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Chairperson’s Report - October 2007

Year of Change:
1. Office location
2. Project Officer Change Over
3. Loren as Mallee Futures Officer
4. First full year of Board and liasing with NRM Board.
5. Funding changes and challenges
6. Committee meetings bi-monthly and Executive bi-monthly or as necessitated
   Meetings at Karoonda NRM Office in evenings, 6.30-9.30pm.
   Trimming of reporting process at meetings and adjustments to format/agenda
   to ensure not going overtime.
7. Update of Constitution and Strategic Plan underway.

Highlights
1. Despite disastrous climatic conditions—interest in projects and MMLAP
   generally continues to be strong / encouraging. Pleasing acceptance of both
   On Ground Work opportunities and capacity building at both school and wider
   community levels. (Tours, field days, workshops etc)
2. Continued credibility of MMLAP.
3. Experiment of Loren to Karoonda and Lameroo Offices once a month to
   broaden
   availability of information and easier access to MMLAP.
4. Pleasing support/working relationship with Mallee Coorong NRM Group.
   Particular thanks to Chairman Alan Piggott.
5. Encouragement, support and commitment of Committee Members to the vision
   and work of MMLAP.

Challenges
1. Re-adjustment to changing sources / process of funding.
2. Clearer understanding of the future and role of MMLAP in view of changes in
   hierarchy, funding and expectations of on ground delivery.
4. Maintain/extend Reps across the large/diverse area of MMLAP.
5. Maintain current positivity despite changes and ever increasing environmental
   challenges.

Thanks to:
Ben and now Rowena and Loren.
Executive : Rex, Judy and Rowena.
Committee : Especially Judy for 10 years of commitment/ involvement in MMLAP.
Members retiring / continuing/ & beginning Committee Membership.

Rodney Brown
Murray Mallee LAP Chairman
MMLAP AGM 2007
Landholders in the Murray Mallee already make a huge commitment to look after their land and water resources. This commitment is acknowledged by the local action planning process which:

- supports landholders to improve land management;
- provides a broader community focus on the region’s natural resources;
- enables communities and governments to work together to tackle the major natural resource management issues.

Murray Mallee Local Action Plan

The Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Inc is a community organisation comprised of Murray Mallee community members who represent a range of groups and organisations. The Association was formed in 1998 and has a management committee which, currently consists of nine members. Membership of the Association is open to all members of the Murray Mallee community and the Association currently has 98 registered members. This membership has enabled strong links to be formed with many other groups, agencies and programs operating in the Murray Mallee.

The mission statement of the association is:

‘To maintain and enhance the natural and agricultural systems of the Murray Mallee through the support of the community.’

To achieve this mission, the Murray Mallee Local Action Plan: Draft for Public Consultation was prepared and released in 1999.

The local action plan:

- identifies the region’s major natural resource management issues and determines priority actions and the most cost effective way for the community, industry and government to invest their time and money in sustainable natural resource management;
- continues to evolve and the Murray Mallee Local Action Plan: 2002-2005 reflects community feedback on the draft, with priorities identified through community consultation, and provides updated information on progress and future directions.

Issues

In developing the local action plan, the association identified five major natural resources management issues for the region in consultation with the Murray Mallee community:

Overarching issues:

**Issue 1: Awareness**
**Issue 2: Farm profitability**

Key resource issues:

**Issue 3: Soil erosion**

**Issue 4: Water use**

**Issue 5: Biodiversity loss**

The key resource issues can not be addressed without also addressing the overarching issues.

**Objectives**

Objectives and actions have been identified for each of the five issues:

**Objective 1:**
Raise awareness in the Murray Mallee community of the need for change

**Objective 2:**
Increase gross margins of Mallee farming systems within land capability

**Objective 3:**
Reduce the erosion of topsoil caused by wind

**Objective 4:**
Ensure sustainable use of the groundwater resources of the Murray Mallee

**Objective 5:**
Increase the water use efficiency on farms in the Murray Mallee

Objective 6
Minimise the impacts of irrigation drainage in the Murray Mallee

**Objective 7:**
Protect and enhance native vegetation communities in the Murray Mallee and the species they support

Some of the information included in the report has been taken from the *Murray Mallee Local Action Plan – 2002 - 2005*. Copies of the Plan are available by contacting the Association.

