

RATES INFORMATION

Rates

Rates revenue is used to provide a range of services such as road rehabilitation, footpath repairs and maintenance, storm water drainage, ongoing maintenance of parks, gardens and buildings, street lighting and street cleaning, libraries, animal control, planning and enforcement of local laws.

Whilst a Waste Collection Charge will still fall under rate revenue, a separate charge will be raised for the collection of waste. Amounts collected under this charge can only be raised at the estimated costs associated with the waste collection and disposal.

Valuation

The Council has decided to continue to use Capital Valuation as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers.

Minimum Rate

For 2023/24 Council has set a minimum amount payable by the way of general rates of \$925.

Regional Landscape (RL) Levy

The RL Levy is a State Government levy which Council is required to collect on behalf of the State Government. The Levy is based on the capital value of your property and is shown as a separate charge on your Rate Notice.

Mannum Waters Separate Rate

Sect 154 of the Local Govt Act 1999 enables Council to declare a Separate Rate on rateable land. Council is required under the Landscape SA Act 2019 to cover the evaporation loss from the Mannum Waters Marina. This is the second year of a total 15 years that the separate rate will be raised. Council has contributed 21% of the total cost.

Service Charge

Council provides various prescribed services. Service charges are levied in accordance with Sect 155 of the Local Govt Act 1999.

Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)

The annual CWMS charge based on the balance of accumulated funds (surplus/ deficit) of each scheme along with the projected annual expenditure. Refer to the Annual Business Plan for a full list of the 28 CWMS annual service charges and their individual scheme balances.

Bowhill Multi Access TT & Water Supply

- Bowhill Multi Access Television System \$146 per property serviced
- Bowhill Water Supply System \$256 per property serviced, annual consumption of up to 120 kilolitres of water plus an excess water charge of 40 cents per kilolitre.

General Waste & Kerbside Recycling Collection

- 1 bin service - General Waste \$216
- 2 bin service - General Waste & Recycling \$305

Rebates

Council provides both mandatory and discretionary rebates pursuant to the Act. Council may grant a rebate of rates up to 100% to eligible ratepayers.

Hardship

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship may seek confidential assistance from Council's rates team.

Postponement of Rates

Ratepayers who hold a State Seniors card are able to apply to Council to postpone payment of rates in excess of \$500 on their principal place of residence.

Rate Capping

To provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in general rates payable by certain ratepayers due to rapid changes in valuation, a rebate of general rates for the current financial year will be granted to the Principal Ratepayer of an Assessment under Section 166(1)(l) of the Act, on application to the Council, to limit a 20% increase in general rates levied to eligible ratepayers. Refer to the separate Rate Capping insert sent with your rate notice. Conditions apply. Applications close 15 March 2024.

General Differential Rates 2023/24

Residential (Category (a)),

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Commercial

(Categories (b), (c) and (d))

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Industry

(Categories (e) and (f))

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Vacant Land (Category (h))

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Other (Category (i))

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Marina Berths (Category (j))

0.4578 cents in the dollar

Primary Production

(Category (g))

0.412 cents in the dollar

All information in this publication is a summary. For more information, or to download the Annual Business Plan and Rating Policy, please go to our website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au, contact the Rates Officer on 8569 0100 or email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au



Mid Murray Council

Summary Annual Business Plan & Budget 2023/24



What services are provided by council?

Council's long term objectives are set out in Council's Strategic Plan - Our Plan 2020-24, which is the key instrument for the delivery of programs and services to the community and the long-term financial sustainability of Council and guides the development of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget, Asset Management Plans and the Long Term Financial Plan.

The Council has legislative responsibilities to cover certain services, while others are provided in response to community needs. These include:

- Setting rates, preparing an annual budget and determining longer-term strategic management plans for the area
- Management of infrastructure including roads, marine facilities, footpaths, parks, sporting facilities, public open space, street lighting and storm-water drainage
- Waste management facilities, services and recycling
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment and unlawful development
- General inspectorial activities including animal control, fire prevention, local nuisance and parking
- Regulatory activities e.g. maintaining the voters roll and supporting the elected Council
- Community health and wellbeing
- Various environmental health services
- Economic development
- Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)
- Tourism and community events
- Environmental programs
- Community programs
- Community, fitness and activity centres
- Morgan Activity Centre, Morgan Landseer Museum and Mannum Dock Museum

