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Reference: AF11/877

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MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that Mayor Martin has called a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on the following date and time:

Council Chamber – Civic Centre on the 23rd of June, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

For the purpose of:

- Annual business plan and budget adoption and rates declaration for the year ending 30 June 2021
- 2. Adoption of capital valuations
- 3. Declaration of the attribution of land uses and codes
- 4. Declaration of rates
- 5. Declaration of fixed charge
- 6. Declaration of separate rate
- 7. Declaration of residential rate cap
- 8. Payment of Council rates quarterly billing
- 9. City of Mount Gambier Corporate Volunteer Program

An Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 23rd of June 2020 is attached.

Andrew MEDDLE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

19/06/2020



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I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 23 June 2020

Time: 5.30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber

Civic Centre

10 Watson Terrace

Mount Gambier

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting 23 June 2020

Andrew Meddle
Chief Executive Officer

19 June 2020

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATES DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021 - REPORT NO. AR20/33658

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020 **Report No.:** AR20/33658 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle. Chief Executive Officer

Summary: To provide Council with the legally required recommendations for

> the 2020/21 financial year for the: Adoption of the annual business plan;

Adoption of the budget;

Adoption of the capital valuation of land for the purpose of rating:

Declaration of the attribution of land uses and codes;

Declaration of differential general rates;

Declaration of a fixed charge;

Declaration of differential separate rates in accordance with the

Landscape South Australia Act 2019 ('the Act');

Declaration of residential rate cap, and;

Payment of council rates.

Community Plan

Goal 1: Our People Reference: Goal 2: Our Location

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council Report No. AR20/33658 titled 'Annual business plan and budget adoption and rates declaration for the year ending 30 June 2021' as presented on 23 June 2020 be noted.
- 2. That pursuant to the provisions of 123 (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, Council
 - having considered the opportunity for submissions during the public consultation (a) period and having regard to all relevant information in the possession of the Council. hereby adopts for the year ending 30 June 2021 the Annual Business Plan and Budget (refer to the attachment); and
 - (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor alterations and amendments to the text of the Annual Business Plan prior to formal publication.

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BACKGROUND

The Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP&B) has been prepared in accordance with the following principles as set out in the Local Government Act 1999 (the 'Act'):

- Under Section 123 of the Act Council is required to adopt a draft Annual Business Plan (ABP).
 This draft plan, once adopted, is required to be circulated for the purposes of public consultation.
- Under Section 146 of the Act a Council may impose general rates, separate rates, service rates and service charges on land in its area.
- Generally, all land within a council area is rateable unless it is specifically exempted by Section 147 of the Act. Such exemptions include Crown Land, land used for public educational purposes and council occupied land, amongst others.
- Rates must be based on the value of the land or a combination of a fixed charge and the value of the land (Sections 151 and 152 of the Act). A fixed charge can only be imposed against the whole of an allotment and only one fixed charge can be imposed against two or more pieces of contiguous (adjoining) land owned by the same owner and occupied by the same occupier, or a single farm enterprise (Sections 148 and 152 of the Act).
- Under Section 123 (9)(a) Council must ensure that a summary of the annual business plan is prepared and included with the first rates notice sent to ratepayers.

The following steps have occurred as part of the preparation of the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan & Budget (ABP&B):

- Elected Member ABP&B Workshop No. 1 held on 25 February 2020, including a review of:
 - The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)
 - The Asset Management Plans (AMPs)
 (both previously adopted by Council on 19 March 2019)
- Elected Member APB&B Workshop No. 2 held on 24 March 2020
- Elected Member APB&B Workshop No. 3 held on 7 April 2020
- Schedule of Fees and charges for 2020/21 adopted by Council on 21 April 2020.
- Special Council Meeting approval for the 'Draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget' (ABP&B)' for Community consultation - .
- Period of Community consultation from Monday 27 April 2020 to Monday 18 May 2020
- People and Place Committee meeting to attend to the feedback from Community Consultation

 held on 1 June 2020
- Council report on the growth benefit inclusion in the final ABP&B for Council adoption 16
 June 2020
- Planned special Council meeting to adopt the 2020/21 ABP&B 23 June 2020

The ABP&B (**Attachment 1**) has been updated for the latest information received from the Valuer General, including the updates to the tables with 'TBC' with the calculated values, as well as includes some minor textual updates.

To determine the amount of rates payable by each ratepayer, the Council uses a formula based on property values. The formula divides the total amount of rates required by the total value of all rateable properties in the Council area, while incorporating a fixed charge. The outcome of the formula is the determination of the rate in the dollar, including differential rates in the dollar for different land uses, which is applied to each rateable property.

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DISCUSSION

Delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan requires ongoing investment in the various strategies endorsed by Council. This investment is in addition to Council's funding of its legislatively required and discretionary community deemed services, programs, capital works and infrastructure.

2020/21 Draft budget for community consultation

The draft ABP&B for community consultation contained the following budgeted income and expenses:

Operating revenue	\$ 32,911,000
Less Operating expenditure	\$ 34,473,000
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(\$ 1,562,000)
Plus Asset disposal adjustment	(\$ 13,000)
Plus Amounts received specifically for new/upgraded assets	\$ 12,425,000
Net surplus / (deficit)	\$ 10,850,000
Capital expenditure on:	
Council's assets and infrastructure (1)	\$ 10,737,000
Community and Recreation Hub	\$ 26,773,000
Total Capital expenditure	\$ 37,510,000
(1) Excluding the Community and Recreation Hub	

2020/21 final budget

Subsequent to the budget that went out for community consultation, the Council resolved to do multiple activities, which either could be considered in addition to or capturing some of the \$1 million Coronavirus Stimulus and Recovery Fund which formed part of the original budget resulting from the Budget Bid process as part of the 2021 ABP&B workshop process.

The following table provides a high-level assessment and overview of the included resolutions and actions from Council. Some broad assumptions have been made and tolerances applied to get to an outcome for the individual items, with a view that the combined impact of the uncertainties reduces the overall level of uncertainty of the combined outcome.

		Balance sheet	Profit & loss statement
Ref	Description	(\$'000)	(\$'000)
	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI	,	
10	Program)	487	(487)
11	Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) bringing forward	_	(47)
14	COVID-19 Council rate considerations	-	(32)
20	COVID-19 Employment program - 21 people (previously 50)	-	531
	Waiving of fees and charges associated with outdoor dining		
22	until 30 June 2021	-	8
25	Depreciation adjustment due to revaluation of assets	-	100
26	By-appointment hard waste collection	-	200
27	Suspension of green waste tag fees	-	430
28	Council Rates - Growth benefit - input from Land Services SA	-	(373)
29	Savings on Travel-Catering-Seminar training expenses	-	(49)
	Repurposing of part of the \$500k opex and \$500k capex		
	COVID Stimulus and recovery fund through later resolutions		
30	(therefore: opex \$250k remaining and capex \$300k remaining)	(200)	(250)
	TOTAL	287	31

Table1: Impact of COVID-19 related Council resolutions since Draft 2020-21 budget release. Changes included in final 2020-21 budget.

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Note: The Growth Benefit calculation updated since 16 June 2020 Council report (from \$362k to \$373k) to be in line with other 23 June 2020 Council report workings.

By including these changes into the 2020-21 budget, it is contemporised with subsequent Council decisions. By including these amendments the explanation in the upcoming budget reviews in the 2020-21 financial year (BR1, BR2 and BR3) will be based on Council's understanding of the status of the budget per 23 June 2020.

The total impact, based on these broad assumptions, is (with new total budget amounts):

\$31,000	Improvement to the Operating surplus	Deficit of (1,593,000)
\$287,000	Increase in the Capital Expenditure budget	Capex of \$37,797,000

The final ABP&B contains the following budgeted income and expenses:

Operating revenue	\$33,445,000
Less Operating expenditure	\$35,038,000
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(\$1,593,000)
Plus Asset disposal adjustment	(\$13,000)
Plus Amounts received specifically for new/upgraded assets	\$12,425,000
Net surplus / (deficit)	\$10,819,000
Capital expenditure on:	
Council's assets and infrastructure (1)	\$11,024,000
Community and Recreation Hub	\$26,773,000
Total Capital expenditure	\$37,797,000

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the Community and Recreation Hub

Attached are the *Pro Forma* Budgeted Financial Statements and the Summary budget (by function format) (which form Appendix A and Appendix B to the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget)

The budget for the 2020/21 financial year includes the following documents pursuant to Section 123 (7) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011:

- (i) Budgeted Statement of Comprehensive Income
- (ii) Budgeted Statement of Financial Position
- (iii) Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity
- (iv) Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows
- (v) Budgeted Financial Indicators
- (vi) Budgeted Uniform Presentation of Finances.

