## CITY OF WHYALLA ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2014

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This Agreement shall come into force on and from 28 January 2015 and have a life extending for a period of until 20 October 2017.

THE COMMISSION HEREBY APPROVES THIS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 79 OF THE FAIR WORK ACT 1994.

DATED 28 JANUARY 2015.

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## **City of Whyalla Enterprise Agreement 2014**

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

## **ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

December 2014

## **CLAUSE 1 - TITLE**

This Agreement shall be known as THE CITY OF WHYALLA ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2014.

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#### **CLAUSE 3 - DEFINITIONS**

- "ASU" means the Amalgamated ASU (SA) State Union
- "AWU" means the Amalgamated AWU (SA Branch) State Union
- "Benchmarking" is a process of comparing costs of products or services between internal and external providers.
- "Best Practice" is to be the best in each area of Council activity, incorporating continuous improvement, performance measurement, benchmarking and team based approaches to problem solving and decision making with customers (residents/clients) as the primary focus.
- "Call-out" shall mean a situation in which an employee (or employees) are called-out to perform work which was unforseen (or emergency situation) and for which no prior advice was given.
- "Casual" shall mean a person employed on a temporary, sporadic or short term basis.
- "Consultation" is the sharing of information and exchange of views between the parties and provides employees with the genuine opportunity to contribute effectively to decisions which are likely to have a significant effect on their work related issues. It provides employees with the opportunity to have their viewpoints heard and taken into account prior to a decision being made and provide them with feedback as to the reasons for those decisions.
- "Council" means the Corporation of the City of Whyalla, City of Whyalla, the Elected Members of which direct and control the affairs of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act.
- "Council Management" comprise the role of the Chief Executive Officer and Line Managers who are generally responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the Council's organisation and for ensuring the implementation without undue delay of the decisions of the Council.
- "Employee(s)" include all persons employed by the Corporation of the City of Whyalla who perform work covered by this Agreement and who are covered by one or other of the two (2) relevant Awards which operate at Whyalla Council excluding the Chief Executive Officer.
- "Employer" means The Corporation of the City of Whyalla.
- "Enterprise Agreement" means the City of Whyalla Enterprise Agreement 2014, which is certified by the South Australian Industrial Relations Commission.
- **"Extended Period of Leave"** for the purpose of Clause 34 of this Agreement means greater than three months absence from work.
- "Family Member" for the purpose of carer's/family leave, consists of:
- a) a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee;
- b) a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of a spouse or de facto partner of the employee.

- "Job Redesign" (Work Organisation) is a planned approach between Management, Unions and staff to the whole process of work which aims to develop and implement more efficient and effective ways of working and create more varied, meaningful and rewarding jobs.
- "Joint Consultative Committee" is a committee established for the purposes of joint consultation between Management, Employees and Workplace representatives.
- "LGE Award" is the Local Government Employees Award.
- "Logical Completion of Work Task" is working to an agreed pattern which provides for meal breaks, rest breaks and finishing times to be taken in the most productive manner.
- "Mature Aged Employee" for the purposes of Clause 36 of this Agreement shall mean an employee of 55 years and over.
- **"SAMSO Award"** is the South Australian Municipal Salaried Officers Award.
- "Mutual Agreement" is the act of coming to a harmonious reciprocal agreement.
- "New Employee" for the purposes of Clause 34.5.1 shall mean an employee who is still within their probation period.
- "Overtime Buffer Zone" is a period of one hour's unpaid overtime which may apply on a daily basis to Municipal Officer's Award employees who work a 35 hour week. A ceiling of 4 hours applies to such overtime buffer zones in any pay fortnight after which all overtime hours worked are to be paid.
- "Personal Leave" shall mean leave debited against an employee's sick leave entitlement to a maximum of ten (10) days in any one (1) anniversary year. Such leave may be granted on account of urgent and / or pressing family purposes including family medical/ health matters, emergency family care, important appointments that cannot be made outside of normal working hours and similar types of such emergency or unexpected situations.
- "Performance Standards/Targets" are the agreed/desired levels of performance in relation to cost, timeliness, quality, safety, environment, turnaround time, etc, which are essential for managing a program for continuous improvement.
- "Productivity" is the efficiency with which resources are used to produce and deliver services at specified levels of quality and timeliness.
- "Scheduled overtime" shall mean overtime that an employee is scheduled (or required) to perform with such overtime being previously notified to the employee with adequate notice by management.
- "Significant Workplace Change" includes termination of employment; major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required; the elimination or reduction of job opportunities, promotion opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work, the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations and the restructuring of jobs, provided that where the Award makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to herein an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect"

- "Special Projects" are projects proposed by Council or to result from special funding allocations and include projects which, by their nature, are not part of the normal work allocation of Council.
- "Workplace Representative" shall mean Union members elected from the membership appointed under the rules of the relevant Union, whose role is to effectively represent the interests of members at the workplace".
- "Employee Representative" shall mean an employee elected from all employees or a designated workgroup.
- **"Work Teams"** shall mean the group of employees that have a similar function, task or common objective. Council's existing work teams are defined by the organisational structure or through the current association of employees undertaking particular roles or projects. Most employees are able to immediately identify with at least one workgroup.

#### **CLAUSE 4 - PARTIES BOUND**

This Agreement is binding on:

 The Corporation of the City of Whyalla in respect of its employees who are employed by Council pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Local Government Employees Award and South Australian Municipal Officers Award as defined excluding:

'the Chief Executive Officer; and Employees (where mutual agreement exists) whose terms and conditions of employment would otherwise fall under the auspices of the Senior Officers Stream (Schedule 3 of the SA MSO Award).

For the sake of clarity, those employees whose total remuneration exceeds the annual salary rate of Level 8 (General Officers Classifications Criteria) and their letter of employment specifies their position is managerial and will not be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In the case of these employees, their contract or letter of appointment will determine the applicable terms and conditions not otherwise provided for pursuant to the Award.'

- The Amalgamated ASU (SA) State Union, and
- The Amalgamated AWU (SA Branch) State Union

#### **CLAUSE 5 - PERIOD OF OPERATION**

This Agreement shall come into operation on the 21 October 2014.

The nominal expiry date of the agreement shall be the 20 October 2017.

#### **CLAUSE 6 - RELATIONSHIP TO CURRENT AWARDS**

This Agreement shall be read in conjunction with the terms of the South Australian Municipal Salaried Officers Award (SAMSO) and Local Government Employee (LGE) Awards (as

defined), provided that where there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and those Awards, this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

#### **CLAUSE 7 - OBJECTIVES OF AGREEMENT**

It is the objective of this Agreement to implement workplace practices so as to provide for flexible working arrangements, which will improve efficiency and productivity of the employer and enhance skills, job satisfaction and provide security of employment for all employees.

It is the view of all the parties that the objectives of this Agreement are to facilitate:

- workplace productivity and cost effectiveness by embracing a "best practice" culture for Council,
- flexible working arrangements and hours,
- enhanced service to residents/customers of Whyalla Council,
- implementation of employer's Strategic Plan,
- the development and maintenance of the most productive and harmonious working relationship obtainable,
- provide security of employment for all employees,
- continual development and participation in programs of continual improvement for Council,
- continual implementation of performance indicators and benchmarking for workteams within Council.

It is also recognised that an important factor in achieving the above objectives is the development of a working environment where all parties are appropriately involved with the decision making process. Both the employer and the employees are committed to cooperating positively, to implement work practices that are flexible and meet the requirements of the employer.

## Together, we will meet our objectives by committing to our Vision, Mission and Values.

#### Vision

Whyalla will be a vibrant, attractive city offering our community a diverse range of sustainable economic, social, environmental and cultural opportunities.

#### **Missio**n

We will provide access to quality infrastructure, services and facilities capitalising on and protecting our attractive coastal and outback landscapes.

We will be home to an energetic, harmonious, integrated community actively involved in shaping Whyalla for current and future generations.

#### **Values**

- Safety
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Respect
- Commitment to Community
- Good governance
- Innovation
- Fairness and Equity

#### **CLAUSE 8 - WORKPLACE CULTURE**

The means by which Whyalla Council becomes "the best" is critical if continual improvement is to be a permanent feature of the way the organisation goes about its business.

The culture we seek will have a number of features including:

- **8.1** Identification with the City of Whyalla and it's corporate objectives as established under the Corporation of the City of Whyalla's Strategic Plan.
- **8.2** Being proud to work for the City of Whyalla and accepting that the customer is the focus of all activities.
- **8.3** Mutual respect, trust and cooperation within and between all employees who work in or who interact with the organisation.
- **8.4** Participative team based approaches to work organisation.
- **8.5** Becoming a "learning" organisation. Accepting the need to be innovative, try new things, listen to each other and provide high quality training and individual development both on and off the job.
- **8.6** Systems which guarantee two-way communication and extensive consultation at all levels of the organisation.
- **8.7** Providing the tools including the effective technologies to achieve and maintain the necessary level of competitiveness.
- **8.8** Council's commitment to our Fair Treatment Policy is enduring In summary our ethos is "justice and impartiality prevail with all employment service delivery, common practices, systems and behaviours"

## **CLAUSE 9 - WORKPLACE COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION**

To facilitate the implementation of this Agreement and ongoing workplace reform, effective consultation and communication are essential.

The parties are committed to a consultative process which aims to effect a change to the organisation's culture through co-operation. All parties will assist and support these processes.

