



Media Release

Draft 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget Released for Public Consultation

Adelaide Plains Council is pleased to advise that Elected Members, at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 April 2022, resolved to release the Draft 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan (ABP) and Budget for public consultation.

Work towards the Draft ABP and Budget commenced in January 2022 and has included three (3) workshops with Elected Members, two (2) Audit Committee meetings, one (1) Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting and ongoing staff engagement in the context of the Council's Strategic Plan, Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

In commending the Draft 2022/2023 ABP and Budget for consideration by the Elected Body, Mr James Miller, Chief Executive Officer, said that "the Draft 2022/2023 ABP and Budget demonstrates sound financial management principles with strong synergies and alignment to our Long Term Financial Plan."

Key features of the Draft Budget include:

- Average rate rise of 3.25%
- Capital works program of \$8.069m, with \$4.593m to be spent on asset renewals. Remaining \$3.476m to be spent on new assets of which \$1.195m to be funded using government grants.
- Kerbside waste collection services to continue with a moderate increase of just 2.99%
- Mallala CWMS and Middle Beach CWMS annual service charge to increase by 5% and 2.93% respectively
- Operating deficit to accord with the projections entailed within our Long Term Financial Plan, amounting to \$1.199m

The capital works program will include 33kms of road resheeting, 15.1km of road resealing, 8.9km of unsealed roads being sealed and 1km worth of new footpaths, kerbing and street tress.

"In recent years Council has positioned itself extremely well from both a financial management and infrastructure delivery perspective", remarked Mr Miller.

"Not only has Council embarked on a concerted roads program (re-sheets, re-seals and new sealing projects) which has eradicated the long-standing backlog, we have done so without the need to hike up Council rates while cleverly tapping into federal and state government grants, thus reducing the impact on our ratepayers", Mr Miller continued.

The Draft ABP and Budget will be available for public consultation from Wednesday 4 May 2022 until 5pm on Friday 27 May 2022 and can be viewed on the Council's website at www.apc.sa.gov.au or a hardcopy may be obtained, at no cost, from the Mallala Principal Office (2a Wasleys Road, Mallala) or Two Wells Service Centre (69 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells).

We value the community's input and encourage participation in the consultation process.

Mark Wasley
Mayor

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