



CEO'S *message*

THE SUMMARY ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22 OUTLINES THE KEY PRIORITIES AND CHANGES FOR COUNCIL IN THE FORTHCOMING YEAR. DETAILED WITHIN THE SUMMARY IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTS AND COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

In 2021/22 the focus of the business plan is recovery from the COVID 19 emergency and development of strategies that capitalise on attracting residents and tourists to the Council area.

The following initiatives are a particular focus for 2021/22:

- Increased investment on Council's road network,
- A Strategic Planning review of planning zonings across the district,
- An increased focus on delivery and support of community events and activities Council wide,
- Greater focus on supporting tourism strategies across the district, and
- Development of design plans for both Penola and Millicent main street precincts.

In addition, Council will continue a number of initiatives that were implemented as part of last year's response to the COVID 19 emergency:

- Provide further employment opportunities to our community with the proposal to employ three new staff members,
- Focus on generating economic stimulus to the greater community through major infrastructure projects,
- Provide an allocation of \$100,000 to enable community groups an opportunity to access funds for major infrastructure projects,
- Waiver outdoor dining fees, and

- Prepare "Shovel Ready" strategies that can be utilised to leverage future grant opportunities for major infrastructure projects.

In developing this Annual Business Plan, Council encountered many competing demands for community projects, annual cost increases, and the ongoing requirement for asset renewals, all which need to be prioritised. The challenge for Council is to deliver a budget that meets current and future community expectations whilst limiting any rate increases and minimising the impact to ratepayers under the current circumstances. In consideration of this, Council is set to raise rates by 2.5% (plus growth from new developments).

The increase whilst above current Consumer Price Index (CPI) rates, it should be recognised that Council has over the past five years minimised rating increases to CPI or less and over the past two years have not increased rates to assist our community through a challenging period.

For the 2021/22 financial year, Council is seeking to deliver an operational budget of \$27.64 Million and a capital expenditure budget of \$11.34 Million. Within this budget, Council will continue to focus on increasing asset renewals, in 2021/22 \$5.84 Million has been allocated for the renewal of a wide range of existing facilities and infrastructure. Council has also committed \$5.50 Million for the upgrade and acquisition of new assets.

A strong focus of the capital budget is the funding of roads. \$1.2M has been allocated to re-sheet 37.82KM of unsealed roads. In addition, Council is seeking funding to assist in the upgrade of Tower Rd and Sections of Border Rd, Dergholm Rd, Mt Burr Service Roads and Wattle Rd.

For the forth coming year, Council is focused on delivering the strategies contained within the Annual Business Plan including rebounding the local economy through major infrastructure development and attracting new industry and investment to the Council area.

Ben Gower

Chief Executive Officer

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Capital expenditure for 2021/22 is budgeted to be \$11.34M and key projects include:

- Construction of the Coonawarra Rail Trail (cycling & walking path) **\$2,065,000**
- Renewal works at the Penola Stadium (inc. roof, gutters and internals) **\$120,000**
- Mechanical Workshop Construction Millicent Depot **\$1,100,000**
- Repairs to the concrete ramp & renewal of the pontoons at the Beachport Boatramp **\$130,000**
- Replacement and upgrade of lighting and timber railings at the Millicent Saleyards **\$138,000**
- Renewal of the supper room roof and toilet exterior at the Kalangadoo Hall **\$60,500**
- Sealing the carpark at Lake McIntyre, Millicent **\$55,000**
- Renewal of the roof & ceiling of the changerooms at the Millicent Swimming Lake **\$55,000**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2021/2022

\$11.34M

New + Upgraded Assets

\$5.5M

Replacement + Renewal Existing Assets


\$5.84M

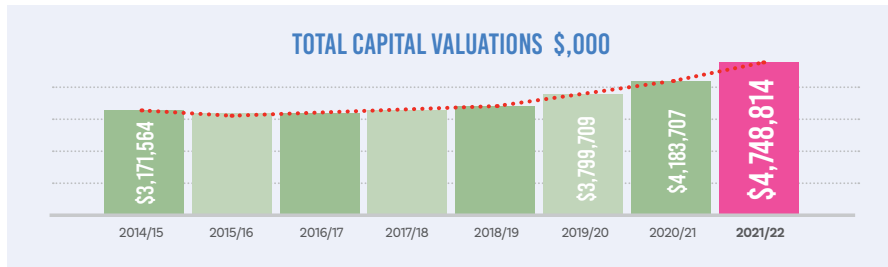
OPERATING EXPENDITURE



Council operating expenditure for 2021/22 is set to be \$27.64M and key projects include:

