

MURRAY MALLEE



Murray Mallee Local Action
Planning Association Inc.

Celebrating 10 Years

2007/08 Annual Report



'A dynamic, prosperous and healthy region supported by an active and committed community.'

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Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Inc

Chairperson's Report – Rod Brown

Today is a very important AGM and a very important celebration to recognise the active involvement of MMLAP in the life of our mallee community, particularly in the area of encouragement of on ground works by subsidising on farm and community projects to improve sustainability and conservation of our natural resources, whilst endeavouring to improve farm profitability. The past 12 months have seen valuable contributions despite increasing difficulties associated with uncertainty of ongoing, long term funding.

I have included part of the LAP chairs submission to the Federal Minister, prepared by Rowena and Loren on behalf of MMLAP. This excerpt clearly outlines the achievements of MMLAP over the past decade: Achievements that deserve celebration and recognition. My personal thanks to Rowena and Loren for their assistance in compiling this information.

Excerpt from submission;

MURRAY MALLEE



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

The Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Inc (MMLAP) is a community organisation comprised of members representing a range of groups and organisations in the South Australian Murray Mallee region, covering 2 million hectares. The Association, formed in 1998, has a network of 750 landholders in the region receiving regular communications.

In the last 10 years, we have sourced funding to enable members of our community to better manage their Natural Resources through on ground works to:

- ❖ *Protect and enhance remnant vegetation (7,940.5ha),*
- ❖ *Revegetate local native species (1045.9ha),*
- ❖ *Establish Fodder (3413ha),*
- ❖ *Establish Pasture (14,126ha),*
- ❖ *Establish product block (45.5ha) and*
- ❖ *Control erosion (878ha).*

Total over 27,400 ha

We have been able to support this work with \$2.2million of funding while \$6.6million of support was provided as in-kind contribution.

But we do more than plant trees!

We've also been able to encourage and educate people of all ages to look after our environment better through:

- ❖ On farm advice
- ❖ Field trips

- ❖ Workshops
- ❖ Visiting schools
- ❖ Mentoring youth groups

We encourage new ideas and diversification by supporting:

- ❖ Research
- ❖ Trials and demonstrations
- ❖ Field trips to expose landholders to new ideas and follow-up workshops

Each LAP has prepared a similar document and these will accompany the overall document that will be discussed in Canberra, face to face, by two of our LAP chairs.

In essence the issues highlighted to be discussed will be:

- Rolling three year funding
- Greater funding flexibility for unexpected contingencies
- Better communication with funding bodies
- Greater security for staff

The future positive contributions that our LAP has made towards improving the sustainability of our environment will no doubt hinge on swift and meaningful outcomes from discussions with both the Federal Minister and the SAMDB NRM Board.

On the occasion of the 10 year Celebratory AGM, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of current committee, past committees and present and past Project and Implementation Officers for their enthusiasm and commitment to making our vision a reality!

“A dynamic, prosperous and healthy region supported by and active and committed community”.

In closing I would specifically like to thank the 2007-2008 Committee Members for their involvement and valuable contributions to:

- Updating MMLAP Strategic Plan
- Updating the Constitution of MMLAP Inc.
- Updating MMLAP Policy and Working Document

Thank you for your practical and thoughtful contributions to maintain the effectiveness of our LAP under changing and difficult conditions.

In particular a VERY BIG THANKS to Rex Spinley for his time and skills to undertake training to rationalise and improve our financial accountability.

It is with a great degree of personal sadness that we say farewell to Loren. Thank you for the confidence, efficiency and commitment you have brought to our Mallee Futures Program, mentoring of students and other contributions too numerous to mention. Our best wishes go with you as you tackle the challenges of your new position with your particular gifts of enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication.

I also thank Rowena for her unstinting commitment of time and energy as our Project Officer. Her quiet, thoughtful and efficient contributions, in very difficult circumstances, have ensured the success of the MMLAP during the past twelve months in particular. Her willingness to face challenges head on and seek workable solutions has been greatly appreciated, not only by the Committee as a whole, but

also by me personally. Thank you Rowena. We look forward to your leadership in the future, whatever form that future may take.

Thank you too to all those in the wider community who have encouraged and supported us, particularly those who have gone the extra mile to join us in this celebration today.



ROD BROWN
CHAIRMAN
Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Inc.
September 14th, 2008



Photo: DAFF

Murray Mallee Local Action Planning

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 LAP Strategic Plan and 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 Murray Mallee LAP was initially formed to develop an overarching plan for natural resource management issues in the Murray Mallee area. A draft Local Action Plan was circulated for consultation in 1999 and a revised plan prepared for the period 2002 – 2005.

In 2007/08 the MMLAP went through the process of updating the Strategic Plan to keep up with changes in natural resources management since this time. Whilst some issues remain a high priority, there have also been some new issues come to light that affect the group and the way it functions. The strategic planning process also gave the group an opportunity to revisit priorities and the strategies to achieve its goals. In August 2008 the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Strategic Plan and Action Plan 2009-2012 was passed after a year of workshops and consultation. The following Vision and Mission Statements and associated goals form the basis of the document and the groups focus moving forward.

Vision

'A dynamic, prosperous and healthy region supported by an active and committed community.'

Mission

'To provide leadership and information which supports the Murray Mallee community to implement long term land management solutions.'

Goals

Governance

1. Murray Mallee LAP recognises and implements good decision making and governance procedures.

Resourcing

2. Ensure Murray Mallee LAP operates with integrity in an ongoing manner within a financially stable and viable environment.

