



Media Release

APC Adopts Budget With Focus on Infrastructure Delivery

Adelaide Plains Council is pleased to announce that, at a Special Meeting held on 8 July 2021, Council Members adopted the 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan (ABP) and Budget.

“Adapting, recognising new opportunities and not being afraid to make changes based on facts has been the reasoning of your Elected Chamber. I hope you will agree this budget builds on Council’s future and is a sign of positive ways forward”, remarked Mayor Wasley.

“In deliberating a budget, Council must ensure that it can maintain its service standards for existing services (‘business as usual’) and indeed that those services receive appropriate funding, while also ensuring that the community does not face significant increases in annual rates contribution in the current, or future, years”, Mayor Wasley continued. “Council has achieved just that, with an average rate increase of 2.23%, which will see approximately 30% of property owners receive a reduction in their general rates this financial year compared to the general rates paid in 2020/2021.”

The ABP and Budget for 2021/2022 has a clear focus on infrastructure delivery, in line with Council’s Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan, and will see \$6.251m injected into capital works projects, as follows:

- 35.80km of road resheeting
- 10.90km of road resealing
- 10.25km of sealing unsealed roads (Aerodrome, Barabba and Cheek Roads)
- 1km of new footpaths, kerbing and street trees

A substantial portion of new and upgraded assets will be partially funded through grant funding. Council’s Chief Executive Officer, James Miller, highlighted the significant focus on infrastructure delivery in the ABP and Budget for 2021/2022 and indeed Council’s success in achieving successful grant funding for same “Thanks to significant Federal and State grant funding, Council will be delivering a concerted freight and tourism road network sealing program, secured through

\$2.340m of funding under the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, to be staged over two years and to include Cheek Road, Aerodrome Road and Barabba Road and also early design for the much anticipated upgrade of Middle Beach Road”, said Mr Miller.

“Pleasingly, Council has adopted its budget just one week into the financial year, which now enables work to commence on the various projects, programs and initiatives included in the adopted ABP and Budget”, said Mr Miller.

Elected Members and staff alike look forward to another busy and rewarding year delivering outcomes for the APC community.

Mark Wasley

Mayor

12 July 2021