- A strategic planning review and development of land use zonings **\$110,000**
- Detailed design & surveys for both the Millicent & Penola streetscaping projects **\$110,000**
- Funding for facilitation, sponsorship and support of local community events (including the introduction of a new Beachport Crayfish & Wine festival) **\$69,000**
- Dredging of the Beachport Boatramp **\$150,000**
- Repairs to infrastructure at the Millicent Saleyards **\$35,000**

Rates IN SUMMARY

| | CAPITAL VALUATION MOVEMENTS | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE | 2016 0.01% | 2017 (1.66%) | 2018 0.53% | 2019 6.89% | 2020 13.22% | 2021 10.11% |
| | | | | | | 2022 13.51%  |



| RATE CODES | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL | PRIMARY PRODUCTION | VACANT LAND | OTHER |
| RATE IN THE \$ | 0.4328 | 0.4013 | 0.4013 | 0.2938 | 0.5719 | 0.5719 |
| % CHANGE | 8.10%  | 0.26%  | 0.26%  | 10.74%  | 0.80%  | 0.80%  |

Minimum Charge \$610 (applicable to 21.7% of rateable properties).

| OTHER CHARGES | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|--|--------|----------|------------|
| WASTE COLLECTION | | | COMMUNITY WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT SCHEME (CWMS) | | | |
| | 3 BIN | 2 BIN | | PENOLA | SOUTHEND | KALANGADOO |
| Full Rate | \$346 | \$270 | Occupied | \$635 | \$635 | \$635 |
| Pensioner | \$226 | \$180 | Vacant | \$475 | \$475 | \$475 |

| REGIONAL LANDSCAPE LEVY (STATE GOVERNMENT TAX) | | | |
|--|------------|------------|--------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL, VACANT + OTHER | COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL | PRIMARY PRODUCTION |
| \$82.90 | \$120.55 | \$192.85 | \$353.60 |

For an explanation of the Landscape Levy, please contact the Limestone Coast Landscape Board at 11 Helen Street, Mount Gambier, email lc.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au or phone 08 8735 1177.

OPERATING INCOME

Council has budgeted to receive operating income of \$26.87M in 2021/22, this income is derived from a number of different sources including rates and charges, statutory and user charges, grants, subsidies and contributions, investment income and other income.

REBATES for PENSIONERS

Council will continue to provide a pensioner rebate for the waste collection service charge. The rebate will be provided to eligible pensioners who have either an Aged or Disability Pension or a Department for Veteran Affairs Card.

Ratepayers who had previously received this rebate in 2020/21 will continue to receive this rebate during 2021/22.

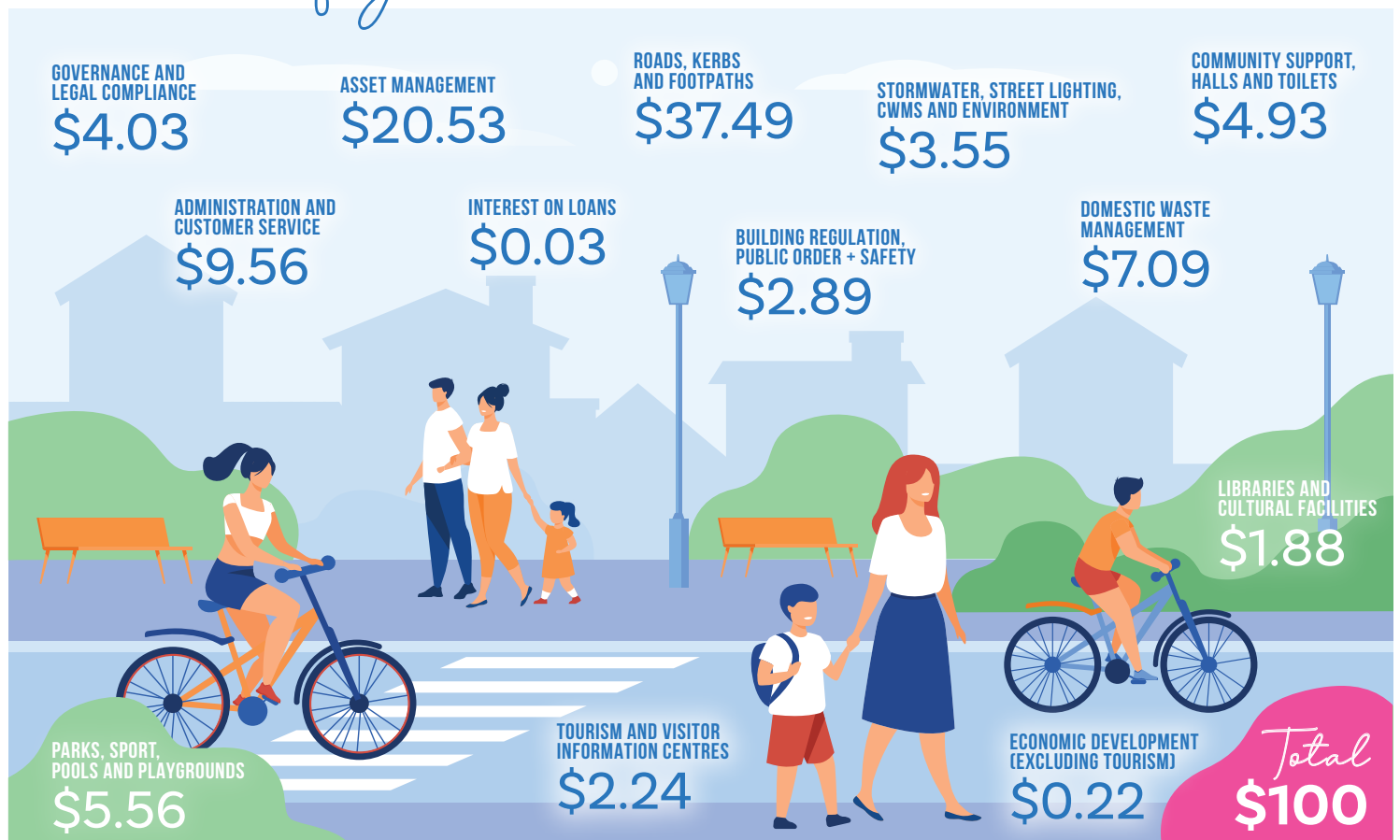
However, if you are eligible and did not receive this rebate during the 2020/21 year you will be required to fill out an application form and show proof of the appropriate pension card to Council staff. Applications will be received up to September 30, 2021.

