

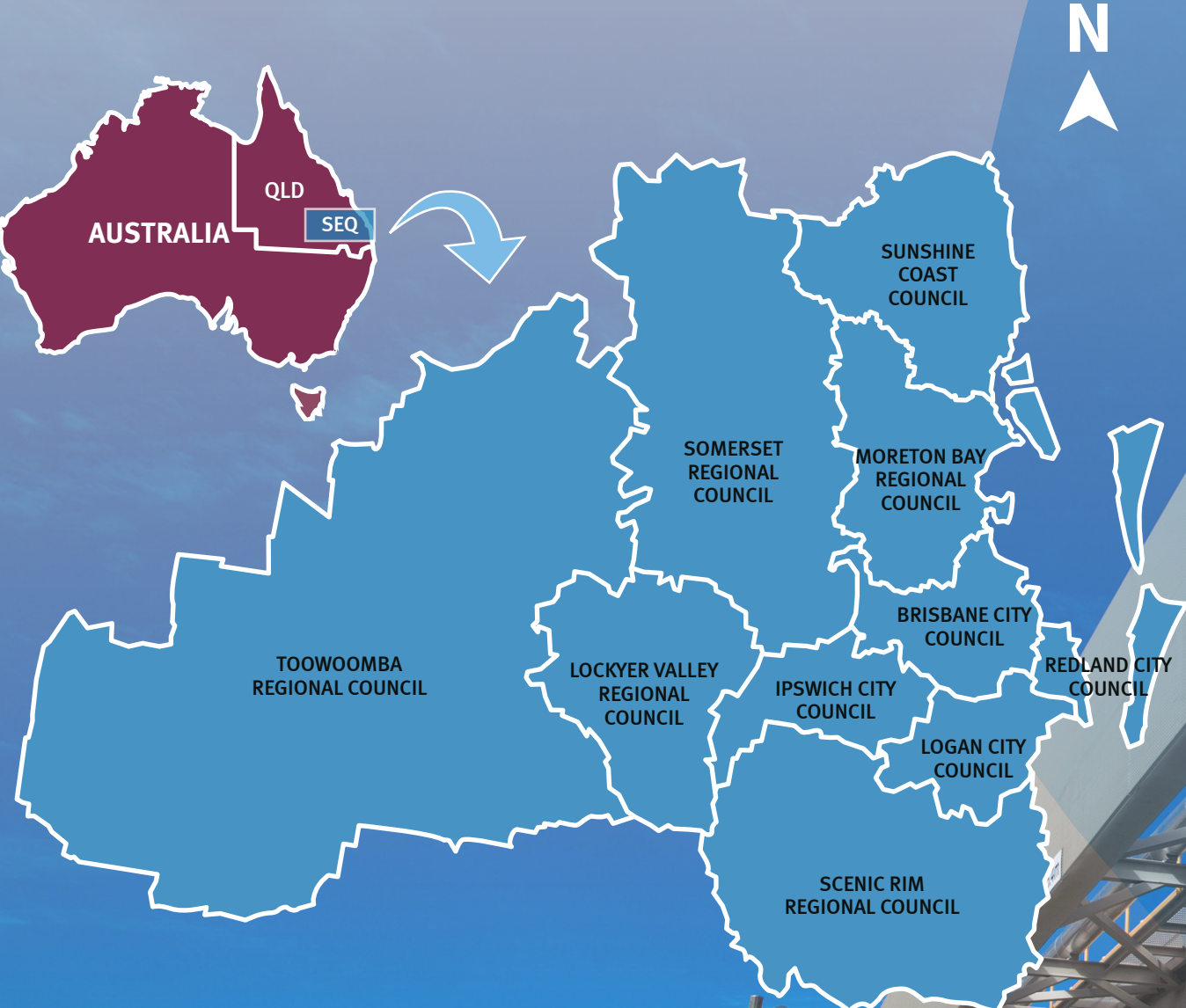
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Council of Mayors
South East Queensland

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020





One Region, One Voice

WHO WE ARE

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) is Australia’s largest regional advocacy organisation, representing the one in seven Australians who call South East Queensland home.

The 2019/20 membership of the Council of Mayors (SEQ) consisted of the following local governments: Brisbane, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Moreton Bay, Redland, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.

OUR MISSION

To consistently deliver better regional funding, policy and collaborative outcomes for the communities of South East Queensland.

OUR STRATEGY

- Advocate* for a better resourced SEQ region with world standard infrastructure to support economic development.
- Influence* the other levels of government to ensure that their policy and legislative positions support SEQ regional growth.
- Collaborate* in effective and innovative cooperative programs across the SEQ region.

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2019-20 Key Achievements

State funding secured

■ for regional waste management plan ■



SHOWCASED SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND AT
2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit
and Mayors' Forum



Successful
TRIAL COMPLETED OF
AUTONOMOUS SHUTTLE
ON KARRAGARRA
ISLAND



Greenlight for
INAUGURAL 2020 SEQ
COUNCILLORS DAY



■ Accelerated ■

DELIVERY OF THE
SEQ COVID-19 RELIEF
PORTAL

Completion of critical on-ground
projects as part of the

Resilient Rivers
Initiative



QUEENSLAND
GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT SECURED
FOR AN SEQ 2032
OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC
GAMES



SUCCESSFUL MAYORAL
DELEGATION TO
CANBERRA
advocating for regional priorities



Region-wide
delivery of SEQ
City Deal Industry
Roundtables

MAJORITY OF QUEENSLAND MAYORS
support
AN SEQ 2032 OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC GAMES

Chairman’s Message

It has been a tough 12 months for South East Queensland, and the nation as a whole, as we grapple with ongoing drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

While these challenges have taken their toll on our way of life, we continue to look forward to the future and how we will rise to the task of kickstarting South East Queensland’s economy.

For the Council of Mayors (SEQ), our focus lies with the long-term economic vision of its two major initiatives – an SEQ City Deal and a potential 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in South East Queensland.

