



Annual Business Plan & Annual Budget Financial Year Ending 30 June 2019

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### 1. Introduction

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 ("the Act") each Local Government Authority is required to develop an Annual Business Plan and a Budget for each financial year.

This Annual Business Plan sets out Council's program for the 2018/2019 financial year and aims to deliver the goals and objectives of Council's Strategic Management Plan 'Our 2020 Vision'.

The Annual Business Plan is supported by an annual operating budget for service delivery and asset maintenance, and a capital works budget for the replacement, acquisition or enhancement of assets. The Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget are aimed at satisfying current service requirements and expanding service delivery where possible and affordable, whilst ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the Council to ensure that Council will be able to provide services for current and future generations.

The Annual Business Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act, part of which is to provide the community with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Business Plan using a submission template that is available on Councils website or via email or letter to the Chief Executive Officer.



# 2. Key Strategic Objectives - Strategic Plan

Council's strategic and other long term plans outline the longer-term objectives and priorities for the district. These Plans, together with the Annual Business Plan and Budget, determine the infrastructure needs and services Council will provide, including the costs required to deliver them.

Council's objectives for the district are detailed within Council's Strategic Management Plan, in the form of the Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives, as follows:

# Our 2020 Vision

# **Our Organisation**

A financially sustainable, proactive and responsive customer focused organisation which meets and exceeds the diverse needs and expectations of our stakeholders in an efficient and effective manner.

Through teamwork, co-operation and continuous improvement, and by fostering creativity and developing our valued employees, we will grasp the challenges and capture the opportunities for the benefit of all, to ensure our respected position at the leading edge of our industry is maintained.

### **Our Council**

A dynamic, skilled and representative elected body respected and recognised at the local, regional, state and national levels for its advocacy and positive leadership of all sectors of its Communities, with a strategic focus on policy and effective decision making.

### **Our Communities**

With enviable facilities and services, growing populations and thriving and sustainable economies, our vibrant and diverse Communities are safe, secure, friendly and welcoming to all. Community spirit, co-operation and a sense of belonging are fostered by our determined, hardworking people with positive vision and initiative to make our Communities exceptional places to live, visit, work and do business.



### **Our Mission**

Council will accept the challenges of, and excel in the provision of, Local Government services to our district, enhancing and preserving the unique character of our communities, maintaining a safe and secure environment for our residents, whilst retaining and promoting the quality lifestyle and amenity of country living. Council will continually promote open communication, accountability, and efficient and effective leadership, governance and service delivery by:

- acting as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker;
- providing and coordinating services, facilities and programs that are adequate, appropriate and equitably accessed;
- developing the Community, its resources and its infrastructure in a socially just and sustainable manner;
- ensuring that Council resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently;
- encouraging and developing initiatives within the Community for improving the quality of life and amenity of the Community;
- managing, developing and protecting the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner;
- planning at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of the Community;
- promoting the area and providing an attractive climate and location for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- ensuring a proper balance between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations within the Community;
- developing its capacity and professionalism to undertake a growing range of leadership, advocacy and service delivery challenges; and
- exercising, performing and discharging the power, functions and duties of the Local Government Act 1999 and other relevant legislation.

### **Our Values**

As a results oriented organisation, Council is committed to its core values of:

- pro-active and effective communication
- honesty and transparency
- accepting and pursuing challenges
- creative, positive and energetic workforce and leadership



### Governance

### Respected, Responsive, Open and Effective Leadership

With visionary, respected and strong leadership, Council will be in a position to successfully develop constructive partnerships with other levels of government and our communities, to ensure our aspirations are met and our futures are secured.

### Administration and Finance

### Accountable, Secure and Sustainable Organisation

It is Council's responsibility to represent the interests of its ratepayers and residents and to efficiently and effectively provide a range of services and facilities. An adequately financed organisation with skilled and qualified employees is required to undertake these duties, over a variety of time periods. It is equally important that Council delivers "best value" to ratepayers and to other levels of government. It is in the interests of our communities that Council not only be well resourced and financially sustainable in the long term, but that it is continually accountable to all stakeholders.

# Economic and Tourism development

### **Growing Prosperity**

Our residents and ratepayers enjoy and expect ongoing access to a high level of facilities and services in their communities and high standards of living. For this to continue we require growth in the local and regional economies, jobs and populations.

# Lifestyle and Innovation

### **Building Communities and Fostering Creativity**

To survive, compete and grow in the modern world we require creative and entrepreneurial people, businesses and communities. With new people, new jobs, new ideas and new enthusiasm our communities will be well placed to "get through the tough times" and stake claims as desirable residential, work and holiday locations.

### **Built and Natural Environment**

### **Attaining Sustainability**

There is strong evidence, now accepted by the broader community, that mankind's population growth, industrial expansion and resources use is contributing to climate change and will ultimately make the planet an unfriendly environment for us. We have a duty as custodians for future generations to ensure our environments are healthy and our ways of life are sustainable. We must alter our activities to stop further damage to the environment, and adjust our behaviours and lifestyles accordingly.

# Infrastructure and Assets

### **Developing the Foundation for Our Future**

A range of reliable infrastructure is required to cater for the current and future transportation, communication, water, electricity and quality of life needs of our residents, businesses and communities. We acknowledge that Council has a leadership role in encouraging the adoption of alternative technologies and sharing of facilities and resources, to deliver infrastructure and services in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner.

# Public Health, Order and Safety

### **Improving Wellbeing**

Members of our District highly value the fact that their communities have low crime rates; they have a good range of essential and emergency services; lifestyles are healthy with high participation rates in sport and ready access to attractive natural environments; they have numerous opportunities for socialising; and they can rely on neighbours and friends in times of need. It is important that these lifestyle advantages are maintained by continuing to provide a safe and healthy local environment.