CONCLUSION

Preparation, communication and awareness-raising of Council's 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget, including rates determination and alignment with Council's suite of Strategic Management Plans has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 requirements for community consultation. Members of the community have had the opportunity to provide feedback to Elected Members via community consultation through a process reflecting the impact of COVID-19.

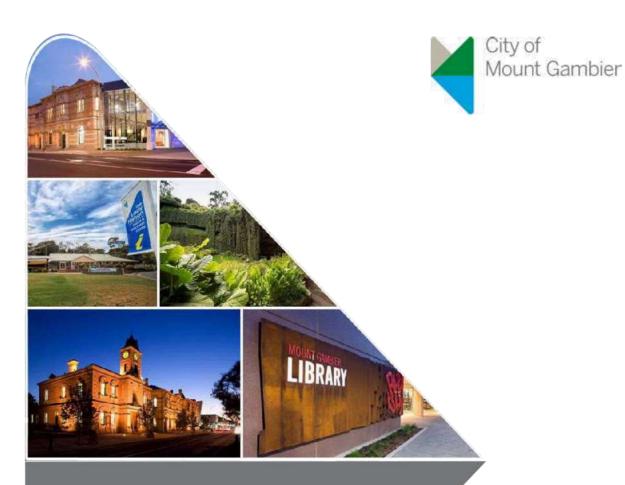


Elected Members have reviewed the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Rates have been determined in accordance with Act and Council's Rating Policy R105. The final Annual Business Plan and Budget and rates determination, including amendments including an additional \$287,000 in capital expenditure and an additional \$31,000 in net operating expenditure, are recommended to the Elected Members for adoption for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2020/2021 - Annual Business Plan & Budget (ABP&B) - Final 23/06/2020 J

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2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Adopted 23 June 2020

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2020/21 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

FROM THE MAYOR

The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP&B) reflects the work of the Council in preparing for the 2020/21 financial year. It is a statement of the City's intended program of work and outcomes for the upcoming financial year and has been developed with reference to the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, the Long Term Financial Plan and the Asset Management Plans.

The 2020/21 ABP&B outlines our objectives for the year, how they will be achieved and the methods used to monitor and measure performance. It also includes a summary of revenue and expenditure required to deliver the program, developed within the context of the Council's commitment to financial sustainability and longer term financial planning. It also describes the impact on rates and implications for ratepayers.

COVID-19. Our City. Our Response.

The City of Mount Gambier continues to review its response to COVID-19 in an effort to protect the community and contain the spread of the virus.

Multiple projects and measures, including a rate freeze, fees and charges freeze as well as a multimillion COVID-19 stimulus and recovery allocation in additional operational and capital expenditure have been included in the ABP&B as presented here. The Council anticipates that other stimulus activities may present themselves in future, subject to the length and impact of the virus on our community. These will be addressed as part of the quarterly budget review process in 2020/21.

To ensure our priorities reflect the needs of our Community, our short term financial planning and budgeting is undertaken with our long-term goals in mind.

Other key influences on the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget include:

- Continuing focus on achieving the vision expressed in the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and delivery of prioritised actions from a number of other key strategic documents;
- · Major focus on economic development including tourism and employment opportunities;
- Continuing investment to promote Mount Gambier as a visitor destination, a regional retail and commercial hub as well as a quality destination to host major events and conferences;
- · Continuing development of Council's Asset Management Plans;
- Commencement of works of \$26.8 million in 2020/21 on the Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub project with the support of grant funding from the Commonwealth and State Governments;
- Additional capital program of approximately \$11 million;
- · Maintaining the wide range of community support programs and initiatives; and
- · Retaining and developing Council's workforce to ensure capacity in service delivery.

The 2020/21 ABP&B shows a budgeted net surplus of \$10.819 million. This includes budgeted amounts received for new assets of \$12.425 million related to State, Federal and additional funding for the construction of the Community and Recreation Hub. Excluding that income, consequential to the impact of the COVID-19 measures the 2020/21 ABP&B provides for an operating deficit as at 30 June 2021 of \$1.593 million. Where Council's Long Term Financial Plan outlines a 4.5% average rate increase being maintained for the 10 years, as part of its role in the local community, the Council has included only the growth benefit (consequential of new properties, developments and capital value adjustments) of 1.74% and a 0% increase to its contribution for rates increases in the 2020/21 ABP&B.

Council, after having formally considered all feedback adopted the final 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget on 23 June 2020.

Lynette MARTIN OAM MAYOR

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OUR CITY

The City of Mount Gambier has a population of 27,000+ citizens, is located equidistant (approx. 440 km) between the capital cities of Adelaide and Melbourne and is South Australia's second largest city. Mount Gambier is the regional centre for the Limestone Coast region of South Australia, the Western District of Victoria and is widely known as the home of Australia's softwood timber industry and the wine regions of Coonawarra and Padthaway. The City services the commercial, retail, health, social, tourism, sporting, arts and cultural needs of its 70,000+ regional population.

Mount Gambier has an estimated population of 27,275 persons (ABS ERP 2019), covers 3,388 hectares with a population density of 8.05 persons per hectare. The 2016 Census resident population (2016) was 26,276, living in 12,328 dwellings with an average household size of 2.3 persons. This represents an increase in population from 25,773 persons recorded in the 2011 Census.

The majority of the City of Mount Gambier residents are employed in the retail and services sectors including health care, financial and social assistance and the manufacturing sector. Further information on Mount Gambier's demographics is available at: https://profile.id.com.au/mount-gambier/home

With a diverse and stable economic base, the Mount Gambier region is one of the most significant contributors to the South Australian economy in both export, local income and tourism. Key industries that contribute to the City and regional economy are:

- Softwood timber industry;
- Visitor economy;
- Health services;
- Agribusiness; and
- · Transport and logistics.

The City of Mount Gambier actively works to ensure a digitally connected community, aligned with Council's Digital Strategy. The partnership with Flinders University introducing the New Venture Institute (NVI) Business Incubator program to Mount Gambier in 2018 supports start-ups and accelerates growth for local and emerging businesses. This has been complemented by the roll out of the Gig-City project providing ultra high speed internet access for business.

A focus for growth is the visitor economy, a diverse and wide reaching sector that impacts broadly across service and product groups. The growth of this sector impacts on business opportunities from hospitality, to growing existing products and services and providing exciting new opportunities. This sector strongly links to the agribusiness sector, with farm experiences increasingly sought after by international visitors.

Transport and logistics are key employers in Mount Gambier. The City is one hour from Portland's major deep sea port and ensures that Mount Gambier remains a key transport hub. The transport sector remains strong, with growing demand particularly in the City's forestry sector.

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OVERVIEW

Our 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP&B) is an important part of Council's suite of Strategic Management Plans and Integrated Planning and Budgeting Framework. It aligns with our:

- Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and its strategies, initiatives and projects
- Long Term Financial Plan
- the Asset Management Plans

ensuring that we optimise the mix of services, programs, infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of our Community. The 2020/21 budget provides for:

- \$37.8 million in capital expenditure projects, \$11.0 million is drawn from the Council's detailed Asset Management Plans and \$26.8 million from the Community and Recreation Hub project cofunded with \$15 million from Commonwealth and \$10 million from State grant funding;
- \$1.593 million operating deficit as at 30 June 2021 before Community and Recreation Hub funding;
- \$10.819 million net surplus after funding for Community and Recreation Hub funding; and
- Overall rate revenue will be fixed at 2019/20 levels in line with Our City. Our Response COVID-19 strategy, with only the growth benefit inclusion to rates included.

Key initiatives for 2020/21 are detailed in the budget section of the Annual Business Plan. Rates income accounts for approximately 65% of the Council's operating income. As part of the Council's COVID-19 response, the Council's element of rates is frozen for 2020/21. The Council's standard rating policy structure for 2020/21 remains unchanged from previous year. It is comprised:

- A fixed charge applicable to every rateable property that will raise approximately 45% of Council's overall general rate revenue; and
- Differential rates for different land use categories percentage differentials remain the same as previous year.