Service Provision – Capacity Building Awareness

3. Raise awareness of the Murray Mallee community of the need for long term land management solutions.

Farm profitability

4. Increase gross margins of Mallee farming systems within land capability.

Climate change

5. Raise awareness of the impact of climate change on natural resources and Mallee farming systems.

Service Provision – Natural Resource Management Issues

Soil erosion

6. Reduce the erosion of topsoil caused by wind.

Water

7. Encourage sustainable use of the groundwater resources of the Murray Mallee and minimise irrigation drainage impacts.

8. Reduce groundwater recharge in the Murray Mallee

Biodiversity

9. Protect and enhance native vegetation communities in the Murray Mallee and the native species they support.

Copies of the MMLAP Strategic Plan and Action Plan 2009-2012 are available by contacting the Association

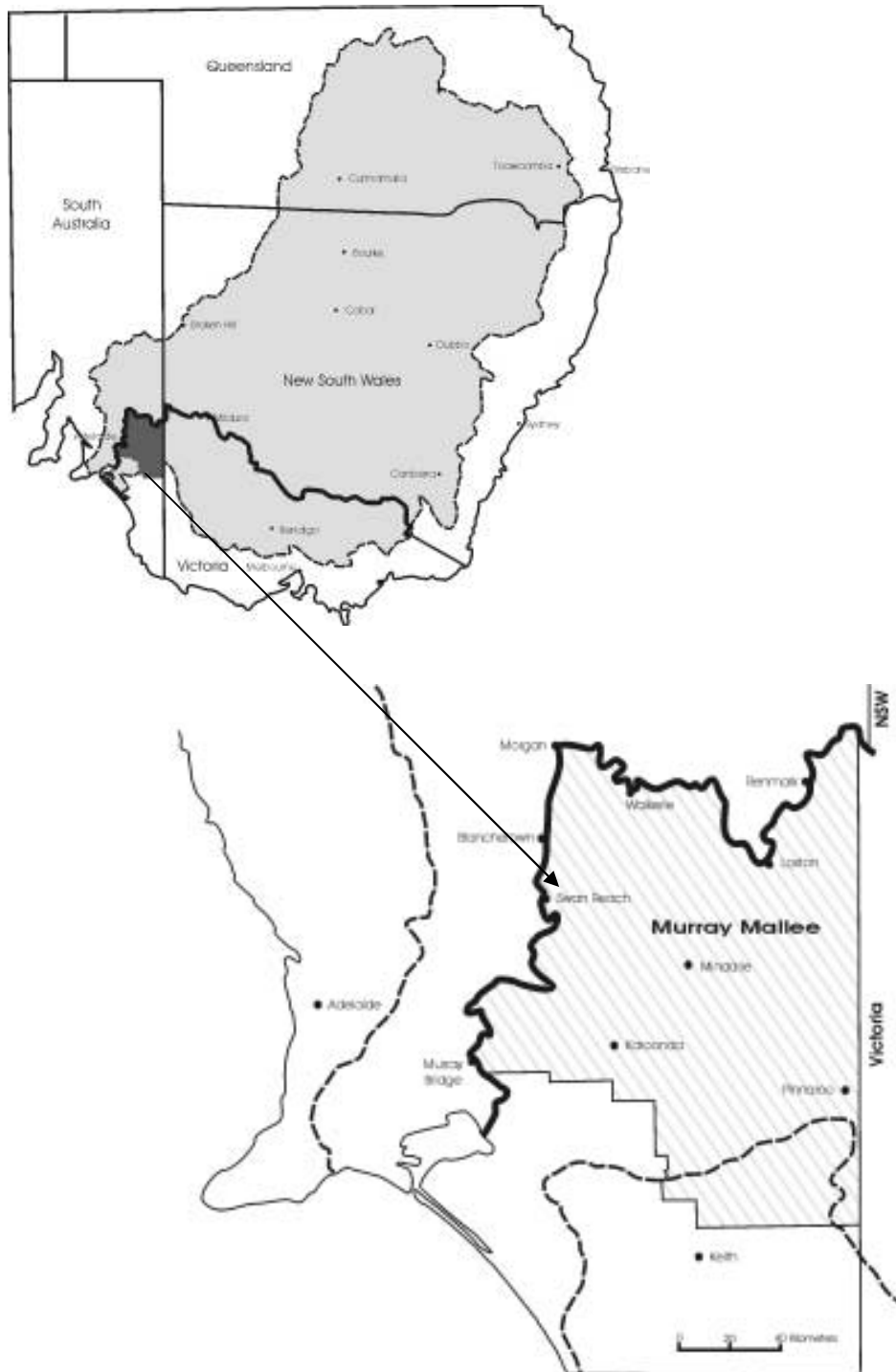
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Location of the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association area



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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Or drop in and see us at 670 Mannum Rd, Murray Bridge.



MMLAP committee member Stephanie Evans on her property
(Photo: Loren Mountain)

Project Officer's Report- Rowena Danks

With the end of the 2007/08 year came the end of funding through the National Landcare Program for MMLAP's longest running project Mallee Futures Program. Although the project has received funding from various sources over its 9 year life span, we cannot expect that this devolved grant style of project will continue to be funded into the future. So, although the Mallee Futures Program may rise again, it will be in a new form that will require it to again provide landholders with support to effectively manage their land for priority NRM outcomes in the region, whilst fulfilling new funding requirements and priorities.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to Loren Mountain who managed the Mallee Futures Program over the past year. Loren gave enthusiasm and spirit to the program and formed strong partnerships with landholders and groups involved with our LAP. I wish her well in her new role in local government as Environmental Officer and thank her for the contributions she has made to our LAP.

This year the Murray Mallee LAP region saw a fantastic increase in coordinated landcare efforts with the reforming of the Browns Well Landcare Group. This group has shown what can be achieved when people, passionate about caring for native vegetation and achieving real results, get together. The group is inspired to get results in the realm of those achieved by the Mantung Maggea Land Management Group and have already gained from support from this well known Mallee land management group. It is clear that these two groups will work well together in achieving their goals and I look forward to the day when groups like these are common practice.

