legatus Group budget for 2022/2023 had shown an operating deficit of \$172,800 and the actual deficit was \$119,340. Noting that the instalments from SAFECOM of \$42,000 and \$3,000 from the LGA for projects whilst invoiced were not received by 30 June 2023.

The closure of the Legatus Group office has continued to assist with reduced administration costs with all staff working from their home offices. Plus, there was a reduction in travel required by the CEO although this was countered by the inability to secure a new vehicle so vehicle maintenance costs were higher.

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## CEO REPORT

**MR SIMON MILLCOCK (CONTINUED)**

The board has noted that the current use of reserves to fund administration costs is not sustainable and following support from 11 of the member councils for the 2023/2024 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget there will be an increase in membership fees. This will be further addressed in the coming year with a review of the Charter and Strategic Plan.

This year saw my attendance and delivery of agendas, minutes and reports to over 40 Legatus Group Board, Advisory Committees, Yorke Mid North Alliance and SAROC meetings whilst managing the delivery of state and regional forums, workshops and webinars.

The board continued to support having a part time administration officer and the contract with Tracey Rains was extended and this has provided beneficial outcomes.

The 2 reviews of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan during the year were not able to reach a conclusion with the first version being approved by 14 of the 15 constituent councils and following the Local Government election the second version approved by 11 of the 15 constituent councils. As the charter requires all 15 member councils to approve this was not achieved.

I am a member of the Yorke Mid North Alliance, Regional LGA CEOs Forum and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (proxy for Mayor O'Brien). Whilst I provided a regional voice to help support the local government sector in several areas including:

- EPA and the State of the Environment Report Assurance Group
- Orroroo and Roseworthy Drought Hub Nodes
- Local Govt Regional Climate Partnerships Network
- UniSA C-Edge Advisory Board
- Volunteer SA NT – Volunteer Strategy

The Legatus Group Website updates include increased information from all forums undertaken as a resource plus the bi-monthly CEO Newsletter gains positive feedback. The social media presence has continued to grow with increased followers on both Facebook and LinkedIn.



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## CEO REPORT

MR SIMON MILLCOCK (CONTINUED)

### Reports distributed and or published include:

- Legatus Group Road Transport Plan Expansion to now include QGIS and Roads Data Base Update.
- Wellbeing Gap Analysis from the Northern Councils Update.
- Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report.
- Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan.

### Projects which have commenced and that are being supported are:

- Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – Northern and Yorke Region of SA (Legatus Group).
- Extending the capacity of regional Community Wastewater Management Systems (UniSA).
- Local Government Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional South Australia (Torrens University).
- Stormwater Harvesting (Space Down Under).
- Carbon Offsetting for Local Government (consortium of councils via City of Adelaide).
- Caravan / RV Dump Point Project (Flinders Uni).
- Prosperous Regions Conference (UniSA).
- Native Foods Supply Chain (UniSA).
- Drought Future Fund - Community Impact project (Northern and Yorke Alliance via RDA BGLAP).
- Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Resilient Coastal Ecosystems on YP and Gulf and Ranger Project.
- NHVR / Legatus Group Heavy Vehicle Priority Route Collaboration.
- District Council of Peterborough Pilot Organics Processing Plant.

### Whilst support was provided to:

- Adelaide Plains Councils application for Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.
- UniSA Solar PV Recycling.
- LGA application to the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.
- LGA Building Sector Capability Project.
- UniSA Support for uaDA Grant - Digital Data Connectivity and Sharing Platform for Climate Resilience and Adaptation Planning in Regional SA.

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## CEO REPORT MR SIMON MILLCOCK

### Advocacy support continues to be a priority and this has included.

- Legatus Group request for changes to SLRP applications.
- Legatus Group support for an LGA CWMS Advisory Committee.
- Yorke Peninsula Council with the North Coast Road Point Turton SLRP application.
- The Flinders Ranges Council re Councillor participation at council meetings through electronic means.
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton re Equity in cost by ESCOSA.
- Lifeline Community Connect – Centralised model for the delivery of Mental Health.
- Rating Equity for Councils from Power Generators.