# 3. Financial Sustainability/Financial Performance Measures

Amendments to the Local Government Act 1999 (the 'Act') in 2005 combined with an independent review initiated by the Local Government Association into the long term financial sustainability of South Australian councils clearly indicated that there was a need for councils to take a longer view into their financial planning and sustainability in working towards their goals. In 2018/2019 Council will review and update its Long-Term Financial Plan, Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans, and Strategic Plan.

Council is committed to ensuring its long term financial sustainability. Council's financial sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, its expenses are at least matched by its revenue. In addition, capital expenditure on existing infrastructure and other assets will be optimised in accordance with the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans.

Regulation 7 (Budgets) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 directs at 7(d) that pursuant to section 123(10)(b) of the Act, each budget of a council under the Act must include estimates with respect to the council's operating surplus ratio, net financial liabilities ratio and asset sustainability ratio presented in a manner consistent with the notes in the Model Financial Statements entitled Financial Indicators.

# 3.1 Operating Surplus Ratio

The Operating Surplus Ratio expresses the operating surplus (deficit) as a percentage of total operating income. Council is aiming to make a small percentage surplus for the year ending 30 June 2019 of 2.8% (i.e. a slightly better than breakeven result). This result arises because operating revenue is budgeted to be \$209k more than Council's operating expenses for the year.

### 3.2 Net Financial Liabilities & Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities is a comprehensive measure of the indebtedness of the Council as it includes items such as employee long-service leave entitlements and other amounts payable as well as taking account of the level of Council's available cash and investments. Specifically, Net Financial Liabilities equals total liabilities less financial assets, where financial assets for this purpose are current cash and cash equivalents, current trade and other receivables, current other financial assets and non-current financial assets, but excludes equity held in Council businesses.

The Net Liabilities Ratio is calculated by expressing the net liabilities at the end of the year as a percentage of operating income for the year. The following table sets out revised estimates as at 30 June 2019.

	Estimated 30 June 2019
	\$000
Total Liabilities	\$2,756
Less Total Financial Assets	\$2,442
<b>Net Financial Liabilities</b>	\$314
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$7,538
<b>Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>	4%

The local government sector wide results for this financial indicator usually fall between 0% and 100%. A Net Financial Liabilities of \$314k and a Net Financial Liabilities Ratio of 4% indicates that Council has sufficient capacity to continue its operational and capital expenditure programs.

### 3.3 Asset Sustainability Ratio

The Asset Sustainability Ratio indicates whether the Council is renewing or replacing existing non-financial assets at the same rate as its overall stock of assets is wearing out. The ratio is calculated by measuring capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of assets relative to its Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP). Council is aiming to attain a result of 100% for the year ending 30 June 2019. As outlined in the graph below Council continues to ensure that asset renewal expenditure is equal or above the Industry Standard.

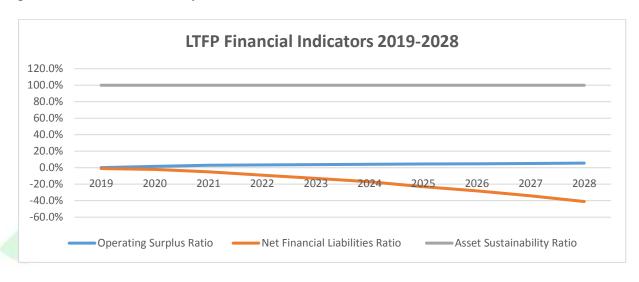


### 3.4 Overall Assessment of Councils Financial Sustainability (based on ratios above)

The above ratios indicate that the Annual Business Plan and the associated Budget that underpins it, is financially sustainable over the following 12 months.

The operating surplus indicates that Council is covering the cost of its operating activities from its operating revenue. The Asset Sustainability Ratio of 100% shows Council is replacing its assets in accordance with its IAMP. The Net Financial Liabilities Ratio of 4% shows Council has the ability to meet its financial obligations and also a capacity to meet unforeseen circumstances.

The graph below outlines the Council's current Long Term Financial Plan Financial Indicator predictions for the next 10 year.



# 4. Significant Influences and Priorities

A number of significant factors have influenced the preparation of the Council's 2018/2019 Annual Business Plan. These include:

- Long Term Financial Plan aimed at ensuring Council's sustainability;
- Asset Management Plans for all Council assets, aimed to maintain and improve infrastructure
  assets to acceptable standards, including buildings, roads, footpaths, storm water drainage and
  community wastewater management systems;
- Increases in the Solid Waste Levy and other State Government charges;
- Increases in recycling costs due to China's 'National Sword' policy;
- Rubble Royalties imposed by State Government;
- The Federal Government's decision to freeze the indexation on the local government Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for 3 financial years from 2014/2015 has meant the loss of around \$60k to Council per annum. The loss has compounded each year and set a net lower base in 2018/2019;
- Commitments to continuing projects and partnership initiatives over more than one year, including, Flinders Mobile Library, Northern Passenger Transport Network and StarClub;
- Consumer Price Index increases on existing goods and services;
- Enterprise Bargaining Agreement wage increases;
- Provision of sufficiently qualified experienced and trained staff to meet service delivery demands:
- Increased burdens on Councils administration including but not limited to increased Legislative compliance requirements, government reporting and Essential Services Commission of SA [ESCOSA] reporting requirements risk management, Work Health and Safety;
- State Government cost shifting to local government in many areas;
- The costs of maintaining Crown Land and infrastructure;
- The ongoing impact of storm and flood damage (2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2016/2017 & 2017/2018).