Therefore, individual rate payers could see a difference in their rates due to overall different allocation of rates over the Council area and due to property valuation changes (i.e. the growth benefit as part of Council's rates), but Council wide the 2020/21 budget does not include a rate increase, other than where the Valuer General has made changes to the valuation of properties.

BUDGET INFLUENCES

In developing the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget, Council identified pressures, challenges and potential impacts on the budget and performance.

COVID-19. Our City. Our Response.

The City of Mount Gambier implemented the 'Our City. Our Response' COVID-19 program in March 2020 and continues to review its response to COVID-19 in an effort to protect the community and contain the spread of the virus.

Multiple projects and measures, including a rate freeze, a fees and charges freeze as well as a multimillion COVID-19 stimulus and recovery fund allocation in additional operational and capital expenditure, have been included in the ABP&B as presented here.

The Council anticipates that other stimulus activities may present themselves in future, subject to the length and impact of the virus on our community. These will be addressed as part of the quarterly budget review process in 2020/21.

Other operating and economic Influences

The Council operates in a dynamic environment with pressures from economic, operating and political influences. The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget, among others, includes the following:

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- Confirmed grant funding for the Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub, the 2020/21 financial year will see significant resources committed to the establishment of governance, financial and construction processes for the oversight and management of the project;
- New strategies aligned to Council's Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan;
- Increase in the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Solid Waste Levy;
- · Council's focus on economic development and tourism opportunities; and
- Employee cost increases linked to Enterprise Bargaining Agreements.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The City Development Framework Project

The City Development Framework Project involved the establishment of overall strategies for development, incorporating economic, social, environment and community opportunities and aspirations centered on four interrelated themes:

Our People	How do we ensure a highly skilled and educated population for the future challenges facing our community? A community reflecting good health, connectedness and wellbeing.
Our Location	How do we take advantage of our location and expand our potential as a regional hub? Building on our regional centre for the provision of services, shopping, tourism, cultural, sporting and recreation.
Our Diverse Economy	How do we build on and diversify our existing economy? We have existing high quality and skilled industry sectors including fabrication, manufacturing, forest products, agriculture, health and education. We also have emerging opportunities for digital technology and related industries.
Our Climate, Natural Resources and Heritage	How do we promote and preserve our climate, natural resources and environment? We have a temperate climate, the Crater Lakes Volcanic Complex incorporating the world renowned Blue Lake, a unique natural environment and enviable natural resources. We also have a remarkable wealth of Indigenous and European heritage.

Outcomes from the City Development Framework Project were incorporated within the four Futures Papers which are a guide for the future direction and development of the City based upon the ideas and aspirations of the Community.

Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan represents Council's vision, aspirations and priorities of the Community now and into the future. It describes Council's values, how we work together and outlines the strategic initiatives to achieve ongoing sustainability and prosperity. The draft Strategic Plan was presented to Council on Tuesday 18 February 2020 and endorsed for presentation for public feedback.

The Strategic Plan together with the Futures Paper are Council's key strategic guiding documents and are supported by its Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMPs) and the Annual Business Plan and Budget. This suite of Plans identify the direction, services, programs, infrastructure and facilities that Council wishes to provide for its Community, specifically for the next four years and into the future.

Our vision

Within the Community Plan, Council describes its vision as:

"An inclusive city where people lead fulfilling lives."

What makes Mount Gambier the thriving successful place that people are proud to call home is the richness and diversity of:

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- Our People
- Our Location
- Our Economy
- · Our Climate, Natural Resources, Art, Culture and Heritage.

These themes contribute towards the future growth, propensity and development of the City.

The Council strives to create vibrancy, promote our identity and build a reputation as a place to live, work, visit and invest in. To provide a future for our current and future generations we need more economic growth and employment as well as art, cultural, recreational and educational opportunities.

The vision is supported by the above mentioned four themes that identify what is important to the Community and how the community would like to see the City develop and grow. Working together both the Council and the community can collectively achieve these goals.

The Council's plans demonstrate that the role of local government has grown from its traditional base of roads, rates and rubbish with the scope of services now being considerably broader, more diverse including health, services for the aged, youth, support for sector and special interest groups within the Community and economic development and tourism.

Long Term Financial Plan

The development of a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a requirement of Section 122 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose is to translate the vision, objectives and strategies of the Strategic Plan (also known as Community Plan) into financial terms and to guide the direction of Council in a financially sustainable manner.

The Council's LTFP was adopted in March 2019 and is reviewed regularly (and at a minimum within two years of each Local Government Council election) and acts as a reference point in the formulation of future Annual Business Plans and Budgets.

The LTFP is driven by the Council's suite of Strategic Management Plans and includes the future estimated revenue and expenditure particularly focusing on the financing and scheduling of major projects, loan indebtedness, rating level, asset replacement/renewal and impact on operating expenditure.

The Council's LTFP assumes:

- Continuation of existing services and infrastructure at current service standards;
- No internal changes to services or investment in new or upgraded assets other than what is already resolved and planned; and
- Construction and operation of the Community and Recreational Hub.

The Council's financial projections over the long term planning horizon are not a prediction of financial position or performance, rather an indication of direction and financial capacity.

The LTFP tells us that the Council is meeting its financial obligations and targets over the term of the plan and has the financial capacity to continue to meet the service demands of the community, together with the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

The projections indicate that based on current assumptions, the Council is in a sound financial position with a favourable outlook over the term of the LTFP.

The Futures Paper, Community Plan, AMPs and LTFP are available from Council's website: www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au.

Financial sustainability

Financial sustainability in local government ensures that each generation pays their way rather than any one generation living off their assets and leaving the responsibility for infrastructure/asset renewal to future generations.

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South Australian local government has developed a set of indicators to measure councils' Financial Sustainability. Financial Sustainability Indicators and their targets are used by the Council as a guide in the LTFP. The principal indicators are derived from the Council's Audited Financial Statements being:

- · Operating surplus / (deficit);
- · Net financial liabilities; and
- Asset renewal funding (or asset sustainability).

The following table presents a comparison of these key financial indicators, including the Council's budget targets, to maintain its financial performance.

Key financial indicators	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Operating surplus ratio (Target: 0% - 15% over 5 years)	(1%)	3%	6%	(3%)	1%	(0.8%)	(4.8%)
Net financial liabilities ratio (Target: Not to exceed 100%)	26%	25%	28%	45%	41%	34%	94%
Asset renewal funding ratio (Target: 90% - 100% over 3 years)	53%	57%	62%	74%	74%	86%	113%

The financial indicators represent the following:

- Operating surplus / (deficit) ratio expresses the operating surplus (or deficit) as a percentage of general and other rates, net of rebates.
- Net financial liabilities ratio indicates the extent to which net financial liabilities of the Council
 can be met by the Council's total operating revenue. Where the ratio is falling it indicates the
 Council's capacity to meet its financial obligations from operating revenues is strengthening.
 Where the ratio is increasing it indicates a greater amount of Council's operating revenue is
 required to service its financial obligations.
- Asset renewal funding ratio (or asset sustainability ratio) indicates whether the Council is renewing or replacing existing physical assets at the rate at which they are wearing out. Councils with a high ratio are replacing and renewing capital assets at a rate comparable to depreciation/wear.

SERVICES

All councils have mandatory responsibilities under the Local Government Act, the Development Act, the Public and Environmental Health Act and other relevant legislation for the provision of services. These include:

- Regulatory activities e.g. maintaining the voters roll, property ownership data and supporting the elected Council body;
- Setting rates, preparing an annual business plan, budget and determining longer-term strategic management plans;
- Management and maintenance of infrastructure including roads, footpaths, parks, public open spaces, street lighting and storm-water drainage;
- Street cleaning, rubbish collection and recycling;
- · Development planning and control, including building safety assessment;
- · Various environmental health services including food safety, public health;
- · Protection of natural resources; and
- · Inspectorial services (parking, animal control).

In response to community demands, the Council also provides discretionary services and programs including:

Libraries and associated facilities and programs;

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- The Main Corner Complex and room hire;
- Youth development and programs;
- · Economic development;
- Environmental programs;
- · Tourism and visitor services;
- · Attracting major events to the City;
- Community events programs;
- Events, sponsorship and grants;
- Free public Wi-Fi;
- Public parks and gardens;
- · Community programs;
- · Sporting and recreational facilities;
- Lifelong learning;
- · Community engagement and social inclusion;
- Cemeteries;
- · Advocating on behalf of the community to Federal/State Governments; and
- · Citizenship ceremonies.