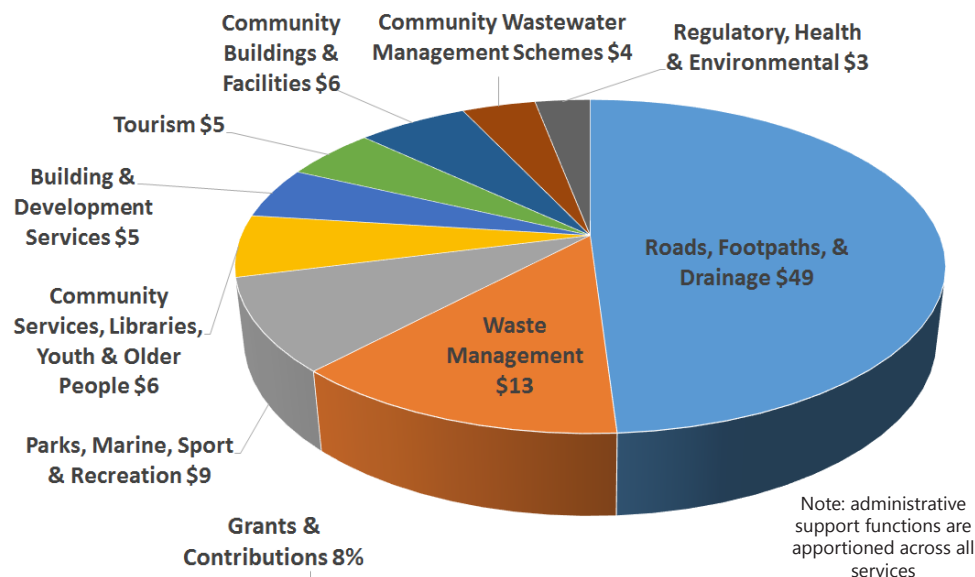
Major Projects

Council has identified the following as priority projects for the year ahead:

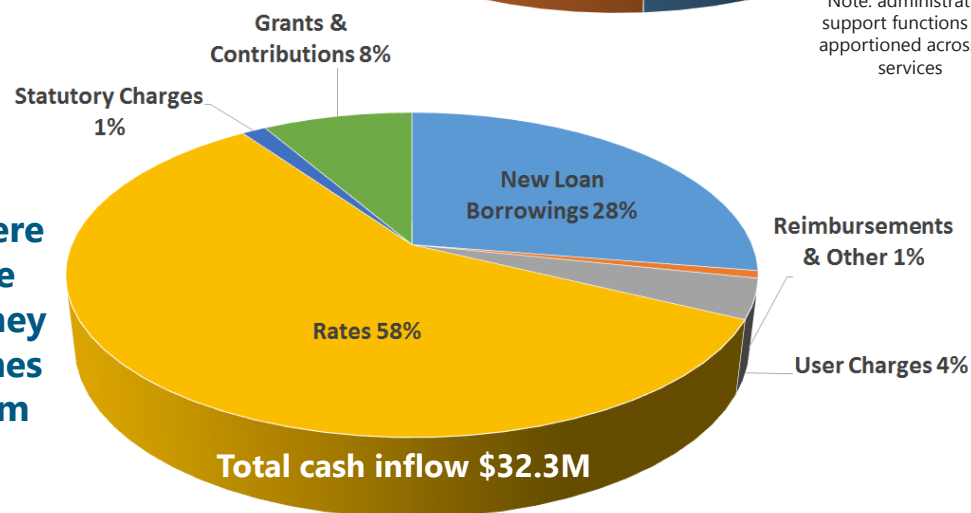
- Review of Council's Strategic Plan – Our Plan 2020-24, and the development of a financial sustainability plan
- Truro Township Masterplan
- Detailed design and costing of the Wongulla CWMS
- Implementation of Reconciliation Action Plan
- Development of Mid Murray Council Growth Strategy
- Implementation of the Astro Tourism strategy for the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve
- Blanchetown project
- Mannum Waters boat ramp (SABFAC grant)
- Len White Reserve upgrade (BBRF & Public Spaces Grants)
- Tungkillio, Morgan, Palmer and Mannum (Ramm Road) Stormwater projects
- Cambrai Landfill Cell development
- Murray Coorong Trail – stage 3 construction
- Completion of PS Canally restoration project and the Mannum Murray River Heritage Tourism project
- Completion of sealing of Murraylands Road (Stage 1 – 8kms)

For more details please refer to the Annual Business Plan that sets out Council's proposed services, programs and projects for 2023/24 and objectives achieved by Council in 2022/23.

How will \$100 of your rates be spent?



Where the money comes from



Where the money goes