This year these groups, along with the Lower Mallee Landcare Group, covered well over 100,000ha in their coordinated fox baiting and rabbit ripping programs. I believe, especially in times when funding is scarce that the support of groups of landholders like these must remain a priority as they carry passion, hold knowledge and have the enthusiasm and coordinated ability to achieve great outcomes in land management.

In the past year, the Murray Mallee LAP built valuable, new and existing links with the Oil Mallee and Sandalwood industries in Western Australia and South Australia. The future will see these links developing and opportunities exist for landholders in our region to gain knowledge and support in these areas.

The involvement of the MMLAP in biodiversity projects such as the Native Pine Project, Habitat 141 and individual priority restoration projects maintain the Murray Mallee LAP's vision to *'protect and enhance native vegetation communities in the Murray Mallee and the native species they support'*.

Most importantly the LAP worked hard at building capacity, especially of youth, through workshops, youth council, field days and one on one site visits. This will remain a priority of our work and I will continue to develop educational activities where possible.

Our committee delved deep this year, to update the Strategic Plan and Action Plan for the Murray Mallee LAP. The updated plans give us a focus for future project development that will lead us into the next decade of operation.

Thanks to all those who supported the MMLAP this year and I look forward to working with you all in the next year.



Rowena Danks
Project Officer



Photo: MMLAP

Project Descriptions

Mallee Futures Program July 2007 – June 2008

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has provided significant funding for the activities undertaken within the 'Mallee Futures Program' for the 2007/08 season. 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.

This project has contributed the bulk of the MMLAP's on ground works support during its phase.

Continuing NRM with the Murray Mallee Community 2007/ Supporting NRM Action in the Murray Mallee 2008

These projects were funded by the South Australian Natural Resources Management Board - Community Grants Program. The projects consisted 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 addressed the objectives highlighted in the Murray Mallee Local Action Plan and continued the LAP's work in supporting the Mallee community to participate in on ground works and educational activities for better NRM outcomes.

Key Achievements

Activities carried out by the LAP through these projects in the past year (07/08) are listed below.

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.

Capacity Building

Field days, workshops and tours

- Attended the Karoonda Farm Fair, Pinnaroo Show, Waikerie Field day and Riverland Field days. Displayed extension material and available for discussion with landholders and the wider community.
- Delivered 'Establishing Lucerne in Mallee Soils' workshop with technical presenter SARDI scientist Eric Kobelt.
- Hosted and delivered a field tour of the Monarto *ENRICH* and *FloraSearch* sites for latest fodder research and the current research into native species for biomass industries.
- Hosted bus trip for 25 attendees to Wimmera Biodiesel in Kaniva Victoria.



Photo: MMLAP

- Facilitated two day biodiesel course at Wimmera Biodiesel for 6 MMLAP landholders.
- Delivered GPS training day for landholders with Bill New.
- Hosted Organic Beef Bus Trip to *Willalooka Organic Beef*.

School and Youth activities

- Delivered with Greening Australia a propagation workshop to East Murray Area School.
- Delivered tree planting workshop at Karoonda Area School as part of National Tree Day.
- Mentor for the River Murray Youth Council.
- Seed collection workshop for Karoonda Area School
- Seedling thinning workshop with East Murray Area School

On-Ground Works

This year the Mallee Futures Program had to be completed by June 30th due to funding constraints imposed by NLP and the Federal Government. Despite only having six months to complete on-ground works landholder response was good.

- A total of **74 EOI** were received and incentive offers were sent to **65 landholders for 88 projects** through the Mallee Futures Program and Supporting NRM Action in the Mallee Projects



Photo: DAFF

The table below outlines the approved funding allocations for 2008 and the achieved on-ground works.

Works (Area Ha)	Target		Approved		Achieved	
Erosion Control- Earthworks	20- 40 ha	40 ha	16.5ha	19.5ha	18.3ha	2.5ha
Clay Spreading	100 ha	50ha	19ha	50 ha	18.9ha	50ha
Land Class Fencing Dunes	10 km	n/a	8km	n/a	4.37km (45ha)	n/a
Establish Pasture	1000 ha	40 ha (4km)	855ha	80 ha (3.7km)	776ha	40 (2.7km)
Protecting Remnant Vegetation	10 km	3km	7.5 km	5.5 km (337 ha)	6.9km (360ha)	3.5 km (328 ha)
Saltbush Trials	5 sites	n/a	7 sites (5000 tube- stock per site)	n/a	5 sites (22500 tube - stock)	1site (5000 tube- stock)
Threat Abatement- Pest plant	-	n/a	19ha	n/a	19	n/a
Threat abatement – Pest Animal	-	n/a	42,227ha	n/a	42025ha	n/a
Revegetation Native Species	n/a	-	n/a	1 ha (0.75km)	n/a	-
Establish Fodder	n/a	30 (10km)	n/a	14ha (1.75km)	n/a	3.5ha

***Please note that figures in blue indicate Community Grant funded projects which have until the end of November 2008 to be completed. Figures in green indicate NLP funding (Mallee Futures Program) Figures are correct as of 31st August 2008.

Community Support

- Biodiversity inspections carried out by the LAP staff and Greening Australia to help assist landholders with the development and planning of on-ground works.
- Information about the Mallee Futures Program disseminated to landholders through newspaper articles, school newsletters, and the *Mallee Update*.
- Final inspections and monitoring of all completed projects, including photographs and GPS mapping to help monitor and evaluate projects.
- Strengthened links with the community by sending Implementation Officer to work from the Karoonda and Lameroo NRM offices on a monthly basis.
- Support Land Management Groups such as Mantung Maggea Land Management Group, Browns Well Landcare Group, and Lower Mallee Land Management Group in funding coordination and admin assistance.