# 5. Continuing Services

All councils have basic responsibilities under the Act and other relevant legislation. These include:

- numerous regulatory activities (increasing each year)
- supporting the elected Council;
- setting rates, preparing an annual business plan and budget, and determining longer-term strategic management plans for the area;
- management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, public open spaces;
- street lighting and storm-water drainage;
- street cleaning, rubbish collection, recycling and waste management;
- development planning and control, including building safety assessment;
- various environmental and public health services.

Council also provides, performs or contributes to a range of additional services and programs in response to community needs, including (but not restricted to):

Mobile Library Service	Asset Management
Cemeteries	Animal and Plant Control
Booleroo Centre Airstrip	Walking and Riding Trails and Rail Trails
Melrose Licenced Post Office	Parking
Community Wastewater Mgt Schemes x 4	Playgrounds
Community Bus	Property Searches
Community Development	Public Toilets
Community Grants	Medical Facility
Community Engagement and Information	Recreation and Sporting Facilities
Community Passenger Transport	Road Construction and Maintenance
Community Halls and public venues	Leases
Abandoned Vehicles	StarClub Program
Council Newsletters	Rural Road Signs and Property Numbering
Customer Service	Urban Street Signs and Property Numbering
Caravan Parks	Street Trees and Gardens
Dog and Cat Management	Swimming Pool (Public)
Economic Development	Tourist and historical sites
Fire Prevention	Traffic Control
Food Act Administration	Waste Management Transfer Stations
Health Act Administration	Willowie Landfill Management
Safe Drinking Water Act Administration	Jetty Management
Safe Food Handling Training	Waste Collection
Drum Muster	Recycling Collection
Desludging Programs	Council Website
Environmental Health	Council Facebook Page
Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act	Kerbing Watertable Footpaths Floodways
Building Approvals	Tourism information and promotion
Planning Approvals	Weeroona Island Water Supply
Boat Launching Facility	Regional Development
Tidy Towns	Coastal Protection
Immunisation	Citizenship Ceremonies
Nuisance and Noise Administration	Council Newsletter and Information

# 6. Capital Expenditure - Project Priorities for the 2018/2019

CAPITAL EXPENSES - EXISTING ASSETS
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PROJECT	DETAIL	\$
Office Equipment E		
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings Main Office Photocopier	Replacement	\$8,000
Total Office Equipment, Furniture &	replacement	ψο,σσσ
Fittings		\$8,000
Buildings		
Main Office	Painting & Carpet	\$30,000
Caravan Park Melrose	Re-Investment Upgrades	\$80,000
Swimming Pool	Pool Painting, Changeroom Upgrade & Solar Power	\$24,000
Melrose Depot	Demolish House	\$40,000
Total Buildings		\$174,000
Plant & Equipment		
NPTN - 2 x Vehicles	Replacements	\$45,000
Single Cab 3-Way Tipper (Second Hand)	Replacement	\$65,000
Duel Cab Tipper (Second Hand)	Replacement	\$45,000
Track Skid Steer	Replacement	\$60,000
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>		\$215,000
Poods Catagory 1 2 & 3 (Pashaoting)		
Roads - Category 1, 2 & 3 (Resheeting) Amyton Road	East of Carling Road to Bury Road	\$41,250
Gladstone Road	From Appila Laura Road to Boundary	\$49,500
Middle Track	Days Eggs to Pole Road	\$82,500
Rosslyn Road	From Archie Road to Dustbowl Road	\$27,500
Alexis Road	From Acacia Road to Peppermint Box Road	\$20,000
Coonatto Rd	From Horrocks Highway	\$20,000
Gunyah Road	North of Homestead Road	\$20,000
Mahood Road	From Borgas to Wirrabara Appila Road	\$40,000
Millers Road	Widen and Resheet 1.6km	\$50,000
Noel Smith Drive	Augusta Highway to Middle Track	\$60,000
Tarcowie Road	3km from White Cliffs Road & last 1km to boundary From Horrocks Highway for 2km	\$80,000
Wegner Road Whim Road	1km East from Collins Road	\$56,000 \$20,000
Willochra Road	From Whim Road to McCallum Road	\$58,000
Willochra Road	From Cowin Road to Reichstein Road	\$54,000
Arthur Road	From Girdham Road to Clarke Road	\$24,000
Scenic Drive North	From Broad Creek Road to Jenkins Road	\$20,000
Road Rubble - Resheeting Various Roads		\$160,000
Roads, Kerbing & Footpaths		
Footpaths - Resurfacing	Major Towns	\$60,000
Searle Street, Melrose (Nott Street to Mount	•	
Street)	Seal 120m Verge x 3m (one side only)	\$25,200
Casuarina Street, Wirrabara (Redgum Street		
to Forest Road)	Seal 80m Road Verge x 2m (both sides)	\$22,400
White Well Road, Booleroo	Reseal 100m road x 8m	\$56,000
Perroomba Road  Total Boods (inc Cotagony 1, 2, 8, 3) Worthi	Landfill Corner - drainage	\$15,000 \$1,061,350
Total Roads (inc Category 1, 2 & 3), Kerbin	ng and Footpaths	\$1,061,350
Infrastructure		<b>#40.00</b>
Booleroo Airstrip	Cones and Gables	\$10,000
Wilmington Cemetery Niche Wall Wilmington to Melrose Rail Trail	Upgrade Continue Resurfacing	\$2,500 \$30,000
Total Infrastructure	Continue resurracing	\$42,500
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES - EXISTIN	NG	\$1,500,850
ASSETS		¥ 2,0 00,000