In accordance with the LTFP, Council's 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget will provide for existing service levels to be maintained.

2020/21 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget proposes to spend a total of \$35.0 million operating expenditure, including depreciation of \$7.4 million and total capital expenditure of \$37.8 million on the delivery of services and programs, maintenance of assets and development of new or upgraded assets (including \$26.8 million towards the Community and Recreation Hub).

Budgeted operating expenditure is estimated to increase by 6.9% or \$2.264 million on the 2019/20 budget and in comparison, operating revenue is anticipated to increase by 3.2% or \$1.031 million.

The provision of services such as the library, parks and infrastructure maintenance, waste collection and disposal continue to be a significant component of the Council's budget. Appendix A provides a summary of the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget covering revenue and expenditure of an operating and capital nature under functional categories.

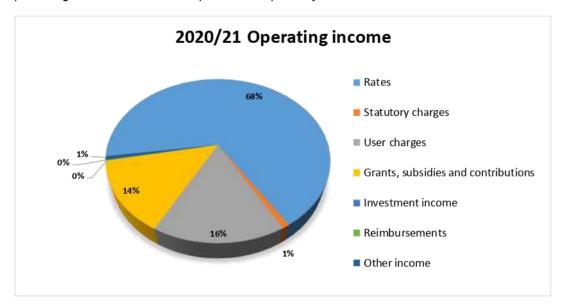
Appendices included in the Annual Business Plan and Budget are:

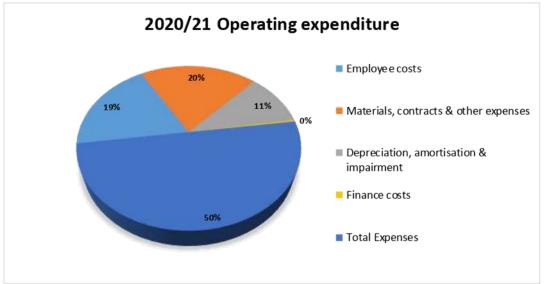
- 2020/21 Proforma Budgeted Financial Statements, and
- 2020/21 Summary budget by function.

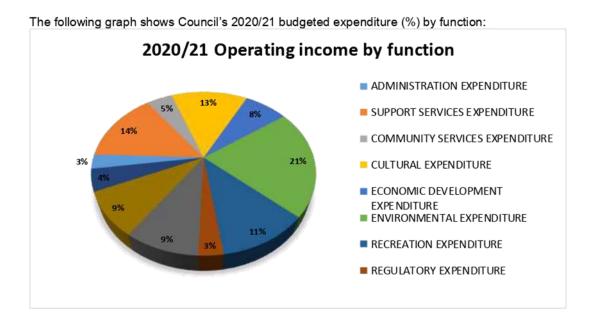
The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget is available to be downloaded from the Council's website at www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au or can be requested to be sent to you by contacting Council's Customer Service at 08 8721 2555 or city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au.

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The following graphs show Council's budgeted operating income and expenditure for 2020/21 as a percentage of total income and expenditure respectively:







MEASURING PERFORMANCE

Measuring and monitoring our performance is fundamental to ensure our objectives are achieved and programs and services are delivered to our community.

The Council monitors financial performance through a range of financial reports including regular financial statements, quarterly comprehensive budget reviews, quarterly performance against the interim and final audits by the Council's appointed external auditors and the presentation of audited financial statements each year as required under the Local Government Act 1999. The financial reports also take into account the principles of financial sustainability adopted by the Council along with the three key financial sustainability indicators.

The Council's Annual Report also provides information on overall performance.

RATING STRATEGY

In 2020/21 approximately 65% of the Council's operating revenue will come from rate revenue. As a result, the Council's rating policies and strategies are key components of our financial planning.

The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget includes a 0% rate increase in line with the Council's COVID-19 response, significantly lower than the 4.5% rate increase in the LTFP. External grant funding will be received during the build and commissioning of the Community and Recreation Hub project. To accommodate and manage the timing of grant income payments and project expenditure, the Council has modelled its Long Term Financial Plan to include drawing upon loan facilities through the Local Government Finance Authority.

The following increases in general rate revenue have been applied over recent years:

Year	Rate	Growth	Total
	Increase	Benefit	
2015/16	3.85%	0.65%	4.50%
2016/17	3.84%	0.66%	4.50%
2017/18	4.02%	0.48%	4.50%
2018/19	4.08%	0.42%	4.50%
2019/20	4.26%	0.24%	4.50%
2020/21	0.00%	1.74%	1.74%

Note: Growth is predominantly the result of new housing, property improvements and capital value revaluations as reported by the State Valuation Office.

Valuation method

Capital Value is used as the basis for valuing land within the Council area in common with almost all other South Australian councils. This method values the land and all of the improvements on the land. This valuation method is considered the fairest and most efficient method of distributing the rate responsibility across all ratepayers because:

- It is the most appropriate measure of relative wealth in the community;
- As a measure of wealth, it most closely reflects the property owners' capacity to pay; and
- It equates with the taxation principle that people should contribute to community, social and physical infrastructure in accord with their capacity to pay as measured by property wealth.

Other valuation methods available are: site value (value of land only) and annual value (value of the rental potential of property).

Capital valuation comparison

Year	Rateable land	Non-rateable land	Total
2015/16	3,251,510,225	205,393,515	3,456,903,740
2016/17	3,259,233,035	212,100,805	3,471,333,840
2017/18	3,329,622,852	217,152,488	3,546,775,340
2018/19	3,494,031,387	221,599,753	3,715,631,140
2019/20	3,593,454,480	223,783,100	3,817,237,580
2020/21	3,687,501,965	225,679,555	3,913,181,250

General Rates

Section 147 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides the Council with the power to rate all land within the City of Mount Gambier, except for land specifically exempted, such as Crown Land.

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Fixed Charge

Council has determined that a component of the total rate will be a fixed charge on every rateable property. The fixed charge applies to all ratepayers and continues to raise slightly less than one half of total rate revenue (before rebates and remissions) required for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Council's reasons for including a fixed charge component are:

- To be able to deliver a range of services to the Community, Council must maintain a range of
 internal support, infrastructure and administrative services. No particular group of ratepayers
 benefit more than any other group of ratepayers by the provision of these services; and
- The Council considers it appropriate that all ratepayers contribute equally to the cost of administering Council's services and activities.

Fixed charge comparison

Year	Fixed Charge	% of Total Rates
2015/16	\$585.80	45%
2016/17	\$606.90	45%
2017/18	\$630.30	45%
2018/19	\$655.20	45%
2019/20	\$682.70	45%
2020/21	\$682.70	45%

Differential rates

In addition to a fixed charge, the Council will declare differential general rates in the dollar according to the use of the land, for ratable land within the Council area, as follows:

- category 1: (residential) use;
- categories 2, 3 and 4: (commercial shop, commercial office or commercial other) use;
- · categories 5 and 6: (industrial light and industrial other) use;
- category 7: (primary land) use;
- · category 8: (vacant land) use; and
- category 9: (other) use.

Every resident benefits in some part from the general amenity of the Council area. This amenity includes the local economy, general Council operations and the ability of every resident to use Council facilities and infrastructure including parks, gardens, libraries, etc.

The main reasons for providing differential rates are:

- · Ability to pay;
- Potential income taxation deductions;
- · Materially heavier/lighter use of services by ratepayers/employees/customers/suppliers; and
- Provide a disincentive to withholding land from development.

Differential rate in dollar comparison

Year	Residential	Commerci al	Industrial	Primary Production	Vacant Land	Other
2015/16	0.226310	0.611037	0.611037	0.226310	0.611037	0.226310
2016/17	0.236370	0.638199	0.638199	0.236370	0.638199	0.236370
2017/18	0.241940	0.653238	0.653238	0.241940	0.653238	0.241940
2018/19	0.240850	0.650295	0.650295	0.240850	0.650295	0.240850
2019/20	0.245125	0.661838	0.661838	0.245125	0.661838	0.245125
2020/21	0.245125	0.661838	0.661838	0.245125	0.661838	0.245125

Note: Rates in the dollar are expressed as a fraction of a cent in the dollar.