- **9.1** A Joint Consultative Committee comprised of employees, management and workplace representatives are charged with the role of coordinating the reforms set out in this Agreement and maintaining effective communication.
  - (NOTE: the terms of reference and constitution for the Joint Consultative Committee are attached as **Annexure** "A").
- **9.2** The Chief Executive Officer and/or a Senior Manager shall address all employees every six months about the operation and welfare of the enterprise.
- **9.3** Department Managers/Supervisors are to hold monthly meetings with employees covering such matters as;

- matters affecting their departmental function,
- wider issues for Council in the future and the possible impact on their work area,
- departmental performance against targets, performance indicators, etc,
- current and future workloads and projects,
- Work Health & Safety, Enterprise Agreement, Fair Treatment issues and information to be permanent agenda items.

Minutes are to be kept and distributed.

**9.4** Consultation will take place with employees in appropriate work areas on the introduction of significant workplace change and its effects.

#### **CLAUSE 10 - DISPUTE SETTLING PROCEDURE**

The dispute settling procedure contained under this clause shall be applicable in disputes between an employee, a union party to this agreement and the Council. The operation of the clause shall cover disputes over the operations of this enterprise agreement or any other dispute under the workplace enterprise agreement, excluding matters relating to the dismissal of an employee

Where the following steps are being pursued all work shall continue normally.

No party shall be prejudiced as to the final outcome of a matter through the continuation of work during the period a matter is in dispute.

All time spent by employees or workplace delegates during normal working hours pursuing the provisions of this Clause shall be treated as paid time.

#### Stage 1

An employee or supervisor having concern about any matter connected with their employment shall raise such a concern with their immediate supervisor or the employee concerned.

Both parties within their capacities will endeavour to resolve such concerns or disputes speedily.

#### Stage 2

If the matter remains unresolved after a 48 hour period has elapsed, then the concern will be raised and assistance sought from the Department Manager.

The Department Manager will notify the relevant workplace representative

Upon the matter of concern being raised with the Department Manager, the Department Manager shall investigate and respond directly to the employee within a period not greater than 48 hours. Should 48 hours prove an insufficient period for the Department Manager to respond, then the employee concerned shall be advised and given a time when the answer will be forthcoming.

#### Stage 3

If the matter still remains unresolved it shall then be referred to Council's Manager People and Performance Development, or other suitable Council officer.

A conference of Council and workplace representative or representative of the employee's choice will be arranged, within seven days, to review the matter in an effort to reach an amicable resolution.

## Stage 4

Should the matter continue to be unresolved then, upon the motion of the aggrieved employee, the matter shall be referred to the SAIRC for conciliation and, if required, arbitration

#### **CLAUSE 11 – UNION RIGHT OF ENTRY**

- 11.1 A duly authorised official of the Union is entitled to enter the employer's premises during working hours for the purposes of investigating a suspected breach of the terms and conditions of the Award and this Agreement subject to not less than 24 hours notice, where practicable, to the Manager People and Performance Development, Chief Executive Officer or in their absence, the Manager of the Department.
- 11.2 A duly authorised official of the Union may inspect any work, books or documents and interview any employee in furtherance of the purposes set out in sub-clause 1 above provided that the official does not hinder or obstruct any employee in performing his/her work during working time.
- 11.3 A duly authorised official of the Union may meet with members of the Union or employees eligible to be members of the Union either individually of collectively to discuss matters pertaining to the employment relationship. The meetings will take place during meal breaks or at other times as agreed by the parties to this Agreement.

#### **CLAUSE 12 - HOURS OF WORK**

- **12.1** The need for flexibility in hours of work is recognised in order to cope with seasonal factors, special projects or other matters which will include improved service to residents.
- **12.2** Where possible, additional overtime hours are to be offered on a rotational basis.
- 12.3 The span of hours is to be between 6.00am and 7.00pm over five days Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays), up to a 38 hour week or 76 hour fortnight. By mutual agreement between the supervisor and the employee(s) the 38 hour week may be worked in any roster pattern with a maximum of 10 hours worked in any one day.
- 12.4 Provided however that the requirement to work ordinary hours Monday to Friday shall not apply where the work area operates during the weekend and employees are engaged to work their ordinary hours (or part thereof) over the weekend and paid in accordance with 12.10 hereof.
- 12.5 Extra hours worked within the span of hours can either be taken on an accumulated time for time basis (TOIL) or paid at ordinary time rates. Overtime hours worked outside the agreed span of hours or, in addition to 10 hours per day, will be taken or

paid at the overtime rates shown below. The overtime rates below do not apply to the ordinary hours of employees covered by the provisions of 12.10 hereto;

- overtime Monday to Friday paid at the rate of time and one half for first two
   (2) hours then double time thereafter,
- overtime Saturday am paid at the rate of time and one half for the first two (2) hours and double time thereafter.
- overtime Saturday pm and Sunday shall be paid at the rate of double time,
- overtime on public holidays shall be paid at the rate of double time and one half.

A minimum payment for 2 hours at the appropriate rate will apply for Saturday overtime and a minimum of 3 hours will apply for Sundays.

- 12.6 Accumulated time (TOIL) accrued for extra hours worked are to be taken within 12 months. Except by mutual agreement (between the supervisor and the employee) two (2) weeks notice shall be given regarding the taking of accumulated time.
- 12.7 The employees consent to work flexibly and additional hours will not be unreasonably refused. The employer shall have due regard to an employees domestic commitments when making a request to work additional hours.
- 12.8 The minimum payment for a call-out (as defined) shall be two (2) hours at the appropriate overtime rates provided for under 12.5 hereof. If the call-out exceeds one hour then a minimum of 3 hours at the appropriate overtime rates shall apply. The calculation of time for a call out shall include travelling time to and from the job.
- **12.9** The following shall apply to employees who normally work a 35 hour week and are directed by the employer to work overtime.
  - 12.9.1 Subject to c) below, a daily one hour "overtime buffer zone" being the difference between a 7 hour and 8 hour working day will be unpaid.
  - 12.9.2 A ceiling of four such "overtime buffer zone" hours shall apply in any fortnightly pay period, after which all overtime hours worked shall be paid for the pay fortnight.
  - 12.9.3 Such overtime shall be mutually agreed and shall be offered for a minimum of two hours, being one hour recorded as "overtime buffer zone" and one hour paid as overtime. Where an employee concludes the overtime task earlier than anticipated (and then leaves work for the day) the employee shall be paid overtime for time actually worked outside of the "overtime buffer zone".
  - 12.9.4 Where an unpaid half hour meal break applies, as per the Award, this is to be exclusive of the "overtime buffer zone".
- 12.10 Where the section or work activity operates over a seven (7) day period, employees working on Saturdays and Sundays as part of their ordinary hours (up to 38 per week / 76 per fortnight worked in any given week) will receive a loading of 50% for those hours in addition to their normal wage. 15% loading will apply to hours worked after 5pm Monday to Friday. Weekend overtime rates as per Clause 12.5 will not apply provided a minimum notice period of 24 hours has been given.
  - 12.10.1 Employees who are regularly rostered over seven (7) days shall be granted an additional week of annual leave including leave loading of 17.5%.

- 12.10.2 If an employee works Monday to Sunday as part of his / her ordinary week, then he/ she should be entitled to two (2) consecutive days off during the period Monday to Sunday, which shall be mutually agreed between the parties.
- 12.10.3 The above may be paid as an annualised salary by mutual agreement between the employee and the employer.
- 12.10.4 "Call-out" (as defined) will apply to employees who work over a seven (7) day roster, as per 12.8 above.
- **12.11** Provision of a mobile phone or work radio does not in its own right entitle an employee to the standby allowance pursuant to the Municipal Officers Award.

#### **CLAUSE 13 - SELECTION PROCESS**

- All vacant positions will be advertised throughout the employer's workforce. Written advice of outcome will be provided to all unsuccessful internal applicants. Internal applicants may request counselling from the Manager Governance and Organisational Development or relevant manager on how they might enhance their future prospects in regard to jobs advertised by Council. Fair treatment principles will be used to ensure that selection is based on merit. Preference will be given to an internal applicant over an external applicant if the recruiting process determines them equal on merit.
- **13.2** Management has the prerogative to decide on the extent and placement of recruitment advertising from which applications will be drawn subject to 13.1 of this clause.
  - a. Advice will be provided to employees in regards to interview techniques / tips at one of the mandatory training sessions held each year.
- **13.3** Employees are encouraged to request feedback on their interview.

#### **CLAUSE 14 - FIXED TERM CONTRACTS**

#### SAMSO Only

- **14.1** Council may offer fixed term contracts on any of the following grounds:
  - 14.1.1 for a specific project of defined duration or for work of a defined and limited duration.
  - 14.1.2 for a position which is funded from an external body,
  - 14.1.3 to replace an employee who is on extended leave,
  - 14.1.4 for new appointments to positions at or above classification Level 6 of the Award.
- **14.2** The employment contract shall not contain provisions less favourable than the Award and this Agreement.

- **14.3** A fixed term contract offered by Council will contain the following provisions:
  - 14.3.1 For contracts with a duration of 2 years or greater Council shall give the incumbent 3 months notice of its intention not to renew the contract and the grounds on which the decision was made.
  - 14.3.2 Where Council has resolved to continue with the same position for a further fixed term then the incumbent shall have the right to renew the contract, subject to satisfactory performance.
  - 14.3.3 Where a contract position using specific skills is in existence for a period of three (3) years, and will continue, the position is to be advertised as permanent. This applies to Level 5 and below.
  - 14.3.4 Where Council decides to create a permanent position from a position that was previously fixed term, the incumbent shall have the same opportunity as permanent employees in applying for the position.