### **CAPITAL EXPENSES - NEW ASSETS**

PROJECT	DETAILS	\$
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings Photocopier Depot		\$2,000
Total Office Equipment, Furniture &		\$2,000
ittings		\$2,000
Buildings		
Virrabara Playground	New Shade Shelter	\$35,000
Caravan Park Port Germein	New Ablution Block	\$50,000
otal Buildings		\$85,000
Plant & Equipment		
Vater Trailer	Road Repair Operations	\$50,000
tump Grinder		\$15,000
Cotal Plant & Equipment		\$65,000
Roads, Kerbing & Footpaths	Construct & Coal House	\$254 OOG
Booleroo Road (Harris Hill) Church Street, Melrose	Construct & Seal 1km Construct & Seal 120m	\$354,000 \$55,000
Ounn Street (Holthouse Street to Angus	Construct & Sear 120m	\$55,000
treet), Wilmington	Construct & Seal 400m x 2mW	\$60,000
Calvary Drive (Bitumen to Anzac Reserve),	Construct & Seal & Guttering (Drainage Plan)	+ ,
Veeroona Island	140m	\$82,000
ort Germein Foreshore (South of Good		
hed)	Construct & Seal 110m x 10mW & Spoon Drain	\$95,000
Callistemon Street, Wirrabara (North	G	<b>477</b> 000
Cerrace - Kurrajong Street)	Construct & Seal 120m	\$55,000
otal Road, Kerbing and Footpaths		\$701,000
nfrastructure Alexis Road, Wilmington	Concrete Floodway 12m	\$45,000
Gogler Road, Wilmington	Concrete Floodway 8m	\$25,000
Vilmington Tennis Court Drainage	Drainage and Swale Works	\$15,000
Fluff Road	Bluff Road, Go Cart Track & Lookout	\$434,000
Gunyah Road	Culvert	\$5,000
Murray Town (Adjacent Rosslyn Road)	Concrete Swale & Drainage	\$5,000
New Boundary Signs	New Logo	\$5,000
Vilmington Drainage (Horrocks Highway)	Bowls Club to Bridge	\$25,000
Vilmington Golf Club	Concrete Pad & Drainage	\$15,000
Vilmington Main Street	Main Street Plan	\$280,000
Total Infrastructure		\$854,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES - NEW ASSETS		\$1,707,000
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TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES - NEW &	EXISTING	\$3,207,850

# 7. Non-Financial Performance Measures

# **7.1 Targets and Outcomes - 2017/2018 Measures**

The following table shows the 2017/2018 non-financial performance measure targets and outcomes for the financial year ending 30 June 2018:

Target Measure	Outcome
Update and Monitor the Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans	Completed
Continue the ongoing review of Council policies and procedures	Continued. All mandatory policies in place and scheduled reviews of all policies on track
Continue the Rebranding of the Council and the promotion of "Remarkable Experience"	Website and Promotional material under development
Continue Council's Monthly Newsletter, Facebook posts and Website updates for public communication	Continued
Review Council's Strategic Management Plan	Continued
Resheet 15.1kms of category 1 unsealed roads	15.3km on schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018:
	•3.9km Wirrabara Appila Road (Horrocks Highway to Greyhound Track Road)
	• 3.5km Booleroo Road (Willowie to Greig Road)
	• 3.3km Charcoal Road (Horrocks Highway to Lynch Road)
	• 2.8km Piggott Road (to Mount View Road)
	• 1.8km Amyton Road (Pengilly Road to Creek Crossing)
Resheet 23.4kms category 2 unsealed roads	23.4kms Completed:
	<ul> <li>5km Yandiah Road (Creek to Snake Gully Road)</li> <li>Baroota Road (Augusta Highway to Cattle Track)</li> <li>Sweets Road (Appila Road to Arwakurra Road)</li> <li>Carey Road (Spring Creek to Mulberry Road)</li> <li>Peroomba Road (Closed Landfill to Bastian Road)</li> <li>McCallum Road (Piggott Road to RPA 2157)</li> <li>Reichstein Road (Arthur to Bishop Road)</li> </ul>
Pachaet 1 7kms astagemy 2 unsaeled reads	Windy Plains Road (McCallum Road to resheet)  1 7/rms on schodule to be completed by 20 June
Resheet 1.7kms category 3 unsealed roads	1.7kms on schedule to be completed by 30 June 2018:
	Yapoona Road (From Gunyah Road west)
Road Rubble - Operations	Fully utilised in operational works to patch numerous roads throughout the district.
Finalise 2016/17 flood damage works	On schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018
Construct and Seal roads in Melrose, Port Germein, Wilmington and Wirrabara	Completed

Upgrade Drainage in Wilmington, Wirrabara, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and 3 x Rural Roads	Completed
Install Culverts and/or Kerbing in Melrose, Booleroo Centre	Completed
Reseal in Booleroo and verges on Wirrabara/Laura Road	Completed
Undertake drainage works in Wilmington Cemetery	Completed
Replace shelter at Wirrabara Cemetery	On schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018
Install a new Niche Garden in Port Germein Cemetery	On schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018
Carry out footpath refurbishment in Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Wilmington, Wirrabara and Port Germein	On schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018
Commence Phase 4 works on the Wilmington to Melrose Rail Trail	Completed
Continue Playground Upgrades	Completed
Continue Public Amenities Upgrade	Completed
Complete closure of old Landfills	Melrose Landfill Capped and Closed
	Wilmington Landfill capping- on schedule to be Completed by 30 June 2018
Melrose Council Office Amenities Upgrade	Continuing
Relocate part of, and upgrade Walking Trail on Weeroona Island	Completed
Continue the Community Assistance Grants	Continued
Continue Membership with the Regional Development Board	Continued
Provide and subsidise Rural Doctors consulting rooms in Wilmington and Wirrabara	Continued
Provide Annual School Awards	Continued
Continue membership to the Flinders Mobile Library	Continued
Work with agencies for the continuance of the Northern Passenger Transport Network	Continued - Funding secured for a further 2 years until June 2020
Facilitate Annual Australia Day Awards	Completed
Continue to be an active member in the Legatus Group	Continued
Continue support for StarClub Program	Continued
Continue the Leases of Community and Sporting Facilities	Continued
Continue to Encourage Growth or New Businesses within the region	Continued
Investigate the construction of Rail Trail between Wirrabara and Melrose along the rail corridor.	Council was successful in a grant to conduct a feasibility study for the Rail Trail, and obtained a formal licence for use of the land.

