

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



ERA WATER ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We acknowledge that the land upon which ERA Water conducts its operations and meets is the traditional land of the Kurna People and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the Kurna people today. We pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting or attending from other areas of South Australia and Australia.

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INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2022-23 financial year was a year of consolidation in ERA Water's third full year of operation. Experience with similar schemes indicates that they take 5-10 years to reach 'maturity' in their operations, as both customer demand and network capacity grows (source: Managed aquifer recharge schemes in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area, DEWNR SA 2017).

During the course of the year the Board sought external advice to identify evidence-based options to improve the scheme's performance, enhance water security and continue to provide benefits to the community. These options also included the potential for additional connections to new customers and leveraging off the updated Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan that now enables water allocation transfers to occur with other entities that access water from within the same fractured rock aquifer.

Taking a sustainable and long term approach to the range of options identified from this advice, the Board prioritised a number of projects to be pursued over the next few years which were reflected in the draft budget for 2023-2024. This draft budget was presented to Constituent Councils in April and May 2023, along with long-term 10 year modelling that highlighted the benefits of investing in these projects and in ERA Water. We are very thankful that the Constituent Councils approved this budget and are grateful for their continued support. We recognise the benefits that come with such a strong and collaborative relationship.

While the financial and operational stability of ERA Water remains a priority, it is also important to recognise the environmental and social dividends that the ERA Water scheme brings. To this end, in 2022-23, an additional 180ML were added to our water balance. Importantly, as at 30 June 2023, ERA Water had a water balance of over 705ML (or 282 Olympic sized swimming pools) that can be used for irrigating community spaces to keep them green, cool, useable and appealing.

The Board and I will continue to regularly monitor and work hard to improve the strategic, financial, operational and environmental performance of ERA Water.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board, in particular the outgoing members, former Walkerville Councillor MaryLou Bishop and former Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Councillor John Minney, for their commitment and contribution to ERA Water. It is also opportune for me to thank Mr Terry Sutcliffe for his dedication to the role of Acting General Manager between January 2022 and March 2023. Terry worked closely with the Board and other stakeholders over that time to oversee a number of changes that benefited the strategic, operational and governance performance of ERA Water.

JEFF TATE

ERA WATER INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2022-2023 Financial Year has been focused on ensuring that ERA Water remains on a solid and sustainable foundation for the years ahead.

In order to improve financial sustainability, the Constituent Councils, and subsequently the Board, approved an initial capital injection for the 2022-2023 financial year. This provided greater certainty in meeting our debt repayment responsibilities and enabled options to be explored that could enhance the operations of the scheme and its performance.

The 2022-23 period completed the first full year of the ERA Water Strategic Plan 2022-25. To address one of the priority actions in the plan, in September 2022 the Board commissioned an external review, undertaken by WGA, that included a range of options and associated business cases. The review outcomes have now been used by the Board to prioritise projects in 2023-24 and beyond.

The ERA Water Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) scheme provides a sustainable source of irrigation water that reduces demand on potable water supplies, including the River Murray, and provides stored recycled water for use during drought conditions. This ensures that public spaces remain green, usable and of high amenity and biodiversity. This in turn has benefits in reducing heat island effects in comparison to dry reserve areas, especially in times of drought. There is also significant community benefit in having access to high quality and fit-for-purpose open spaces, including reserves and sports grounds.

The capacity of the ERA Water MAR scheme continued to grow in 2022-23. The volume of water harvested and injected into the aquifer increased, whereas the volume of extraction was lower than last year, largely due to a late start and early finish to the 2022-23 irrigation season. The volume of water injected to the aquifer increased by around 20% (from 274.5ML to 344.5ML). There has also been a significant increase in the water balance – the accumulated reserve of water held in the aquifer - from 525.3ML to 705.3ML. This water balance provides a buffer for times of drought where seasonal capacity to harvest stormwater for injection is exceeded by water demand for irrigation.

The regulatory environment continues to change with the introduction of the Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan. While this plan identifies risks, it also presents opportunities for ERA Water, as has been outlined in this report.