#### **CLAUSE 15 - PART TIME EMPLOYEES**

- 15.1 Part time employees may work additional hours up to 38 hours per week by mutual agreement between the employee(s) and Manager/Supervisor concerned. Such additional hours worked within the relevant span of hours as agreed in Clause 12 Hours of Work to be at single time and overtime to apply as also stated in Clause 12.
- **15.2** All such additional hours worked by part time employees up to 38 hours will be proportionally averaged for the purposes of calculating Sick Leave and Annual *Leave*.

## CLAUSE 16 - CASUAL EMPLOYEES (SAMSO ONLY)

- **16.1** For the purposes of this Clause "casual work" means work which is of a temporary, sporadic or short term nature such as filling in for brief absences or during periods of peak load. Casual work is not intended to be used as a replacement for permanent part time work.
- 16.2 An employee engaged as a casual for 1000 hours or less in any year under the Municipal Officer's Award may be on an hourly contract of employment and such employee shall be entitled to be paid a loading in addition to the appropriate salary prescribed under the Agreement for the normal duties involved. However, the provisions of the Municipal Officers Award relating to Annual Leave, Sick Leave, public holidays and probationary or permanent employment shall not apply to a casual employee.

A casual hours exemption applies for the Child Care Centre for the life of this Agreement.

## **Multi Skilling of Casuals**

Council is committed to providing training, by mutual agreement, for casual employees in other areas of Council work where casual workers are employed with a view to providing them with the skills necessary to undertake work in those areas.

For the purposes of Clause 16.2 any casual worker who works in more than one work area may work up to 1200 hours.

Existing casual workers who have received training in accordance with Clause 16.2 will be given priority over engaging new casuals to undertake that work for which they have been trained.

Where Council wishes to extend the hours of a casual employee beyond 1000 / 1200 hours per annum, the extension may be negotiated and agreed between the parties.

#### **CLAUSE 17 - WORKING SUPERVISORS**

- **17.1** Supervisors may perform any duty for which they are trained, skilled, and competent and have the knowledge to safely perform.
- **17.2** All parties agree that the role of Supervisor is to achieve the maximum utilisation of all resources available to Council.
  - All Council Supervisors shall be allowed to perform duties normally assigned to other employees to enable the best utilisation of resources.
- 17.3 Any work to be performed by Supervisors will not result in displacement, retrenchment or reduction of positions held by Council employees and must not result in reduced employee income for the existing employees.

#### **CLAUSE 18 - JOB SHARING**

The parties recognise that mutual benefits are obtainable by the employer and its employees when job sharing is created.

It enables employees to re-enter the workforce to retain their skills and self esteem when dealing with family responsibilities.

The employer will not suffer loss of skills and costs obtained with staff turnover and retraining.

Therefore, job sharing by mutual agreement of all parties concerned, where productivity and efficiency are maintained, will be supported.

## **CLAUSE 19 - HIGHER DUTIES**

**19.1** Employees may be asked to perform any duty for which they are trained, skilled and competent to safely perform.

#### AWU/LGE

19.2 In so far as possible higher duties will be offered on a rotational basis. Selection of employees for higher duties shall be based on their ability to perform the functions (refer Annexure 'B') of the job in a safe and effective manner.

The employer believes that opening up access to opportunities for higher duties shall provide training and skills development and aid in the multi-skilling of employees.

- 19.3 Where an employee covered by the Local Government Employees Award has been engaged for four hours or more on any one day on duties carrying a higher rate than their ordinary classification, they shall be paid the higher rate for such a day. If working at the higher classification for less than four hours on any one day, they shall be paid the higher rate for the time so worked.
  - 19.4 will be deleted, subject to adoption of new classification structure for AWU.
- 19.4 Subject to workplace requirements, Infrastructure will have three (3) Weed Control Operators with a Level 3 Weed Control Certificate as per the relevant position description.

Employees relieving on higher duties for the above positions (Grade 6 Weed Control Operator) are required to be holders of Level 3 Weed Spray Certificates. The hours worked in a Weed Spray Level 6 position, as higher duties, shall be paid but not be cumulative.

#### SAMSO

**19.5** This provision has no effect on employees covered by the Municipal Salaried Officers Award who will work in accordance with that Award.

#### **CLAUSE 20 - ANNUAL LEAVE**

#### 20.1 Entitlement

A period of up to 152 hours leave or as per the relevant awards, shall be allowed annually to an employee after 12 months continuous service as an employee on weekly hiring in one or more of the occupations to which this Agreement refers.

## 20.2 Method of Taking Leave

Annual Leave may be taken in any manner agreed between the employee and Departmental Manager. At least a block of five (5) days must be taken together in the twelve month period once such leave has been accrued. Annual Leave to which an employee is entitled shall be taken within 12 months after the right to Leave has accrued.

20.2.1 To assist employees in balancing their work and family commitments:

An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to accrue and carry forward any amount of annual leave for a maximum of two years from the date the employee becomes entitled to the leave.

#### 20.3 Notice

An employee shall give a minimum period of two week's notice, on the appropriate form for taking Annual Leave, unless a lesser period is otherwise agreed between the employee and the Supervisor.

## 20.4 Payment for Period of Leave

The employee will be paid for up to 38 hours per week at ordinary time rates plus 17.5% (subject to limits set in the Municipal Officers Award).

## 20.5 Purchased Leave

Subject to Approval from the relevant Group Manager, Employees (excepting Casual Employees) may purchase one week's additional leave per annum (being 1 January to 31 December), with a maximum of 1 week being approved for purchase in any 12 month period (pro rata of One Week for part time employees).

Important Points of the 'Purchased Leave':

- There is no Leave Loading applicable to Purchased Leave.
- Employees are unable to 'opt in' at any time during the period applications for the purchase of the leave must be made one month prior to the purchase eligibility dates (ie. 1 month before 1 January).
- A request will not be automatically granted, and approval will depend upon the
  operational requirements of Council and the amount of all other accrued leave
  the individual currently has as an accrual. Approval will not be unreasonably
  withheld.
- All purchased leave must be taken within 12 months from the date of accrual.

For example: Employee X opts to purchase 1 week of 'Purchased Leave' during the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. They must take the 1 week of 'Purchased Leave' prior to the 31 December 2016.

- Employees must fully fund any approved purchased leave by payroll deductions prior to taking the leave. Options for the purchase of leave for periods of less than 1 week in any 12 month period will not be available.
- Funding will be way of a reduction in the ordinary hourly rate during the period relevant to the purchased leave.
- Applications for the taking of Purchased Leave should be made at least three
  weeks prior to the time in which an employee intends to take the leave to enable
  staff planning and payroll administration unless otherwise agreed with your
  Supervisor / Manager.
- 'Purchased Leave' shall be taken and paid at the ordinary rate and hours employees would have received had they been at work during their ordinary hours for the period of leave
- Where an employee ceases paid employment with Council during the period in which leave has been paid for, a reconciliation will occur to ensure that all monies owed to the employee are accounted for and an appropriate refund payment is made.
- The accrual of all other leave entitlements remains unchanged.

#### **CLAUSE 21 - SICK LEAVE**

#### 21.1 Entitlement

An employee on weekly hiring who is absent from their work on account of personal illness, or on account of injury by accident, shall be entitled to leave of absence without deduction of pay subject to the conditions and limitations contained herein and with reference to the relevant sections of the appropriate Awards.

- 21.1.1 In the first year of service with the employer, an employee shall be entitled to a grant of leave of up to 76 hours on full pay, calculated, on a pro-rata basis using completed weeks of service.
- 21.1.2 In each succeeding year of continuous service with the employer, an employee shall on the anniversary of each such year, be entitled to a grant of leave up to 76 hours on full pay.
- 21.1.3 The sick leave credit of an employee shall accumulate from year to year from the commencement of employment with the employer.
- 21.1.4 Sick leave may also be accessed for the purposes of Personal Leave (as defined) or for purposes of Bereavement Leave additional to that entitlement prescribed under the Municipal Officers Award and the Local Government Employees Award. Personal Leave incorporates Carer / Family Leave. Nothing in this clause is intended to reduce the entitlement contained in Clause 6.8 of the Municipal Officer's Award.
- 21.1.5 The previous Sick Leave Incentive Scheme as per Clause 21.1.5 of the Corporation of the City of Whyalla Enterprise Agreement No. 7, 2011 is cancelled / No further accruals will be available post 2 November 2014 and the value of this accrual will be frozen at this time.

The value of the accrual owing will be advised to each employee in writing as near as practical to the 2 November 2014.

Options available to those persons with an accrual as at 2 November 2014:

- Opt to take the accrual (entitlement) value as cash less any PAYG applicable tax in 3 equal annual payments with the first payment to be made on / or as near as practical to the 1 December 2014 and then on an annual basis for the following 2 years. Where employees terminate their employment prior to the third payment becoming due and payable, any remaining payment instalments shall be made on termination less any PAYG as applicable.
- Leave the accrual (entitlement) in place until cessation of employment where it will bey paid out on termination less PAYG or any other applicable taxes note if this option is provided the value of the accrual (entitlement) will be as it was at 2 November 2014.

#### 21.1.6 Attendance Incentive

Council acknowledges the relationship of work and family and the importance of the effective combination of both in increasing productivity and reducing absenteeism and employee turnover rates at Council. In order to achieve these goals the parties commit themselves to a reduction of unnecessary absenteeism.

Our strategy in addressing these changes is to provide a financial incentive, which encourages regular work attendance and employee retention.

The following rates of accrual and the payment of the bonus credits for personal / family / sick leave will only apply to such leave accrued and taken from 3 November 2014.