The second half of the year has seen the LGA advise that Regional LGAs previous approach for engagement as both a filtering mechanism and being able to provide direct reports on matters to SAROC is not supported. This has caused a level of concern in the Legatus Group and this is being addressed by the LGA and Regional LGAs.

I sincerely thank the support I received from Paul Chapman, Tracey Rains, Robert Bunch and Colin Davies. Working in isolation across a broad region has its challenges but the resulting work from all reflected well for the Legatus Group.



Simon Millcock

CEO Legatus Group

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## CHAIRMAN LEGATUS GROUP AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – STEPHEN RUFUS

This is a summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2022-2023.

The committee met on 4 occasions.

DATE	NO OF MEMBERS ATTENDING
25 August 2022	5
8 December 2022	3
31 January 2023	4
5 May 2023	5

COMMITTEE MEMBER	NO OF MEETINGS ATTENDING
Mayor Kathie Bowman	3
Mayor Rodney Reid	4
Peter Ackland	2
Stephen Rufus	4
Ian McDonald	4



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The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2022-2023.

PRINCIPAL ISSUES EXAMINED	COMMENT
Audit Committee Chair	That there is an Independent Member of the Audit Committee to Chair approved and Stephen Rufus appointed.
Annual Financial Report	No issues, unqualified audit, adopted for the 21/22 financial year.
Review of Budget Against Actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure identified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets.
Review of Work Plan, Internal Controls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Work planned maintained and adoption of recommendations by Auditor re policies.</li><li>2. Recommended and supported workshop on strategic plans and long term financial plan with appropriate recommendations to the board.</li></ol>
Charter	Recommended the Legatus Group adopt a variation to the Legatus Group Charter regrading adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget.
Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monitored the 2022-2023 business plan and budget and its quarterly updates.</li><li>2. Noted, supported and provided input to Legatus Group Strategic Plan reviews.</li><li>3. Reported on a need to align the Business Plan and Budget to Strategic Plan.</li><li>4. Recommended a procedure be developed for preparing the annual business plan and budget.</li><li>5. Recommended a review be undertaken of the formatting for the Long Term Financial Plan.</li></ol>
Policies	Recommendations to the board for adoption of 3 new policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Induction</li><li>• Records and Information Management</li><li>• Risk Management</li></ul>
Membership	The final meeting noted the contribution Mayor Kathie Bowman had provided to the committee.
Equity / Reserves	Recommendations to Board on the levels to be held.



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## FINANCIALS

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### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1 JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023

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### LEGATUS GROUP

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#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2023

#### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Legatus Group to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Legatus Group's financial position at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Legatus Group provide a reasonable assurance that the Group's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Legatus Group's accounting and other records.

  
.....  
Simon MILLCOCK  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

  
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Mayor Rodney REID  
CHAIR

Date: 25 August 2023.

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### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Council Contributions	2	173,850	170,400
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	107,600	93,783
Investment income	2	22,035	7,032
Other income	2	18,329	3,108
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>321,814</b>	<b>274,323</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	272,632	263,171
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	167,150	305,395
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,372	7,209
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>441,154</b>	<b>575,775</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2022

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	504,240	657,733
Trade & other receivables	4	91,100	2,152
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>595,340</b>	<b>659,885</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	5	13,409	13,872
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>13,409</b>	<b>13,872</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>608,749</b>	<b>673,757</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	6	74,037	15,037
Provisions	6	13,457	23,881
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>87,494</b>	<b>38,918</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6	21,423	15,667
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>21,423</b>	<b>15,667</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>108,917</b>	<b>54,585</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>499,832</b>	<b>619,172</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		230,062	349,402
Other Reserves	7	269,770	269,770
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>499,832</b>	<b>619,172</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2023

