



## District Council of Mount Remarkable

16 June 2021

### **Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable have finalised the draft annual business plan & budget for the 2021/22 financial year, and public comment and feedback is now being sought.

*“Council is very keen to have public input in relation to Councils budget and annual business plan, and stresses to the community that this is a great opportunity to have direct input and a say on matters relating to Councils budget”* said Mayor Heaslip.

The draft annual business plan & budget has some key highlights, which include:

- Develop and implement an Asset Management Plan;
- Investing in our People;
- Service Delivery Review;
- Information & Communication Technology upgrades;
- Develop and implement a Reconciliation Action Plan;
- Implement the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan;
- Engage and work with our Audit & Risk Committee;
- Enhance Corporate Governance;
- Implement a Waste Management Strategy; and
- Construction of the Booleroo Centre to Wirrabara Rail Trail.

*“Whilst we do acknowledge the limited resources of our Council, we are mindful to ensure we continue investment in the right areas of asset management, supporting industry, residents, ratepayers and businesses, as well as investing in our people”* said Mayor Heaslip.

Council is investing \$3.96M in its capital expenditure, based on the following:

- \$50,000 towards Information & Communication Technology Upgrades;

- \$275,000 towards its fleet renewal and \$400,000 towards its major plant renewal, totalling \$675,000 in Plant & Equipment Upgrades;
- \$1M towards road resheeting, \$300,000 towards footpath upgrades (predominantly Booleroo Centre), \$300,000 towards road reseals and \$70,000 towards floodway upgrades, totalling \$1.67M in its Roads, Reseals, Footpaths & Floodways Upgrades; and
- \$1.038M towards the Booleroo Centre to Wirrabara Rail Trail (of which \$708,440 funding received from Federal and State Governments), \$50,000 towards its Disability Access upgrades, installing pram ramps, etc., \$300,000 towards playground renewal with \$250,000 identified to replace the Port Germein playground, and \$180,000 towards the construction of the Willowie Transfer Station, totalling \$1.568M in its Infrastructure area.

The budget, as developed by Council, has a targeted operating surplus of \$146,000.

*“Council is pleased to present the draft budget and annual business plan, and looks forward to the feedback being achieved from the community including at Council’s proposed Special Budget Meeting to be held at Booleroo Centre in conjunction with the Big Toys of the Mount event on Tuesday 6 July 2021”* said Mayor Heaslip.

Council encourages residents and community members to review the draft annual business plan & budget for 2021/22, and provide feedback through the consultation period. Public consultation closes at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

In accordance with the provisions under the Local Government Act, a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 6 July 2021 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Booleroo Centre in which they may ask questions and make submissions in relation to the draft annual business plan & budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

Further information is available on Council’s website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) or by phoning the Council Office on 08 8666 2014.

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