Overall, 2022-23 was a year of consolidation and creating a platform for further maturity of ERA Water's MAR scheme and business performance. I thank the outgoing Acting General Manager, Terry Sutcliffe, for his professional stewardship of ERA Water in his 14 months in the role and look forward to working with the Board into the future to continue delivering outcomes for ERA Water and its stakeholders.

ANDREW AITKEN
ERA WATER GENERAL MANAGER

ABOUT ERA WATER

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary (ERA Water) is a regional subsidiary of the Constituent Councils established on 21 July 2015 under Section 43 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Its Charter provides for the supply of recycled urban storm water on behalf of its Constituent Councils in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide, South Australia.

THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

The Constituent Councils of ERA Water are:

- The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
- The City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
- The City of Burnside.

PURPOSE

ERA Water was established as an outcome of the Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide Project (Project), funded by the Constituent Councils which were supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Urban Water & Desalination Plan and the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board (now Green Adelaide Landscape Board).

ERA Water's current prime function is to manage a water recycling scheme that captures, treats and delivers stormwater for irrigation purposes to the Constituent Councils and other customers. By doing so, it makes a significant contribution to the protection of Adelaide's environment and reduces the reliance of Adelaide upon water from the Murray River. The scheme included the establishment of wetlands and biofilters, aquifer recharge and recovery infrastructure, pipeline installations and water storage facilities and utilises a process known as Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery - a system of harvesting, treating and injecting the cleaned water into aquifers for later extraction and use for irrigation.

The scheme comprises two treatment sites (which were modelled to be capable of harvesting 600 ML of stormwater per annum and yielding for use 458 ML of water per annum) as well as 46km of distribution pipe network covering each of the three Constituent Council areas, plus a site in each of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the City of Campbelltown areas. The distribution network is designed to deliver water to Constituent Council reserves as well as to other potential customers in these areas and beyond (see page 13 showing a plan of the ERA Water network).

The ERA Water scheme was designed to ultimately produce 458 ML per annum of water for sale to customers of which a minimum of 204.7 ML per annum is committed to the three Constituent Councils. An additional 253.3 ML per annum is forecast to be sold to other customers when identified and to Constituent Councils as growth in their water demand occurs.

Noting the original ERA Water scheme modelled design objectives, operational experience indicates that the current scheme extent and capacity will not be able to achieve modelled outcomes. This is not unusual with MAR schemes, and is compounded in ERA Water's case by previous decisions to not proceed with some elements of the original scheme in the pursuit of cost savings (such as a second UV injection filter, balancing storage, and injection/extraction wells) limiting the capacity of the scheme.

Notwithstanding the scheme's current limitations, it has delivered significant community benefit through the capacity for it to provide a cost-effective water supply to maintain the high standard of public open space and playing fields. This has both on-going social and environmental benefits, which will be heightened during times of drought and constrained water supply from other sources by enabling these green spaces and associated biodiversity to be maintained to a consistently high standard.

CHARTER

The Charter for ERA Water was approved by the Minister for Local Government on 21 July 2015. The Charter sets out the responsibilities of ERA Water including its governance, financials and its responsibilities to the Constituent Councils. The Charter is due for review in 2023-24.

The Charter sets the Objects and Purposes of ERA Water to:

- implement, oversee and manage the Project
- develop, implement, oversee and manage practical solutions to provide water supply diversity within and outside the Region
- supply water to the Constituent Councils and other persons for irrigation purposes within and outside the Region except that priority shall be given to the supply of water for irrigation within the Region
- manage and oversee the distribution of water captured as part of the Project
- provide strategic direction for the Project
- fund, lease or own physical infrastructure required to undertake the Project
- meet all legislative requirements for the Subsidiary
- be responsible for the ongoing maintenance, replacement and other capital requirements of all physical infrastructure owned by the Subsidiary
- utilise proven water management planning principles and technologies
- manage, operate and control the necessary infrastructure for the Project
- maximise economic, environmental and social benefits to the community by developing and implementing innovative water management principles and techniques
- identify, develop and implement water recycling and supply opportunities for the Constituent Councils
- provide technical and other expert services and advice to the Constituent Councils in the area of water management and recycling including identifying emerging issues and opportunities
- represent the Constituent Councils and liaise with State government regarding the implementation or alteration of legislation in relation to water and licensing
- be financially self-sufficient as far as possible.

GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

ERA Water is governed by a Board of Management comprising an Independent Chairperson and a representative from each Constituent Council. The Board held six (6) ordinary meetings and three (3) special meetings during the 2022-23 financial year. Please note that during the financial year, following the November 2022 Local Government elections, Cr Grant Piggott replaced Cr John Minney as the Board Member representing the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters and Cr Anthony Vanstone replaced Cr MaryLou Bishop as the Board Member representing the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville. The Chairperson and Board Member attendance for all meetings at which time they each held office are outlined below.

Member

Independent Chairperson	Mr Jeff Tate	9 of 9 meetings
City of Burnside	Mr Chris Cowley (CEO)	9 of 9 meetings
City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters	Cr John Minney	4 of 4 meetings
Corporation of the Town of Walkerville	Cr MaryLou Bishop	4 of 4 meetings
City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters	Cr Grant Piggott	5 of 5 meetings
Corporation of the Town of Walkerville	Cr Anthony Vanstone	5 of 5 meetings

Regular Meetings of the Board were held on the following dates:

21 July 2022

15 September 2022

3 November 2022

25 January 2023

23 March 2023

18 May 2023

Special Meetings of the Board were held on the following dates:

5 September 2022

22 February 2023

28 June 2023

CONFIDENTIALITY

During the 2022-23 financial year, the Board considered reports of a confidential nature for six (6) separate agenda items at five (5) of its meetings where it was necessary to exclude the public from discussion. The table below identifies the grounds on which the Board made this determination.

Local Government Act 1999

Section	Description	No. times used
90(3)(b)	information the disclosure of which— (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;	1
90(3)(k)	tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;	
90(3)(d)	commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which— (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;	1
90(3)(k)	tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;	
90(3)(a)	information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);	2
90(3)(d)	commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which— (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;	2

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

No requests were received under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* during the 2022-23 financial year.

STAFFING STRUCTURE

Terry Sutcliffe was appointed by the Board as Acting General Manager on 31 January 2021, and following his resignation, appointed Andrew Aitken as General Manager on 20 March 2023.

No additional staff were employed during the year.

SUPPORT FROM CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

The Town of Walkerville continued to provide ERA Water with Board and Audit Committee secretarial and executive support functions and services throughout the 2022-23 financial year.

The City of Burnside contributed the premises, and some administrative support, to conduct Audit Committee meetings.

The City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters provided office accommodation as well as some IT and financial/bookkeeping support.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2022-23 BUDGET and DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The 2022-23 Budget was approved by the Constituent Councils, and subsequently approved by the Board, in accordance with the procedures and requirements under the ERA Water Charter. Earlier in the year, the Board workshopped a revised Draft Long Term Financial Plan and included some of its modelling in Draft FY 2023-24 Budget briefings to the Council Members, and some Audit and Risk Committee Members, of Constituent Councils.

The audited General Purpose Financial Statements form an attachment to the Annual Report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The ERA Water Audit Committee held three (3) meetings in the 2022-23 financial year. The work of the Committee over the past financial year has included:

- reviewing ERA Water's year to date management accounts and preliminary end of financial year financial statements
- reviewing and updating the Audit Committee Terms of Reference that was subsequently adopted by the Board in July 2022
- reviewing 2022-23 budget reviews
- reviewing the draft 2023-24 Budget
- providing recommendations on relevant policy, governance and finance related matters
- reviewing the risk register.

Regular Meetings of the Audit Committee were held on the following dates:

7 September 2022

16 November 2022

21 June 2023

Please note that during the financial year, Sandra Di Blasio replaced Brigitte O'Neil as the Independent Committee Member and Cr Harvey Jones replaced Cr Grant Piggott as Committee Member. Meeting attendance by the Independent Chairperson and Committee Members was as follows:

Member

Independent Chairperson (Corporation of the Town of Walkerville nominee)	Mr Michael Parkinson	3 of 3 meetings
Independent Committee Member (City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters nominee – to November 2022)	Ms Brigitte O’Neil	1 of 2 meetings
Committee Member (City of Burnside nominee – to November 2022)	Cr Grant Piggott	1 of 2 meetings
Independent Committee Member (City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters nominee – post November 2022)	Ms Sandra Di Blasio	1 of 1 meeting
Committee Member (City of Burnside nominee – post November 2022)	Cr Harvey Jones	1 of 1 meeting

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending the 30 June 2023 are provided as an attachment to the Annual Report and show an Operating Deficit of \$658,658 (2021-22 \$642,529) and Total Council Equity of \$4,851,192 (2021-22 \$4,909,850).