Days Of Leave Taken Per Year	Days Accrued as Bonus Credits
Less than 1 day	5 days
1 but less than 2	4 days
2 but less than 3	3 days
3 but less than 4	2 days
4 but less than 5	1 day
5 days and over	Nil

- Credits and any applicable payments will only be calculated on the lodgement anniversary date on completed full years of service from 3 November 2014.
- Any payments owing will be made less PAYG in the last week of November at each anniversary of the agreement. The Attendance Incentive Program only applies whilst this Enterprise Agreement remains in force.
- Casual Employees are not eligible to receive a payment. Part Time Employees will receive a pro rata payment based on the ordinary hours worked during the full period.

## Examples

Employee X commenced employment on the 1 November 2014 and has had 2 days Sick Leave during the period 3 November 2014 to 2 November 2015 (or nearest pay period ending dates). Employee X will be paid an incentive payment in the last pay period ending in November 2015 of 3 equivalent days based on normal ordinary hours worked per day less PAYG.

Employee Y commenced employment on the 7 January 2015 – No payments are applicable during 2015 given the employee will not have completed a full year of service. The first eligibility period for Employee Y will be the period 3 November 2015 to 2 November 2016.

- Employees who are dismissed due to performance reasons by the Employer are not eligible for such payment. All payments of family / personal / sick leave made in accordance with this clause shall be made at the employee's ordinary rate of pay.
- 21.1.7 The parties agree that medical certificates or other reasonable evidence may be required in respect of any leave taken under this Clause.

#### 21.2 Workers Compensation

The employee shall not be entitled to sick leave for any period in respect of which the employee is entitled to Worker's Compensation.

#### 21.3 Notification

The employee shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the employer of their inability to attend for work and the estimated duration of the absence.

Wherever possible, the employee will advise of their intended absence prior to the commencement of the working day, but at least within 24 hours after the commencement of the absence.

#### 21.4 Certification

If so required, an employee shall provide a medical certificate obtained within three days of the commencement of the absence. For all absences of greater than two days duration, before or after a public holiday or scheduled RDO or where more than five single days have been taken, a certificate from a duly accredited medical practitioner must be provided by the employee. For the purpose of this Sub Clause five single days relates to a financial year period.

Days taken together with a public holiday or RDO or where (both) days preceding and following a weekend are taken off, satisfactory medical evidence shall be submitted.

#### **CLAUSE 22 - LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

- **22.1** Long Service Leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Long Service Leave Act, 1987, as amended.
- 22.2 An employee may elect to take Long Service Leave as per the Act as follows;
  - by doubling the period of leave taken and being paid at half the normal rate for the duration of the leave; or
  - by halving the period of leave taken and being paid at double the normal rate for the duration of the leave,
  - accrued Long Service Leave can be exchanged for cash by mutual agreement,

22.3 An employee who has completed five (5) years service with Council and subsequently has his / her employment terminated on the grounds of total (or permanent) incapacity will be paid for pro rata long service leave based on completed years of service with Council.

#### **CLAUSE 23 – EMERGENCY SERVICES LEAVE**

This leave is established as an encouragement to our employees to volunteer for service in the following South Australian Emergency Service organisations:

- Country Fire Service
- SA Ambulance
- MFS Metropolitan Fire Service
- State Emergency Service

An employee who is a member of any of the listed Services, may be eligible for up to seven (7) days of paid leave in any 12 month period based on the following criteria:

- The employee is required to obtain the approval of their supervisor before leaving Council's worksite, noting that approval to attend may be subject to there being no disruption to critical or urgent, internal matters that the employee might be engaged in.
- For each call-out the employee will complete a Leave of Absence form in relation to each call-out.
- It is the responsibility of the employee's supervisor to obtain confirmation of the call out from the relevant emergency services organisation if necessary.

Payments for such events shall be made on the basis of 'no loss of ordinary time earnings for the period away from the workplace' – ie. the intent of this clause is 'so as not to cause any disadvantage to an employee in respect to their ordinary time earnings and where payments are received from service organisations, a wages top up arrangement from Council shall apply where applicable.'

#### **CLAUSE 24 – TIME OFF IN LIEU LEAVE**

- 24.1 The employer and all employees shall adopt a flexible approach to the taking of Rostered Days Off as specified below with any variation being by mutual agreement between the employer and relevant employee(s). In the event that a Rostered Day Off is not taken on the normally agreed due date, this Rostered Day Off will be taken, at time for time, at some other mutually agreed time.
- 24.2 Accumulated rostered days will be accrued along with other time in lieu as TOIL hours which will be capped at a maximum of 2 weeks, pro rata as per normal hours worked, for each employee.

#### **CLAUSE 25 - PARENTAL LEAVE**

The provisions relating to Parental Leave pursuant to the Municipal Salaried Officers Award and the Local Government Employees Award shall apply subject to the following:

- 25.1 Where a female employee applies for (and is granted) maternity leave under the relevant Award, the employee shall be entitled to payment for 6 weeks of such leave at her normal rate of pay.
- 25.2 Where an employee applies for (and is granted) adoption leave under the relevant Award, the employee shall be entitled to payment for 6 weeks of such leave at his / her normal rate of pay.
- 25.3 In order to qualify for such payments the employee must have at least 3 years continuous service with the City of Whyalla. The payment shall be made at the commencement of Parental leave in normal pay period instalments.
- 25.4 In extenuating circumstances Management will consider the application of this section in full or part to male employees where it can be satisfied that the employee is the primary caregiver.
- 25.5 Male employees who have completed three (3) years of continuous service will be entitled to two weeks (at half (1/2) pay) or one week (at full pay) of paid paternity leave on production of a medical certificate from a legally qualified practitioner confirming the estimated date of birth of their partner's child.

Payment will be made as per the ordinary hours work roster for the period as close to the birth of the child as practical. The intent of this clause is to allow male employees a better opportunity to support their partner immediately before and after the birth of their child.

#### **CLAUSE 26 – PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

In addition to the Public Holidays as prescribed in the Awards as defined employees will be entitled to the following holidays without deduction of pay:

- Christmas Day;
- First Day of January; and
- Easter Sunday.

#### **CLAUSE 27 - ALLOWANCES**

27.1 All allowances referred to in Schedule 4 and 5 of the Local Government Employees (SA) Award, have been absorbed into the base wage rates in Whyalla Council's First Enterprise Agreement certified on 3rd February, 1994.

The exceptions to this provision shall be:

- Schedule 4 First Aid Attendant Plumbing Trade Allowance.
- Schedule 5 Meal Allowance
   Tool Allowance
   Mileage Reimbursement.
- **27.2** Any relevant allowances are to increase in line with pay increases per annum excepting as identified

27.2.1 Meals - Overnight Stays

This allowance is paid where a staff member is required to spend a night away from their normal place of residence whilst undertaking works (including Council approved Meetings / Conferences / Training Sessions / etc.) at distant locations.

The value is set at \$75 per day for the life of this agreement. For employees that have accommodation arranged and paid for by Council where a meal or meals are included, the amount will be adjusted accordingly in line with the values shown below.

Where meals are not included as part of an accommodation package arranged and paid for by Council, employees have the option of utilising the \$75 per day allowance via reimbursement on production of receipts based on maximum meal values as follows:

- Breakfast: \$15 - Lunch: \$20 - Dinner: \$40

Council will reimburse those costs related to Meal and Beverage Receipts associated with sustaining oneself whilst working away. Reimbursement to a maximum of two beverages in conjunction with the evening meal is anticipated.

**Example:** Employee X is in Adelaide to attend an irrigation conference and has an accommodation including breakfast package paid for by Council and opts to purchase their own Lunch and Dinner – Reimbursement will be provided by Council on production of receipts to the maximum value of \$60. If Employee X opts to purchase their own breakfast they do so at their own expense.

Where an employee is on an extended day trip undertaking works (as above), away from the normal workplace, then consideration will be given to the reimbursement of lunch (if not provided) and an evening meal should the employee not be returning within a reasonable time for an evening meal at home. The employee will not be unreasonably expected to pay for meals when away from the normal workplace attending work related activities.

#### **CLAUSE 28 - WH&S IN THE WORKPLACE**

The parties to this Agreement are committed to continuous improvement, risk management including the Work Health & Safety Act, and relevant Regulations and Codes of Practice, will be maintained at all workplaces. Council management will ensure compliance with the legislation and all employees to commit to implement the best achievable level of risk management and health and safety practices.

#### **CLAUSE 29 – SUPERANNUATION**

- **29.1** The parties agree that the employer will pay employer superannuation contributions in respect of each employee into the Statewide Super.
- **29.2** For the purpose of this Clause:

"Statewide Super" means the superannuation scheme established and maintained under the Local Government Act, 1999 SA and which is now operating under the name of Statewide Super.

The amount of employer superannuation contributions means;

#### 29.2.1 For contributory members:

- 3% of the employee's \*salary.
- Any additional superannuation contributions which the employer is required to pay under the terms of the rules governing the Local Government Superannuation Scheme.
- Any additional superannuation contributions which the employer agrees to pay in respect of an employee.
- Contributions which the employer must pay to a superannuation fund in respect of the employee in order to avoid the imposition of a superannuation guarantee charge under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.