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**Partnerships**

The focus of the local action plan is on achieving results through on-ground action, which can only be done by those people working on and making decisions about their use of the land and water resources. Therefore, the actions identified in this plan are mainly community actions. It is expected that these will be implemented in partnership with local and regional groups, and all levels of government.
The role of the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association is to create an overarching plan so that all land and water management activities in the Mallee have one central reference point. Responsibility for implementing many of the actions within this plan will be shared with other groups and entities working in the Murray Mallee, such as the Murray Mallee Community Education Network, South Australia Natural Resources Management Board staff, especially Authorised officers, Mallee Water Resources Committee, and Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc. Some of the actions are covered in more detail in other plans developed by the association, such as the Murray Mallee Revegetation Plan, Murray Mallee Land and Water Management Plan, Murray Mallee Biodiversity Plan, Guidelines for Using Perennial Vegetation in the Murray Mallee and Assisting the Murray Mallee Community to Understand and Adopt Integrated Natural Resource Management with a focus on Groundwater Recharge.

Action

The association has been involved in supporting, developing and implementing projects in the Murray Mallee that address the major issues in the local action plan. More than 28,000 hectares of on-ground works have been completed through the Mallee Futures Program since 1998 with a further 26,000 hectares achieved through funds and services provided by landholders.

How can you be involved?

- Invest in natural resources management in the Murray Mallee;
- Join the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Inc;
- Participate in training activities eg field days and workshops;
- Undertake a revegetation project on your property – financial incentives and free technical support are currently available for some projects;
- Organise or become involved in group fox baiting or weed control programs;
- Become involved in mallee fowl monitoring activities;
- Help your local school to be involved;
- Be involved in the decision making for the region by participating in consultation activities.
- Share knowledge, information and achievements by submitting a story for the ‘Mallee Update’ newsletter released quarterly.
- Join our ‘Mallee update’ mailing list to keep up to date of MMLAP activities

For more information on how you can become involved in the Murray Mallee LAP activities please contact the LAP;

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SA 5253
Or drop in an see us at 670 Mannum Rd, Murray Bridge.

Location of the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association area
Management Committee members during 2006/07 were:

Chairperson
Rod Brown
Murraylands Regional Development Board/Community

Vice Chairperson
Rex Spinley
Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc Tri-State committee, Grain and Graze committee, Murray Mallee Community Education Network, farmer

Secretary
Judy Pfeiffer
Community

Treasurer
Judy Pfeiffer
Community

Members
Trevor Schiller
Community/farmer

Chris Grant
Dept of Heritage and Environment- Bush Management Advisor

Barry Manuel
Wanbi Land Management Group/farmer

Neville Pfeiffer
Southern Mallee District Council/farmer

Andrew Hall
Mantung Maggea Land Management Group/farmer

Kenton Farr
Wanbi Land Management Group, Mantung Maggea Land Management Group, farmer

Colin Zadow
District Council Karoonda East Murray/farmer

Chris Mead
Community/farmer

Rose Thiele
Murray Mallee Community Education Network/farmer

Roger Kelly
Authorised Officer/Community

Damien Berger
Farmer, Community, Mallee Coorong NRM Group member

The Management Committee was supported during 2006/07 by:

Ben Simon
Murray Mallee Project Officer, March 2004-April 2007
Rowena Danks
Project Officer, April 2007 - Current
Implementation Officer May 2006-April 2007
Loren Mountain
Mallee Futures Program Officer June 2007 - Current
This year we said goodbye and thankyou to Ben Simon who made a huge contribution to the MMLAP over several years. Ben’s input into projects and general management of the LAP, and especially his knowledge and passion for biodiversity was integral to its success over this time. We wish him well in his move to the seaside and look forward to continued involvement as he has joined the Goolwa to Wellington LAP. Rowena Danks has taken over Ben’s role as Project Officer and we welcome Loren Mountain to the role of Mallee Futures Program Officer and thank her for the fantastic contribution she has already made.