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Separate Rates

Mount Gambier is in the South East Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board area and is legally required under the Natural Resource Management Act 2004 to contribute to the funding of the operations of the Board. From 1 July 2020 the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 will replace the NRM Act 2004 and for budget purposes Council anticipates collecting the Landscape levy at similar levels as the NRM levy previously.

The Council collects revenue on behalf of the Board and does not retain any revenue collected nor does it determine how the revenue is spent.

Regional Landscape (NRM) levy comparison

Year	Landscape (NRM) le	vy		Total NRM revenue
2015/16		\$ 42.00	(per assessment)	\$578,276
2016/17	Res/Vac/Other	\$ 69.00	(per assessment)	\$1,041,246
	Commercial	\$127.00	(per assessment)	
	Industrial	\$156.00	(per assessment)	
	Primary Production	\$290.00	(per assessment)	
2017/18	Res/Vac/Other	\$ 72.65	(per assessment)	\$1,079,041
	Commercial	\$110.05	(per assessment)	
	Industrial	\$174.30	(per assessment)	
	Primary Production	\$323.00	(per assessment)	
2018/19	Res/Vac/Other	\$ 73.00	(per assessment)	\$1,086,828
	Commercial	\$109.00	(per assessment)	
	Industrial	\$174.00	(per assessment)	
	Primary Production	\$335.00	(per assessment)	
2019/20	Res/Vac/Other	\$ 77.10	(per assessment)	\$1,150,426
	Commercial	\$115.00	(per assessment)	
	Industrial	\$184.00	(per assessment)	
	Primary Production	\$337.00	(per assessment)	
2020/21	Res/Vac/Other	\$ 78.60	(per assessment)	\$1,179,069
	Commercial	\$117.00	(per assessment)	
	Industrial	\$186.00	(per assessment)	
	Primary Production	\$343.00	(per assessment)	

Minimum Amount

The Council uses a Fixed Charge as part of its rating structure instead of a Minimum Rate amount.

RATE REBATE AND RATE RELIEF ASSISTANCE

To address any potential inequities in how rates are levied across the Council area the following rate relief assistance options continue to be available:

Residential rate cap

Where an owner/occupier/principal place of residence property with a Category 1 (Residential) Land Use experiences an increase greater than 15% in general rates (excluding any rebates/remissions) payable, the amount of the rate rebate is the amount of gross rates for the current year over and above the general rates imposed in the preceding financial year plus 15%. All calculations referenced herein are gross rates figures i.e. exclusive of any rebates/remissions.

The rebate will not apply where:

- (a) Any such increase is due in whole or part to an increase in valuation of the land in the Assessment because of improvements made to it work more than \$20,000; or
- (b) Any such increase is in whole or part because the zoning of land use category of the land has changed; or
- (c) Any such increase is due in full or part to the use of the land being different for rating purposes on the date the Council declared its general rates for the current financial year than on the date the Council declared its general rates for the preceding financial year; or
- (d) The ownership of the rateable property has changed since 1st July in the preceding financial year i.e. the residential property has changed ownership and the new owners have purchased the residential property at the new current market value; or
- (e) The subject property boundary(ies) have been altered in some way e.g. subdivision, boundary alignment etc. i.e. the subject property is not the exact same property, for valuation purposes, as assessed in the previous financial year; or
- (f) Other factors considered relevant by the Chief Executive Officer that do not warrant the granting of the discretionary rate rebate.

The rebate will only apply to:

- (a) A ratepayer in respect of their principal place of residence only, excluding second and subsequent properties and all other non-principal place of residence properties; and
- (b) The current financial year only then subject to an annual review.

Vacant land

The vacant land rate in the dollar is usually higher than the residential rate in the dollar. For owners of vacant land who intend to develop that land, in the short term as their principal place of residence, may be entitled to a rebate on Council rates. Applications must be in writing with the maximum rate rebate calculated so that the rates payable are equivalent to the average residential land use.

Postponement of rates – Senior Citizens

Any person holding a South Australian State Government issued State Seniors Card may make application to Council for a postponement of the prescribed proportion of rates for the current or future financial years. All applications for postponement will be considered in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions.

Hardship

Any ratepayer experiencing difficulties in meeting rates payments or experiencing hardship will be able to access payment plans tailored to meet their particular circumstances. This approach has been widened as a result of the impact of COVID-19. All arrangements will be strictly confidential.

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Mandatory and discretionary rate rebates

The Local Government Act 1999 requires councils to rebate rates on some land uses (mandatory rebates) and the ability to grant discretionary rebates for land used for the purposes of community benefit provided the land meets certain legislative and Council Policy criteria.

The Council's Rate Rebate Policy (incorporating Rate Rebate Application) and the Schedule of Rate Rebates granted, is available for inspection at the Council Office or from the Council website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND BUDGET MEETINGS

The 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget is presented in the context of the Council's strategic directions as set out in the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2024. This Plan reflects the Council's continuing focus on ensuring that the physical infrastructure of the City is fit for purpose and maintained in a cost effective way. Through implementation of this year's Annual Business Plan and Budget, we aim to deliver to residents and ratepayers a well-managed, sustainable City environment for current as well as future generations.

The community engagement process provides members of the community with the opportunity to have input into the Annual Business Plan and Budget before the Budget and list of capital and operating projects are finalised and adopted by Council. It also enables comment on the potential distribution of rates across the City and any rate relief options the Council should consider or issues the Council should be aware of when modelling valuation data and determining the distribution of rates for the 2020/21 financial year.

Members of the Community were invited to take part in the community engagement process on the Draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Submissions including feedback on the draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget were received and considered. Council considered the final 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget at a Special Meeting on 23 June 2020.

APPENDIX A - 2020/21 PROFORMA BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Proforma Statement of Comprehensive Income Proforma Statement of Financial Position Proforma Statement of Changes in Equity Proforma Statement of Cash Flows

Proforma Note: Uniform Presentation of Finances

Proforma Note: Financial Indicators

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APPENDIX A

2020/21 PROFORMA BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (AR20/37658)

Proforma Statement of Comprehensive Income Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020, Budget FY2020 and Actual FY2019

		FY 2021	FY BR2 2020	FY Budget 2020	2019 Actual
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INCOME					
Rates	2	22,809	22,157	22,435	21,433
Statutory charges	2	309	402	402	426
User charges	2	5,354	5,307	5,269	5,021
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,680	4,181	3,909	4,435
Investment income	2	-	113	48	86
Reimbursements	2	52	105	101	19
Other income	2_	241	463	249	417
Total Income	_	33,445	32,727	32,414	31,837
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	3	13,172	12,231	12,589	11,800
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	14,254	12,915	12,709	11,972
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	7,398	7,655	7,331	7,424
Finance costs	3	213	191	152	203
Total Expenses	_	35,038	32,991	32,781	31,399
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(1,593)	(264)	(367)	437
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(13)	(115)	349	(595)
Amounts received for new or upgraded assets	2	12,425	223	175	105
Physical resources received free of charge	2		-	-	159
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	-	10,819	(156)	157	107
Other Comprehensive Income					
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment					56
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	_	_	(1,495)	-	
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	(1,495)	-	56
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-	10,819	(1,651)	157	163
	-				

Proforma Statement of Financial Position Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020, Budget FY2020 and Actual FY2019

	FY 2021	FY BR2 2020	FY Budget 2020	2019 Actual
ASSETS	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,155	1,343	431	6,069
Trade & other receivables	1,861	1,861	1,524	1,849
Inventories	816	816	304	816
	4,832	4,020	2,259	8,734
Non-current assets				
Financial assets	_	_	_	18
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	277,807	247,915	252,201	244,752
Total non-current assets	277,807	247,915	252,201	244,770
Total assets	282,639	251,935	254,460	253,503
LIABILITIES Current liabilities				
Trade & other payables	3,065	3,065	2,609	3,016
Borrowings	213	206	206	195
Provisions	2,457	2,407	2,332	2,338
Total current liabilities	5,734	5,678	5,147	5,549
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	21,952	2,171	2,170	2,377
Provisions	3,857	3,809	3,768	3,649
Total non-current Liabilities	25,809	5,980	5,938	6,027
Total liabilities	31,543	11,658	11,085	11,576
NET ASSETS	251,096	240,277	243,375	241,927
EQUITY				
Accumulated surplus	74,778	63,959	65,908	65,609
Asset revaluation reserves	175,458	175,458	176,619	175,458
Other reserves	860	,	848	860
TOTAL EQUITY	251,096	240,277	243,375	241,927
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Proforma Statement of Changes in Equity Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020 and Actual FY2019