#### 29.2.2 For non-contributory members:

- Contributions which the employer must pay to a superannuation fund in respect of the employee in order to avoid the imposition of a superannuation guarantee charge under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.
- Any additional superannuation contributions which the employer agrees to pay in respect of an employee.
- Contributions which the employer must pay to superannuation fund in respect of the employee in order to avoid the imposition of a superannuation guarantee charge under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.
- The use of the word "salary" needs to be carefully referenced to the
  way it is used in the Statewide Super scheme rules plus where it is
  used elsewhere in awards, enterprise bargaining or other
  agreements.
- 29.3 Subject to the following conditions an employee must apply to the Council to salary sacrifice any part of his/her salary (including Award of Enterprise Agreement based salary/wages) to make additional contributions to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme.
  - 29.3.1 As salary sacrifice is a complex matter, it is the employee's responsibility to seek advice and fully understand all implications of salary sacrifice before seeking to enter into this arrangement.
  - 29.3.2 The employee's substantive gross salary for all purposes, including but not limited to superannuation, annual leave, annual leave loading and long service leave shall be the pre-sacrificing salary.
  - 29.3.3 Any such arrangement shall be by mutual agreement between each individual employee and Council, provided that approval by the Council shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - 29.3.4 The application shall be in writing on the form provided by the Corporate Payroll Officer and shall detail the percentage of salary to be salary

sacrificed together with a statement that the "cash" component is adequate for his/her on-going living expenses. The remaining "cash" component cannot be lower than any minimum salary amount which the Council may otherwise be required to satisfy in respect of an employee.

- 29.3.5 The individual agreement to salary sacrifice may be rescinded by the employee provided three months prior notice in writing is given to the Corporate Payroll Officer.
- 29.3.6 Each employee may at will with three months notice given to the Corporate Payroll Officer in writing review and alter the percentage of salary to be salary sacrificed. The arrangements may only apply to future salary arrangements and cannot operate retrospectively.
- 29.3.7 The employee shall bear the responsibility and costs associated with taxation and any other matters in respect of the salary sacrifice arrangements. This means that contributions made to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme will be adjusted (at the employee's cost) to take account of taxation payable in relation to those contributions.
- 29.3.8 Salary Sacrifice contributions will be treated as employer contributions and may be subject to the superannuation surcharge and are likely to be preserved.

#### **CLAUSE 30 - NO FORCED REDUNDANCIES**

- **30.1** The employer's policy is to preserve employment. There will be no forced redundancies during the life of the Agreement.
- 30.2 The parties recognise that over time the mix of jobs and skills required will change. In the event that an employee's job is displaced by new technology or changed work requirements, the employee will be offered an alternative position together with the necessary training to perform that job.

#### 30.3 Retention of Rate

For an employee who is redeployed to an alternative position at a lower classification, the following shall apply:

- 30.3.1 The employee's former classification rate of pay will be retained and all increases are to be absorbed indefinitely until the employee's new classification rises to meet the salary level of the former classification.
- 30.3.2 At such time the employee may seek to negotiate a voluntary separation package, acceptance of which by the employee and Council is not mandatory. Upon redeployment where a VSP has been offered by Council such offer will remain open for a period of six months from commencement in the redeployed position.
- 30.3.3 In addition, the employee will be provided with the opportunity to undertake training and development in an effort to maintain their current classification, skill or for further career progression as determined by Council.

## CLAUSE 31 - VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PACKAGES (VSP's)

The following conditions shall apply in respect of any such application:

**31.1** The VSP's are discretional on the part of Council both in terms of the numbers to be approved and the individuals concerned.

The effect on work operations will be an important consideration in the exercise of Council's discretion to accept or reject an application for a VSP.

Employees expressing an interest in a VSP will be provided with a worked example of termination pay for their consideration. Such an offer will not be binding on either party.

- **31.2** The VSP formula shall comprise of the following payments:
  - 10 weeks notice of the termination date or payment in lieu thereof (or any part thereof).
  - 3 weeks pay for each completed year of continuous service with the Whyalla Council.
  - A maximum payment of 78 weeks in respect of the above payments.

## 31.3 Workers Compensation

- 31.3.1 The employee shall notify the Chief Executive Officer of each and every injury or disability which he/she could reasonably be aware of and believes were or could possibly have been sustained during the period of employment with the Council.
- 31.3.2 The employee not suffering any work related injury between the date of the offer of the VSP and the time at which the employee commences their journey home on the final day of employment.
- 31.3.3 The employee not having any outstanding claim for income maintenance pursuant to the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act.

## **CLAUSE 32 – INTRODUCTION OF CHANGE**

#### 32.1 Employer's Duty to Notify

- 32.1.1 Following a decision being made by the Employer to introduce changes in the production, program, organisation, structure or technologies that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer shall notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and their Union. Prior to any implementation of these changes that may impact on employees: employees and their representative shall be consulted to ensure all avenues of mitigation have been considered by the Employer.
- 32.1.2 "Significant effects" include termination of employment, major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required, the elimination or reduction of the job opportunities, promotion opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations and the restructuring of jobs. Provided that where this Agreement makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to above an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect.

## 32.2 Employer's Duty to Discuss Change

- 32.2.1 The employer shall discuss with the employees affected and their Union about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees, measures to avert or mitigate the adverse effects of such changes on employees and shall give prompt consideration to matters raised by the employees and/or their Union in relation to the changes.
- 32.2.2 The discussions shall commence as early as practicable after a decision has been made by the employer to make the changes.
- 32.2.3 For the purposes of such discussion, the employer shall provide, in writing, to the employees concerned and their Union, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees and any other matters likely to affect employees provided that an employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the employer's interest.

#### **CLAUSE 33 - PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT**

- 33.1 The employer is committed to the development of employee skills, knowledge and experience as it relates to the work they do, succession planning and to assist employees in developing an holistic career path enhancing career prospects within the Local Government Sector and further afield.
- 33.2 The Employee Performance Development process will be conducted annually and reviewed and maintained for all employees at Council. An annual review of the system will be conducted by the Joint Consultative Committee and recommendations made to management for enhancement of system.

#### **CLAUSE 34 - TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### 34.1 Training Budget

The employer is committed to training and development of staff to enhance their career options and to increase productivity and effectiveness. Therefore, it is agreed that 1.0% of payroll will be allocated as a training budget line per annum for non-mandatory training for the term of this Agreement.

The training plan on how this money will be spent will be provided to the Joint Consultative Committee for comment prior to implementation.

There will be a minimum of 0.5% of payroll allocated as a training budget line for mandatory training per annum for the term of this agreement.

#### 34.2 Cross Section Input

Employer Training Programs are developed as a result of Training Needs Analysis, Performance Appraisal Development data and vocational requirements.

The allocation of the training budget funds across departments, on a fair and equitable basis for full time equivalent employees, is to be formulated following consultation with

- individual Department Teams (Management and Employees),
- the Joint Consultative Committee,
- the WH&S Committee.

#### 34.3 Training Flexibility – Internal (Training at the Workplace)

34.3.1 Mandatory Workplace Health & Safety Training and Essential Vocational Training

Where practicable, all Mandatory Workplace Health & Safety Training and essential vocational training shall be carried out during the span of working hours. Any essential vocational training outside the span of working hours will be paid for at the appropriate penalty rates.

## 34.3.2 Other Training Programs

Other training programs conducted outside the span of normal working hours, will be subject to individual agreement and management approval and will be paid for at ordinary time or by time taken off in lieu.

34.4 The employer will investigate the possibility of childcare for employees with family responsibilities who would be unable to attend such Council required training without childcare arrangements.

## 34.5 Training Courses – External

34.5.1 Courses – Held away from the Workplace – Not by Correspondence

Employees undertaking courses of study away from the workplace, shall be permitted time off with pay of up to five hours per week (including travelling time) to attend lectures and/or examinations and such time as is necessary for practical training in the span of working hours subject to the following provisos:

- that such courses are appropriate to Local Government; and
- that such courses and the method of undertaking such courses is approved and authorised by the employer.

Following consultation between Senior Management and interested employees and subject to approval, reasonable opportunity will be given to employees to attend appropriate courses conducted by the relevant Training Authorities or other similar relevant organisations.

#### 34.5.1.1 Travel

If the training course is held outside of Whyalla in respect to sub-clause 34.5.1, a Council Vehicle will be made available for travel or if such Council Vehicle is not available, the cost of travel shall be met by the Employer. (e.g. bus, plane, car hire, etc.).

In the unusual circumstance that travel cannot be arranged by Council, employees may opt to utilise their own personal vehicle at the following rates as per the table below:

Total Trip Distance	Reimbursement
Greater than 800 Klms	As agreed between the Employer and the Employee
More than 600 Klms but less than 800 Klms	\$400
More than 400 Klms but less than 600 Klms	\$300
More than 200 Klms but less than 400 Klms	\$200
More than 100 Klms but less than 200 Klms	\$100
More than 40 Klms but less than 100 Klms	\$50
Less than 20Klms	Nil

- Where employees opt to utilise their own vehicle when other travel means have been made available by Council, they do so at their own cost.
- Specific approval from the relevant Group Manager is required for reimbursement where Council provided travel is not available and employees opt to utilise their own vehicle.
- Other arrangements that are mutually agreed between the relevant Group Manager and the employee.
- Other reasonable requests in relation to travel allowance shall be considered on the basis of reasonableness. The guiding principle is for any outcome to remain cost neutral.

## 34.5.2 Courses – Correspondence

Employees undertaking courses of study by correspondence shall be permitted time off with pay for two hours per week per subject for the purpose of completing exercises/assignments which are essential to the course and such time as is necessary for practical training and examinations.

Subject to such courses being appropriate to Local Government and that such courses and the method of undertaking such course is approved and authorised by the employer.

#### 34.5.3 Reimbursement of Costs

Where an employee is approved by the employer to undertake a course of study or attend a training course under Clause 33.5, the employer shall on satisfactory completion of each year, semester or module (as applicable and as agreed in a letter giving approval):

- Reimburse the employee for fees paid in respect of such course up to a maximum of \$500 per semester, which includes reimbursement for costs of textbooks; or
- A student loan scheme, in accord with Council policy, will be available
  for approved student employees, repayable through the payroll /
  debtors system within a twelve (12) month period where the employee
  is unable to meet the upfront costs associated with the course.