CAN I OBJECT to my VALUATION INCREASE?

Yes, you can object to your valuation by making application to the Office of the Valuer General. Your objection can be made online or by post at the following address:

Office of the Valuer-General
GPO Box 1354
Adelaide SA 5001

EVERY \$100 of your RATES IS SPENT ON...



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

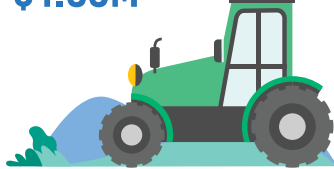
The capital expenditure works program for 2021/22 is \$11.34M.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE *by category*

Parks & Gardens
\$74K



Plant
\$1.35M



Stormwater
\$249K



Halls
\$338K



Sealed Roads
\$2.82M



Unsealed Roads
\$1.24M

Kerb & Gutter
\$290K



Footways
\$2.41M

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE *by category*

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Caravan Parks | \$106k |
| Cemeteries | \$48k |
| Childcare | \$40k |
| Community Support (Various Projects) | \$148k |
| Council Housing | \$50k |
| CWMS | \$65k |
| Depot | \$1.49m |
| Dog Control | \$22k |
| History | \$26k |
| IT Support Services | \$93k |
| Libraries | \$10k |
| Marine Facilities | \$130k |
| Public Conveniences | \$79k |
| Regional Development | \$45k |
| Saleyards | \$138k |
| Swimming Pools | \$62k |
| Waste Management | \$17k |

2020/2021 CAPITAL WORKS *Highlights*



SUSAN WILSON MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND UPGRADE, BEACHPORT \$350,000

With the support of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Stimulus Package the redevelopment of the Susan Wilson Memorial Playground in Beachport was completed in April 2021. This included the replacement of all play equipment and landscaping. In addition the Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions will soon assist Council to upgrade the BBQ area and replace the front fence.

DOMAIN PARKLANDS REDEVELOPMENT \$433,500

Following on from the completion of the nature playground in July 2020 works continued on the implementation of the Master Plan for the Millicent Domain Parklands. This included the removal and replacement of the pedestrian bridge at the Williams Road end of the reserve, replacement of the softfall in the original Playground in the Domain and installation of both the artistic sculptures outside the War Memorial Civic & Arts Centre and preparations for the Marker Statement to be installed on the parkland on the corner of Ridge Terrace and Williams Road. This project is being delivered under the Federal Government's Community Development Grants program.