In 06/07 the MMLAP experienced another dry season. With these drier seasons becoming more common, landholders in the Mallee are finding it increasingly difficult to carry out on-ground works on their properties. Despite this, there is still an awareness and commitment from landholders to continue to carry out on-ground works wherever possible, for greater NRM outcomes and to adapt to the changes as we face them.

Throughout the past year there has been strong interest and activity with schools through workshops and field trips and on ground activities such as planting days. The MMLAP is encouraged by this interest and plans to continue this involvement wherever possible with the schools in the Mallee. It is great to see young people interested in their environment and keen to be involved in it’s management.

Capacity building events and interest in educational activities has proved to be a huge success this year as the need to adapt and diversify on farms leads people to discover alternative options such as Sandalwood plantations.

In the 06/07 financial year the MMLAP put into action the following projects and their related activities.

Project Descriptions

Integrated Extension in the Murray Mallee July 06-Dec 06

This project has attracted contributions of support and funding from the SA MDB NRM Board, the SA Murray Darling Basin Integrated Natural Resource Management Group, the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, National Landcare Program and the Australian and South Australian Governments. The project is made up of the following programs; Capacity Building (Program 12), and Revegetation On-ground works (Program 4) and aims to continue to involve an active community in the implementation of on-ground works and education activities. Capacity building
This project has and continues to provide resources that will enable community groups and individuals to further develop their understanding and capacity to play a meaningful role in natural resource management in the SA Murray Darling Basin by:

- Provide professional support to the Murray Mallee LAP and other natural resource management groups in the Mallee.
- Continue developing partnerships, networking and education and awareness activities.
- Facilitate change management and leadership activities.
- Address indigenous issues.
- Initiate participation in research programs and adaptive management activities.

**Continuing NRM with the Murray Mallee Community Jan 07 – June 07**

This project is funded by the South Australian Natural Resources Management Board - Community Grants Program and is running 1st Jan – 31 Dec 2007. The project consists of three components; Program 4 Land and Water Management, Program 9 Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement and Program 12 Fostering Community Engagement. Each of these components address the objectives highlighted in the Murray Mallee Local Action Plan and continues the LAP’s work in supporting the Mallee community to participate in on ground works and educational activities for better NRM outcomes.

**Mallee Futures Program July 2006 – June 2007**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has provided significant funding for the activities undertaken within the `Mallee Futures Program’ for the 2006/07 season. The employment of an Implementation Officer has enabled the continued progress of this well known and essential program. This project involves working with Murray Mallee landholders to increase uptake of sustainable resource management practices, enhance skills, knowledge and awareness of natural resources and implement on-ground actions identified as priorities in the Murray Mallee Local Action Plan and Murray Mallee Revegetation Plan.

**Key Achievements**

Activities carried out by the LAP through these projects in the past year (06/07) are listed below along with the corresponding outcomes from the Murray Mallee LAP Plan they are all working toward achieving. Overarching issues such as Awareness, Soil Erosion, Farm profitability, Water use and Biodiversity loss are some of the issues addressed with the help of funding from previous programs.

(Please note: some activities included in this section were reported on in the 2005/06 Annual Report due to cross over between projects and financial years).

**Capacity Building**

*Achieving objective 1: Raise awareness in the Murray mallee community of the need for change*
Raising awareness in the Murray Mallee community of the need for change has been a key part of all project work undertaken in the Murray Mallee. An integrated extension program involving all active groups and programs in the area continues to be implemented.