	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
2021	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period Restated opening balance Net surplus / (deficit) for the year Other Comprehensive Income	63,959 63,959 10,819	175,458 175,458 -	860 860 -	240,277 240,277 10,819
Transfers between reserves	_	-	-	_
Balance at end of period	74,778	175,458	860	251,096
2020 (based on BR2)	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period Restated opening balance	65,609 65,609	175,458 175,458	860 860	241,927 241,927
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year Other Comprehensive Income	(156)	-	•	(156)
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to ass Transfers between reserves	(1,495)		-	(1,495)
Balance at end of period	63,959	175,458	860	240,277
2019	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	65,515 107	175,402 -	847 -	241,764 107
Other Comprehensive Income Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	56	-	56
Transfers between reserves	(13)	(0)	13	0
Balance at end of period	65,609	175,458	860	241,927

Proforma Statement of Cash Flows Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020, Budget FY2020 and Actual FY2019

	FY 2021	BR2 2020	FY Budget	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$'000	\$'000	2020 \$'000	Actual \$'000
Receipts	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
Rates - general & other	21,658	21,194	21,280	21,388
Fees & other charges	309	402	402	426
User charges	5,354	5.294	5,238	5,459
Investment receipts	5,354	113	3,236	3,439
Grants utilised for operating purposes	4,193	4,181	3,909	4.435
Reimbursements	52	105	101	21
Other revenues	241	463	187	446
Payments	241	400	107	440
Employee costs	(12,736)	(11,886)	(13,013)	(11,629)
Materials, contracts & other expenses	(13,442)	(12,042)	(10,665)	(12,981)
Finance payments	(138)	(152)	(152)	(161)
Net cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	5,491	7,672	7,287	7,490
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts				
Amounts received for new or upgraded assets	12,912	223	175	105
Sale of replaced assets	506	379	349	359
Sale of surplus assets	-	-	-	-
Repayments of loans by community groups	-	-	18	17
<u>Payments</u>				
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	(8,245)	(9,817)	(7,493)	(4,006)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	(29,639)	(2,989)	(2,953)	(2,265)
Net cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	(24,466)	(12,204)	(9,904)	(5,790)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from borrowings	20,000	_	_	_
Payments	20,000			
Repayments of borrowings	(213)	(195)	(195)	(218)
Net cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities	19,787	(195)	(195)	(218)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	812	(4,726)	(2,812)	1,482
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Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,343	6,069	3,243	4,587
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	2,155	1,343	431	6,069

Proforma Notes Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020, Budget FY2020 and Actual FY2019

Note 13 - Financial indicators

These financial indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

	FY 2021	FY BR2 2020	FY Budget 2020	2019 Actual
Operating surplus ratio				
Operating surplus Total operating revenue	(4.8%)	(0.8%)	(1.1%)	1.4%
This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating	g revenue.			
Net financial liabilities ratio				
Net financial liabilities Total operating revenue	94%	36%	34%	11%

Net financial liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Adjustments to ratios

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. The adjusted operating surplus ratio adjusts for the resulting distortion in the disclosed operating result for each year.

Adjusted operating surplus ratio	(5.1%)	(1.2%)	(1.5%)	(0.7%)
Adjusted financial liabilities ratio	94%	35%	34%	10%
Asset renewal funding ratio				
Net asset renewals Asset Management Plan required expenditure	113%	135%	103%	68%

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Proforma Notes Budget FY2021, Budget Review 2 FY2020, Budget FY2020 and Actual FY2019

Note 14 - Uniform presentation of finances

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

		FY 2021 \$'000	FY B	R2 2020 \$'000	FY Bud	iget 2020 \$'000	20	19 Actual \$'000
Income Expenses Operating surplus / (deficit)		33,445 35,038 (1,593)		32,727 32,991 (264)	-	32,362 32,604 (242)	-	31,836 (31,399) 437
Net outlays on existing assets Capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets Depreciation, amortisation and impairment Proceeds from sale of replaced assets	8,245 (7,398) (506)	340	9,817 (7,655) (379)	1,783	7,493 (7,331) (349)	(187)	5,346 (7,424) (359)	(2,437)
Net outlays on new and upgraded assets								
Capital expenditure on new and upgraded assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	29,639		2,989		2,953		566	
Amounts received specifically for new and upgraded assets	(12,912)		(223)		(175)		(105)	
Proceeds from sale of surplus assets (including investment property and real estate developments and non-current assets held for resale)	-		-		-		359	
		16,727		2,766		2,778		820
Net lending / (borrowing) for financial year		(18,660)		(4,813)		(2,833)		2,054

APPENDIX B

2020/21 SUMMARY BUDGET BY FUNCTION (AR20/37660)

