



## **Southern Mallee District Council 2018-19 Annual Business Plan and Budget**

Southern Mallee District Council adopted its Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2018/2019 at its meeting on Wednesday 20 June 2018. The Business Plan outlines the proposed services, programs and projects developed through Council's Strategic Management Plans and has been widely consulted with the community.

Council's challenge in framing its Annual Business Plan was to achieve the outcomes within the Plan without presenting an unrealistic rate burden on the community.

In funding the 2018/2019 Annual Business Plan, Council has resolved no increase to the rate in the dollar it applies to property valuations as determined by the Valuer General. For some ratepayers this will result in a lower rate charge than the previous year. Council also imposed a cap on rate increases on rateable properties where such increases were at 12% or above; a significant win for many in the primary production sector where in some cases valuations have significantly increased.

"Whilst Council continues to face ongoing challenges in meeting our communities needs and expectations, we have pleasingly consolidated Councils financial position to a strong position upon which the we can invest strongly back into the community over future years." said Mayor Andrew Grieger. "Council has also recognised the adverse impact significant increases in the capital value of our primary production land may have on land owners and have capped those increased at 12% as a measure of containment for that ratepayer base."

Key outcomes for the 2018/19 budget include;

- An operating surplus of \$102,907;
- Councils debt position has reduced from \$3,331,401 as at 30 June 2013 to \$1,402,965 for the forecast year ending June 30 2019;
- Existing assets are being better managed through the introduction of strategic asset management plans that will drive timelier renewal and replacement of key community assets.
- Appropriation of \$2.161 Million on Capital Expenditure for the renewal of a wide range of existing facilities and infrastructure including;
  - CWMS Pipework at Pinnaroo
  - Various Road Reseals
  - Renovations to community facilities
  - Various Road and footpath Construction Projects
  - Plant Replacement

The full plan and details can be found on the Southern Mallee District Council website (<http://www.southernmallee.sa.gov.au>)

Council also endorsed its Long Term Financial Plan for the next 10 years and Asset Management Plans (for community consultation), detailing investment plans for the Southern Mallee road network, plant and machinery.

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