

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

Council will impose differential general rates by reference to locality: All land classified as being within the declared township areas and all other land.

Council will raise differential rate revenue of **\$1,860,079** in a total expenditure budget of **\$5,051,555**. As a result of this decision, Council will set a rate of **0.4980 cents** in the dollar for all land other than primary production land to raise the necessary revenue. Council will set a rate of **0.5702 cents** in the dollar for primary production land (outside the declared township areas).

There are 541 (39%) rateable primary production properties in the Council area and those properties will provide \$1,409,616 (75.8%) of total general rate revenue. There are 547 (40%) other rateable properties, which will provide the balance of \$450,462 (24.2%) of rate revenue. For the total of 1,371 properties there are 283 (21%) non rateable properties.

MINIMUM RATE

For 2019-20, Council will impose a minimum rate of **\$460**, and it will affect 253 (23.3%) rateable properties. The reasons for imposing a minimum rate are that Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a base level contribution to the cost of administering Council's activities; and the cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property.

WUDINNA HOMES FOR THE AGED - SEPARATE RATE

In accordance with Section 154(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council imposes a separate rate of **\$176** based on a proportional basis of expenditure incurred in maintaining the Cottage home reserve area (No change from last year).

WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE

The Council provides a Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) to all properties in Wudinna. A service charge will apply of :

- **\$325** per unit on occupied land
- **\$290** for vacant land
(no change from last year)

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGE

Council are implementing a new waste collection service to all occupied properties in the Wudinna and Minnipa townships and designated sites within Warrambo, Kyancutta, Pygery and Yaninee.

The proposed annual Waste Collection Service Charge of **\$220** will be applied to all properties where the service is available.

For further information please contact the Council Office directly.

METHOD OF VALUING LAND

Council continues to use Capital Values as the basis to value all land within the Council area. Capital Value is the value of land and all the improvements on the land.

NATURAL RESOURCES (EPNRM) LEVY

Council is required to pay an annual contribution fee to the EPNRM Board and is required by legislation to subsequently impose a separate rate on each rateable property within its Council area, to reimburse itself for the Levy paid to the EPNRM Board.

For 2019-20 Council's annual contribution to the Board is proposed to be **\$74,932**. This is an increase of 3.69% from last years contribution of \$72,266.

Land Use	Rate \$	
	2018-19	2019-20
Residential, Vacant & Other	\$75.99	\$77.97
Commercial & Industrial	\$113.98	\$116.96
Primary Production	\$151.98	\$155.95

PAYMENT OF RATES

Rates will be payable in four equal installments. The due dates for these installments are:

1st Quarter	6 September 2019	2nd Quarter	6 December 2019
3rd Quarter	6 March 2020	4th Quarter	5 June 2020

This does not preclude anyone from paying their rates in full by 6 September.

Council are no longer offering the deferred single instalment option.

ARE YOU A CONCESSION CARDHOLDER?

Council has deemed that the imposition of the new Waste Collection Service may cause hardship for some ratepayers and are therefore offering a part remission of this charge to eligible applicants.

To be eligible, the applicant must be:

- The owner/principal ratepayer; and
- The property must be the applicants principal place of residence; and
- A recipient or eligible for a Cost of Living Allowance and/or concession cardholder.

To apply for a remission, complete a Rate Remission Application Form and submit to Council as soon as possible. Forms are available from the Council Office or on our website.



Wudinna District Council



Annual Business Plan and Budget 2019-2020 SUMMARY

A full version of the Annual Business Plan is available at the Council Office, 11 Burton Tce, Wudinna.

Alternatively it is on Council's website at www.wudinna.sa.gov.au.

Ph: 8680 2002 or

Email: admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au

INFLUENCES & ASSUMPTIONS

Council has developed an integrated long-term financial model to examine the potential impact of its decisions over the long term and to determine what can be afforded in terms of the level of rates, debt and services.

The model provides a high-level budget framework to provide targets when preparing the budget detail. To assist with financial sustainability over the long term, Council will use the financial indicators adopted by the Local Government Association arising from the independent review of Local Government financial sustainability.