		Accumulated Surplus	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	Notes	\$	\$	\$
<b>2023</b>				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		349,402	269,770	619,172
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		(119,340)	-	(119,340)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		<b>230,062</b>	<b>269,770</b>	<b>499,832</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		650,854	269,770	920,624
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		(301,453)	-	(301,453)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		<b>349,402</b>	<b>269,770</b>	<b>619,172</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Council Contributions		173,850	170,400
Investment receipts		22,035	7,032
Grants utilised for operating purposes		18,652	131,599
Reimbursements		-	-
Other revenues		18,329	3,108
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(277,300)	(255,086)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(108,150)	(327,520)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	8	<b>(152,584)</b>	<b>(270,467)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(909)	(1,720)
Purchase of investment property		-	-
Net purchase of investment securities		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loans made to community groups		-	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(909)</b>	<b>(1,720)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		-	-
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		-	-
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(153,493)</b>	<b>(272,187)</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	8	657,733	929,919
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	8	<b>504,240</b>	<b>657,733</b>

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##### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### 1. Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

##### 1.1 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

##### 1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Legatus Group ("the Group") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Constituent Councils are:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Barossa Council               | 2. District Council of Mount Remarkable  |
| 3. Barunga West Council              | 4. Northern Areas Council                |
| 5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council | 6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| 7. Copper Coast Council              | 8. District Council of Peterborough      |
| 9. The Flinders Ranges Council       | 10. Port Pirie Regional Council          |
| 11. Regional Council of Goyder       | 12. Wakefield Regional Council           |
| 13. Light Regional Council           | 14. Yorke Peninsula Council, and         |
| 15. Adelaide Plains Council.         |  |

All funds received and expended by the Group have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

##### 1.3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Group obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Group's operations for the current reporting period.



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##### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

###### 1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Group's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for generally unsecured and do not bear interest. All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 10.

###### 1.5 Vehicles & Contents

All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Group for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows:

Contents	\$2,000
Motor Vehicles	\$5,000

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Group, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below.

Contents	1 to 5 years
Motor Vehicles	3 to 5 years

###### 1.6 Payables

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

###### 1.7 Employee Benefits

###### Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

The Group has 2 FTE employees as at the 30 June 2023, a Chief Executive Officer, a part-time Project Officer and a part-time Admin Officer. Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10 year bond rates.

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##### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

No accrual is made for sick leave as the Group's experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. The Group does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

##### 1.8 Superannuation

The Group contributes the statutory 10.5% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff. This will increase to 11.0% for the 2023-24 financial year.

##### 1.9 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

##### 1.10 Leases

In the previous year, the Group performed an assessment of the potential impact of AASB 16 *Leases*. The Group was only engaged in a short-term lease as per Section 5 of AASB 16 and therefore the lease was recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. There were no leases for the year 22-23.

##### 1.11 New Accounting Standards

In the current year, the Group adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Group's accounting policies.

The Group has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvement 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
- AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

The Group is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

##### 1.12 Economic Dependencies

The Group is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Group. Should the Group not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Group to continue operating as a going concern.

##### 1.13 Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

##### 1.14 Comparative Information

During the financial year, the Group has reviewed the allocation and classification of some transactions which have been updated in the comparative information presented. Changes in classification has resulted in no change to the previously reported financial performance and position of the Group.

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#### Note 2 - INCOME

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<u>General Contribution</u>	<u>173,850</u>	<u>170,400</u>
	<u>173,850</u>	<u>170,400</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	22,035	7,032
Banks	-	-
	<u>22,035</u>	<u>7,032</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship	13,211	3,108
Sundry	5,118	-
	<u>18,329</u>	<u>3,108</u>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
CWMS	31,000	28,000
Disaster Recovery	29,100	-
Volunteering	7,500	-
Regional Capacity	40,000	42,783
SA Road Funding	-	15,000
NRM - - Landscape Priority	-	8,000
	<u>107,600</u>	<u>93,783</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 10.</i>		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth government	-	-
State government	29,100	8,000
LGA	71,000	85,783
Other	7,500	-
	<u>107,600</u>	<u>93,783</u>