Continue to investigate a Wirrabara Cabin, Camping and Caravan Park	3 Options investigated. On hold
Continue works to develop the Bluff Lookout	Council obtained a grant to partially fund the development of Bluff Road, Go-Kart Track and build a lookout. Works commenced.
Continue working with DEWNR and other parties to progress 'Around the Mount' bike trail concept	



### 7.2 Targets and Outcomes - 2018/2019 Measures

The following non-financial performance measures for the 2018/2019 financial year are linked to *Our 2020 Vision*, District Council of Mount Remarkable Strategic Management Plan 2008 - 2020, namely:

- Review Council's Strategic Management Plan
- Coordinate the Local Government Elections
- Continue the ongoing review of Council policies and procedures
- Continue the Rebranding of the Council and the promotion of "Remarkable Experience"
- Continue Council's Monthly Newsletter, Facebook posts and Website updates for public communication
- Resheet 7.3 kms of category 1 unsealed roads
- Resheet 24.2 kms category 2 unsealed roads
- Resheet 1.2 kms category 3 unsealed roads
- Partial re-sheeting (patching) of various roads
- Construct and Seal roads in Melrose, Wilmington, Weeroona Island, Port Germein, Wirrabara and Harris' Hill
- Reseal roads in Melrose, Wirrabara and Booleroo Centre
- Install Floodways at Wilmington
- Undertake drainage works in Wilmington and Murray Town
- Upgrade the Niche Wall area at Wilmington Cemetery
- Complete the Bluff Lookout at Wirrabara
- Complete works to Wilmington Main Street Upgrade
- Carry out footpath refurbishment in Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Wilmington, Wirrabara and Port Germein
- Continue works on the Wilmington to Melrose Rail Trail
- Complete the 4 yearly CWMS desludging program
- Investigate suitable Rubble Pits throughout the District for Resheeting of Roads
- Continue the Community Assistance Grants
- Continue Membership with the Regional Development Board
- Provide and subsidise Rural Doctors consulting rooms in Wilmington and Wirrabara
- Provide Annual School Awards
- Continue membership to the Flinders Mobile Library
- Work with agencies for the continuance of the Northern Passenger Transport Network
- Facilitate Annual Australia Day Awards
- Continue to be an active member in the Legatus Group
- Continue support for StarClub Program
- Continue the Leases of Community and Sporting Facilities
- Continue to Encourage Growth or New Businesses within the region
- Continue to work with the LGA for a new CWMS scheme for Port Germein and upgrade of the Wilmington CWMS

# 8. Grant Funding

Local Government receives three types of grant funding, namely:

### **General Purpose & Local Roads Financial Assistance Grants (Federal)**

Council has complete discretion as to expenditure of funds received.

Council's 2018/2019 budget assumes that four quarterly instalments of Federal Government Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) (both general purpose and local roads components), will be received during 2018/2019.

### **Specific Purpose Grants**

These are to be spent on specific projects or programs. In Council's case include:

DCSI/HACC	\$194k
Places for People – Wilmington Main Street	\$140k

### **Roads to Recovery & Financial Assistance Grants (Federal)**

Whilst funds received are to be spent on road projects, Council has complete discretion on whether such spending is on maintaining, renewing or upgrading roads.

Expected Grant Funding	Amount
General Purpose (Grants Commission)	\$1,653k
Local Roads (Grants Commission)	\$372k
Supplementary Local Road Funding	\$182k
Roads to Recovery	\$258k
<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	\$2,465k

# 9. Funding the Business Plan

An operating surplus of \$209k is being targeted in 2018/2019. The operating surplus measures the difference between operating revenue and expenses for the period. The Council's long-term financial sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, its expenses are less than its revenue.

Council's revenue in 2018/2019 includes \$3.7M to be raised from general rates and service charges. This is based on an increase of 5%. There is little forecast growth expected for the region accordingly no increases to rates revenue has been factored in for growth. Other sources of revenue for the Council are:

- User Charges and Commercial Revenue
- Statutory Charges set by State Government
- Grants and subsidies
- Investment Income
- Other Revenue

# Investment Reimbursements Other income income Grants, subsidies and contributions Rates Statutory charges

### 10. Uniform Presentation of Council Finances

The Uniform Presentation of Council Finances together with the results of the Key Financial Indicators provides a summarised report that focuses on Council's finances at a strategic level.

The Summary of Financial Position report highlights the operating surplus (deficit) measure which is considered the most critical indicator of a Council's financial performance. The result of this report is the movement in Net Financial Liabilities (Net Lending / Borrowing) for the year based on Council's planned capital and operating budgets for that year. Achieving a zero result on the net lending / (borrowing) measure in any one year essentially means that the Council has met all of its expenditure (both operating and capital) from the current year's income (with income including amounts received specifically for new / upgraded assets).