- 34.5.4 Where an **employee opts** to terminate their employment with Council within six (6) months following receipt of reimbursed funds provided for under Clause 34.5, they will be required to reimburse the amount to Council the six month period begins from the date the money is provided to or banked in the employee's bank account. This amount can be deducted from their final termination pay or other mutually agreeable arrangements may be entered into between the Employer and Employee. Extenuating Individual circumstances will be considered when enacting the provisions of this subclause.
- 34.5.5 Where an employee considers that leave approval, available pursuant to 34.5.2 hereof, has been unreasonably withheld by Council, the employee may raise the matter with the relevant Union (to which the employee belongs) to enable discussions with the employer to take place regarding the withholding of approval.

## 34.6 Personal / Career Development

By mutual agreement training for personal and/or career development during the normal span of working hours will be paid on the basis of no loss of ordinary earnings.

## 34.7 Trade Union Training Leave

- 34.7.1 Employees who are elected workplace representatives of the AWU or ASU are allowed leave with pay up to a maximum of 9 days accumulative per union as a group per annum to attend Trade Union Training Courses conducted by the Union subject to the undernoted conditions.

  Arrangements in excess of this provision can be negotiated by agreement.
  - Not less than 4 weeks notice is given to Council of the date of commencement of the training course including an agenda with the times on which the course is to be conducted, such notice to be endorsed by the Secretary of the Union.
  - Council is able to make adequate staffing arrangements during the period of leave.
  - Leave taken pursuant to this Clause is counted as continuous service for all purposes of the Award and for purposes of Long Service Leave entitlements.
  - An employee must have completed a period of 12 months service with Council before proceeding on Leave under this Clause.
- 34.7.2 Any disputes arising out of this Clause shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Settling Procedure contained in Clause 10.

## **CLAUSE 35 - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

35.1 The parties agree that discussions, mutual exchange of ideas, consultation and negotiation is vital in making decisions which involve work methods and arrangements. This is to ensure that employees are able to contribute their particular knowledge and understanding to improve operations and to engender a sense of commitment through the ability of employees to influence matters which effect the way work is done.

- 35.2 The parties to the Agreement are committed to the achievement of best practice in the City of Whyalla. That is, it wants to be the "best" in each of its areas of activity. The aim of securing productivity improvements is both to achieve cost savings, enhanced service for the employer's customers (clients and ratepayers) as well as to provide for wage increases and improved work conditions for employees. The parties agree to work together to introduce continual improvement in all of the key areas of performance including;
  - service levels to customers (clients, ratepayers, other departments and staff),
  - cost efficiency,
  - productivity,
  - continue implementation of an Integrated Business System principles and practice re AS/NZ ISO9001, AS/NZ ISO14001, AS4801
  - Workplace Health and Safety to maintain WorkCover Level 3 rating environmental performance,
  - team satisfaction, including Balanced Scorecard efforts,
  - Equal Employment Opportunity/Disability Discrimination Act, and
  - Implementation of Continuous Improvement initiatives throughout the Council organisation.
- **35.3** Accordingly, all parties are committed to achieving a range of outcomes which will, while facilitating the move towards best practice, achieve the following:
  - participation by all parties to the continual improvement process particularly in the development of more efficient work practices, quality improvement, environmental sustainability and loss and wastage,
  - to improve employment opportunities at Council in an environment of change,
  - develop a team approach and a cooperative working environment.

## 35.4 Set Improvement Initiatives

The following KPI's / PPI's will operate for the life of this agreement with the indicators to be measured on an annual basis and tracked and reported quarterly where appropriate. The initiative will commence from 3 November 2014 with any payments due being made to current employees at that time in the first week of December the following year. (ie. 1 month following each close out period). All employees shall participate with pro rata payments being made to Part Time and Casual Employees based on the proportion of Ordinary Hours worked against Normal Full Time Ordinary Hours.

#### The measurement periods shall be:

- 3 Nov 2014 to 2 Nov 2015 Payments due last pay in November 2015
- 3 Nov 2015 to 2 Nov 2016 Payments due last pay in November 2016
- 3 Nov 2016 to 2 Nov 2017 Payments due last pay in November 2017

#### **Positive Performance Indicators**

- 1. Workplace Health and Safety 70% of Available
  - **(A) Safe Work Observations**: 1 per Calendar month per person / Up to a maximum of 3 in any one month during each period.

Casual Employees: will participate however given the ad-hoc nature of their employment compliance will not be audited.

• **(B) Percentage of Incidents reported in 8 Hours:** All incidents shall be reported as soon as practical.

#### 2. Internal Customer Satisfaction Survey – 30% of Available

- An appropriate internal customer satisfaction survey shall be developed in conjunction with the JCC within 3 months of certification of this agreement.
- It is expected the survey will be developed prior to March 2015 with results tallied by 30 June 2015. This will set the benchmark data and a further survey (identical) shall be undertaken during October 2015 with any payments required to coincide with the Workplace Health and Safety Performance Indicator.

The survey will be conducted Annually from this date.

 Where the timeframes for the Internal Customer Satisfaction Survey are not met – 100% of the incentive will be based on the Workplace Health and Safety Indicator above until such times that the Survey is developed and rolled out.

## **Incentive Payments**

Maximum Available:	\$400.00			
Workplace Health and Safet	v Component - Complia	ance to Safe Work Ob	servations	
•				
		Percentage Target	PI 1 (A)WHS	
Payment Schedule	Compliance SWO	Achieved	Proportion	Full Time Employee
PI 1 WHS	100.00%	100%	40%	\$160.0
PI 1 WHS	75.00%	75%	40%	\$120.0
PI 1 WHS	50.00%	50%	40%	\$80.0
PI 1 WHS	25.00%	25%	40%	\$40.0
PI 1 WHS	0.00%	0%	40%	\$0.0
Note: Compliance SWO is 1 So	 afe Work Observation lod	lged per month for all F	ull Time, Part Tim	e and
Casual Employees - noting tha	-			
(Clarification: 80 Full Time Em			•	nce is
110 SWO's Lodged each Mont			,	
Workplace Health and Safet	y Component - Inciden	t Reporting		
Payment Schedule	Compliance - Incident Reporting	Percentage Target Achieved	PI 1 WHS (B) Proportion	Full Time Employee
PI 1 WHS	100.00%	100%	30%	
PI 1 WHS	75.00%		30%	
PI 1 WHS	50.00%		30%	
PI 1 WHS	25.00%		30%	
PI 1 WHS	0.00%		30%	
	Improvement in			
	Customer	Percentage Target		
Payment Schedule	Satisfaction Measure	Achieved	P2 Csat	Full Time Employee
PI 2 Customer Satisfaction	20.00%	100%	30%	\$120.0
PI 2 Customer Satisfaction	15.00%	75%	30%	\$90.0
PI 2 Customer Satisfaction	10.00%	50%	30%	\$60.0
PI 2 Customer Satisfaction	5.00%	25%	30%	\$30.0
PI 2 Customer Satisfaction	0.00%	0%	30%	\$0.0
Note: Total Incentive Payabl	e each year = The sum o	f the three tables abov	e based on Targe	et Performance
Part Time and Casual Emplo	yees will receive a pro r	ata component based	on the followin	g formula:
Number of Ordinary Hours W	orked during period / (5	2 * 38 Hours)		
For the purpose of this clause	e Ordinary Hours Worke	d includes: Any Paid Le	eave associated v	with Ordinary Hours
Examples:				
Part Time Employee X Roster	ed 3 days per week			
7.6 Hours x 3 Days per week .		1976 Available Ordina	ry Hours	
Percentage of Total Incentive				60.009
Casual Employee Y works 270	Hours during the period	1		
270 Hours / 1976 Available O	•			
	Dayment applicable:			12 669

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Percentage of Total Incentive Payment applicable:

13.66%

#### **CLAUSE 36 - CORPORATE UNIFORMS**

It is agreed that a suitable uniform issue be provided to AWU and relevant SAMSO employees consisting of three (3) shirts, two (2) pairs of trousers, one (1) jacket and one (1) jumper or one (1) windcheater; which are to be replaced on a fair wear and tear basis by the Store.

An amount of \$400.00 per annum for the life of this Agreement, will be allocated to relevant SAMSO employees to be used towards the purchase of corporate wardrobe items of their choice. For casual employees the amount will be \$175.00 per annum.

In return it is anticipated that all employees will wear the corporate uniform as frequently as possible particularly by those employees who directly interact with the public.

#### **CLAUSE 37 – MATURE AGE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES**

During the life of this Agreement the parties agree to examine and where practicable (and feasible) implement strategies or initiatives that assist in the successful recruitment and / or retention of mature age employees. Such strategies and initiatives might include, but not be limited to:

- the impact of current superannuation arrangements on the retention of mature age employees in the workforce.
- flexible work options that better match the work and life aspirations of mature age employees, such as phased retirement or alternative forms and more flexible use of leave entitlement.
- arrangements that allow mature age employees to reduce their working responsibilities without having to cease working by amending employment contracts or becoming contractors for service on the Supply Services Register.

## **CLAUSE 38 – REVIEW OF CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE**

The Council and AWU acknowledge that the draft classification structure developed during the current round of Enterprise Agreement negotiations serves as an appropriate framework for the continuation of negotiations to develop a more relevant and contemporary classification structure to that currently applied through the Local Government Employees Award.

Accordingly the relevant parties commit to continuing negotiations with a view to finalising the new structure by 20 October 2015. Any agreement reached will be reflected in the Enterprise Agreement by way of formal variation.