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##### Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>		
Salaries and Wages	200,665	198,882
Employee leave expense	37,008	31,768
Superannuation	25,358	22,064
Workers' Compensation Insurance	2,920	4,232
Professional Development	461	127
FBT	6,220	6,098
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>	<b>272,632</b>	<b>263,171</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>		
Auditor's Remuneration	2,441	2,338
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	<u>2,441</u>	<u>2,338</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>		
Contractors & Consultants	107,179	241,380
Legal Expenses	-	80
Unleaded Fuel	3,939	4,075
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	3,538	2,752
Members Allowances & Support	4,500	4,125
Meetings & Conferences	13,381	4,807
Insurance	10,537	8,921
Rental - Premises	-	9,603
Advertising	1,268	704
Accommodation	1,230	1,932
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	223	263
Travel - Reimbursement	2,079	1,124
Catering & Meals	7,507	7,372
Telephone & Internet	2,981	3,871
IT & Web	5,354	10,963
Postage/Stationery	644	784
Sundry	349	300
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	<u>164,709</u>	<u>303,057</u>
	<b>167,150</b>	<b>305,395</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Motor Vehicle	1,372	5,489
Contents	-	1,720
	<u>1,372</u>	<u>7,209</u>

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#### Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

##### CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	38,081	12,324
Deposits at Call	466,159	645,409
	<u>504,240</u>	<u>657,733</u>

##### TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Accrued Revenues	1,780	495
Other levels of Government	89,320	-
GST / FBT Recoupment	-	1,657
	<u>91,100</u>	<u>2,152</u>

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#### Note 5 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS - VEHICLES & CONTENTS

	2022				2023			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Motor Vehicles	-	28,967	(15,095)	13,872	-	29,876	(16,467)	13,409
Contents	-	3,678	(3,678)	-	-	3,678	(3,678)	-
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	-	32,645	(18,773)	13,872	-	33,554	(20,145)	13,409
<i>Comparatives</i>	-	32,915	(13,554)	19,361	-	32,645	(18,773)	13,872

	2022	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2023	
	\$	\$							Net	\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals	In				Out			
Motor Vehicles	13,872	909	-	-	(1,372)	-	-	-	-	13,409
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>13,872</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,372)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,409</b>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>19,361</i>	<i>1,720</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(7,209)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13,872</i>

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#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023

##### Note 6 - LIABILITIES

	2023		2022	
	\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services	-	-	2,205	-
Payments received in advance	49,100	-	7,500	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	4,919	-	4,082	-
Accrued expenses - other	2,250	-	1,250	-
GST & PAYG	17,768	-	-	-
	<u>74,037</u>	-	<u>15,037</u>	-
<b>PROVISIONS</b>				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	13,457	-	23,881	-
Employee entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	21,423	-	15,667
	<u>13,457</u>	<u>21,423</u>	<u>23,881</u>	<u>15,667</u>

##### Note 7 - RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2022	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2023
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	269,770
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<u>269,770</u>	-	-	<u>269,770</u>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<u>269,770</u>			<u>269,770</u>

##### PURPOSES OF RESERVES

###### Other Reserves

This reserve was established to provide for one year of basic operation (employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, materials), should no revenue be received.

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##### Note 8 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

###### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	504,240	657,733
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>504,240</u>	<u>657,733</u>

###### (b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(119,340)	(301,453)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,372	7,209
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(4,668)	8,085
	(122,636)	(286,159)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(88,948)	37,818
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	(909)	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	59,000	(22,125)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>	<u>(153,493)</u>	<u>(270,466)</u>

##### Note 9 - FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Region are categorised into the following programs, projects & activities:

- 1 A - Corporate Function
- 2 P001 - Regional & Community Sustainability
- 3 P006 - Disaster & Emergency Management
- 4 P009 - CWMS & Climate Change Co-ordinator
- 5 P017 - Waste Management Composting
- 6 P022 - Roads & Transport
- 7 P027 - Community Capacity Building
- 8 P028 - Regional Capacity Building
- 9 P034 - N&Y Coastal Management Action Plan
- 10 P038 - Regional Waste Strategy
- 11 P040 - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- 12 P045 - Aboriginal Engagement Committee
- 13 P046 - DCP Pilot Organics Plant

Income and expenses have been attributed to the functions/activities throughout the financial year.