MASTER NAME	INCLUSION	Budget 2021	BR2 20		udget 2020
	PL	- 10,819,16	2	1,650,508 -	156,8
	REVENUE	- 45,869,73	5 - 3	32,950,441 -	32,588,8
	ADMINISTRATION REVENUE	-	-	15,440	-
Organisational	6002	-	-	15,440	-
	COMMUNITY SERVICES REVENUE	- 737,91	8 -	721,548 -	714,6
Crime prevention	6100	-	-	2,001 -	2,0
lealth-pest control	6111		-	574	
Community health services	6115	- 66	1 -	650 -	6
enior citizens	6121	- 12		-	
Children and youth services	6125			1,004 -	1,0
				1,004	1,0
Other community support	6129	7-0-0-0-0		45.040	
AKE TERRACE CEMETERY	6132	10,51		16,319 -	10,0
ARINYA GARDENS CEMETERY	6133	- 720,50		701,000 -	701,0
	CULTURAL REVENUE	- 394,43		689,150 -	549,3
ublic library	6200	- 233,00	0 -	308,643 -	220,0
ultural venues - City Hall	6210	- 53,95	6 -	60,061 -	55,0
ultural Venues Expenditure - Other	6215	- 11	8	-	
feritage	6220	-	-	95,421 -	75,0
iddoch Art Gallery and Main Corner Complex	6230	- 65,36	0 -	161,695 -	147,3
ultural events	6240	- 42,00		63,330 -	52,0
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE	- 221,80		217,007 -	220,6
ommunity/Tourism events	6350	,		30,550	
ourism - Mount Gambier Visitor Centre	6360	- 221.80	2		220.6
ourism - Mount Gambier Visitor Centre	ENVIRONMENTAL REVENUE	LLIJOO		186,457 -	220,6
ttt		1,002,12		5,089,012 -	5,124,9
/aste management	6410	- 73,27		40,241 -	45,0
arbage collection	6411	725,76		626,321	
reenwaste	6412		4 -	480,000 -	480,0
erbside recycling	6413	- 240,00	0 -	237,190 -	288,0
e-Use Market	6414	- 72,00	0 -	41,485 -	48,0
Vaste Transfer Centre	6415	- 222,80	0 -	98,693 -	192,0
waste	6416	- 14,40	0 -	31,744 -	36,0
aroline landfill	6418	- 4,552,23	7 -	3,804,000 -	2,844,0
ormwater drainage	6420	- 4,88	0 -	16,495 -	30,0
reet cleaning	6430	92,40		81,272	
vironmental sustainability	6460			1,046,757 -	1,161,
The state of the s	RECREATION REVENUE	- 12,602,21	s -	553,608 -	409,4
arks/Gardens/Reserves	6500	- 3,92		165,049 -	18,0
ports facilities-indoor	6520) -	3,695	10,
	6530	- 00			63
ports facilities-outdoor	- 1000000	22,13		55,568 -	62,4
aRH - Building project opex	6545	12, 123,00		175,000 -	175,0
ther recreation	6560	- 13,00		14,656	
og control	6600	- 137,04		139,640 -	154,0
	REGULATORY REVENUE	- 119,01		183,444 -	213,
uilding control	6620	- 50,00	В -	61,296 -	75,0
ity planning	6630	- 50,00	8 -	87,058 -	102,
ealth inspection	6660	-	-	10,449 -	8,0
arking control & footpath displays	6670	- 19,00	0 -	24,641 -	28,
	TRANSPORT REVENUE	- 944,74	7 -	418,456 -	344,
oads sealed	6740	- 906,99		413,000 -	344,
GGC - roads components	6741	- 37,75		-	100,000
raffic management	6780		-	5,456	
and management	UNCLASSIFIED ACTIVITIES REVENUE	- 26,505,46	١	25,070,760 -	24,969,
rivate works	6900	- 36,00		46,169 -	49,
	6940				
andry		133,66		257,943 -	228,0
nance charges	6960	- 26,300,85		24,766,648 -	24,692,8
GGC - general purpose	6961	- 9,38		-	4-
	SUPPORT SERVICES REVENUE	- 43,20) -	75,524 -	42,0
nance	6011			1,528	
ates administration	6016	- 43,20	0 -	38,122 -	42,
ccupancy	6018	-	-	33,930	
ommunity development and engagement	6022	•	-	5,000	
	ENGINEERING/INDIRECT REVENUE	60,48	0	83,508	
M City infrastructure	6800			93,508	
set management	6810	-	-	10,000	
ty Infrastructure - indirect	6830	60,48	0	-	
-y	EXPENDITURE	35,050,57		34,600,949	32,431,
					1,364,8
acted members	ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE	994,87		1,362,479	
ected members	6000	283,79		286,169	285,
rganisational	6002	711,07		1,076,310	1,079,
	SUPPORT SERVICES EXPENDITURE	5,015,66		4,322,795	4,184,0
M CBS	6004	251,39	2	188,062	218,4
ecutive administration	6005	389,57	9	177,212	198,
usiness & Strategic Planning	6006	146,33	9	80,548	124,
rategic finance and accountability	6010	348,71		379,253	401,
nance	6011	579,21		420,245	150,6
	~~~	3,3,21	7	,275	2.50,

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MASTER NAME	SUMMARY BUDGET BY FUNCTION - 2020-2 INCLUSION		2 2020	Budget 2020
luman resources	6013	267,674	236,171	242,0
services	6014	674,994	567,325	532,7
Communication	6015	168,264	76,785	121,2
ates administration	6016	353,877	328,858	361,0
ecords Management	6017	333,011		301,0
		FAC 636	14,316	225.0
Occupancy	6018	546,626	404,946	335,8
customer service	6020	658,383	622,845	658,1
ther support services	6021	*	212,732	218,0
community development and engagement	6022	298,297	292,273	269,3
Aedia and communications	6023	332,314	320,024	351,6
	COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPENDITURE	1,571,907	1,878,829	1,827,1
rime prevention	6100	10,740	15,560	15,8
6M Community Wellbeing	6101	207,345	236,675	218,1
Other fire protection	6103	2,000	2,000	2,0
ther public order and safety	6104	1,020	1,020	1,0
fealth-pest control	6111		90	
mmunisation	6112		282	3
community health services	6115	10,508	8,447	8,2
		134344 Technologic		
enior citizens	6121	39,940	36,721	33,6
hildren and youth services	6125	7,092	7,414	7,5
ommunity assistance	6126	130,400	182,571	155,4
ther community support	6129	122,824	112,767	110,9
us shelter	6131	5,004	9,746	3,1
AKE TERRACE CEMETERY	6132	34,424	52,628	29,5
ARINYA GARDENS CEMETERY	6133	564,790	562,722	572,9
ublic conveniences	6134	301,252	302,702	326,9
arpark	6135		130,289	126,0
•		134,568		
ther community amenities	6138	4 624 405	217,195	215,2
16.64	CULTURAL EXPENDITURE	4,631,495	4,557,488	4,487,5
ublic library	6200	2,115,522	2,258,840	2,277,8
ther library services	6202	17,000	21,437	17,0
ultural venues - City Hall	6210	153,144	181,082	385,0
ultural Venues Expenditure - Other	6215	238,760	212,864	
eritage	6220	548,722	554,920	538,1
eritage restoration expenditure	6225	20,000		
iddoch Art Gallery and Main Corner Complex	6230	1,309,155	1,027,738	995,7
ultural events	6240	202,324	268,792	245,8
ottal a events Other cultural services	6250		neromo-futomo-o-r	
ther cultural services		26,868	31,815	28,0
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	2,615,245	2,469,143	2,582,8
M City Growth	6300	131,766	184,741	213,3
egional development	6320	297,916	376,101	433,7
ther economic development	6340	107,691	63,186	99,7
ommunity/Tourism events	6350	670,392	600,013	573,9
ourism - Mount Gambier Visitor Centre	6360	979,798	924,065	914,8
ourism general	6370	427,682	321,037	347,2
•	ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENDITURE	7,506,225	7,870,845	7,927,6
/aste management	6410	46,664	38,521	31,4
arbage collection	6411	823,832		796,9
			716,500	
reenwaste	6412	284,600	315,496	316,1
erbside recycling	6413	891,500	973,600	974,
e-Use Market	6414	172,302	302,400	272,4
/aste Transfer Centre	6415	295,511	240,627	234,4
waste	6416	18,000	21,252	24,0
aroline landfill	6418	3,174,538	2,934,629	2,660,5
rchard Road waste management plan	6419	48,024	33,422	33,8
tormwater drainage	6420	175,892	214,160	165,0
reet cleaning	6430	374,500	282,367	253,2
reet lighting	6440	810,476	350,072	536,
reetscaping	6450	144,288	248,042	229,
nvironmental sustainability	6460	246,098	1,199,757	1,399,
	RECREATION EXPENDITURE	3,897,978	4,483,890	3,949,
arks/Gardens/Reserves	6500	2,627,398	2,729,933	2,508,
orts facilities-indoor	6520	20,168	24,539	24,
orts facilities-outdoor	6530	684,804	809,083	659,
RH - Building project opex	6545	-	72,321	
quatic Centre	6550	-	398,661	355,
ther recreation	6560	275,264	135,958	95,
og control	6600	290,344	313,395	306,
all consists	REGULATORY EXPENDITURE			
4.6		1,055,573	941,196	924,
uilding control	6620	301,408	304,383	306,
ty planning	6630	448,606	386,673	370,
ealth inspection	6660	293,029	237,147	232,
arking control & footpath displays	6670	12,530	12,993	14,9
	TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	3,161,768	3,146,000	2,948,7
ootpaths kerbing	6730	1,211,152	1,231,603	1,114,

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MASTER NAME	NCLUSION	Budget 2021	BR2 2020	Budget 2020
Traffic management	6780	69,584	84,545	75,300
	ENGINEERING/INDIRECT EXPENDITURE	3,070,155	3,211,532	1,878,273
GM City infrastructure	6800	676,075	214,867	1,137,571
Asset management	6810	13,300	1,661,954	- 298,000
City Infrastructure - AWU employees	6820	3,660,499	883,957	1,458,629
City Infrastructure - indirect	6830	280,941	415,490	668,502
Indirect expenditure - labour oncost	6840	-	-	- 1,123,693
Plant and machinery	6850	1,508,200	1,591,230	1,382,264
Plant and machinery - internal hire	6860	- 3,068,860	- 1,555,966	- 1,347,000
	UNCLASSIFIED ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	1,529,692	356,752	356,812
Private works	6900	20,000	23,645	10,560
Sundry	6940	200,460	195,412	195,568
Finance charges	6960	1,309,232	137,695	150,684
	BS	37,796,592	4,075,085	5,294,245
	CAPITAL	37,796,592	11,475,657	12,694,817
	ENGINEERING/INDIRECT CAPITAL	2,140,000	2,004,170	1,963,000
STAFF VEHICLES (PURCHASE)	7300	42,000	89,000	89,000
TRUCKS (PURCHASE)	7320	943,000	1,386,956	1,401,000
LOADERS (PURCHASE)	7370	500,000	170,000	170,000
TRACTORS (PURCHASE)	7390	84,000	-	-
SUNDRY PLANT (PURCHASE)	7400	185,000	264,214	217,000
MINOR PLANT (PURCHASE)	7450	36,000	62,000	62,000
WORKS DEPOT	7740	350,000	32,000	24,000
World DETO	SUPPORT SERVICES CAPITAL	470,000	134,290	410,123
OFFICE EQUIPMENT (PURCHASE)	7460	470,000	134,290	410,123
or received the state of the state of	CULTURAL CAPITAL	677,600	224,774	246,092
LIBRARY BOOKS/MATERIALS (PURCHASE)	7470	108,000	136,000	136,000
LIBRARY	7630	180,000	3,682	130,000
CULTURAL	7640	338,500	75,000	100,000
Heritage	7650	51,100	10,092	10,092
ici itage	ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL	50,000	107.400	107,400
ADMINISTRATION	7500	50,000	107,400	107,400
ADMINISTRATION	COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL			
Other and the second		241,968	294,858	283,600
Other community support	7560	45.000	138,700	138,700
BUS SHELTERS	7570	45,368	36,482	30,600
CEMETERIES/CREMATORIA	7580	130,000	8,000	8,000
Public conveniences	7600	-	97,600	96,000
CARPARKS	7620	66,600	14,076	10,300
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL	352,200	89,240	420,900
TOURISM	7660	352,200	89,240	420,900
	ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL	642,800	237,734	1,173,300
STREET TREE PROGRAM	7665	40,900	99,500	99,500
ENVIRONMENT	7668	150,000	-	100,000
Waste management	7670	277,500	71,534	824,800
STORMWATER/DRAINAGE CAPITAL EXPENDITUR	7800	174,400	66,700	149,000
	RECREATION CAPITAL	28,338,241	4,146,091	4,033,202
Parks/Gardens/Reserves	7680	1,555,600	1,258,319	1,156,420
Sports facilities-indoor	7690	-	10,000	37,486
Sports facilities-outdoor	7700	9,568	163,820	157,31
AQUATIC CENTRE (OUTDOOR)	7730	-	40,000	64,62
COMMUNITY & RECREATION HUB	7735	26,773,073	2,673,952	2,617,352
	TRANSPORT CAPITAL	4,883,783	4,237,100	4,057,200
FOOTPATHS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7830	1,222,788	617,700	617,700
ROADS SEALED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7900	3,660,995	3,619,400	3,439,500