Both initiatives were established by the region’s mayors to create jobs and boost the economy, deliver critical transport infrastructure, and promote South East Queensland as a global destination for tourism, trade and investment.

While the Council of Mayors (SEQ) has been working towards both initiatives for a number of years, South East Queensland needs these outcomes now more than ever before.

Towards the end of 2019, both initiatives were progressing well. The Commonwealth and Queensland

governments and the Council of Mayors (SEQ) were well advanced in negotiations towards an SEQ City Deal.

In December, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) also secured the support of the Queensland Government in our efforts to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which would deliver significant economic benefits to the south-east, Queensland and Australia.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic dampened the progress of both initiatives as our councils and government partners diverted valuable resources to deal with immediate health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) remains committed to working with the Commonwealth and Queensland governments to deliver on its vision for an SEQ City Deal and pursue a successful 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games candidature.

Amidst the chaos created by the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a silver lining for the Council of Mayors (SEQ). This was the introduction of three new Board members following the 2020 Local Government elections.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, Logan Mayor Darren Power and



Moreton Bay Mayor Peter Flannery to the group. We look forward to the fresh perspective, positivity and passion you will each bring to your new role and your respective councils.

While the year ahead will be a challenging one for all South East Queensland councils, we know that we are always stronger as one region than we are individually.

CR ADRIAN SCHRINNER
Chair

CR ADRIAN SCHRINNER

“The Council of Mayors (SEQ) remains committed to working with the Commonwealth and Queensland governments to deliver on its vision for an SEQ City Deal.”



Chief Executive Officer's Message

The past year has been one of ups and downs, as the Council of Mayors (SEQ) ended 2019 on a high before feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic like so many industries across South East Queensland.

The end of 2019 marked a significant milestone in the SEQ Mayors' now five-year journey to successfully secure the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games for South East Queensland.

With the Commonwealth's support already firmly behind the concept, the Queensland Government completed its Value Proposition Assessment to determine that it was in the best interests of Queensland to proceed with a Games' candidature proposal.

The Queensland Government's findings mirrored those of the Council of Mayors' (SEQ) Olympic feasibility study to show that while Games' operations could be kept cost-neutral, the economic benefits for the south-east and Queensland would be in the billions.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) and its Olympic partners recognise its ability to kickstart our economy and tourism industry like nothing else can. The Council of Mayors (SEQ) is firmly committed to an Olympic Games as a critical tool in Queensland's long-term economic recovery.

The beginning of 2020 also brought with it the Local Government elections, and the introduction of three new mayors to the fold. We wish Mayors Harding, Power and

Flannery all the best in their new roles and for the term ahead.

It has been a baptism of fire for our new mayors as the region responded to the threat of COVID-19. I am in awe of how our member councils faced this challenge, delivering tens of millions of dollars of relief to the residents and businesses of South East Queensland.

While the threat still remains, the region is now well positioned to work collectively to address our economic recovery and ensure the resurgence of the south-east as the economic powerhouse of Queensland.

As a united group, we now look forward to the opportunity to engage both levels of government in vital discussions around the future of South East Queensland.

In particular, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) has always been a strong advocate for strategic investment in major infrastructure to accommodate the growing population of South East Queensland.

This type of investment has never been more important for South East Queensland as it is right now, and we stand ready and willing to work with our government partners to ensure a coordinated and strategic response to the challenges facing our region.

SCOTT SMITH
Chief Executive Officer



SCOTT SMITH

Council of Mayors (SEQ) Board of Directors

The 2019/20 membership of the Council of Mayors (SEQ) consisted of the ten councils based in South East Queensland. Each council was represented on the Board of Directors by the following members:

**CR ADRIAN SCHRINNER
(CHAIR)**

Lord Mayor, Brisbane City Council

**CR PAUL ANTONIO
(DEPUTY CHAIR)**

Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council

**CR KAREN WILLIAMS
(TREASURER)**

Mayor, Redland City Council

CR TERESA HARDING

Mayor, Ipswich City Council

MR STEVE GREENWOOD

Interim Administrator, Ipswich City Council

MR GREG CHEMELLO

Interim Administrator, Ipswich City Council

CR TANYA MILLIGAN

Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council

CR DARREN POWER

Mayor, Logan City Council

MS TAMARA O'SHEA

Interim Administrator, Logan City Council

CR ALLAN SUTHERLAND

Mayor, Moreton Bay Regional Council

CR MICHAEL CHARLTON

Acting Mayor, Moreton Bay Regional Council

CR PETER FLANNERY

Mayor, Moreton Bay Regional Council

CR GREG CHRISTENSEN

Mayor, Scenic Rim Regional Council

CR GRAEME LEHMANN

Mayor, Somerset Regional Council

CR MARK JAMIESON

Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council

Welcome to South East Queensland's new mayors



**MAYOR TERESA HARDING
IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL**

Elected Ipswich City Council's 51st mayor, Mayor Harding brings to Council over 30 years business, government and not-for-profit leadership insights and over 15 years' experience leading large teams, managing complex projects with significant annual budgets and delivering public value.

As the former Director of Open Data Office for the Queensland Government, she led the coordination of open data policy and initiatives to position the state as a leader in leveraging data for public benefit.

Mayor Harding holds a Masters in Management, Post Graduate Diploma in Management, Post Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Diploma in Small Business Enterprises and has completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

She is the first female Mayor in the city's 160 year history.



**MAYOR PETER FLANNERY
MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

As a former Australian Army soldier and long-serving local Councillor, Mayor Flannery's career has been dedicated to serving his country and community.

As Mayor, he has committed to making Council open and transparent with the community, especially in relation to planning and development. He is passionate about technology, innovation and medical research.

During his time as a Councillor, Mayor Flannery has helped Moreton Bay to become one of the fastest growing council regions in Australia and sees the delivery of catalytic projects like the Peninsula Railway Line, The Mill PDA and USC Moreton Bay as the foundation for even greater investment and prosperity.