Partnership Achievements

- Attended CARE Team meetings including two day workshop at Burra.
- Attended Sustainable Agriculture Group meetings providing information to the group about the activities of the MMLAP and gained insight into what other groups and organisations are doing across the region.
- Continued involvement with the *Bats for Biodiversity* program.

- Maintained relationships with state government agencies, industry and various community groups by attending meetings and ensuring the dissemination of information continues.
- Habitat 141 including Conservation Action Planning processes and project development.
- Maintained and developed links with Oil Mallee and Sandalwood Industry in WA and SA.
- Member of the National Oil Mallee Advisory Body for the formation of the National Oil Mallee Association.
- Representation on the Targeted Land Planning Group for the SA MDB NRM Strategic Plan development.

Evaluations and studies

- Produced ‘*Mallee Futures Stories- Working with Murray Mallee Landholders*’ digital stories CD. The CD contained four landholders stories detailing their experiences with on-ground works projects delivered through the Mallee Futures Program.
- Perennial Pasture and Fodder Evaluation of previous projects that received funding through the MFP over the last 5 years.
- Developed and implemented saltbush shelterbelt trials. Plantings occurred at 6 different properties across the Murray Mallee region.



Staff training and conferences attended

Staff and committee members of the MMLAP attend conferences and training events to update skills and knowledge of Natural Resource Management and governance issues as opportunities arise. The following workshops and events were attended:

- Regional Science Forum, Adelaide.
- National Carbon Farming Conference, Mudgee NSW.
- Local Level Facilitators Forum
- National Oil Mallee Conference
- Certificate IV in Business (Governance)
- MYOB training course

Future Activities

The continuation of *Supporting NRM Action in the Murray Mallee* will remain focused on capacity building, and on ground works project until December 2008. It is expected that a similar project will run in 2009.

Much work has already begun on the development of future projects covering;

- Sandalwood and Oil Mallee development
- Evaluation of woody perennial trials including carbon calculations
- Callitris gracilis* community protection and restoration
- Linking key habitat for priority fauna
- Native grass production
- Remnant vegetation restoration
- Carbon footprint calculation on farms

Some of these projects have been submitted for funding and we await notification of their results.



Oil Mallee Seedlings
(Photo: Leighton Pearce)

Acknowledgements

The contributions made through, volunteer time/skills, financial support, technical support and the on ground contributions, to assist us in achieving '*A dynamic, prosperous and healthy region supported by an active and committed 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
Murray Mallee LAP Landholders
Greening Australia
Mantung Maggea Land Management Group
Browns Well Landcare Group
Mallee Coorong NRM Group
Lower Mallee Land Management Group
CARE team
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 LAP
Loxton Bookpurnong LAP
Mid Murray LAP
Riverland West LAP
River Murray Urban Users Group
Bill New
Gayle Drabsch (volunteer)
Rural Solutions
Envirofund
Mallee Sustainable Farming
Trees for Life
Natural State
Hetta Designs
Dynamic Project Delivery
And to all the Schools, Councils and Ag Bureaux within the Murray Mallee LAP area

MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURERS REPORT

(Period ending 30th June 2008)

HISTORIC

Bookkeeping for the MMLAP during the last few years has been managed by employing an outside Adelaide based Bookkeeper to complete data input. This input has been overseen and many times has been corrected by the MMLAP Treasurer Mrs Judy Phieffer. It was not a satisfactory arrangement.

As a result, for the last financial year MMLAP dispensed with the services of the Bookkeeper and Judy took over the complete role, which she managed until 31st March, when I accepted to continue the work.

MMLAP thanks Judy Phieffer for her unselfish dedication to helping us with this task, especially given it was at a very busy time in her professional life.

CHANGE

From 1st April this year (2008), MMLAP has handled the Bookkeeping function "in-house" by purchasing its own computing package (MYOB) and transferring old data (which was held on MYOB by Judy) onto the new MYOB programme.

The transfer from an older version of MYOB onto a much newer one (version 12 to version 17B), produced a few teething problems.

As a result MMLAP employed "MYBIZ" a MYOB approved consultant to assist in the transfer take up of data and for both accounting and processing advice.

As Treasurer, I now carryout both the Bookkeeping (data entry) and Treasurer role, assisted by Rowena who codes costs to the relevant projects and MYBIZ who remain as our accounting advisors, accessed only on an "as needs" basis.

NOTES TO THE "ACCOUNTS"

1. Money Assets

MMLAP have three interconnected Bank accounts for the purpose of maximising interest earning potential, (all with BankSA)

- 1.1 "Bank SA Billflex" is a term Fixed Deposit Account that earns interest at the maximum rate available. MMLAP funds that are surplus to our foreseen needs are held in this account (\$108,539.40 at 30/6)
- 1.2 "Portfolio CMA" is an interest earning account in which funds that we may need in the next few months are held (\$216,975.09 at 30/6)
- 1.3 BankSA Cheque Account is the account from which all payments are made.

As and when required, funds are moved by transfer from the Portfolio CMA account into the cheque account (usually of \$50,000 each time).

The cheque account balance reconciled for 30/6/08 was - \$22,242.10).

NB - This was a reconciled balance taking into account cheques issued on 30/6/08, but not yet released (for Project date reasons)

The actual Bank Cheque account balance was \$52,083.69.

- 1.4 MMLAP have a \$100 petty cash fund in the office, the balance of which on 30/6/08 was \$30.00.

2. Other Assets

Historically MMLAP has "expensed" in the year of purchase all items that they purchase, ie. they are not recorded as Assets in the Balance Sheet.

This includes furniture, computer equipment and other minor assets. An asset register has not been kept.

This practice is to be changed. Although MMLAP assets are of minor value they should be recorded as Property belonging to the organization.

Rowena and I will construct an Asset Register and introduce a value into MMLAP accounts for - Office furniture

Computer/Electronic equipment Other
items above \$500 each.