	Budget Review #2 y.e. 30 June 2018	Budget y.e 30 June 2019	LTFP
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
Section 1: Operating Revenue	6,703	7,538	7,134
less Operating Expense	(7,139)	(7,329)	(7,128)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	-436	209	6
Section 2: less Net Outlays on Existing Assets			
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	2,376	1,501	1,500
less Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	(2,140)	(2,161)	(2,161)
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	(125)	(80)	(80)
less Total Net Outlays on Existing Assets	111	(740)	(741)
Section 3: less Net Outlays on New &	1,492	1,707	1,068
Upgraded Assets less Amounts specifically for new or upgraded Assets	(890)	(140)	(140)
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	0	0	0
	602	1,567	928
Section 4:			
Net Lending/ (Borrowing) for Financial year	(1,149)	(618)	(181)

The above data indicates that Council will invest \$668k to enable completion of major projects whilst maintaining Council sustainability for future activities and projects. A full explanation of the 2018/19 financial year components to the Uniform Presentation of Finances is contained in Appendix A.

# 11. Rating Arrangements 2018/2019

### 11.1 Business Impact

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area, including Primary Production. In considering the impact, Council assessed the following matters:

- those elements of the Council's Strategic Management Plan relating to business development;
- the equity of the distribution of the rate burden by rating using one rate in the dollar against capital value;
- Council's policy on facilitating local economic development through its financial support to the Regional Development Australia Board, who employ a small business advisor;
- assisting tourism product development;
- rebates of rates given to certain businesses where Council considered rates levied were beyond the capacity of those businesses to pay;
- specific projects that have principally provided benefit to the primary producers included;
- a continuing proactive effort in promoting the Single Farm Enterprise benefit which has reduced the rate burden on primary production enterprises;
- continuation of the CWMS implementation program which will assist both residential and business land uses to dispose of waste water. These Schemes will have a largely beneficial use to high water usage businesses e.g. Hotels, Caravan Parks and other accommodation facilities.
- Increased Regulatory Requirements and Legislative compliance.

### 11.2 Method Used to Value Land

Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area;

- Capital Value the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land.
- Site Value the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity of use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- Annual Value a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

Council conducted a review of its basis of rating to ensure that the rating methodology it applies generates equitable outcomes for all classes of ratepayers. The review focussed on what share of total rate revenue will be collected from different types of properties (for example commercial, industrial, primary production and residential) and of different relative values (high or low). Council adopts:

- Capital value based rating;
- Using land use Council-wide as the basis of differential rating;
- Maintaining a fixed charge when implementing changes to the basis of rating; and
- Using a common rate for all properties Council-wide.

### 11.3 Adoption of Valuations

Council is proposing to adopt the valuations made by the Valuer-General. If landowners are dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then they may object to the Valuer-General in writing, within 60 days of receiving notice of the valuation on their rate notice, explaining the basis for the objection, provided they have not:

- (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or
- (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General.

The contact details for the State Valuation Office are:

State Valuation Office

**GPO Box 1354** 

**ADELAIDE SA 5001** 

Email: lsg.objections@sa.gov.au or Telephone: 1300 653 345

The Council has no role in this process. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

### 11.4 General Rates

All land within a Council area, except for land within a specific exemption (eg. Crown land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in Section 147 of the Act), is rateable. The Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate which applies to all rateable properties. For the 2018/2019 financial year, Council is raising general rate and service charge revenue of \$3.7M.

### 11.4.1 Fixed Charge

The Council is proposing to continue to impose a fixed charge system, rather than a minimum rate. This financial year the fixed charge will be \$319.10. This fixed charge is levied uniformly on all non-contiguous assessments, unless the principal ratepayer has applied for and been granted the benefit of a Single Farm Enterprise. In this instance, only one fixed charge is applied to that Farm Enterprise. The fixed charge is levied against the whole of an allotment (including land under a separate lease or licence) and only one fixed charge is levied against two or more pieces of adjoining land (whether intercepted by a road or not) if they are owned by the same owner and occupied by the same occupier.

The reasons for imposing a fixed charge are:

- the Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a reasonable base contribution to the cost of administering the Council's activities;
- the Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property;
- the fixed charge system has a lesser proportionate impact on lower income earners than a minimum rate system;
- the fixed charge system is more readily understandable than a minimum rate system.

### 11.4.2 Differential General Rates

The differential general rates pursuant to Section 156(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 is to be declared by Council as 0.3304 cents in the dollar for the 2018/2019 financial year.

### 11.5 Separate Rates

Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy (N.B. This is a State Government Levy) Councils are required, by the State Government, to collect an amount specified as the Northern & Yorke NRM Levy on all rateable land. Collection occurs on behalf of the State Government via the Northern & Yorke NRM Board, which uses the funds to manage natural resources.

Please Note: Council objects strongly to the NRM Levy being shown on the Council Rates Notice as if it is part of council rates; it is not a Council levy. Rises in the NRM Levy are not rises imposed by Council yet they inflate the bottom line on your rates notice. The Local Government Association General Meeting in April 2016 passed a motion objecting to the collection of the NRM Levy by councils and to lobby the State Government to get this State NRM Levy as a separate notice to the community.

The Northern & Yorke NRM Board has declared a total contribution of \$118,083 is to be raised by Council from this area in the 2018/19 financial year. This will mean the rate in the dollar for NRM Levy for the 2018/2019 financial year will be .0266 cents in the dollar. The NRM Levy in 2017/2018 was 0.0269 cents in the dollar.

Any queries relating to the NRM Levy should be directed to the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board, Unit 2/17 Lennon Street Clare SA 5453, Phone: (08) 8841 3400 email: DEWNR.NYNRBoard@sa.gov.au, web www.nynrm.sa.gov.au.

### 11.6 Service Charges

The Council continues to raise revenue by means of service charges because of:

- the concept of user pays;
- the nature of the service:
- the cost to operate and maintain the service;
- the capital cost to establish the service;
- the cost to improve or replace the service;
- recognition that the value of a property is likely to be enhanced by the availability of the service, whether or not the service is actually being used.

Properties rebated from payment of general rates in part or in full, are not provided with a rebate on these service charges.