In every decision, he believes lifestyle and environment must be the most important considerations to ensure these remain for future generations and residents.



**MAYOR DARREN POWER
LOGAN CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Darren Power was first elected as a Councillor in 1997, serving the city in this capacity for 22 years before he was elected Mayor in 2020.

Mayor Power recognises the many opportunities that come with Logan being a young, vibrant and fast growing city.

With more than 20 years' experience in local government, he leads a strong and united team that is focused on making decisions that will stand the test of time.

Mayor Power's careers include service with 1 Commando Regiment – where he earned his Green Beret and Parachute Wings – and as a federal officer working in the Close Protection and Consulate Patrol Group.

His guiding philosophy is 'the harder you work the luckier you get' and his goal as City of Logan Mayor is to 'make it happen'.



We are the voice of South East Queensland

REPRESENTING ONE IN SEVEN AUSTRALIANS WHO CALL SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND HOME.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) continued to be the authority for South East Queensland, advancing its key initiatives with strong political advocacy and its positive presence in traditional and social media.

In September, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) led a successful delegation to Canberra where the region's mayors had the opportunity to engage with ministers and representatives from both government and opposition, including the Prime Minister of Australia.

This was followed, in December, by a commitment from the Queensland Government to endorse the SEQ Mayors' concept for an SEQ 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A result of years of thought leadership, research and advocacy by the Council of Mayors (SEQ).

In support of this announcement, former Council of Mayors (SEQ) Chair, Mr Graham Quirk, led a regional tour to inform and engage Queensland mayors and business leaders on the potential state-wide benefits of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Despite the usual rhetoric from groups such as One Nation, the economic and tourism benefits of an Olympic Games – even one hosted predominantly in the south east – was well received and broadly supported across the state.

In particular, Queensland mayors were most interested in the tourism, business and procurement opportunities that would support a decade of confidence in Queensland in the lead up to a potential 2032 Games.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) maintained its strong presence as part of the south-east's business events calendars, with the SEQ City Deal and SEQ 2032 Games of greatest interest to event partners and attendees.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) supported the strong response from its member councils with an online portal providing a user-friendly guide to all relief and stimulus opportunities offered by South East Queensland councils.

SEQ COVID-19 RELIEF PORTAL

As South East Queensland councils rallied to implement a range of relief measures and economic stimulus packages, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) provided a mechanism for councils to collaborate and share information across the region.

The Council of Mayors' (SEQ) member councils joined together to present one portal capturing all available COVID-19 commitments of support and relief for businesses and residents in South East Queensland.

The portal allowed users to select the relevant council area and view a concise list of the range of relief and stimulus packages available from each member council. The portal then directed users to the relevant council website for information and application details.





We are thought leaders

EXPLORING NEW WAYS TO SOLVE THE REGION'S CHALLENGES AND MAXIMISE ITS OPPORTUNITIES.

Working with government and industry to explore new and emerging solutions to the challenges facing South East Queensland remains an important part of the role of the Council of Mayors (SEQ).

The past financial year saw South East Queensland host the state's first long-term, on-road trial of autonomous transport in the form of a driverless shuttle bus on Karragarra Island on the Redlands Coast.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) started the exploration into the use of autonomous transport as a potential solution for connecting isolated and remote parts of the region with South East Queensland's transport network.

The journey started in 2017 with a partnership between the Council of Mayors (SEQ), autonomous vehicle supplier EasyMile and transport operator Transdev to deliver a series of short-term demonstrations of autonomous shuttles in Mooloolaba, Springfield and Cleveland.

This provided the Council of Mayors (SEQ) with the expertise and momentum to secure the state's first permit to deliver a long-term, on road trial of an

autonomous shuttle bus in South East Queensland.

Redland City Council has since completed the successful trial on Karragarra Island, in partnership with vehicle owner RACQ, with the shuttle covering more than 1400 kilometres and giving more than 850 passengers the opportunity to experience the future of transport.

The negotiations towards an SEQ City Deal also ramped up in late 2019 in preparation for its initial deadline of June 2020, prior to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) partnered with the Commonwealth and State governments to deliver a series of SEQ City Deal industry roundtables across South East Queensland. The roundtables provided an opportunity for local leaders to engage directly with Cities Minister Alan Tudge and local elected representatives.

In December 2019, the Leadership Group welcomed the addition and contribution of Member for Fairfax and the Prime Minister's representative for the SEQ 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games proposal, Mr Ted O'Brien, in leading the SEQ City Deal negotiations on behalf of Minister Tudge and the Commonwealth.

By early 2020, the SEQ City Deal had narrowed in on a Deal focused on delivering critical public transport initiatives needed to support growth of the region and initiatives to create jobs across South East Queensland.

While the pandemic has caused delays to the progression of both the SEQ City Deal and the SEQ 2032 Games proposal, work on both initiatives continues in partnership with the State and Commonwealth governments.

SEQ SMART MOBILITY TRIALS

In 2017, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) led an international mission to Singapore to explore how technology can be adapted to address the challenges of density and population growth.

It was during this mission that the SEQ Mayors first experienced driverless technology, and recognised the many applications this could have for South East Queensland.

In particular, the SEQ Mayors saw the opportunity to connect isolated communities to the existing transport network, increase mobility for people with disabilities and senior citizens, as well as generally improve social and environmental outcomes.

Through the success of its regional demonstrations and trials like the one on Karragarra Island, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) is assisting to shape legislation to support the introduction of this technology in Queensland.





We are partners in SEQ's future

FORMING STRATEGIC ALLIANCES TO ACHIEVE REGIONAL BENEFITS.

Working closely with Queensland Treasury Corporation, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) and member councils continued to develop a regional approach to waste management in South East Queensland.

In response to the introduction of the State's waste levy and calls from the community, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) adopted a regional waste management concept which would allow for greater consideration around how waste is managed and processed across South East Queensland.