- Radio interviews with 5MU, Power FM, and ABC Radio Riverland.
- Mallee Update, quarterly newsletters were prepared and distributed to over 800 people in the Murray Mallee.
- Attended the Local Level Facilitators Forum in Adelaide. Met with other NRM groups and gained insight and ideas about NRM issues.
- Information about the Mallee Futures Program was disseminated to landholders through newspaper articles, school newsletters, and the Mallee Update.
- Provided an overview of Mallee Futures Program to be included on NRM mosaic mapping website.
- Provided revegetation statistics for the Basin Salinity Management Strategy for the annual MDB report.
- Attended Cross Cultural Leadership Program
- Attended Biodiversity Restoration Workshop

Field days and tours

- “Mallee Enterprise Tour# 2” in the Lameroo/Pinnaroo area of the Mallee
- Attended Mallee Sustainable Farming Field Day, Pinnaroo Show and Karoonda Farm Fair where extension materials, displays and discussions with locals occurred.
- ‘What Weed is that?’ field day delivered in the Mallee regarding key weed species, particularly localised outbreaks of boneseed in the Halidon area.
- Direct seeding field day – with Alister Hazeldine from Greening Australia.
- Sandalwood Forum at Karoonda – 55 landholders attended to hear from some fantastic local and interstate speakers.
- Organic Beef Trip to Willalooka Organic Beef properties and local store.
- Display at ON TAP fair held in Murray Bridge. MMLAP brochures, fact sheets and information displayed to help educate and broaden community awareness of LAP and NRM issues in the Mallee Region
- Bus trip to Steven Hobbs’ Biodiesel Plant in Kaniva – 26 landholders attended.
School and Youth activities

- Nursery activities at Karoonda Area School, Geranium Primary, Lameroo and East Murray area school coordinated including the provision of materials and instruction.
- Participated in Mallee Schools Environmental Education program, aimed at bringing all active groups undertaking educational programs with Mallee Schools together to improve connectivity and flow between different topics being delivered.
- River Murray Youth Council Students from Karoonda Area School and numerous other schools in the SAMDB currently on the River Murray Youth Council supported and guided at regular after hours meetings.
- Assisted and supported Karoonda area School students to participate in Youth council – particularly for presentation to be given at Canberra River Health Conference 2007.
- Assistance with the coordination of 56 flood activities at Mannum.
- Provided assistance and technical support to the Karoonda Area School for National Tree Planting Day.
- Brown’s Well District Area School tree planting day.
- Funding sourced and info provided to schools for Australia Post grants, Mitre 10 grants and Envirofund grants.
On-Ground Works

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2006/07 has seen another poor season with a number of landholder withdrawing from projects due to unfavourable conditions. However despite the poor season interest in undertaking on-ground works has continued to be strong.

- At total of 81 EOI were received with incentive offers being sent to 58 landholders for 77 projects.
The table below outlines the approved funding allocations for 2007. It is clear that interest is still high for on-ground works in the Mallee and even though we have had a poor season there has still been a fair percentage of on-ground works achieved.

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<td>Establish Pasture</td>
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Please note: that figures for achieved on-ground works are correct up to October 2007. Projects are still on-going and as such final figures will be different.

- Funding has also been approved for **82.95 km of fencing** associated with the on-ground works projects of which **12.11 km has been achieved** to date.
- **Technical support** has continued to be provided by State Government agencies to assist landholders in the planning of projects. This support has been extremely useful to landholders.
- Final inspections and monitoring of all completed projects has been undertaken, including photographs and GPS readings to help monitor project activity.
- Presented completed projects and provided information about on-ground works through MFP to the NLP's State Facilitator and a Federal Landcare representative.

- Support, project assessment, monitoring, communications, links to other projects
- Administration and reporting coordinated, including technical and monitoring support for assessment of long term eroded areas, assessment of sites and planning assistance to achieve both sustainable Ag and Biodiversity Conservation
- Ongoing co-ordination and admin by Project and Implementation Officers
- Provision of technical support and site assessments coordinated
- Project data maintained on NRM tracker
- Respond to numerous enquiries regarding revegetation on-ground works
- Links and input into a range of biodiversity projects, activities and issues provided across Local Action Planning boundaries.
Community Support