Total income was \$961,455 (2021-22 \$747,963) and total expenses \$1,620,113 (2021-22 \$1,390,492).

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

BRM Advisory continued to provide financial management support to the Board and General Manager.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Operational management of the ERA Water network has been undertaken by Mark Millington as external operations contractor since November 2020. Engineering consultants WGA continue to provide advice and operational support, including that related to licence compliance reporting.

At the end of the financial year 344.5ML from the scheme’s two harvesting sites in Third Creek and Fourth Creek had been treated to the required standard and injected into the aquifer, and 164.5ML had been extracted from the aquifer for distribution to the Constituent Councils and third parties for irrigation.

In addition, as the amount of water injected into the aquifer has been greater than the amount extracted since the start of the scheme, and the Department of Environment and Water determined not to account for extraction during the 2021-22 year whilst the new Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan was being introduced, a total of 705.3ML of water has now been ‘banked’ as the scheme’s water balance. The water balance can be drawn down in drought years when extraction is likely to exceed injection.

Above average rainfall conditions assisted harvesting and injection capacity. In addition to total rainfall in any year, the ability to harvest and treat stormwater is impacted by the type of rain event. The ideal conditions for harvesting is for the catchment to get saturated by mid-June followed by regular low intensity rainfall in winter and spring. This ensures a steady flow of relatively clean water which is suitable for harvesting and injecting into the aquifer.

Maintenance requirements included a pipe repair where a coupler required replacement, general pump and control system repairs and some initial cleaning of wetland biofilters. The ERA Water MAR scheme continues to require active monitoring and management by the Operations Contractor to optimise the performance of the scheme.

INJECTION AND EXTRACTION DATA

YEAR	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Ext. (ML)	0.0	3.9	19.1	83.6	186.3	218.1	164.5
Inj. (ML)	0.0	5.6	97.3	237.9	203.0	274.5	344.5
Water Balance (ML)	0.0	1.6	79.8	234.0	250.8	525.3	705.3

**21/22 WB excludes Extraction volume - per DEW*

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

ERA Water operates within a regulated framework that require licences from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and from the Essential Services Commission South Australia (ESCOSA), an Authorisation from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Permits from the Green Adelaide Landscape Board.

The EPA Licence is to discharge stormwater to underground aquifers. There are a number of conditions attached to the licence including specifying criteria for water quality that have to be monitored on a continuous basis and have to be met to enable water to be injected into the aquifer. It also requires ERA Water to have a Managed Aquifer Recharge Risk Management Monitoring Plan (MARRMMP) which details among other things the sampling and testing regime for water quality monitoring and reporting requirements regarding injection and extraction data as well as annual reporting requirements. The MARRMMP submitted for 2022-23 did not identify any breaches of water quality requirements through regular water quality monitoring undertaken, with water quality within the specified criteria for turbidity, electrical conductivity, and pH.

The ESCOSA Licence is a Water Industry Licence and is issued subject to a number of conditions including compliance with laws and industry codes and reporting to ESCOSA on compliance.

The Authorisation from DEW is to be able to take water from the Central Adelaide Prescribed Wells Area. The amount of water able to be taken is dependent on volume of water recharged over the life of the scheme minus any volume that was extracted during those years, or the authorised annual volumetric limit of 500ML (whichever is the lesser).

The permits from the Green Adelaide Landscape Board are for Water Affecting Activity and enabled ERA Water to construct infrastructure on Third and Fourth Creeks to enable water to be harvested to inject into the aquifer. The permits were issued with a number of conditions primarily to ensure there are no adverse environmental impacts.

DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR ERA WATER SCHEME



LEGEND

- Pump Station
- ▲ Bore
- Treatment Site
- NE Road Supply Main
- New Distribution Pipeline



ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2023

*The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
The City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters
The City of Burnside*

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

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ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Certification of Financial Statements

We have been authorised by ERA Water Regional Subsidiary to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

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



Andrew Aitken
General Manager



Jeff Tate
Independent Chairperson

Date: 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$	Notes	2023	2022
Income			
User Charges	2a	883,232	731,967
Investment Income	2b	34,004	15,996
Other Income	2c	44,218	-
Total Income		961,455	747,963
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	117,121	103,544
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3b	589,309	489,142
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	3c	470,210	468,775
Finance Costs	3d	443,473	329,031
Total Expenses		1,620,113	1,390,492
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(658,658)	(642,529)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets		-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		(658,658)	(642,529)
Total Comprehensive Income		(658,658)	(642,529)

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$	Notes	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4a	4,284	175,282
Trade & Other Receivables	4b	82,525	59,649
Prepayments		1,662	8,227
Subtotal		88,471	243,158
Total Current Assets		88,471	243,158
Non-Current Assets			
Other Non-Current Assets	5	19,686,494	20,141,187
Total Non-Current Assets		19,686,494	20,141,187
TOTAL ASSETS		19,774,965	20,384,345
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	6a	205,191	173,918
Provisions	6c	2,501	577
Subtotal		207,692	174,495
Total Current Liabilities		207,692	174,495
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	6b	14,716,081	15,300,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		14,716,081	15,300,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,923,773	15,474,495
Net Assets		4,851,192	4,909,850
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		4,251,192	4,909,850
Capital Contributed - Constituent Councils		600,000	-
Total Council Equity		4,851,192	4,909,850

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Capital Contributed	Total Equity
2023					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		4,909,850	-	-	4,909,850
Restated Opening Balance		4,909,850	-	-	4,909,850
Contributed / (Reduction) in Equity		-	-	600,000	600,000
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(658,658)	-	-	(658,658)
b. Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		(658,658)	-	-	(658,658)
c. Transfers between Reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of period		4,251,192	-	600,000	4,851,192

\$	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Capital Contributed	Total Equity
2022					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		5,552,379	-	-	5,552,379
Restated Opening Balance		5,552,379	-	-	5,552,379
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(642,529)	-	-	(642,529)
b. Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		(642,529)	-	-	(642,529)
c. Transfers between Reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of period		4,909,850	-	-	4,909,850

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$	Notes	2023	2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts			
User Charges		860,379	712,070
Investment Receipts		33,983	14,571
Reimbursements		-	2,225
Other Receipts		44,217	-
Payments			
Payments to Employees		(115,197)	(106,242)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(586,987)	(431,324)
Finance Payments		(407,957)	(329,031)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		(171,562)	(137,731)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Receipts			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets			
Payments			
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(15,517)	(44,691)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	7	(15,517)	(44,691)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Receipts			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	251,498
Contributions from Constituent Councils		600,000	-
Payments			
Repayments of Borrowings		(583,919)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		16,081	251,498
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		(170,998)	69,077
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	7	175,282	106,205
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	7	4,284	175,282
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		4,284	175,282

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

ERA Water is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters and the City of Burnside. The principal accounting policies adopted by ERA Water Regional Subsidiary (ERA Water) in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Going Concern Basis

The Authority has an operating loss for FY2023 and the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan indicates that its operations are financially unsustainable without the support of its Constituent Councils.

The board of management notes that the Authority has borrowings that it will continue to manage. The Authority has a statutory guarantee from its Constituent Councils to meet all of its financial obligations and accordingly has prepared their financials on a going concern basis.

1.3 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.4 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying ERA Water's accounting policies.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of these Notes.

1.5 Economic Dependency

Per Section 5.2 of the Authority's Charter, there may be a requirement for additional financial contributions to be made by Constituent Councils if there is insufficient working capital available to meet ERA Water's financial obligations into the future. The Authority may be reliant on this additional financial support being provided to enable it to continue to operate on a going concern basis.

1.6 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest Dollar.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

ERA Water is incorporated under the South Australian *Local Government Act 1999* and has its principal place of business at 175 The Parade, Norwood SA 5067.

3 Income Recognition

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 8.