In the past, areas such as the City of Ipswich have carried a greater burden than others in terms of the dumping and processing of waste. An approach that is unsustainable given the high residential growth occurring in the western corridor.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) has proposed a regional waste management plan to assess how the region currently handles its waste and recommend potential solutions that offer a more sustainable outcome for member councils and their residents.

This approach is anticipated to deliver stronger environmental and economic outcomes compared to the current waste management approaches in various councils. To this end, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) secured State funding of \$500,000 to commence development of a regional waste plan.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) also remained a strong player in the implementation of the SEQ Regional Plan, and continued to be an active participant in the Regional Planning Committee chaired by the Queensland Planning Minister.

In particular, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) advocated for a stronger focus in the Regional Planning Committee on areas of importance to member councils and pushed for greater collaboration from relevant ministers within the Queensland Government.

REGIONAL APPROACH TO WASTE MANAGEMENT

From its ongoing work with Queensland Treasury Corporation, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) recognises that councils can achieve better environmental, social and economic outcomes when working together on the management of waste in South East Queensland.

Typically, waste and resource recovery facilities tend to be situated in areas where there is access to government land instead of exploring the most effective areas for the location of these types of facilities.

The development of a regional waste management plan will ensure that evidence is available to member councils to make informed decisions on how waste is managed across South East Queensland, and enable council collaboration to achieve better outcomes for the community.





We are outcomes focused

FOCUSED ON DELIVERING TANGIBLE OUTCOMES FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND.

The 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum in Brisbane marked a strong start to the financial year. The Council of Mayors (SEQ) presented at the Summit, as well as taking the opportunity to strengthen relationships with its international counterparts.

An initiative of Brisbane City Council, the Summit is one of the largest gatherings of civic leaders in the world with a platform of connection and knowledge sharing. The Council of Mayors (SEQ) continues to be a proud supporter of and participant in the global event.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) also continued its leadership in the area of catchment management with the Resilient Rivers Initiative delivering priority on-ground works in areas of South East Queensland hardest hit by the region's severe weather events.

More than 15 projects are either underway or have been delivered in the past financial year, resulting in catchment improvements in Ipswich, Logan, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset council areas.

This financial year also saw the development of the Upper Brisbane and Stanley Rivers Catchment Action

Plan, in partnership with Seqwater and relevant member councils.

The purpose of the Catchment Action Plan is to collate stakeholder input, community and landowner experiences, data and research to present a detailed overview of the catchment and determine a plan for its protection and improvement.

Due for completion in early 2021, the Upper Brisbane and Stanley Rivers Plan becomes the seventh Catchment Action Plan developed under the Resilient Rivers Initiative forming a comprehensive program to coordinate and deliver investment in South East Queensland's catchments.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) turns its focus to the SEQ City Deal negotiations in the coming financial year as a mechanism to deliver stronger tripartite governance and long-term investment to ensure the health and prosperity of the South East Queensland's creeks, rivers and Moreton Bay.

2019 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT AND MAYORS' FORUM

Founded by Brisbane City Council in 1996, the Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum brings civic and industry leaders together to share and learn about what makes successful and sustainable cities.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) has had the honour of participating in a number of Summits, both in Brisbane and abroad. As a result, the SEQ Mayors have forged relationships with comparable regions across the globe and explored ideas that have led to positive outcomes here in South East Queensland.

With Denpasar, Indonesia named as the host of the 2021 Summit, the SEQ Mayors watch on with interest to see how the global event can reinvent itself in a post COVID-19 world.



We are innovative, agile
and motivated

ALWAYS ADDING VALUE FOR SOUTH
EAST QUEENSLAND’S COUNCILS AND
COMMUNITIES

While only a small team, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) staff continue to go above and beyond to deliver for South East Queensland and its member councils.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) team has continued its commitment to deliver quarterly updates to member councils to ensure strong engagement with councillors and provide an opportunity for direct input and feedback.

In addition to this, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) welcomed three new mayors and many new councillors to the group. The CEO was honoured to address Ipswich, Logan and Moreton Bay councils directly, while also commencing the first round of council updates following recent Local Government elections.

The past financial year also saw the proposal of an SEQ Councillors Day approved by the Board, initially scheduled for late May. While the event was delayed until late 2020, the concept still provides a great opportunity for councillors to connect, share and learn from each other.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) also launched a new look and user-friendly website in the past financial year, with the aim of making information on the organisation’s key initiatives easier to digest and share for both elected representatives and the South East Queensland community.

2020 SEQ COUNCILLORS DAY

Despite facing similar challenges, there are very few opportunities for South East Queensland councillors to network, share and discuss ideas, and learn more about collaborative opportunities that exist across the councils of South East Queensland.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) Board recommended a one-day conference for all councillors to explore the challenges and opportunities facing South East Queensland and foster a greater understanding of the region’s major initiatives.

Rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEQ Councillors Day presents an informative program of key speakers, interactive discussions and networking for both new and returning mayors and councillors in South East Queensland.

Internally, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) said goodbye to two long serving members of its team, Diana Dawson and Nicola Woodcock. However, it also welcomed back Jan Kordonsky and Leah Slater from extended leave, rounding off staff movements for the past financial year.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) team will continue to work closely with its member councils to ensure all councillors are engaged and involved, and ensure future initiatives are shaped by input from all members in South East Queensland.