- Professional support provided to the Murray Mallee LAP and Land Management Groups as required.
- **Partnerships strengthened with SAMDB NRM Groups**, Authorised officers, Mallee Sustainable Farming and Land Management Groups (Mantung Maggea, Lower Mallee)
- Liaised with Karoonda East Murray council and NRM Group about how we might better work together on NRM issues and administrative arrangements
- **Maintained links with research activities** being undertaken through the Mallee Sustainable Farming project, S.A.R.D.I Lucerne and perennial legumes project, Rural Solutions SA, Mallee Pastures Project and the Flora Search project.
- Participated in regional Local Action Planning forums and CARE team meetings.
- New Karoonda Land management group supported to conduct meetings to collaborate with community for coordinated fox baiting program
• Strategic Plan consultation event held at Parilla attended
• Dissemination of info regarding the River Forest Tender project starting in 2007.

Partnership Achievements

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Linkages have been maintained and continue to be developed with groups and agencies working in the Murray Mallee:
• Mallee/Coorong NRM Group, NRM Authorised Officers, Mallee Sustainable Farming, Mallee Water Resources Committee, Murray Mallee Community Education Network, SAMDB NRM Board, Local Government, Land Management Groups, Department For Environment and Heritage and Greening Australia.
• A reduction in technical support this year was covered by DEH, SAMDBNRM Board, and Greening Australia for the planning and assessment of on-ground works projects.
• Linkages strengthened with other Local Action Planning groups
• Linkages strengthened with NRM Authorised Officers and their work with LAP groups.
• Attended Sustainable Agriculture Group meetings in Berri and provided information to the group about the activities of the MMLAP. Gained insight and improved understanding of what other groups are doing around the region.
• Supporting organisation for Coorong Fodder Management Project funded by National Landcare Program, run by Coorong Lap.
• Regular contacts made and communication updated with local industries including, NRM /Agri business. Ongoing contact through involvement with Mallee Sustainable Farming and other similar organisations or groups.

Support for Land Management Groups

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- **Mallee Sustainable Farming Project**
  - Project updates included in the newsletter, *Mallee Update*.
  - Attended meetings of SA Management Committee.
  - Supported and attended Waikerie Field Day.
  - Supplied with information about a range of funding opportunities and training events.
  - Linked other groups and landholders into training and field day opportunities offered

- **Mantung Maggea Land Management Group**
  - Attended committee meetings when able
  - Provided support for funding submissions for following year’s on-ground works program.

- **Lower Mallee Land Management Group**
  - Assisted to organise fox baiting activities in partnership with the Murray Bridge Authorised officers.
  - Administered Envirofund application to protect remnant vegetation in partnership with DEH and organised audited final report.
  - Submitted successful Envirofund application to protect important Callitris gracilis community near Murray Bridge.

- **Browns Well Landcare Group**
  - Supported in establishment and administration.
  - Information provided regarding insurance solutions and funding available.

- **NLP grant funding workshop** coordinated with assistance from Sarah Lance to Simon Goodhand (Aust Govt Facilitator) and Brain Hughes (NLP State Coordinator) attended to provide information and input into the process. Several funding applications were submitted following this meetings and to some degree from the collaborative process

**Future Activities**

The MMLAP has also come to a new stage in it’s life as it heads into it’s tenth year of being an incorporated group. And, as we head into our second decade of operation the LAP has the need to adjust not only to this change in our environmental climate but also to the changes we face in our funding arrangements as we complete NLP funding contracts for Mallee Futures Program.

In May 2007, the MMLAP held a strategic planning workshop to readdress the aims and goals of the LAP. Investment Strategy, NRM plans and issues formed pivotal part of the process. Kerry Medlow of Dynamic Project Delivery was contracted to facilitate the day and to write a report of the proceedings. And we are currently engaging Kerry in the process of updating our
Constitution and Plan to centre our focus and give new direction for the LAP to carry out its objectives.

At present we await confirmation of funding for ‘Supporting NRM Action in the Murray Mallee’ in 2008. It is expected we will receive confirmation of this funding in November this year. This project will consist of three elements – Local Community Capacity Building (Activity 12.1), Biodiversity Enhancement (Activity 9.1), and Dryland Land Management (Activity 4.3).