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##### Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

##### Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits** **Accounting Policy:** Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

**Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 4.30% as at 30 June 2023

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Trade & other debtors**

**Accounting Policy:** Carried at nominal value.

**Terms & conditions:** Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**

**Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group.

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

##### Liquidity Analysis

	2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		504,240	-	-	504,240	504,240
Receivables		91,100	-	-	91,100	91,100
Other Financial Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>595,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>595,340</b>	<b>595,340</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>
	2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		657,733	-	-	657,733	657,733
Receivables		2,152	-	-	2,152	2,152
Other Financial Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>659,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>659,885</b>	<b>659,885</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables		1,250	-	-	1,250	1,250
Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>

##### Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Group.

##### Risk Exposures

**Credit Risk** represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Group is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Group investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Group's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

**Market Risk** is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Group's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor **currency risk** apply.

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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##### Note 11 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2023	2022	2021
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

The Information Paper was revised in May 2015 and the financial indicators for previous years have been re-calculated in accordance with the revised formulas.

##### Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(37.1%)	(109.9%)	(49.8%)
Total Operating Income			

*This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

##### Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(151%)	(221%)	(148%)
Total Operating Income			

*Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

##### Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	0%	0%	0%
Depreciation Expenditure			

*Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.*

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##### Note 12 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Group prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income	321,814	274,323
Expenses	<u>(441,154)</u>	<u>(575,775)</u>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
<b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,372	7,209
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>1,372</b>	<b>7,209</b>
<b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>	(909)	(1,720)
Amounts received spec. for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>(909)</b>	<b>(1,720)</b>
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b><u>(118,877)</u></b>	<b><u>(295,964)</u></b>

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##### Note 13 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

###### KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Group include the 15 Mayors/Chairpersons of the constituent Councils and the CEO. In all, 1 person was paid the following total compensation:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	163,432	158,801
Member Allowance	4,500	4,125
Post-employment benefits	17,160	15,880
Long term benefits	-	-
FBT	6,220	6,098
Termination benefits	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191,312</b>	<b>184,904</b>

The Group received the following amounts in total:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

###### PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

During the reporting period, no Key Management Personnel or parties related to them had any transactions on more favourable terms than those available to the general public.

###### OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from Related Parties during the financial year and owed by Related Parties at the end of the financial year (inclusive of GST).	Received 2023	Outstanding 2023
	\$	\$
The Barossa Council	12,749	-
Barunga West Council	12,749	-
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	12,749	-
Copper Coast Council	12,749	-
The Flinders Ranges Council	12,749	-
Regional Council of Goyder	12,749	-
Light Regional Council	12,749	-
Adelaide Plains Council	12,749	-
District Council of Mount Remarkable	12,749	-
Northern Areas Council	12,749	-
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	12,749	-
District Council of Peterborough	12,749	-
Port Pirie Regional Council	12,749	-
Wakefield Regional Council	12,749	-
Yorke Peninsula Council	12,749	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191,235</b>	<b>-</b>

###### Description of Services provided to all Related Parties above:

The Legatus Group is the peak regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The Legatus Group's primary purpose focuses on the wealth, wellbeing and social cohesion of these communities via a sustainable approach of productive landscapes and natural environment. Its focus is on the key roles of local government.

The Group has Five Primary Goals and numerous strategies to achieve these are outlined in the Group's Strategic Plan 2018-2028 which is available on the Group's website.

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#### **Note 14 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **Note 15 - EVENTS OCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE**

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2023 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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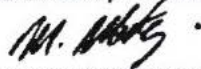
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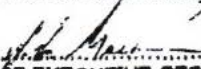
#### CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Legatus Group for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



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The Barossa Council



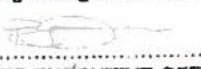
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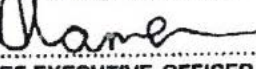
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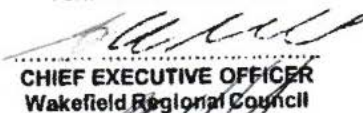
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
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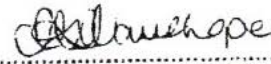
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CHAIR, Legatus Group  
Audit & Risk Management Committee



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Legatus Group

Date: 25 August 2023