In May 2008, Committee decided not to renew MMLAP leased vehicle contracts and purchased a vehicle. This item has been included as an Asset and shown in the Balance Sheet at its cost price and the relevant depreciation expense has been detailed.

SURPLUS FUNDS

In the past years, I have been in some uncertainty as to the precise financial position of MMLAP. The data has been available, but I found it hard to interpret.

This is because the practice has been to receive money from "Funding Bodies" often before MMLAP incurs the off setting expense and show it as in effect MMLAP Funds.

Consequently, it always looked like MMLAP had a large sum of cash available to it.

It created the impression that all funds held belonged to MMLAP.

EXPLANATION

Funds MMLAP receive must be discharged - to the dollar - into Projects.

MMLAP — cannot make a Profit from Projects.

If we complete for less than Project funds, surplus money must be returned.

If we don't complete within Budget, the overrun (usually) must be found from our own MMLAP Funds.

2007/2008 BALANCE SHEETS

This year I have introduced accrual accounting, which shows as monetary "assets"

- i) Funds Held in the Bank now
- ii) Funds expected under contract, but not yet paid to us.

And as "Liabilities", have introduced an Outstanding Funding Liability.

This Liability illustrates the money we must expend (under contract), to complete Projects for which funds are held or are owed to MMLAP in the Asset section of the Balance Sheet.

In this way the MMLAP Net Funds are clearly illustrated, unencumbered by any confusion or doubt as to ownership of Net assets.

PROFIT & LOSS

For completeness I have included in this report a Profit & Loss Statement and a Trial Balance, however wish to clarify that MMLAP cannot make a profit (but can incur a Project overrun/loss), so we tend to manage our finances by monitoring our Project performance.

PROJECTS

Unfortunately in the MYOB accounting package, we must use the words "JOBS" to differentiate and report on Projects.

In this Report, I include the Active Jobs (Project) List and comment that from a work point of view projects

2007A	
2007D	
2008 B	are completed

and that

2008A	
2008C	
2008D	are scheduled to be completed 31/12/2008

In addition, we do hold "deposit" funds of \$9,090.91 from PIRSA for a new Project pending matching funds to start up this new project (so nothing to report at moment).

JOBS (PROJECTS) BUDGET ANALYSIS

The management data for the current projects are included in this report (one page for each).

As Treasurer, I comment that the projects are active, receiving Committee overview and are generally within expected budget tolerance parameters with an expectation of completion on target at 31/12/2008.

AUDIT

This year we chose the firm NITSKE & O'FLAHERTY to audit our financial systems and controls and to check data entry, legal and governance compliance.

The Auditor was provided with all receipts, all cheque books, bank records and our Project Contracts.

I met with the Auditor both to brief him by explaining how MMLAP "works" and to detail operational procedures and clarify our project contract obligations.

This Audit (and all past audits) did not audit our reporting to our Funders, which is done on a different computer package by utilising data extracted from our MYOB accounting programme.

The Auditor has not requested any change or correction of any matter (his letter attached), but has verbally suggested that Transfers between our three BankSA accounts be included into our two-person authority system. This suggestion will be implemented immediately as it is a simple extra governance step, which will not cause inconvenience.

RECOMMENDATION

AS Treasurer, I advise that I am satisfied that MMLAP have now full control of their own bookkeeping practices, that the data is kept up to date and reported on regularly to both the Executive Committee and full Committee.

I have satisfied myself that MMLAP have sufficient funds to discharge all Financial Project, Staff and Trade Liabilities.

All end of year declarations ie. wages, superannuation, workers compensation, GST reports and returns have been completed in a timely manner and I am not aware of any outstanding matter of financial significance that is not documented and under management control.

I recommend these Financial papers and the Auditors Report be accepted by the AGM

Rex Martin Spinley
Treasurer

MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have determined that the association is not 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 operation of the Association for the financial period ended 30th June 2008 and the state of the Financial Position the Association as at the end of the financial period, 30th June 2008.
- (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 and training or other agreed and incurred 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 the Executive.

RODBROWN
Chairperson

DAMIAN BERGER
Vice President

REX SPINLEY
Treasurer

Dated:

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Balance Sheet

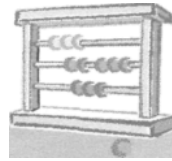
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Assets	\$14,229.35	
Bank SA Cheque Ace 133183540	\$274,266.92	
Portfolio CMA 111327940 Bank	\$153,033.29	
SA Billflex 4036691260	~\$-441,529.56	
Total Assets		
Liabilities		
GST Liabilities	\$41.58	
Less GST Paid on Purchases	-\$51.18	
GST on WorkCover Payable	\$13,647.00	
BAS Clearing	\$13,637.40	
Total GST Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities		
Superannuation Payable	\$1.40	
Workcover Payable	\$566.72	
Total Payroll Liabilities		\$568.12
Total Liabilities		\$14,205.52
Net Assets		\$427,324.04
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$438,372.99	
Current Earnings-	\$11,048.95	
Total Equity		<u>\$427,324.04</u>

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1st September 2008

Mr Rod Brown
Chairman
Murray Mallee LAP Association Inc
PO Box 2056
MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Dear Sir,

Re: 2008 Audit

The financial statements which were prepared by the Treasurer have been audited and consist of an Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet and individual Income and Expenditure Statements for each project.

This year's Balance Sheet now includes Motor Vehicle Depreciation. (2.5 months @ 22.5% of capital value). Also outstanding liabilities to your funding partners and expected contracted income.

The above is an innovation by the treasurer which gives a more accurate equity position.

As it was our first audit for this Association we raised many queries with Mr Spinley and he completely satisfied us with his replies. Authorisation of payments were in place as well as documentary evidence in the form of invoices. Income was also supported with documentary evidence. Bank balances reconciled with records and bank statements.