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

5 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

5.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by ERA Water includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

5.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

5.3 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of ERA Water, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

5.4 Impairment

Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

5.5 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123. The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

5.6 Connection Costs

In previous reporting periods, expenditure relating to direct connections to a number of reserves was expensed on the basis that the infrastructure for the most part sits on customer land. Despite connection infrastructure sitting on customer land, ERA Water has certain responsibilities in relation to the future upkeep, maintenance and renewal of connection infrastructure. Accordingly, there is an argument that costs which were expensed in previous reporting periods should have been capitalised.

During FY2024, ERA Water will undertake a review of previously expensed connection costs to determine if they meet the definition of an asset and to consider whether or not they should be retrospectively capitalised.

6 Payables

6.1 Goods & Services

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

6.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts other than grants received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to ERA Water assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

7 Borrowings

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates and is recorded as part of "Payables".

In line with AASB 101, the disclosure of all CAD facility loan balances in the current financial year and comparative figures were reclassified from current liabilities to non-current liabilities as there is no expectation these facilities will be repaid in the next 12 months.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

10 Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future restoration and/or closure costs and accordingly, no provisions for such costs have been made at this time.

11 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by ERA Water for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses ERA Water for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

12 GST Implications

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

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

13 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

In the current year, ERA Water reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period and have found none requiring adoption. ERA Water has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Local Government entities.

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10, AASB 2017-5 and AASB 2021-7)

14 Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

15 Disclaimer

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 2. Income

\$	Notes	2023	2022
(a). User Charges			
Water Sales including annual supply charges		883,232	731,967
Total User Charges		883,232	731,967
(b). Investment Income			
Interest Income		202	77
LGFA distribution		33,802	15,919
Total Investment Income		34,004	15,996
(c). Other Income			
Insurance Claim		44,219	-
Total Other Income		44,219	-
Note 3. Expenses			
(a). Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		103,069	93,574
Movement in Leave Provision		1,924	(654)
Superannuation		12,128	10,624
Total Operating Employee Costs		117,121	103,544
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		6,825	6,363
Electricity		143,871	102,981
Insurance		51,730	40,524
Maintenance and Repairs		197,088	224,885
Professional Services		136,044	72,546
Other		53,751	41,843
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		589,309	489,142
(c). Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment			
Depreciation		470,210	468,775
Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		470,210	468,775
(d). Finance Costs			
Interest Expense		443,473	329,031
Total Finance Costs		443,473	329,031

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$	Notes	2023	2022
Note 4. Current Assets			
(a). Cash & Cash Equivalents			
Cash at Bank		2,341	145,129
Local Government Finance Authority		1,943	30,153
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		4,284	175,282
(b). Trade & Other Receivables			
Trade debtors		41,485	43,116
GST Receivable		41,040	16,533
Subtotal		82,525	59,649
Total Trade & Other Receivables		82,525	59,649

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 5. Non-Current Assets

	Asset Movements during the Reporting Period							
	as at 30/6/2022			Asset Additions		as at 30/6/2023		
	Cost	Acc. Dep'n	Written Down Value	New / Upgrade	Depreciation	Cost	Acc. Dep'n	Written Down Value
\$								
Civil Assets	13,352,019	774,739	12,577,280	15,517	220,408	13,367,536	995,147	12,372,389
Electronic Assets	1,316,245	155,438	1,160,807	-	43,378	1,316,245	198,816	1,117,429
Instrumentation & Control Assets	304,960	59,282	245,678	-	20,331	304,960	79,613	225,347
Mechanical Assets	2,275,090	405,651	1,869,439	-	113,755	2,275,090	519,406	1,755,684
Sunk Construction Costs	4,346,233	222,486	4,123,748	-	62,089	4,346,233	284,575	4,061,658
Information Technology	1,454	705	748	-	291	1,454	996	458
Water Treatment Equipment	199,170	35,683	163,487	-	9,958	199,170	45,641	153,529
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	21,795,171	1,653,984	20,141,187	15,517	470,210	21,810,688	2,124,194	19,686,494
Comparatives	21,758,509	1,185,209	20,573,300	36,662	468,775	21,795,171	1,653,984	20,141,187