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# 4.2 ADOPTION OF CAPITAL VALUATIONS - REPORT NO. AR20/37694

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020 Report No.: AR20/37694 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Adoption of capital values as part of Rates declaration group of

**Council resolutions** 

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People

Goal 2: Our Location

**Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy** 

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That pursuant to Section 167(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council adopts, for rating purposes for the 2020-21 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the capital values applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$3,913,181,250 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is 23 June 2020.

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Nil

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#### 4.3 DECLARATION OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF LAND USES AND CODES - REPORT NO. AR20/33704

Committee: Council

**Meeting Date:** 23 June 2020 Report No.: AR20/33704 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

**Author:** Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

**Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer** 

Summary: A report seeking approval as to the categories of land use to be

used for rates.

**Community Plan** 

Goal 1: Our People Reference: **Goal 2: Our Location** 

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

## REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That in exercise of the powers contained in Chapter 10 of the Local Government Act 1999, the attribution of the land uses in the Assessment Record for the 2020/21 financial year will be in accordance with the categories of land use prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

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## 4.4 DECLARATION OF RATES - REPORT NO. AR20/33711

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020
Report No.: AR20/33711
CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Declaration of rates as part of Rates declaration group of Council

resolutions

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People

Goal 2: Our Location

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That pursuant to Sections 152 (1)(c), 153 (1)(b) and 156 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in order to raise rates in the amount of \$21,785,000 the Council hereby declares that differential general rates will apply and will vary according to the use of the land and declares the differential general rates for rateable land within the Council area for the 2020/21 financial year will be as follows:
  - (a) 0.245125 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of land use category (a) 'Residential', category (g) 'Primary Production' and category (i) 'Other'; and
  - (b) 0.661838 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of land use category (b) 'Commercial-Shop', category (c) 'Commercial Office', category (d) 'Commercial-Other', category (e) 'Industry-Light', category (f) 'Industry Other' and category (h) 'Vacant Land' use.

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Nil

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# 4.5 DECLARATION OF FIXED CHARGE - REPORT NO. AR20/33717

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020
Report No.: AR20/33717
CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Declaration of fixed charge as part of Rates declaration group of

**Council resolutions** 

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People

Goal 2: Our Location

**Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy** 

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That pursuant to Section 152 (1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares in respect of the 2020/21 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$682.70.

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### 4.6 DECLARATION OF SEPARATE RATE – REPORT NO. AR20/33725

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020
Report No.: AR20/33725
CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Declaration of separate rate as part of Rates declaration group of

**Council resolutions** 

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People
Goal 2: Our Location

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Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That in exercise of the powers contained in Section 95 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999, in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, being \$1,179,069, differential separate rates based on a fixed charge of an amount that depends upon the use of the land on all rateable land in the Council's area and in the area of the said Board for the 2020/21 financial year as follows:
  - 1) \$78.60 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) 'Residential', category (h) 'Vacant Land' and category (i) 'Other';
  - 2) \$117.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) 'Commercial-Shop', category (c) 'Commercial-Office' and category (d) 'Commercial-Other';
  - 3) \$186.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) 'Industry-Light' and category (f) 'Industry-Other';
  - 4) \$343.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (g) 'Primary Production'.

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# 4.7 DECLARATION OF RESIDENTIAL RATE CAP – REPORT NO. AR20/33633

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020 Report No.: AR20/33633 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Declaration of residential rate cap as part of Rates declaration

group of Council resolutions

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People

Goal 2: Our Location

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That pursuant to section 153 (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2020/21 being met, the Council fixes a maximum increase to the general rate of 15% in respect of any rateable land that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer and determines that any amount in excess of the 15% be remitted.

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Nil

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# 4.8 PAYMENT OF COUNCIL RATES - QUARTERLY BILLING - REPORT NO. AR20/33728

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020 Report No.: AR20/33728 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Manager Finance and Customer Service

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: Payment of council rates as part of Rates declaration group of

**Council resolutions** 

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People

Goal 2: Our Location

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

### REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That pursuant to Section 181(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council declares that quarterly payment of rates and charges in respect of the 2020/21 financial year be payable on or before:
  - Friday, 11 September 2020
  - Friday, 11 December 2020
  - Friday, 12 March 2021
  - Friday, 11 June 2021.

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Nil

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# 4.9 CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – REPORT NO. AR20/37835

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 23 June 2020 Report No.: AR20/37835 CM9 Reference: AF19/416

Author: Heidi Gajic, Community Development and Engagement Officer

Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

Summary: This report seeks Council support for an ongoing City of Mount

Gambier Corporate Volunteer program that enables a quick resourcing response to support essential community service

delivery as and when required.

Community Plan Reference:

Goal 1: Our People
Goal 2: Our Location

Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and

Heritage

## REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council Report No. AR20/37835 titled 'City of Mount Gambier Corporate Volunteer Program' as presented on 23 June 2020 be noted.
- 2. That Council endorse an ongoing City of Mount Gambier Corporate Volunteer program to enable quick resourcing response to essential community service delivery as and when required.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Under the pillar *Our People* of the City of Mount Gambier's three-pronged *COVID-19 Our City Our Response* strategy the Council committed to ensuring minimal disruption to the delivery of essential community services such as Meals on Wheels, Foodbank and SpareYaChange for Kids in the interest of maintaining the safety, health and wellbeing of those most vulnerable in our community. This was confirmed by the decision of Council on 31st March 2020.

### DISCUSSION

The recent easing of restrictions and progressive return of volunteer capacity for these agencies coupled with the reopening of Council facilities has prompted the introduction of a transition plan that gradually reduces the level of Council resourcing required to sustain delivery of these essential community services.

Whilst this is a practical and inevitable progression as the community begins on the road to recovery, there will continue to be intermittent need for resourcing of various durations. As an example, there is currently an opportunity to extend assistance to Meals on Wheels through an ongoing commitment to undertake a fortnightly Corporate Volunteer delivery round. This would consist of a team of two staff and a vehicle for a period of up to three hours to deliver meals to those in need.

The feedback from staff deployed in this initiative has been extremely positive, many have found the program a very rewarding experience and the presence of the Council within the community supporting these essential community services has been extremely well received.

## **CONCLUSION**

Reflecting on the success of this initiative and the fact that there will continue to be periodic gaps in the capacity of these essential community services this report seeks Council endorsement to embed the Corporate Volunteering program as an ongoing initiative to support essential community services as and when the need arises.

It is anticipated that the staffing and financial implications of this support for our community will be met from existing resources.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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# **5 MEETING CLOSE**