### 11.6.1 Community Wastewater Management Schemes

The Council provides a Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) to all residential, commercial and vacant properties in Wilmington, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Wirrabara. The Council will recover the cost of servicing the construction loans, operating and maintaining these services for this financial year through the imposition of service charges for each occupied property unit and for each vacant allotment of \$512.25 in the 2018/2019 financial year.

The charges were increased to the current levels over a period of time to comply with a sustainable pricing regime being promoted by the State Government and the Local Government Association. A move in this direction will ensure that the current Schemes, together with any future Schemes, receive appropriate State Government financial assistance and are sustainable financially in the longer term.

There will be a septic or sullage tank desludging program undertaken on all CWMS properties in the 2018/2019 financial year. The cost will be 'user pays' and determined by the tendered amount.

### 11.6.2 Waste Management

In the 2018/2019 financial year, Council will continue to provide a weekly kerbside waste collection service and fortnightly recycling collection to townships in the Council area and to the rural residential properties abutting the collection route.

The cost to operate these services is beyond Council's ability to absorb in general revenue and it would not be equitable to all ratepayers for them to do so. Council will therefore continue to recover the cost of these services through the imposition of a service charge of \$242.45 for the collection and disposal of domestic waste and of recycling. The service charge will apply to all occupied properties that have access to the service, regardless of whether or not the service is utilised. The exception is vacant land.

Where the service is available to non-rateable land, the charge is levied against that land. Where the service is made available after the declaration of rates, Section 188 of the Act permits Council to apply the charge pro rata against the remaining period of the financial year.

### 11.6.3 Weeroona Island Water Supply

The cost to operate the Weeroona Island Water Supply is beyond Council's ability to absorb in general revenue and it would not be equitable to all ratepayers for them to do so. Pursuant to Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council will recover the cost of operating and maintaining this services for this financial year through the imposition of an annual service charge and a supply charge per kilolitre of water supplied as set out in the South Australian Water Corporation Fees and Charges Schedule 2018/2019 when released (in 2017/2018 this was \$292.40 service charge and \$3.584 per kilolitre respectively). These service charges also apply to non-rateable land to which the service is made available within the area of Weeroona Island.

### 11.6.4 Road Rental

Persons wishing to rent a road pursuant to Section 222 of the Act, will be imposed a rate of 0.01 cents in the dollar of the road's estimated value for the 2018/2019 financial year.

### 11.7 Rate Concessions

CWMS and Water Supply concessions will be determined by State Government.

### 11.8 Quarterly Payment of Rates

The Act provides that rates are payable in four quarterly instalments. The quarterly instalments must be approximately equal in value and a rate notice in relation to each instalment must be sent at least 30 days and no more than 60 days before payment is due. The due dates for instalments for 2018/2019 are:

- 28 September 2018;
- 13 December 2018;
- 28 March 2019;
- 13 June 2019.

### 11.9 Methods by Which Rates May Be Paid

Council continues to provide a wide variety of payment methods, including:

• Direct Debit: Account Name: The District Council of Mount Remarkable

Account BSB: 105-091 Number: 020809040

• BPay: Biller Code 2253

• Post: PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483

• In person at the office of the Council on 3 Stuart Street Melrose between the hours of am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Council also has EFTPOS facilities available.

• Centrepay - (555012845S).

### 11.10 Postponement of Rates for Seniors

Section 182A of the Act allows eligible Senior Ratepayers to postpone a proportion of their Council rates each financial year commencing in 2007/2008 (there is a threshold amount of rates which cannot be postponed). The outstanding rates remain a charge on the property until it is sold or the Senior person no longer lives on the property or becomes ineligible to continue the postponement. For further information, please contact the Rates Officer at the Council office.

### 11.11 Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 provides that Councils impose a fine penalty of 2.0 % on any payment of rates that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate on the expiration of each month that it continues to be late. For each financial year this interest rate is determined by the Local Government Association Cash Advance Debenture Rate.

Council issues a final notice for payment of rates when rates are overdue i.e. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid more than 30 days after the due date, unless alternative payment arrangements have been agreed with the Council, the debt may be referred to a debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees to the ratepayer.

When Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates, it applies the money received as follows:

- first to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
- second to satisfy any interest costs;
- third in payment of any fines imposed;
- fourth in payment of rates, in chronological order, starting with the oldest account first.

### 11.12 Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section 182 of the Act permits the Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or postpone rates, make extended payment provisions or payments by deferred arrangement, on the basis of demonstrable hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to contact the Chief Executive Officer at the Council Office on (08) 8666 2014 to discuss the matter. All such inquiries are treated confidentially.

### 11.13 Rebate of Rates

Rebates and remissions are a concession granted by the Council and the granting of such rebates redistribute the rate burden to other ratepayers, irrespective of whether the rebates are mandated by legislation or granted on a discretionary basis by the Council.

### 11.13.1 Mandatory Rebates

The Local Government Act 1999 requires Councils to rebate the rates payable for certain land uses. These include rebates of 100% for land being predominantly used for service delivery or administration by a hospital or health centre; containing a church or other building used for public worship; used for a cemetery.

The Recreational Grounds Rates and Taxes Exemption Act 1981 also provides for rebates on land and various other legislation makes provision for rate rebates, for example the National Trust Act; and the Native Vegetation Act.