GLENCOE MEMORIAL WALL \$66,000

This project involved the construction of a Memorial Wall adjacent the existing War Memorial in Glencoe, along with the associated paving and landscaping of the site. The Wall provides an opportunity for Glencoe residents and descendants to commemorate the war widows and their young children, as well as newer settlers whose descendants past and present, make up the local community. This project was also partially funded by the Glencoe Progress Association.

MOUNT BURR SERVICE ROADS \$190,000

Stage 1 works in the upgrade and sealing of service roads 1 & 3 to the township of Mount Burr. Stage 2 which includes service roads 2 & 4 is to be completed in 2021/22.



METHODS of PAYMENT TO COUNCIL

Ratepayers can make arrangements to pay their rates via Direct Debit on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Direct Debit Request Forms are available from Council's Offices or on the website. BPAY is another easy and efficient method of payment when paying your rates. Those choosing this method are reminded that each property has its own unique BPAY number. These numbers need to be used in separate transactions in order to ensure your accounts can be identified and settled correctly.



Ratepayers are also able to access their rates notices electronically through eNotices. For further information on how to sign up for this service please see your rates notice.

REGISTER YOUR DOG *online*

Dog registration details are now maintained on the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) system, a central database of all dogs and cats that reside in South Australia. All dogs must be registered at three months of age and then annually. Recent Dog & Cat Reforms require ALL new generations of dogs and cats, (born after 1st July 2018) to be desexed and ALL dogs & cats to be microchipped.

New registrations, renewals and any changes to registration details can be made at www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au or your nearest Council office. Under South Australian legislation, dog registrations now fall under two simple categories: Standard Dog – a dog that is both desexed and microchipped; and Non-Standard Dog – all other dogs. Wattle Range Council has also chosen to apply discretionary rebates for some concession holders and owners of working dogs. Please refer to Council's Annual Fees and Charges schedule for a list of fees. Online payments can be made by credit card, or VISA/Mastercard debit card. BPAY payments are no longer available.

It is also the responsibility of the dog owner to advise Council if the dog has moved, been sold, given away or if the dog is deceased. This can also be done online or by contacting Council directly. Anyone experiencing issues renewing their registration online is encouraged to call in to their nearest Council office for assistance.



HAVE YOU RECEIVED *your* WASTE DISPOSAL VOUCHERS?

A waste disposal voucher is required at all our Council Waste Transfer Stations and Resource Recovery Centres as well as some form of identification.

Your 2021/22 vouchers have been included with your rates notice. Ratepayers who have lost their vouchers may apply for replacement vouchers by completing the Lost Voucher & New Purchase Request Form and a Statutory Declaration Form available from any of Council's offices or on the website.

Council's waste transfer stations are operated by Veolia and all enquiries should be directed to 08 8724 8121 or email se.operations@veolia.com.

Council has a number of waste initiatives such as our Community Mulch Days. For more information visit www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/wasteinitiatives

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION HOTLINE

Council's kerbside collection service is provided by Cleanaway. For all missed bins, contamination, lost, stolen or damaged bins, please call Cleanaway on 1300 410 896 or email wrc@cleanaway.com.au

For information on bin collection days/times visit www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/kerbsidecollectionservice

Remember to tear off last year's page from the kerbside collection calendar on your fridge to show the current 2021/22 calendar. The calendar has information about the types of waste that can go in each bin and will be valid for another 2 years.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE HAVE YOUR BINS AT THE KERB BY 6AM ON COLLECTION DAY.

STAY INFORMED *with* ANTENNO

Stay connected to your community – get the latest council notices and information from Antenno. Antenno is free to use and will notify you of rubbish and recycling collections, council events and so much more.

COMING SOON! Dog on the loose? Graffiti on a fence? Soon you will be able to report these issues to Council through Antenno also.

Antenno is available for your Council alerts today from the App Store or Google Play.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT *online*

South Australians now have the planning information they need at their fingertips and can access the State's new planning system anytime using their computer, phone or tablet.

ePlanning has taken the planning system online and allows users to:

- lodge development applications and pay development fees
- monitor and track progress of development applications
- receive decision notices electronically
- gain access to searchable and reliable planning information, publications, maps and data
- access the latest planning news and updates
- access planning policy and spatial map information online (SAPPA)
- submit and track Planning and Design Code amendments
- check the online register of accredited planning and building professionals
- find out if you need approval, by entering your property address into PlanSA's Approval Wizard, you can see if approval is required for your proposal and next steps

Visit www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/ to find out more.

Wattle Range Council holds free 'Meet with a Planner' sessions to help residents, business owners and community groups learn more about the Planning and Design Code and the development assessment process.

This service is available all year round, with sessions held regularly at Council's Penola and Beachport Offices, for your convenience. See our website for session dates and times.