#### **CLAUSE 39 - QUANTUM**

The following wage and salary increases shall be applied to employees covered by this Agreement:

- 3.5% increase to ordinary time wage rates and salaries to apply from the first full pay period commencing on or after 20 October 2014.
- Further 3.25% increase to ordinary time wage rates and salaries to apply from the first full pay period commencing on or after 20 October 2015.
- Further 3.25% increase to ordinary time wage rates and salaries to apply from the first full pay period commencing on or after 20 October 2016.

#### **CLAUSE 40 - NO EXTRA CLAIMS**

The Unions undertake that for the life of this Agreement there shall be no further salary increase (Award or over Award) sought or granted, except for those granted under the terms of this Agreement.

## **CLAUSE 41 - REVIEW OF AGREEMENT**

During the term of this Agreement, there shall be a process of review undertaken by the Joint Consultative Committee in full consultation with employer and employees.

The parties commit to commence negotiations on a further Agreement no less than six (6) months prior to the expiry of this Agreement.

## **CLAUSE 42 - SALARY/WAGE RATES**

## ASU/SAMSOA LEVELS

<u>Level</u>	Basic Annual	1st Increment 3.5%	2nd Increment 3.25%	3rd Increment 3.25%
Level 1A - Junior	\$	\$	\$	\$
17 year old (62%)	26,813	27,752	28,654	29,585
18 year old (72%)	31,138	32,228	33,276	34,357
19 year old (82%)	35,462	36,704	37,897	39,129
20 year old (92%)	39,787	41,180	42,519	43,901
Level 1A - Adult				
1st year	43,247	44,761	46,216	47,718
2nd year	44,211	45,758	47,246	48,781
3rd year	45,176	46,757	48,277	49,846
4th year	47,107	48,756	50,340	51,976
Level 1 - Junior				
17 year old (62%)	29,943	30,991	31,998	33,038
18 year old (72%)	34,772	35,989	37,159	38,367
19 year old (82%)	39,602	40,988	42,320	43,695
20 year old (92%)	44,431	45,986	47,481	49,024
Level 1 - Adult				
1st year	48,295	49,985	51,610	53,287
2nd year	49,101	50,820	52,472	54,177
3rd year	50,225	51,983	53,672	55,416
4th year	51,432	53,232	54,962	56,748
5th year	52,639	54,481	56,252	58,080
6th year	53,845	55,730	57,541	59,411
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Level 2				
1st year	55,066	56,993	58,845	60,757
2nd year	56,273	58,243	60,136	62,090
3rd year	57,636	59,653	61,592	63,594
4th year	58,982	61,046	63,030	65,078

<u>Level</u>	Basic Annual	1st Increment 3.5%	2nd Increment 3.25%	<u>3rd</u> Increment 3.25%
Level 3	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	60,323	62,434	64,463	66,558
2nd year	61,669	63,827	65,901	68,043
3rd year	63,012	65,217	67,337	69,525
4th year	64,356	66,608	68,773	71,008

Whyalla Allowance absorbed into basic wage

<u>Level</u>	Basic Annual	1st Increment 3.5%	2nd Increment 3.25%	3rd Increment 3.25%
Level 4	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	66,577	68,907	71,146	73,458
2nd year	68,206	70,593	72,887	75,256
3rd year	69,832	72,276	74,625	77,050
4th year	71,463	73,964	76,368	78,850
Level 5				
1st year	73,090	75,648	78,107	80,645
2nd year	74,720	77,335	79,848	82,443
3rd year	76,346	79,018	81,586	84,238
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Level 6	70.060	04 007	04 406	07 000
1st year	79,060	81,827	84,486	87,232
2nd year	81,771	84,633	87,384 90,288	90,224
3rd year	84,489	87,446	90,200	93,222
Level 7				
1st year	87,197	90,249	93,182	96,210
2nd year	89,915	93,062	96,087	99,210
3rd year	92,628	95,870	98,986	102,203
Level 8				
1st year	95,882	99,238	102,463	105,793
2nd year	99,136	102,606	105,941	109,384
3rd year	102,391	105,975	109,419	112,975

Whyalla Allowance absorbed into basic wage

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	<u> </u>	1st	2nd	3rd
<u>Level</u>	Basic Annual	Increment	Increment	Increment
<del></del>		3.5%	3.25%	3.25%
Level 1	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	79,060	81,827	84,486	87,232
2nd year	81,771	84,633	87,384	90,224
3rd year	84,489	87,446	90,288	93,222
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1st year	87,197	90,249	93,182	96,210
2nd year	89,915	93,062	96,087	99,210
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Level 3				
1st year	95,882	99,238	102,463	105,793
2nd year	99,136	102,606	105,941	109,384
3rd year	102,391	105,975	109,419	112,975
Level 4				
1st year	104,859	108,529	112,056	115,698
2nd year	109,092	112,910	116,580	120,369
Level 5				
1st year	114,386	118,390	122,238	126,211
2nd year	118,626	122,778	126,768	130,888
Level 6				
1st year	123,917	128,254	132,422	136,726
2nd year	128,154	132,639	136,950	141,401
Level 7				
1st year	133,443	138,114	142,603	147,238
2nd year	139,802	144,695	149,398	154,253
Level 8				
1st year	148,271	153,460	158,447	163,597
2nd year	156,742	162,228	167,500	172,944
Level 9				
1st year	169,443	175,374	181,074	186,959
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Level 10 1st year	190,622	197,294	203,706	210,326
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## **AWU/LGE GRADES**

Table 1 - Basic

	Basic	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grade 1	820.90	895.60	904.00	912.30
Grade 2	843.50	922.20	930.70	938.90
Grade 3	866.80	949.40	957.90	966.10
Grade 4	895.00	982.50	990.90	999.30
Grade 5	914.50	1,005.00	1,013.50	1,021.80
Grade 6	931.70	1,024.50	1,032.80	1,041.00
Grade 7	948.10	1,043.70	1,052.00	1,060.30
Grade 8	963.50	1,061.40	1,069.80	1,078.30

## 1st Increase – 3.5% per week

	Basic	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grade 1	849.60	926.90	935.60	944.20
Grade 2	873.00	954.50	963.30	971.80
Grade 3	897.10	982.60	991.40	999.90
Grade 4	926.30	1,016.90	1,025.60	1,034.30
Grade 5	946.50	1,040.20	1,049.00	1,057.60
Grade 6	964.30	1,060.40	1,068.90	1,077.40
Grade 7	981.30	1,080.20	1,088.80	1,097.40
Grade 8	997.20	1,098.50	1,107.20	1,116.00

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## 2nd Increase – 3.25% per week

	Basic	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grade 1	877.20	957.00	966.00	974.90
Grade 2	901.40	985.50	994.60	1,003.40
Grade 3	926.30	1,014.50	1,023.60	1,032.40
Grade 4	956.40	1,049.90	1,058.90	1,067.90
Grade 5	977.30	1,074.00	1,083.10	1,092.00
Grade 6	995.60	1,094.90	1,103.60	1,112.40
Grade 7	1,013.20	1,115.30	1,124.20	1,133.10
Grade 8	1,029.60	1,134.20	1,143.20	1,152.30

### 3rd Increase – 3.25% per week

	Basic	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grade 1	905.70	988.10	997.40	1,006.60
Grade 2	930.70	1,017.50	1,026.90	1,036.00
Grade 3	956.40	1,047.50	1,056.90	1,066.00
Grade 4	987.50	1,084.00	1,093.30	1,102.60
Grade 5	1,009.10	1,108.90	1,118.30	1,127.50
Grade 6	1,028.00	1,130.50	1,139.50	1,148.60
Grade 7	1,046.10	1,151.50	1,160.70	1,169.90
Grade 8	1,063.10	1,171.10	1,180.40	1,189.70

Whyalla Allowance absorbed into basic wage

#### **CLAUSE 43 - SIGNATORIES**

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WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL by	

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	WITNESS
SIGNED for and on behalf of the AMALGAMATED (SA Branch) AUSTRALIAN SERV	/ICES STATE UNION
	WITNESS
SIGNED for and on behalf of the AMALGAMATED AWU (SA Branch) STATE UNION	N
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SIGNED Jonalin Steart – Employee	
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SIGNED Jane Hayward – Employee	
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## ANNEXURE A - JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONSTITUTION

#### 11.2 Preamble

All parties involved in the Enterprise Negotiations believe that ongoing consultation is fundamental to successfully working under Council's Agreement. The Agreement and the objectives, strategies and implementation plans contained within the Agreement, require monitoring to ascertain the success or otherwise of the improvements outlined therein.

#### 11.3 <u>Terms of Reference</u>

Members of the Joint Consultative Committee are committed to co-operating positively to increase productivity and to enhance career opportunities and job security of employees.

The Joint Consultative Committee will be responsible for:

- Ongoing communication and consultation regarding the Agreement.
- Assisting with design, conduct and administration of the Employer's Training Plan.
- Performing ongoing reviews of all aspects of the Agreement.
- Setting timetables for the achievement of objectives set out in the Agreement.
- Ensuring that the set time frames are being met.
- Making recommendations to Management, as required, regarding any concerns or objections lodged by employees arising out of the implementation of the Agreement.
- Representing and communicating relevant information to employees.
- Monitoring the introduction of new technology and associated employee training.
- Assessing the direct implementation of major external decisions affecting community standards and their likely effect on employees.
- Being briefed as to the future and current plans of the employer.

**Note:** Two important areas of the employer's operations are specifically excluded from the domain of the Joint Consultative Committee. These are:-

- i) Industrial Relations issues which will be processed via the dispute settling procedure; and
- ii) Matters pertaining to the Occupational Health & Safety Committee.