The main principles and assumptions that have been used in its approach to developing the annual budget are as follows:

- The freezing of Federal Government operating grants has been lifted after 3 years. Savings and structural changes to Council operations are continually reviewed to manage the gap that the indexation freeze created.
- Two year Enterprise Bargaining Agreements were finalised in late 2012 under the SA Fair Work Act. These Agreements provide for a minimum 19% above award arrangement for all works employees (Local Government Employees Award) and 23% above award for administration under the SA Municipal Salaries Award and with increased margins for Functional Managers. The agreement provides for annual wage adjustments annually to be increased in line with award changes the National Wage Increase via the Fair Work Commission. No variation in the above award arrangement is possible in light of the Federal Assistance Grant funding freeze. Flow on increases to SA from Federal Wage Adjustments to award arrangements will however still apply. The Fair Work Commission has announced an increase of 3% from the 1 July 2019.
- The CPI (Consumer Price Index – All Groups Index for Adelaide) which is a measure of the change in the price of a basket of goods and services purchased by households, increased by 1.3% for the 12 months ending 31 March 2019 - Adelaide Consumer Price Index.
- The LGPI (Local Government Price Index) which provides Councils with a useful reference regarding the inflationary effect of price changes of goods and services consumed by Local Government. Since its introduction on average the LGPI has been higher than the CPI. This year the LGPI was 2.1% (for the 12 months ending 31 March 2019).
- Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure assets to acceptable standards including roads, footpaths, lighting, street trees and Council properties.
- Infrastructure backlog (including roads, footpaths, open space) identified and being addressed.
- Local Government financial sustainability and measures.
- State/Commonwealth grant funding for services deemed to continue.

PROPOSED SOURCES OF INCOME

Revenue Type	\$,000	% of Total
Rates & Levies	2,142	45.0%
Statutory Charges	14	0.3%
User Charges	62	1.3%
Grants & Subsidies	2,245	47.2%
Investment Income	150	3.2%
Reimbursements	31	0.6%
Other Income	114	2.4%
Total	4,758	

RATES—IMPACT

Council has allowed for an increase in revenue from the general rates of 3.4% in order to provide the Council with additional revenue to meet cost increases.

FUNDING

An operating deficit of \$306k is forecast for 2019-20.

Depreciation costs are estimated to be \$1,615k (32% of operational expenditure) for 2019-20. Significant work has already been undertaken to ensure that asset valuations are accurate and useful lives accurately reflect circumstance. Work continues to ensure that depreciation levels are accurate.

It is not ideal that Council continues to forecast a deficit, as it means that its reserves are being depleted gradually just to maintain day to day services. However, for the past few years Council has recorded decent surplus, meaning that it has been contributing to the reserves which allow for the occasional deficit without affecting its long-term financial sustainability.

Refuse / Transfer Site Opening Times

	Mon	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sun
Wudinna	-	9–12	-	1–5	2–5
Minnipa	-	-	10–12	-	10–1
Yaninee	9–11	-	-	-	-
Warrambo	2–4	-	-	-	-



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DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE — 31 August 2019

*Dogs must be registered & microchipped
by 3 months of age*

OPERATING STATEMENT 2019-20

By function and activity for year ended 30 June 2020 (\$'000)

Function	Expenses	Revenue
Administration	1,394	3,524
Public Order & Safety	5	5
Health	109	17
Social Security & Welfare	48	56
Housing & Community Amenities	633	45
Recreation & Culture	336	7
Natural Resources Management	75	3
Mining, Manufacturing & Const	29	6
Transport & Communication	2,063	1,036
Economic Affairs	373	60
Total	\$5,064	\$4,758

The above expenses do not include the amount spent on capital roadworks and other projects. These are listed separately below.

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2019/20

(\$'000)

ROADS

Mt Wudinna Access Rd	5.5km	\$139
Palabie Rd	5.7km	\$128
Fred's Flat Rd	6.0km	\$151
Hynes Rd	4.3km	\$50
DuBois Rd	3.5km	\$79
Mt Damper Rd	8.2km	\$207
Chaplain Rd	2.6km	\$59
Mildren Rd	5.0km	\$113

Reseals

McNamara Rd, Boylan St, Barns St, Kimba Rd, Colman St, Verco St, Minnipa Oval Access, Heath St, West Tce, Woodrup Rd, Barns St, Hunt Tce, Clive St.	\$173
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OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS

Plant & Machinery	\$521
Medical Centre Porch	\$35
Medley Tce Footpath	\$15
Skate & Spray Park	\$684
Eyre Highway Streetscape	\$2,900
Recreation Reserve Fencing	\$10
Financial Software Implementation	\$70

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$5,333