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 6. Liabilities

\$	Notes	2023 Current	2023 Non Current	2022 Current	2022 Non Current
(a). Trade and Other Payables					
Trade and Other Payables		32,123	-	78,137	-
Accrued Expenses - Finance Costs		123,178	-	87,662	-
Accrued Expenses - Other		18,662	-	6,325	-
Accrued Expenses - Employment liabilities		31,228	-	1,794	-
Total Trade and Other Payables		205,190	-	173,918	-
(b). Borrowings					
Loans		-	14,716,081	-	15,300,000
Total Borrowings		-	14,716,081	-	15,300,000

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

	2023	2022
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture Facility	14,716,081	15,300,000
Undrawn balance	583,919	-

ERA's Maturity Date on current CAD facilities held is as follows:

Deal	Settlement	End Date
ERA Water CA 2 Cash Advance	1,000,000	15/03/2033
ERA 3 CAD	2,300,000	17/06/2034
ERA CAD	12,000,000	15/12/2031

Note: ERA Water has agreed to a recapitalisation proposal which has resulted in an equity injection of \$600,000 from Constituent Councils to ensure that ERA Water has sufficient capital to meet its future liabilities, at least for a further 12 months.

(c). Provisions

Employee Entitlements	2,501	-	577	-
Total Provisions	2,501	-	577	-

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Note 7. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$	2023	2022
(a). Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	4,284	175,282
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows	4,284	175,282
(b). Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Investing Activities		
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(658,658)	(642,529)
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements		
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	470,210	468,775
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	1,924	(653)
Non Cash Asset acquisitions	-	8,026
	(186,523)	(166,381)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(22,876)	5,848
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	6,565	(352)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables	31,273	23,154
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	(171,562)	(137,731)

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 8. Financial Instruments

Recognised Financial instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy:

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost; interest is recognised when earned.

Rates:

All deposits are at call earning rates of between 1.05% and 4.30% as at 30 June 2023 (1.05% as at 30 June 2022).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables

Accounting Policy:

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Terms & Conditions:

Unsecured, and do not bear interest. At the balance date, ERA Water is not materially exposed to any individual debtor.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals

Accounting Policy:

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to ERA Water.

Terms & Conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy

Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

Terms and conditions

Interest is charged at a range of both fixed and variable rates ranging from 1.66% to 6.05% as at 30 June 2023 (1.66% to 2.8% as at 30 June 2022)

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 8. Financial Instruments

	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2023					
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	4,284	-	-	4,284	4,284
Receivables	82,525	-	-	82,525	82,525
Total Financial Assets	86,809	-	-	86,809	86,809
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	205,191	-	-	205,191	205,191
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	14,716,081	14,716,081	14,716,081
Total Financial Liabilities	205,191	-	14,716,081	14,921,272	14,921,272

	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2022					
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	175,282	-	-	175,282	175,282
Receivables	59,649	-	-	59,649	59,649
Total Financial Assets	234,931	-	-	234,931	234,931
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	172,124	-	-	172,124	172,124
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	15,300,000	15,300,000	15,300,000
Total Financial Liabilities	172,124	-	15,300,000	15,472,124	15,472,124

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Other Variable Rates	3.49%	14,716,081	2.46%	15,300,000
		14,716,081		15,300,000

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities do not include employee benefits such as wages payable, superannuation payable, or income tax withheld.

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of ERA Water is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All ERA Water investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government.

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that ERA Water will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. ERA Water also has available a borrowing facility that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. At the balance date, ERA Water has a combination of variable and fixed rate facilities of varying maturities.

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Note 9. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$	2023	2022
The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of ERA Water prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis. All Councils and Subsidiaries in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.		
Income		
User Charges	883,232	731,967
Investment Income	34,004	15,996
Other Income	44,219	-
	<u>961,455</u>	<u>747,963</u>
Expenses		
Employee Costs	117,121	103,544
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	589,309	489,142
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	470,210	468,775
Finance Costs	443,473	329,031
	<u>1,620,113</u>	<u>1,390,492</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(658,658)</u>	<u>(642,529)</u>
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	470,210	468,775
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
Subtotal	<u>470,210</u>	<u>468,775</u>
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	(15,517)	(44,691)
Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-	-
Subtotal	<u>(15,517)</u>	<u>44,691</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(203,965)</u>	<u>(218,445)</u>

Note 10. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, but knowledge is considered relevant to the users of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

ERA Water insures against known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to deductible "insurance excesses", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance. ERA Water is not aware of any such insurance claims at the reporting date. Other potential claims not reported to ERA Water may have existed at reporting date.