We will be pleased to supply any further information if required.

Yours faithfully

**NITSCHKE
O'FLAHERTY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank O'Flaherty', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Frank O'Flaherty
cc Rowena Danks
cc Rex Spinley

MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTES TO A ND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TM JUNE 2008

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

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Association Incorporations Act (SA) 1985, Statement of Accounting Concepts, the Accounting Standard 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 other than the Motor Vehicle which is recorded as an Asset, (subject to depreciation).
- (b) Operating Leases
Lease payments under operating leases for motor vehicles where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, were charged as expenses in the period in which they were incurred.
- (c) Creditors:
No outstanding creditors have been included other than as shown in the Balance Sheet as Liabilities.

As at the 30/6/08 outstanding Trade Creditors were of a minor nature due to the MMLAP practice of paying all trade creditors on presentation of invoice.

- (d) Farmer Funding:
To more accurately display MMLAP "financial worth" at 30/6/08, payments were compiled to reimburse "Farmer clients" with agreed "on ground" funding in order to complete Project 2008B.

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Balance Sheet

As of June 2008

Assets		
Bank SA Cheque Ace 133183540		-\$22,242.10
Portfolio CMA 111327940 Bank		\$216,975.09
SA Billflex 4036691260 Petty		\$108,539.40
Cash Account Plant & Equipment		\$30.00
Motor Vehicles at Cost		
Less Accum Dep'n	\$34,228.55	
Outstanding Funding Income	\$1,604.50	
2008A Funding	\$24,499.49	
2008C Funding	\$20,567.50	
2008D Funding	\$14,395.00	
Total Outstanding Funding Income		\$59,461.99
Total Assets		\$395,388.43
Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected on Income	-\$2,946.40	
Less GST Paid on Purchases	\$6,805.08	
BAS Clearing Total GST	\$1,325.00	
Liabilities Trade Creditors Payroll		\$5,183.68
Liabilities		\$4,165.35
PAYG W/H Payable	-\$5,450.00	
Superannuation Payable	\$1,266.24	
Workcover Payable Total	\$413.29	
Payroll Liabilities Accrued		-\$3,770.47
Expenses Outstanding Funding		\$4,033.80
Liability	\$24,499.49	
2008A Funding	\$20,567.50	
2008C Funding	\$14,395.00	
2008D Funding	\$76,235.59	
SAMDB Funding	\$9,090.91	
PIRSA Funding Liability Total		\$154,400.85
Liabilities		
Net Assets		\$240,987.58
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$427,324.04	
Current Earnings	\$186,336.46	
Total Equity		<u>\$240,987.58</u>

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Profit & Loss Statement July 2007 through June 2008

Income		
SAMDB NRM Board		\$200,700.88
Sundry Project Income		\$1,772.73
Bank Interest		\$30,338.74
Other Income		\$272.73
Job Transfer		\$142,125.00
Total Income		<u>\$375,210.08</u>
Expenses		
Salaries & Wages		
Project Officer Salary	\$92,303.00	
Fringe Benefits Tax	\$110.00	
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$550.25	
Committee Member Salary	\$200.00	
Total Salaries & Wages		<u>\$93,163.25</u>
On Costs		
Project Officer Superannuation	\$9,671.82	
Project Officer Workcover	\$600.72	
Other Employer Expenses	\$11,489.10	
Total On Costs		<u>\$21,761.64</u>
Consultants/Contractors		
Consultancy	\$31,720.00	
Financial Management	\$2,424.18	
MMLAP Prof Support	\$60.00	
Operating Expenses		
Rent	\$4,396.28	
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$3,180.56	
Internet Service	\$45.00	
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplies	\$6,982.00	
Bank Charges	\$491.34	
Postage	\$4,252.51	
Meeting Expenses	\$5,396.86	
Board Member Payments	\$2,091.83	
Insurance	\$466.20	
Audit	\$2,500.00	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>\$29,802.58</u>
Depreciation		<u>\$1,604.50</u>
Evaluate/Report		
Monitoring	\$13,160.55	
Total Evaluate/Report		<u>\$13,160.55</u>
Travel		
Vehicle Lease	\$8,982.96	
Vehicle Other	\$5,436.67	
MM LAP Travel	\$4,008.26	
Total Travel		<u>\$18,427.89</u>
Communications and Training		
Advertising-Media	\$119.52	
Promotion/Publicity	\$86.80	
Publications/Newsletters	\$9,566.11	
Field days/training/field tour	\$9,546.31	
Reveg Training/Education	\$1,292.64	
Total Communications and Training		<u>\$20,611.38</u>
Training Revegetation/OnGround Actions	\$158,248.93	
Reveg Onground	\$13,027.27	
Perennial Vegetation Trials	\$400.00	
Reveg Threat Abatement		\$15,001.44
Threat Abatement		

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Profit & Loss Statement July 2007 through June 2008

Total Expenses	<u>\$419,413.61</u>
Operating Profit	<u>-\$44,203.53</u>
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Transfer Out	\$142,125.00
Interest	\$7.93
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$142,132.93</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)	<u>-\$186,336.46</u>