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REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2020

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Director's Report

The Directors present their report and the auditor's report thereon together with the financial report of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd (the company) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

DIRECTORS

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Cr Adrian Schrinner	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Karen Williams	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Paul Antonio	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Tanya Milligan	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Greg Christensen	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Graeme Lehmann	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Mark Jamieson	1 July 2019 to present
Greg Chemello (Administrator)	1 July 2019 to 10 January 2020
Steven Greenwood (Administrator)	13 January 2020 to 13 April 2020
Cr Teresa Harding	23 April 2020 to present
Tamara O'Shea (Administrator)	1 July 2019 to 20 April 2020
Cr Darren Power	23 April 2020 to present
Cr Allan Sutherland	1 July 2019 to 19 December 2019
Cr Michael Charlton	19 December 2019 to 19 April 2020
Cr Peter Flannery	22 April 2020 to present
Cr Thomas Tate	7 July 2020 to present

COMPANY SECRETARY

The name of the Company Secretary in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year is:

Scott Smith	1 July 2019 to present
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COMPANY DETAILS

The company is an Australian proprietary company limited by shares, incorporated and registered in Brisbane, Queensland.

The ten shareholder members during the 2019/2020 financial year were:

- Brisbane City Council
- Ipswich City Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City Council
- Moreton Bay Regional Council

- Redland City Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Council
- Toowoomba Regional Council

OPERATING RESULT

The surplus of the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 amounted to \$451,637 [30 June 2019: \$262,408 deficit].

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year, and the results of those operations, is as follows:

Resilient Rivers Initiative continues successfully in line with the company's strategic and operating plan with a total of 12 projects under the initiative during the reporting period. Throughout the period two projects were completed, several are in the final stages of completion, with the remaining projects actively progressing throughout the year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several projects were delayed. Additionally, operational costs of the company were slightly reduced.

Advocacy activities in relation to a bid for the 2032 Olympic Games have continued to evolve with all three levels of government now engaged and the bid progressing.

SEQ City Deals is progressing with a statement of intent signed in March 2019 and negotiations underway

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

- The principal activities of the organisation are to:
- be a political advocacy organisation that represents the interests of the residents of members of the company;
 - proactively influence Federal and State Governments to ensure the long-term viability, wellbeing, and sustainability of the residents of the South East Queensland region;

- act as an advocate to State and Federal Governments or Public Bodies on issues of concern to members;
- collectively represent members on bodies that influence the operations of the State, regional and sub-regions and the communities of individual members;
- speak with one voice to ensure appropriate funding and delivery of infrastructure and services for the residents of the members of the Company;
- formulate policies and strategies that support coordinated regional growth and management of change;
- foster co-operation amongst members on issues of mutual concern or to further joint interests; and
- ensure relevance of the strategic priorities for the region through an annual review.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

No significant matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the company; the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of 2020/2021 will be influenced by the continuation of the Resilient Rivers Initiative, progress towards a bid for the 2032 Olympic Games and the on-going delivery to key objectives of the 2018/2021 Strategic Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid or declared during or since the end of the financial year. The Directors may not authorise the payment to members of any dividends by the company.

OPTIONS

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year.

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Insurance premium has been paid in this financial year for Councillors and Officer Liability which covers any natural person who was, or is, or may, hereafter become a Councillor, Director, Secretary, Officer and/or Employee of the company.

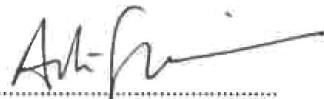
PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY


No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party to taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of these proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 6.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors;


Cr Adrian Schrinner
Chairman
30/10/2020


Cr Karen Williams
Chairman
30/10/2020

Auditor's Independence Declaration

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION


To the Directors of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd

This auditor's independence declaration has been provided pursuant to s.307C of the Corporations Act 2001.

Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



S Narasimhan
As Delegate of the Auditor-General of Queensland

30 October 2020

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
INCOME			
Membership Levies	2a	1,450,190	1,381,132
Project Contributions	2b	1,245,729	1,620,110
Grants and Other Contributions	2c	473,663	383,163
Other Income		136	18
Interest Revenue	2d	48,061	80,224
Total Income		3,217,779	3,464,647
EXPENSES			
Employee Benefits Expense	3a	1,325,346	1,331,504
General Office Expense		123,017	165,809
Interest Expense - Leases	3d	2,511	-
IT Expense		49,636	25,985
Travel Expense		57,381	25,467
Other Operating Expenses	3b	52,621	115,685
Other Professional Fees	3c	1,017,565	2,015,325
Depreciation Expenses - Leases	3d	40,336	-
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	3e	37,629	37,800
Loss on Disposal of Asset	9	45,920	
Auditing Fees-Queensland Audit Office	3f	14,180	9,480
Total Expenses		2,766,142	3,727,055
Net surplus (deficit) attributable to members of the company		451,637	(262,408)
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members of the company		451,637	(262,408)

The Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	2,657,360	2,238,170
Other Financial Assets	5	500,000	500,000
Trade and Other Receivables	6	167,753	147,915
Prepayments		11,804	11,216
Total Current Assets		3,336,917	2,897,301
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other Receivables	7	55,000	-
Office Furniture and Equipment	8	10,977	18,076
Intangible Assets	9	-	76,450
Right-of-use Assets	12	336,301	-
Total Non-Current Assets		402,278	94,527
Total Assets		3,739,195	2,991,828
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	10	355,216	357,270
Provisions	11	174,514	243,960
Lease Liabilities	12	88,836	-
Total Current Liabilities		618,567	601,230
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	11	63,336	35,073
Lease Liabilities	12	250,129	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		313,465	35,073
Total Liabilities		932,031	636,303
Net Assets		2,807,164	2,355,525
EQUITY			
Share Capital	13	10	10
Retained Earnings		2,807,154	2,355,515
Total Equity		2,807,164	2,355,525

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

2019/2020	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Share Capital \$	Total \$
Balance at beginning of year		2,355,515	10	2,355,525
Net surplus for the year		451,637	-	451,637
Balance at Year End	13	2,807,154	10	2,807,164

2018/2019	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Share Capital \$	Total \$
Balance at beginning of year		2,617,923	11	2,617,934
Net deficit for the year		(262,408)	-	(262,408)
Forfeiture of Share	13	-	(1)	(1)
Balance at Year End		2,355,515	10	2,355,525