Mallee Futures Program has completed its final year of funding through the National Landcare Program. Confirmation of approval for use of unspent funds, due to the past dry seasons, is expected to be received shortly to continue the project through until June 2008, with some changes in on ground works and additional activities such as evaluation and capacity building activities.
Acknowledgements

The contributions made through, volunteer time/skills, financial support, technical support and the on ground contributions, to assist us in our goal ‘To maintain and enhance the natural and agricultural systems of the Murray Mallee through the support of the community’ are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

The Murray Mallee LAP would like to thank the following groups, departments, organisations and individuals for their support over the past year;

National Landcare Program
South Australian Natural Resources Management Board
Local Landholders
Greening Australia
Mantung Maggea Land Management Group
Murray Mallee Community Education Network
Mallee Coorong NRM Group
CARE team
Loxton Waikerie District Council
Department of Environment and Heritage
Mannum to Wellington LAP
Eastern Hills and Murray Plains Catchment Group
Goolwa to Wellington LAP
Coorong LAP
Renmark to the Border LAP
Berri Barmera, Loxton Bookpurnong LAP
Mid Murray LAP
Riverland West LAP
River Murray Urban Users Group
Bill New
Gayle Drabsch (volunteer)
Rural Solutions
Envirolfund
Mallee Sustainable Farming
Trees For Life
Natural State
Hetta Designs
And to all the Schools, Councils and Ag Bureaux within the Murray Mallee LAP area

Auditor’s Report

The following pages outline the financial report prepared by the Association’s auditor. This report reflects the financial position of the Association and does not show the financial status of individual projects. Further information about the financial status of individual projects can be obtained by contacting the Association’s Project Officer or Treasurer.
MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

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MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

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OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR: $3 3661.96 $- 11404.72
MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

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Represented by:

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

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Less: **CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

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<td><strong>NET ASSETS:</strong></td>
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Note: Committed Funds not shown as a liability at 30/06/06

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MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985, Statement of Accounting Concepts, the Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements as issued by the Australian accounting bodies where considered necessary by the Committee.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and so not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets.

Significant accounting policies that have been involved in the preparation and presentation of the accounts are:

(a) **Plant and Equipment:**
Plant and equipment purchased is recorded as an expense for the period.

(b) **Operating Leases:**
Lease payments under operating leases for motor vehicles where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(c) **Creditors:**
No outstanding creditors have been included for either 30/06/06 or 30/06/07.
MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The Committee have determined that this 'special purpose financial report' has been prepared to meet the reporting obligations and needs of the Committee and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985.

In the opinion of the Committee members,

(a) the accounts present fairly the results of the operations of the Association for the financial period ended 30th June 2007, and the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of the financial period, 30th June 2007.

(b) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

During the financial period to which the accounts relate none of the following:

(1) Committee members
(2) Officers of the Association
(3) A firm of which the officer is a member; or
(4) A Corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest,

has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract or otherwise between the officer, firm or corporation and the Association except for:

- Reimbursements made for travelling expenses and Sitting Fees.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by

REX SPINLEY
Vice Chairperson

ROD BROWN
Chairperson

Dated: 30-10-07
MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

Scope
I have audited the accounts of the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Incorporated for the period ended 30th June 2007 as set out on pages 1 to 17. This includes the audit of the separate funded projects on pages 6 to 17.

The accounts are a special purpose financial report and have been prepared on the basis explained in the Notes to the accounts. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accounts and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of the 2006/2007 figures as shown in the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the Committee members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian auditing standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken by me to form an opinion as to whether, in all respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies as described in the Notes to the accounts.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion
In my opinion, the accounts of the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Incorporated are properly drawn up: (i) So as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30th June 2007 and of the operations of the Association for the period ended on that date; and (ii) are in accordance with accounting standards that are applicable to the Association as a non-reporting entity.

Philip D. Coates
Chartered Accountant
Registered Company Auditor

127 Swanport Road
Murray Bridge
SA 5253

Signed at Murray Bridge this 24th day of October 2007