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Trial Balance

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Account	Debit	Credit	YTD Debit	YTD Credit
Bank SA Cheque Ace 1331835		\$50,374.52		\$22,242.10
Portfolio CMA 11 1327940		\$9,655.35	\$216,975.09	
Bank SA Billflex 4036691260	\$0.00		\$108,539.40	
Petty Cash Account		\$70.00	\$30.00	
Motor Vehicles at Cost	\$0.00		\$34,228.55	
Less Accum Dep'n		\$1,604.50		\$1,604.50
2008A Funding	\$24,499.49		\$24,499.49	
2008C Funding	\$20,567.50		\$20,567.50	
2008D Funding	\$14,395.00		\$14,395.00	
GST Collected on Income	\$980.43		\$2,946.40	
Less GST Paid on Purchases		\$6,456.91		\$6,805.08
BAS Clearing		\$0.00		\$1,325.00
Trade Creditors	\$649.68			\$4,165.35
PAYG W/H Payable	\$3,384.00		\$5,450.00	
Superannuation Payable		\$967.63		\$1,266.24
Workcover Payable		\$54.14		\$413.29
Accrued Expenses		\$4,033.80		\$4,033.80
2008A Funding		\$24,499.49		\$24,499.49
2008C Funding		\$20,567.50		\$20,567.50
2008D Funding		\$14,395.00		\$14,395.00
SAMDB Funding		\$76,235.59		\$76,235.59
PIRSA Funding Liability		\$9,090.91		\$9,090.91
Retained Earnings		\$0.00		\$427,324.04
SAMDB NRM Board	\$40,569.90			\$200,700.88
Sundry Project Income		\$0.00		\$1,772.73
Bank Interest		\$1,112.39		\$30,338.74
PIRSA Grant	\$9,090.91			\$0.00
Other Income		\$0.00		\$272.73
Job Transfer		\$0.00		\$142,125.00
Project Officer Salary	\$11,072.26		\$92,303.00	
Fringe Benefits Tax	\$0.00		\$110.00	
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$0.00		\$550.25	
Committee Member Salary	\$0.00		\$200.00	
Project Officer Superannuation	\$2,311.53		\$9,671.82	
Project Officer Workcover	\$190.39		\$600.72	
Other Employer Expenses	\$63.64		\$11,489.10	
Consultancy	\$0.00		\$31,720.00	
Financial Management	\$23.86		\$2,424.18	
MMLAP Prof Support	\$0.00		\$60.00	
Rent	\$336.73		\$4,396.28	
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$237.09		\$3,180.56	
Internet Service	\$0.00		\$45.00	
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplies	\$132.64		\$6,982.00	
Bank Charges	\$16.00		\$491.34	
Postage	\$1,854.68		\$4,252.51	
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00		\$5,396.86	
Board Member Payments	\$0.00		\$2,091.83	

Insurance	\$0.00	\$466.20
Audit	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Depreciation	\$1,604.50	\$1,604.50
Monitoring	\$10,000.00	\$13,160.55
Vehicle Lease	\$0.00	\$8,982.96
Vehicle Other	\$1,421.97	\$5,436.67
MM LAP Travel	\$0.00	\$4,008.26
Advertising-Media	\$0.00	\$119.52
Promotion/Publicity	\$0.00	\$86.80
Publications/Newsletters	\$2,374.55	\$9,566.11

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Trial Balance

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Account	Debit	Credit	YTD Debit	YTD Credit
Field days/training/field tour	\$69.95		\$9,546.31	
Reveg Training/Education	\$0.00		\$1,292.64	
Reveg Ongoing	\$55,763.10		\$158,248.93	
Perennial Vegetation Trials	\$12,045.45		\$13,027.27	
Reveg Threat Abatement	\$0.00		\$400.00	
Threat Abatement	\$5,454.55		\$15,001.44	
Transfer Out	\$0.00		\$142,125.00	
Interest	\$7.93		\$7.93	
Total:	\$219,117.73	\$219,117.73	\$989,177.97	\$989,177.97

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Jobs List

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Job No.	Job Name
2007A	Supporting NRM Action
2007D	Agronomy Matters
2008A	NRM Action Prog 12
2008B	Mallee Futures Program
2008C	NRM Action Prog 4
2008D	NRM Action Prog 9

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Jobs (Budget Analysis)

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Account	Budget	Actual	Difference	Difference	
2008ANRM Action Prog 12					Percent Complete: 100.00%
Income					
SAMDB NRM Board	\$48,999.00	\$24,499.51	-\$24,499.49	(50.0%)	
Total Income	\$48,999.00	\$24,499.51	-\$24,499.49	(50.0%)	
Expense					
Project Officer Salary	\$26,900.00	\$18,414.76	-\$8,485.24	(31.5%)	
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$400.00	\$193.85	-\$206.15	(51.5%)	
Project Officer Superannuatio	\$2,400.00	\$1,645.97	-\$754.03	(31.4%)	
Project Officer Workcover	\$200.00	\$241.77	\$41.77	20.9%	
Other Employer Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,017.77	-\$282.23	(21.7%)	
Financial Management	\$1,000.00	\$1,072.27	\$72.27	7.2%	
Rent	\$1,000.00	\$496.67	-\$503.33	(50.3%)	
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$1,250.00	\$768.84	-\$481.16	(38.5%)	
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplie	\$1,500.00	\$819.11	-\$680.89	(45.4%)	
Bank Charges	\$150.00	\$40.00	-\$110.00	(73.3%)	
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$302.99	-\$697.01	(69.7%)	
Meeting Expenses	\$650.00	\$725.25	\$75.25	11.6%	
Audit	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	-\$1,250.00	(100.0%)	
Vehicle Lease	\$5,000.00	\$801.54	-\$4,198.46	(84.0%)	
Vehicle Other	\$2,500.00	\$1,087.80	-\$1,412.20	(56.5%)	
Fuel own vehicle	\$0.00	\$354.75	\$354.75	NA	
MM LAP Travel	\$499.00	\$964.09	\$465.09	93.2%	
Field days/training/field tour	\$2,000.00	\$319.95	-\$1,680.05	(84.0%)	
Total Expense	\$48,999.00	\$29,267.38	-\$19,731.62	(40.3%)	
Net Profit (Loss)	\$0.00	-\$4,767.87	-\$4,767.87	NA	

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Jobs (Budget Analysis)