#### 11.4 Constitution

#### (a) Composition

The Joint Consultative Committee comprises the following membership:

Management representatives

- 4 employee Representatives covered by the LGE Award including at least three AWU workplace representatives
- 4 employee Representatives covered by the MO Award including at least three ASU workplace representatives

#### **Employees**

Any member of the Committee shall cease to be recognised as such upon termination of employment within the Corporation. Also any employee representative shall cease to be recognised as such upon resignation from the union or upon promotion to a management position.

#### (b) Elections

Members of relevant unions will elect up to three representatives to represent them on the Consultative Committee. The fourth representative of each group will be elected by all the eligible employees and will represent the interests of all employees of that group.

#### (c) Minute Secretary

The Minute Secretary is to be appointed by management and to be someone with note taking skills. The Secretary is to be a non voting member of the Committee.

#### (d) Chairperson

The Chairperson is to be elected from members within the Committee. The Committee is to decide a formula for appointment/rotation of the Chairperson (not always management).

#### (e) Meetings

Consultative Committee Meetings will be held at least quarterly, but may meet more frequently if required.

#### (f) Recording of Minutes

Minutes shall be circulated to Committee Members for verification prior to posting on the notice boards. Minutes are to be published within 48 hours of the finish of the meeting and a copy sent to union officials.

The minutes shall include:

- attendees at the meeting,
- summary of the issues and alternatives proposed with brief supporting arguments,
- decisions made and time frame for implementation of decisions,
- time frame for consideration of deferred decisions.

#### (g) Agenda

The agenda is to be prepared and issued by the Secretary to all Committee Members. Any Committee Member may submit agenda items. Management Members shall submit as agenda items all important matters requiring management decisions that would have an effect on employees (other than where confidential Council matters are concerned).

Appropriate information shall be provided with each agenda item submitted. By exception the Chairperson will be able to notify late agenda items up to 48 hours prior to meetings.

Matters raised without notice (i.e. non-agenda items) shall be deferred to the next meeting if any Committee Member requires additional information or needs to consult with their constituency.

#### (h) <u>Training</u>

All Members of the Committee are to be entitled to training, with a view to ensuring all Members have the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability. No employee shall be required to undergo training in their own time, or be subjected to any financial disadvantage due to this undertaking.

#### (i) Change

Any changes in the workplace discussed by this Committee should be achieved with due regard to the quality of the working life, including the desire to maintain and enhance job satisfaction.

#### (j) <u>Discrimination</u>

Management shall not dismiss an employee or injure him/her in his/her employment or alter his/her position to his/her detriment by reason of the fact that the employee is a member of or has an interest in the Consultative Committee.

#### (k) Rights and Duties

All members of the Committee are to carry out their duties in a responsible and honest manner in the spirit of the Agreement.

- To have access to Council resources where appropriate.
- The Union Organiser/State Secretary has the right to attend.
- To represent the views and opinions of those people they represent and not just their own.

- To speak on the basis of the facts presented and not on the basis of preconceived ideas not based on facts, or rumour.
- To seek the view of union members on issues to be discussed by the Committee.
- To encourage and assist employees on issues to be discussed by the Committee.
- To provide explanations of items recorded in the minutes.
- To report back at communication meetings to members which will be arranged as required.

#### (I) <u>Decision Making Process</u>

Committee Members will make recommendations, which will be reported.

#### (m) Resources

The employer will provide the necessary resources (i.e. facsimile, typing, copying, etc.) to Committee Members.

#### (n) **Preparation Time**

Adequate time is to be decided by the Committee to be allowed for preparation by Members of the Committee.

#### (o) Period of Agreement

Notwithstanding the objectives behind the formation of this Joint Consultative Committee, this agreement shall be for the life of the Agreement from the date of implementation with a mid term review of performance. This agreement can be reviewed by the Committee providing 14 days notice is given to the Chairperson.

# <u>ANNEXURE B - TO OPERATE FROM THE DATE OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT CERTIFICATION AND APPLY ONLY WHEN DIRECTED BY SUPERVISION TO UNDERTAKE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED</u>

FUNCTIONS	WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL	GRADE	AWARD	GRADE
Acting Supervisor	SAMSO	Level 3	SAMSO	
Airport Control Officer		7	No mention	
Backhoe Operations	Refer Council Descriptor	5	Less 3m digging	4
Cemetery /Crematorium Curator		7	Cemetery Supervisor	6
Concrete Finisher	Refer Council Descriptor	6		4
Concrete Grinder		5	No mention in award	
Grader	Refer Council Descriptor	6	Grader Operator	6
Head Gardener		6		5
Hydraladder / Working Platform	Refer Council Descriptor	5	No mention in award	
*Jetpatcher		5	Bitumen work tack	3
Leading Hand		7		6
Loader Operations	As per Council Descriptor	5	Wheel Loader class 150 WL	5
Mechanic		7		5
Mechanical Road Sweeper		6		6
Mowers		4	Mower operations (ride on)	3
Painter		6		6
Pavement Line Marker	Refer Council Descriptor	6		6
Plumber		7		6
Roller Operation	Plant below award minimum. (If hired in, will pay award rate)	4	Static / vibrating rollers over 35 tonne	5
Rubbish Collection Vehicle		5		5
Store Person		6		4
Stump Grinder		5	No mention	
Sub-site Cable Locater Operation	Ticket and only used for Council work	5	No mention	
Tip Truck Operations	Refer Council Descriptor	4	Light Truck	4
Trucking Driving	License terms are now different	4	Light Truck	4
Weed Spraying (Licensed)	Legislative requirement is one (1) per organisation,	6	Herbicide use	3
	Council has one (1) per team		Weed spray Operator	6
Welding (licensed) (Trade Level)	Refer Council Descriptor	5	First class Welder	5
Wheel Tractor Operations		4	Less then 6000kgs	3
Woodchipper		5	No mention	

<sup>\*</sup> May be reviewed on purchase of new plant re technological enhancements.

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FUNCTIONS	WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL	GRADE	AWARD	GRADE
Back hoe Operator	At WCC digging does not exceed 3 metres.	5	Less than 3 metre digging depth	4
			3-5 metre depth	5
			greater than 5 metres	6
Cemetery / Cremetorium	Prepare for conduct of funerals	7	Cemetery Curator	5
Supervisor	Operation of crematorium.		Cemetery Supervisor	6
	Responsible for all relevant paperwork and administration		No mention of crematorium operations	
Concrete Finisher	Skilled and competent to undertake coordinate and planning of concrete projects and works  Maintain plant and equipment to standard required	6		4
	Competent to read plans and assess levels (Refer PD).			
	Organise order of work plans and procedures re specific projects.			
	Evaluate and set work order priorities and program accordingly.			
	Generic to			
Concrete Grinder	Competently and safely operate in accordance with manufacturer and SOP.	5	Not mentioned	

FUNCTIONS	WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL	GRADE	AWARD	GRADE
Grader Operator	Competent to safely operate grader for base level operations in both patrol grading and pavement placement techniques. (Work unsupervised).		Grader class 1-10 includes final trim. Grader operator	7
	Road traffic management undertaken as required			
	Responsible for coordination of material placement at worksite.			
	Effective knowledge of grader mechanisms and operation of all machine components to maintain plant in optimum condition.			
	In both patrol grading and pavement placement techniques.			
	Refer to level 6 PD			
	Generic			
Loader Operator	Competent and accredited to safely operate any loader, including backhoe operated as a loader, to bucket capacity of five (5) cubic yards.	5	Wheel loader 5 class 150 WL	
	Have applicable ticket (Excludes wheel tractor which is level 4)			
	Safely and competently operate backhoe with relevant accreditation.			
Mechanical Road Sweeper	Competent to safely operate relevant plant in accord with prevailing traffic conditions.	6		
	Liaise with mechanical supervisor re plant maintenance requirements.			
	Fulfil job and contract requirements as specified.			
	Work autonomously in geographically remote locations. Refer Position Description.			

FUNCTIONS	WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL	GRADE	AWARD	GRADE
Pavement Line marker	Competently and safely operate line marker machine and related equipment.	6		6
	Traffic management Interpret plans and relevant standards			
	Responsible to work autonomously to achieve work task outcome.			
Ride on Mowers	Refer PD Competent and safe operated re SOP	4		4
Roller Operation	Refer to award		Static ME4	4
			Vibrating 10-35kg/cm – ME4 35+ - ME5	4 5
			Pneumatic Multiyred Rollers 7t – 30t – ME4 30t+ - ME5	4 5
Stump grinder operator	Safe and competent operation as per manufacturer's instruction.	5	Not mentioned	
	In accord with Council SOP re safety aspects.			
Tip Truck Operation	Council employee at entry level as a 4 require MR truck licence	4	Light Truck	4

FUNCTIONS	WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL	GRADE	AWARD	GRADE
Weedspray (licensed) Unit operation	Note, I per team with cert III qualification duties / responsibilities include;	6		
	<ul> <li>care and responsibility regarding vehicle and equipment on it</li> <li>to undertake / oversee mixing / measuring of chemicals in accord with manufacturers instructions and relevant SOP</li> <li>Appropriate traffic control where necessary</li> <li>Coordination of operation re contact with boom operator etc.</li> </ul> All terrain vehicle			
	Weedspray operations.			
	Generic level 6 leading worker. Responsive autonomy and outcome / result including WCC work practices.			
Welding	Welding to Welder first class level only	5	Welder first class	5
	Work required beyond that level is outsourced.			
Wheel Tractor Operator	Competently and safely operated with any attachment as defined by award	4	Less than 6000kgs	3
Woodchipper operations	Competent to safely operate woodchipper	5		
Work platform operation (WP / EWP)	Competent and safe to operate with relevant ticket even though strictly not required for platforms less than 6 metres re OHS and SOP.	5	No mention	