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflow			
Receipts from operations		3,094,292	3,392,583
Interest Received		48,061	80,224
Total receipts from operations		3,142,352	3,472,807
Outflow			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,879,741)	(3,478,989)
Net Cash Flows used in Operating Activities	14	262,611	(6,182)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflow			
Disposal of Assets	8,9	153,914	-
Outflow			
Acquisition of assets at cost	8	-	(3,375)
Net Cash Flows used in Investing Activities		153,914	(3,375)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Outflow			
Equity withdrawal	13	-	(1)
ROU Lease Assets Depreciation	12	40,336	-
Cash payment – Interest portion of Lease Liability	12	(2,511)	-
Cash payment – Principal portion of Lease Liability	12	(35,160)	-
Net Cash Flows used in Financing Activities		2,665	(1)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		419,190	(9,558)
Cash at the Beginning of the Year		2,238,170	2,247,728
Cash at the End of the Year	4	2,657,360	2,238,170

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial statements cover Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd (the company) as an individual entity. Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The company's Registered Office is Level 12, Suncorp Plaza Building, 343 Albert Street, Brisbane Qld 4000.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit organisation as it is not operating for the surplus or gain of its individual members.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, except where stated. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest Australian dollar.

The financial statements are authorised for issue by the Directors at the date of signing the Directors' Declaration.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. TAXATION AND GENERAL

a. Income Tax

Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Item 2.1 of the table in Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and has been advised that it would not be required to lodge income tax returns unless and until requested to do so by the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

b. Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances, GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of expense.

Receivables and Payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST Recoverable from the ATO is included as a current Receivable in the statement of financial position (Note 6). The net amount of GST Payable to the ATO is included as a current Payable in the statement of financial position (Note 10).

c. Application of New Accounting Standards

At the date of authorisation of this report there is one standard issued in the 2019/2020 financial year that is expected to have a material impact on the financial statements. All the relevant standards are listed below:

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities and AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The transition date for AASB 1058 and AASB 15 is 1 July 2019. The company has identified that there is no material impact in adopting the new standard. The company currently recognises contributions, grants and interest income in accordance with this new standard (Note 2).

AASB 16 Leases

Operating Leases held prior to 1 July 2019 were recognised as Operating Lease Commitments in Commitments of Expenditure in the notes to the Financial Statements.

The transition date for AASB 16 is 1 July 2019.

Lease Liabilities are initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments over the lease term that are not yet paid. Right-of-use assets are initially recognised at cost comprising the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability. These will subsequently give rise to a depreciation expenses and be subject to impairment. Note 12 provides the impact on the Statement of Financial Position.

d. Accounting Estimates/Significant Management Judgments

The preparation of financial statements necessarily requires the determination and use of certain critical accounting estimates, assumptions, and management judgments that have the potential to cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Such estimates, judgments and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in future periods as relevant. (Note 3e)

2. INCOME

a. Membership Levies

Membership levies are recognised upon issuing an invoice after resolution of financial commitment of funding at General Meetings by members for the financial period (refer to Note 21).

b. Project Contributions

Project Contributions were received from members for the Resilient Rivers Initiative Program since the 2016/2017 financial year to identify, assess and mitigate high risk flooding areas in the South East Queensland region. Several new projects commenced this reporting period with the existing projects progressing further and some to completion.

Project Contributions were also received from members for the Feasibility Study Program in relation to a potential 2032 Olympic Bid, and some smaller contributions related to economic development projects.

c. Grants and Other Contributions

Grant funding that is non-reciprocal in nature is recognised as revenue in the year in which the company obtains control over the funds. In the previous financial year, the Federal Government and the company entered into an agreement to provide a Transport Study.

Grant funding of \$375,000 for this study provided by the Federal Government was received upon the completion of the last phase of the study. The company did not receive any reciprocal grants.

d. Interest Revenue

Interest is received from cash and cash term deposit accounts held with Australian banks. Funds are held for a period from one month to six months to maturity depending on the cash flow requirements of the company.

Cash investments are held at amortised cost and subject to interest rate risk. This refers to possible fluctuations in the market interest rate of cash at bank earning interest at a variable rate, which could impact the operating result and equity of the company.

3. EXPENSES

a. Employee Benefits Expense

Employee benefits relate to amounts expected to be paid to or on behalf of employees for annual leave, long service leave, worker's compensation and superannuation. A liability is recognised for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period.

Employer superannuation contributions are paid to a superannuation fund chosen by the employee at contribution rates determined by each employee's contract of employment. Contributions are expensed in the period in which they are paid or payable with no future liability incurred to the company.

b. Other Operating Expenses

These expenses relate to meetings, conferences and events and advocacy related activities.

c. Other Professional Fees

Professional fees are in relation to contracted projects and the work to be completed in accordance with the individual contract for such projects.

d. Lease Expenses

Lease expenses include interest based on the implicit rate in the rental lease and depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis over the right-of-use asset's lease term. This method is considered to best correspond with the underlining pattern of consumption.

e. Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses

Depreciation and amortisation has been calculated on a straight-line basis over each asset's expected useful life. This method is considered to best correspond with the underlining pattern of consumption. The estimated useful lives are assessed annually and for each class are:

Office Furniture & Equipment:
Between 3 and 10 years with zero residual value

Intangible Assets:
5 years with zero residual value

f. Auditing Fees

Total audit fees payable to the Queensland Audit Office relating to the 2019/2020 financial statements is \$14,180; this amount includes the mandatory grant acquittal audit on the Transport Study. [2018/2019 \$9,480].

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash at Bank and in hand	1,319,759	675,878
Short Fixed Term Bank Deposits	1,337,601	1,562,292
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,657,360	2,238,170

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with Australian registered only banks, with terms for a period of between one and three months.

It is the company's intention to hold these short-term fixed bank deposits to maturity. These short-term deposits held by the company are stated at the amortised cost until interest is received into the accounts.

5. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Other Financial Assets	2020 \$	2019 \$
Fixed Term Bank Deposits	500,000	500,000
Total Other Financial Assets	500,000	500,000

Other Financial Assets include deposits held at call with Australian registered only banks, with terms for a period of between four and six months.

It is the company's intention to hold these fixed bank deposits to maturity. These deposits held by the company are stated at the amortised cost until interest is received into the accounts.

6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current		
Trade and Other Receivables	167,753	9,145
GST Receivables	-	83,770
Bank Guarantee	-	55,000
Total Trade and Other Receivables	167,753	147,915

Receivables are recognised at the amounts due at the time of sale or service delivery. The collectability is assessed at period end and an allowance is made for impairment if necessary.

It is highly unlikely the company would need to allow for impairment for Receivables given historically no credit losses have ever been recorded and due to the type of debtors.

7. OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables	2020 \$	2019 \$
Non-current		
Receivables - Bank Guarantee	55,000	-
Total Other Receivables	55,000	-

For the 2018/2019 financial year, the Bank Guarantee was reported as a current receivable due to the expiry of the rental lease on 31/01/2020. From 1/02/2020 a new lease agreement commenced for a period of 4 years, therefore the Bank Guarantee is reported as a non-current receivable for the total period of the lease.

8. OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Office furniture and equipment	2020 \$	2019 \$
Office Furniture and Equipment at Cost	41,148	42,411
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(30,171)	(24,335)
Total Office Furniture and Equipment	10,977	18,076

BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2019	18,076
Additions	-
Disposals – written down value	-
Depreciation Expense	(7,099)
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2020	10,977

BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2018	21,971
Additions	3,375
Disposals – written down value	-
Depreciation Expense	(7,270)
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2019	18,076

Office Furniture and Equipment are carried at cost, less where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. Items of office furniture and equipment with a total cost of less than \$1,000 are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of office furniture and equipment are capitalised and subject to impairment testing.

9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible Assets	2020 \$	2019 \$
Intangible Assets at Cost	-	152,650
Less Accumulated Amortisation	-	(76,200)
Total Intangible Assets	-	76,450
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2019		76,450
Additions		-
Disposals – written down value		(45,920)
Amortisation Expense		(30,530)
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2020		-
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2018		106,980
Additions		-
Disposals – written down value		-
Amortisation Expense		(30,530)
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2019		76,450

Intangible assets with a cost or other value exceeding \$1,000 are recognised in the financial statements. Amortisation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where appropriate.

The Intangible Asset held was written off as the software was no longer utilised in the company as at 30 June 2020.

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables	2020 \$	2019 \$
Trade Payables	282,737	288,876
Accrued Salaries	72,479	68,394
Total Trade and Other Payables	355,216	357,270

Payables are recognised when receipt of goods or services have been received and are measured at the agreed purchase/contract price net of applicable discounts.

11. PROVISIONS

Provisions	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current Provisions		
Long Service Leave	28,070	104,629
Annual Leave	146,444	139,331
Total Current Provisions	174,514	243,960
Non-Current Provisions		
Long Service Leave	63,336	35,073
Total Non-Current Provisions	63,336	35,073
Total Provisions	237,850	279,033

MOVEMENT

Current	2020 \$	2019 \$
Opening Balance	243,960	205,083
Additional Provisions	107,265	102,275
Amounts Used	(176,711)	(63,398)
Balance at Year End	174,514	243,960
Non-Current	2020 \$	2019 \$
Opening Balance	35,073	-
Additional Provisions	28,263	35,073
Amounts Used or Re-allocated to Current	-	-
Balance at Year End	63,336	35,073

A provision has been recognised for current and non-current employee benefits relating to long service leave. The provision for long service leave represented the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the company resulting from employees' services provided up to balance date. The estimate considers future wage and salary increases, periods of service and related on-costs.

12. LEASES

Right-of-use assets	2020 \$	2019 \$
Opening balance as at 1 July	-	-
Additions	376,636	-
Depreciation Expense	(40,336)	-
Disposals/Derecognition	-	-
Closing balance at 30 June	336,301	-

Lease Liabilities	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current		
Lease Liabilities	88,836	-
Non-Current		
Lease Liabilities	250,129	-
Total	338,965	-

The company measures right-of-use assets from leases at present value of cost on initial recognition. Lease liabilities are initially recognised at the present value of lease payments over the lease term that is not yet paid. The discount rate used is the interest rate implicit in the rental lease. All right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are recognised exclusive of GST.

Prior to 1 July 2019, commitments under operating leases were recognised as Commitments of Expenditure (inclusive of GST) as listed below. These operating lease payments were representative of the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets and were expensed in the periods in which they incurred. The remaining seven months of the previous rental lease was expensed as it was incurred in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Operating lease commitments	2020 \$	2019 \$
Not later than 1 year	-	79,496
Later than 1 year but not greater than 5 years	-	2,723
Total Operating Leases	-	82,219

13. SHARE CAPITAL

Share Capital	2020 \$	2019 \$
Fully paid ordinary shares – each share \$1 par value	10	10
Beginning of reporting period	10	11
Issue of share capital	-	-
Equity withdrawal	-	(1)
At the end of the reporting period	10	10
Total Issued Capital	10	10

At shareholders' meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

For the 2018/2019 financial year, City of Gold Coast Council voluntarily withdrew its equity holding from Council of Mayors (SEQ) effective 1 July 2018. As at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, share capital comprised of ten equal par value fully paid shares of \$1.00 held by each of the ten members.

For the 2020/2021 financial year, City of Gold Coast Council has been admitted as a shareholder member effective 1 July 2020.

14. RECONCILIATIONS OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of operating result to net cash provided by operating activities	2020 \$	2019 \$
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	451,637	(262,408)
Non-cash items included in operating result: activities:		
Depreciation	(70,364)	37,800
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(74,838)	(2,492)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(588)	10,651
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(2,054)	136,319
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions	(41,183)	73,948
Net cash provided by operating activities	262,611	(6,182)

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

There are no contingent liabilities that may become payable or any contingent assets that may become receivable.

16. COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

Operating contract commitments	2020 \$	2019 \$
Not later than 1 year	1,585,820	1,259,178
Later than 1 year but not greater than 5 years	-	-
Total Operating Contracts	1,585,820	1,259,178

Operating contract commitments are in relation to several Projects including Resilient Rivers Initiative, Economic Development and Water & Environment that are in progress.

The Company does not have any capital commitments.

17. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (KMP) DISCLOSURES**a. Details of Key Management Personnel**

The company's Company Secretary and Chief Executive Officer are identified as KMPs, consistent with additional guidance included in the revised version of AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures.

Position	Position Responsibility
Chief Executive Officer	The position is responsible for the efficient, effective and economic administration of the company
Company Secretary	The position supports the effectiveness of the Board by monitoring that board policy and procedures are followed and coordinating the timely completion and dispatch of board agenda and briefing material.

b. KMP Remuneration Policies

Key Management Personnel who hold the position of a director or alternate director do not receive any remuneration or employee benefits from the company.

Remuneration policy for the company's key executive management personnel is set by the Executive Committee of the company. The remuneration and other terms of employment for the key executive management personnel is specified in the employment contract.

c. KMP Remuneration Compensation	2020 \$	2019 \$
Short-term employee benefits	302,569	282,252
Post-employment benefits	26,829	24,564
Long-term benefits	6,553	3,528
Total Remuneration	335,952	310,344

18. BOARD DISCLOSURES

All directors have one equal vote each with all having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the strategic direction of the company. No board member receives any remuneration or any other employee benefits.

In a director's absence at a board meeting the director may appoint their alternate director to be present and be their proxy vote. Under the company's constitution, a director of this company must also hold the position of Mayor in their respective council.

Directors

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Cr Adrian Schrinner	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Karen Williams	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Paul Antonio	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Tanya Milligan	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Greg Christensen	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Graeme Lehmann	1 July 2019 to present
Cr Mark Jamieson	1 July 2019 to present
Greg Chemello (Administrator)	1 July 2019 to 10 January 2020
Steven Greenwood (Administrator)	13 January 2020 to 13 April 2020
Cr Teresa Harding	23 April 2020 to present
Tamara O'Shea (Administrator)	1 July 2019 to 20 April 2020
Cr Darren Power	23 April 2020 to present
Cr Allan Sutherland	1 July 2019 to 19 December 2019
Cr Michael Charlton	19 December 2019 to 19 April 2020
Cr Peter Flannery	22 April 2020 to present
Cr Thomas Tate	7 July to present

Company Secretary

The name of the Company Secretary in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year is:

Scott Smith	1 July 2019 to present
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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between shareholders councils and the company are considered and voted on at regular Directors' meetings. No individual council has influence or control over the activities of the company. There have been no transactions with people/entities that are identified as being related to any Key Management Personnel.

20. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ENTITIES

Council of Mayors (SEQ) is one of three members of Healthy Land and Water Ltd with voting rights of 25% with no risks or rewards associated with being a member of this entity. Based on the number and composition of the directors of Healthy Land and Water Ltd, Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd does not have significant influence over this entity.

One director of Council of Mayors (SEQ) is appointed to the Board of Healthy Land and Water Ltd as a director.

21. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Council of Mayors (SEQ) activities are dependent upon membership levies from ten shareholder member councils. Membership levies for the 2020/2021 year have been approved by each of the ten shareholder member councils. City of Gold Coast Council was admitted as a shareholder member effective 1 July 2020.

22. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Directors has the authority to control and manage the company’s financial affairs, with development and adherence to the company budget, bank authorisations and day to day management.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provision of the financial instrument. The company has the following categories of financial assets and liabilities:

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Financial Assets at Amortised Cost			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	2,657,360	2,238,170
Other Financial Assets	5	500,000	500,000
Trade and Other Receivables	6	167,753	147,915
Total Financial Assets at Amortised Cost		3,325,113	2,886,085
Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost			
Trade and Other Payables	10	355,216	357,270
Total Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost		355,216	357,270

a. Market Risk

Cash and cash equivalents are subject to market fluctuations with this exposure limited due to all investments deposited with Australian banks.

b. Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. As at year end, Trade and Other Receivables have a balance of \$167,753 [30 June 2019: \$147,915].

All receivables are considered current and receivable within 28 days. No receivables are considered impaired.

c. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the company is unable to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities. The company has minimal exposure to liquidity risk as there are no financial loans and only trade payables in terms of financial liabilities. The company manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- subscriptions for the financial period are invoiced at the beginning of the period and paid within 28 days of invoice date;
- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- monitoring undrawn credit facilities (credit card balances);
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

23. FUTURE IMPACT OF ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements

This standard is applicable to the financial reporting period 2020/2021. The standard defines service concession arrangements and applies a new control concept to the recognition of service concession assets and related liabilities. The entity is not a grantor of any service concession arrangements therefore, this standard will have no impact on the financial statements.

24. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no significant events subsequent to the reporting date which require disclosure.

Director's Declaration

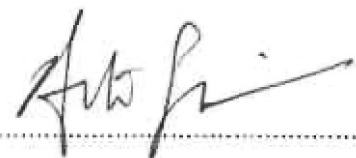
In the opinion of the directors of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd:

1. The financial statements and notes of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(a) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and

(b) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Cr Adrian Schrinner
Chairman

30/10/2020



Cr Karen Williams
Treasurer

30/10/2020

Auditor-General's Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Pty Ltd.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2020, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended
- b) complies with Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including summaries of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report.

I am independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*. I am also independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, and confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

Other information comprises information included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

Those directors are responsible for the other information.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard

Responsibilities of the company for the financial report

The company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the company's directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The company's directors are also responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the company.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of the company's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. I base my conclusions on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the company's directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

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as delegate of the Auditor-General

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