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Account	Budget	Actual	Difference	Difference
2008B Mallee Futures Program			Percent Complete:	100.00%
Income				
SAMDB NRM Board	\$55,875.00	\$725.12	-\$55,149.88	(98.7%)
Job Transfer	\$142,125.00	\$142,125.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Income	\$198,000.00	\$142,850.12	-\$55,149.88	(27.9%)
Expense				
Project Officer Salary	\$25,000.00	\$31,128.44	\$6,128.44	24.5%
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$350.00	-\$155.15	-\$505.15	(144.3%)
Project Officer Superannuation	\$2,250.00	\$3,968.65	\$1,718.65	76.4%
Project Officer Workcover	\$200.00	\$290.23	\$90.23	45.1%
Other Employer Expenses	\$2,200.00	\$360.44	-\$1,839.56	(83.6%)
Financial Management	\$500.00	\$498.86	-\$1.14	(0.2%)
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$1,453.75	-\$46.25	(3.1%)
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$500.00	\$732.61	\$232.61	46.5%
Internet Service	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	NA
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,477.69	-\$22.31	(1.5%)
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	NA
Postage	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	NA
Monitoring	\$0.00	\$12,624.55	\$12,624.55	NA
Reveg - Monitor	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	-\$14,000.00	(100.0%)
Vehicle Lease	\$3,000.00	\$2,922.69	-\$77.31	(2.6%)
Vehicle Other	\$2,000.00	\$1,762.13	-\$237.87	(11.9%)
MM LAP Travel	\$500.00	\$444.08	-\$55.92	(11.2%)
Promotion/Publicity	\$1,000.00	\$86.80	-\$913.20	(91.3%)
Publications/Newsletters	\$2,500.00	\$3,374.80	\$874.80	35.0%
Field days/training/field tour	\$6,500.00	\$3,661.30	-\$2,838.70	(43.7%)
Reveg Onground	\$90,000.00	\$60,593.10	-\$29,406.90	(32.7%)
Perennial Vegetation Trials	\$36,000.00	\$13,027.27	-\$22,972.73	(63.8%)
Reveg Threat Abatement	\$8,000.00	\$400.00	-\$7,600.00	(95.0%)
Threat Abatement	\$0.00	\$6,974.55	\$6,974.55	NA
Total Expense	\$198,000.00	\$146,363.29	-\$51,636.71	(26.1%)
Net Profit (Loss)	\$0.00	-\$3,513.17	-\$3,513.17	NA

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Jobs (Budget Analysis)

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Account	Budget	Actual	Difference	Difference
2008C NRM Action Prog 4			Percent Complete: 100.00%	
Income				
SAMDB NRM Board	\$49,050.00	\$28,482.50	-\$20,567.50	(41.9%)
Total Income	\$49,050.00	\$28,482.50	-\$20,567.50	(41.9%)
Expense				
Project Officer Salary	\$14,700.00	\$1,846.15	-\$12,853.85	(87.4%)
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	(100.0%)
Project Officer Superannuation	\$1,400.00	\$166.15	-\$1,233.85	(88.1%)
Project Officer Workcover	\$100.00	\$212.13	\$112.13	112.1%
Other Employer Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$68.18	-\$1,231.82	(94.8%)
Financial Management	\$300.00	\$272.73	-\$27.27	(9.1%)
Rent	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00	(100.0%)
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$250.00	\$439.17	\$189.17	75.7%
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplies	\$1,100.00	\$360.55	-\$739.45	(67.2%)
Postage	\$750.00	\$632.25	-\$117.75	(15.7%)
Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00	(100.0%)
Vehicle Lease	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	-\$2,000.00	(100.0%)
Vehicle Other	\$900.00	\$0.00	-\$900.00	(100.0%)
Fuel own vehicle	\$0.00	\$211.40	\$211.40	NA
Field days/training/field tour	\$0.00	\$340.91	\$340.91	NA
Reveg Onground	\$25,050.00	\$6,790.00	-\$18,260.00	(72.9%)
Total Expense	\$49,050.00	\$11,339.62	-\$37,710.38	(76.9%)
Net Profit (Loss)	\$0.00	\$17,142.88	\$17,142.88	NA

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Jobs (Budget Analysis)

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Account	Budget	Actual	Difference	Difference
2008D NRM Action Prog 9			Percent Complete: 100.00%	
Income				
SAMDB NRM Board	\$28,790.00	\$14,395.00	-\$14,395.00	(50.0%)
Sundry Project Income	\$0.00	\$1,776.19	\$1,776.19	NA
Total Income	\$28,790.00	\$16,171.19	-\$12,618.81	(43.8%)
Expense				
Project Officer Salary	\$9,800.00	\$1,846.15	-\$7,953.85	(81.2%)
Project Officer Leave Loading	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	(100.0%)
Project Officer Superannuation	\$900.00	\$166.16	-\$733.84	(81.5%)
Project Officer Workcover	\$100.00	\$9.19	-\$90.81	(90.8%)
Other Employer Expenses	\$800.00	\$233.41	-\$566.59	(70.8%)
Rent	\$500.00	\$336.73	-\$163.27	(32.7%)
Phone/Fax/Mobile Phone	\$100.00	\$146.75	\$46.75	46.8%
Stationery/Photocopy/Supplies	\$750.00	\$250.96	-\$499.04	(66.5%)
Postage	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	(100.0%)
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA
Audit	\$250.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00	(100.0%)
Vehicle Lease	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	-\$1,600.00	(100.0%)
Vehicle Other	\$800.00	\$97.98	-\$702.02	(87.8%)
Reveg Onground	\$12,790.00	\$7,136.19	-\$5,653.81	(44.2%)
Total Expense	\$28,790.00	\$10,223.52	-\$18,566.48	(64.5%)
Net Profit (Loss)	\$0.00	\$5,947.67	\$5,947.67	NA