### 11.13.2 Discretionary Rebates

Pursuant to Section 166 of the Act, the Council may in its absolute discretion grant a rebate of rates or service charges in any of the following cases:

- where it is desirable for the purpose of securing the proper development of the area (or a part of the area);
- where it is desirable for the purpose of assisting or supporting a business in its area;
- where it will be conducive to the preservation of buildings or places of historic significance;
- where the land is being used for educational purposes;
- where the land is being used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural exhibitions;
- where the land is being used for a hospital or health centre;
- where the land is being used to provide facilities or services for children or young persons;
- where the land is being used to provide accommodation for the aged or disabled;
- where the land is being used for a residential aged care facility that is approved for Commonwealth funding under the Aged Care Act 1987 (Commonwealth) or a day therapy centre;
- where the land is being used by an organisation which, in the opinion of the Council, provides a benefit or service to the local community;
- where the rebate relates to common property or land vested in a community corporation under the Community Titles Act over which the public has a free and unrestricted right of access and enjoyment;
- where the rebate is considered by the Council to be appropriate to provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates payable due to a change in the basis of valuation used for the purposes of rating, rapid changes in valuations, or anomalies in valuations;
- where the rebate is considered by the council to be appropriate to provide relief in order to avoid what would otherwise constitute a liability to pay a rate or charge that is inconsistent with the liabilities that were anticipated by the council in its annual business plan; or a liability that is unfair or unreasonable;
- where the rebate is to give effect to a review of a decision of the council under Chapter 13 Part 2;
- where the rebate is contemplated under another provision of this Act.

In exercising this general power, Council is able to pursue policy objectives and provide assistance to local community groups as well as local businesses and residential use landowners experiencing above normal increases in rates that result from property valuation 'spikes'.

### 11.14 Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates

The Act provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of the land of:

- its intention to sell the land;
- details of the outstanding amounts;
- Council's intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, Council enforces the sale of land for arrears of rates.

# **Appendix A - Statutory Statements**

# District Council of Mount Remarkable Statement of Comprehensive Income Budget for Year Ending 30 June 2019

	Budget Review #2 y.e. 30 June 2018	Budget y.e 30 June 2019	LTFP
INCOME	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
Rates	3,599	3,779	3,779
Statutory Charges	81	81	81
User Charges	656	689	689
Grants & Subsidies	2,041	2,655	2,250
Investment Income	66	67	67
Reimbursements	128	129	129
Other Revenues	132	139	139
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	6,703	7,538	7,134
EXPENDITURE			
Employee Costs	2,422	2,470	2,470
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	2,483	2,550	2,400
Finance Charges	94	148	96
Depreciation	2,140	2,161	2,161
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	7,139	7,329	7,128
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(436)	209	6
Gain / Loss on Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets Physical resources received free of charge	890	140	140
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	455	349	146

# District Council of Mount Remarkable Statement of Financial Position Budget for Year Ending 30 June 2019

	Budget Review #2 y.e. 30 June 2018	Budget y.e 30 June 2019	LTFP
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,630	1,739	2,156
Trade & Other Receivables	683	683	650
Inventories	40	40	40
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	2,353	2,462	2,846
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial Assets	19	20	30
Infrastructure, Property, Plant &			
Equipment	66,306	67,409	66,833
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	66,325	67,429	66,863
TOTAL ASSETS	68,678	69,891	69,709
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & Other Payables	253	253	253
Borrowings	140	140	220
Short Term Provisions	107	107	107
Total Current Liabilities	500	500	500
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long Term Borrowings	1,306	2,170	2,111
Long Term Provisions	86	2,170	86
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,392	2,256	2,197
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,892	2,756	2 777
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,092	2,730	2,777
NET ASSETS	66,786	67,135	69,932
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus	36,720	37,069	36,866
Asset Revaluation Reserve	30,066	30,066	30,066
Other Reserves	0	0	0
TOTAL EQUITY	66,786	67,135	66,932

# District Council of Mount Remarkable Statement of Cash Flows Budget for Year Ending 30 June 2019

	Budget Review #2 y.e. 30 June 2018	Budget y.e 30 June 2019	LTFP
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
CASH FLOWS FROM			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts	c co=	<b>5</b> 454	<b>5</b> 0.55
Operating Receipts	6,637	7,471	7,067
Investment Receipts	66	67	67
Payments Continue Con			
Operating Payments to Suppliers & Employees	(4,902)	(5,020)	(4,870)
Finance Payments	(94)	(148)	(96)
Net Cash provided by (or used in)	(> .)	(1.0)	(20)
Operating Activities	1,704	2,370	2,167
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Grants Specifically for new or			
upgraded assets	890	140	140
Sale of replaced Assets	125	80	80
Sale of surplus Assets	0	0	0
Payments	(2.27.6)	(1.501)	(1.500)
Expenditure on renewal/replaced assets	(2,376)	(1,501)	(1,500)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	(1,492)	(1,707)	(1,068)
Net cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities	(2,853)	(2,988)	(2,348)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Receipts			
Proceeds from Borrowings	0	928	928
Payments			
Repayment of Borrowings	(140)	(200)	(220)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in ) Financing Activities	(140)	728	(708)
Net Increase / Decrease in Cash	(1,289)	110	527
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of			
reporting period	2,918	1,629	1,629
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the end	,- · · ·	, ,	7
of the reporting period	1,629	1,739	2,156

# District Council of Mount Remarkable Statement of Changes in Equity Budget for Year Ending 30 June 2019

	Budget Review #2 y.e. 30 June 2018	Budget y.e 30 June 2019	LTFP
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Balance at end of previous reporting period	36,265	36,720	36,720
Net Result for Year	455	349	146
Transfer from Reserves	0	0	0
Transfer to Other Reserves	0	0	0
Balance at end of period	36,720	37,069	36,866
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	20.066	20.000	20.000
Balance at end of previous reporting period	30,066	30,066	30,066
Gain on Revaluation of Property Plant & Equipment	0	0	0
Balance at end of period	30,066	30,066	30,066
OTHER RESERVES			
Balance at end of previous reporting period	0	0	0
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	0	0	0
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	0	0	0
Balance at end of period	0	0	0
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	66,786	67,135	66,932