PIPE REMEDIATION OR DAMAGE

ERA Water owns a network of pressurised underground pipes which could result in damage to public or private infrastructure in the event of failure. Further more, there may be long term remediation liabilities attached to some of ERA Water's pipeline assets. The cost of these potential liabilities cannot be reliably estimated and have not been included in these financial statements.

Note 11. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2023, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

ERA Water has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the authorised for issue date is [insert date].

ERA Water is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

ERA Water Regional Subsidiary

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 12. Expenditure Commitments

Capital Commitments

No known capital commitments exist at the balance date.

Other Expenditure Commitments

ERA Water has contracts in place with 3rd party contractors for business as usual operations and maintenance services.

Note 13. Related Party Transactions

Key Management Personnel

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

At the Balance Date, the Key Management Personnel of the Authority include Andrew Aitken (current Acting General Manager), Terry Sutcliffe (former Acting General Manager) and the members of the ERA Water Board including:

- Jeff Tate (Chairperson)
- Mark Piggott (Councillor - City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters)
- Anthony Vanstone (Councillor - Corporation of the Town of Walkerville)
- Chris Cowley (CEO - City of Burnside)

General Manager(s)

-Terry Sutcliffe

-Andrew Aitken (Current)

In all, six persons were paid a total of \$125,891.50 of remuneration for services provided to ERA Water.

Key Management Personal Remuneration	2023	2022
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	\$ 125,891.50	\$ 115,554
Post- employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Termination benefits	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 125,891.50	\$ 115,554

Transactions with related parties:

The related parties disclosed below are equity owners of the Authority and are referred to as Constituent Councils. Constituent Councils have representation on the Board of the Authority and accordingly have significant influence on the financial and operating decisions of the Authority. No single Constituent Council individually has control of ERA Water.

Amounts received from related parties:

Town of Walkerville provided ERA Water with Board and Audit Committee secretarial support and a location to hold ERA Water board meetings.

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters provided furnished office accommodation for ERA Water General Manager for the whole of the financial year and funded part of the cost of bookkeeping and financial management support provided to ERA Water by a third party.

There are no invoices that remain payable by related parties outside of ordinary trading terms.

Related Party	Sale of Water	Outstanding from Related Parties	Description of Services Provided
Town of Walkerville	\$ 44,740.30	\$ 2,265.60	Water Sales
City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters	\$ 114,334.08	\$ 5,380.90	Water Sales
City of Burnside	\$ 289,321.98	\$ 6,513.60	Water Sales
TOTAL	\$ 448,396.36	\$ 14,160.10	



ERA WATER REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023**

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

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

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

Michael Parkinson
ERA Water Audit Committee Chairperson

Date: 16 Aug 2023

Andrew Aitken
ERA Water General Manager

Date: 16 AUGUST 2023

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 22 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 to the Eastern Region Alliance Water Regional Subsidiary

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Eastern Region Alliance Water Regional Subsidiary for the year ended 30 June 2023, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards), Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



JIM KEOGH
DIRECTOR

Signed on the 7th day of September 2023,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006

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Chris Cowley
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CITY OF BURNSIDE**

Date: 15 August 2023

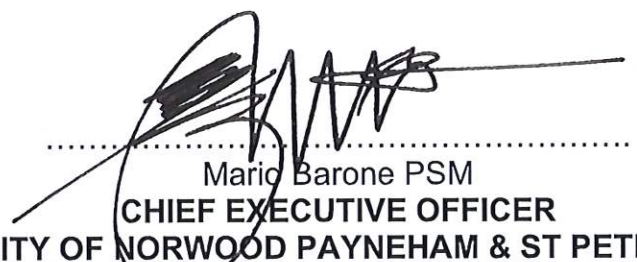
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Mario Barone PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

Date: 15. 08. 2023.

ERA WATER REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

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Scott Reardon
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF WALKERVILLE**

Date: 15/08/2023