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COUNCIL SEEKS COMMENT ON DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2019/2020

The City of Port Lincoln has released its Draft Annual Business Plan for 2019/2020 for public consultation. Council invites community feedback on the Draft Plan from Friday 24 May to 5pm on Friday 21 June 2019. Community feedback will assist Council to determine the priorities for the coming financial year, in particular the proposed new and upgraded capital projects and operational new initiatives.

Mayor Flaherty said, "Council's priority for the year is developing a new Vision for the City that will focus on sustainability, growth, economic activity and long term prosperity".

Planning already undertaken for 2019/2020 has identified a number of significant projects:

- Completion of the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre Expansion Project, funded through a Commonwealth Community Development Grant \$1,382,000 (2019/2020);
- Liverpool Street Stormwater Works - Pump Station Upgrade \$3,113,000 (2019/2020);
- Development of a Dog Park \$100,000;
- Construction of a new Toilet Block in Lincoln South \$75,000;
- Road Reseal works of \$550,000 per year, and planned to continue over the next ten year period;
- Completion of Parnkalla Trail Wharf Precinct \$700,000 (2019/2020);
- Repairs to the Town Jetty \$150,000.

The proposed projects, programs and services are to be funded through a combination of revenue sources totalling \$24.6 million including:

- Total rate revenue of \$15,161,799 which equates to 61% of the total income. It is a proposed increase of 3.5%, which is inclusive of the rate in the dollar and fixed charge components. When applied across all rateable properties including new assessments, the average increase is 2.98% per assessment.
- Grants totalling \$5,670,200 which makes up 23% of the total operating income; and
- The remaining 16% of the operating income includes Statutory Charges, Investment Income, Reimbursements and Other Income sources.



The Draft Annual Business Plan is available for viewing at the Council Administration Office located in the Civic Centre, online at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au and Port Lincoln Library.

Council is holding two public forums on Wednesday 5 June in the Rotary Gallery at the Nautilus Arts Centre at 2.30pm and 6pm. This will provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and ask questions on the Draft Annual Business Plan and other council services. Members of the public also have the opportunity to make verbal submissions at the Ordinary Council meeting on Monday 17 June 2019 at 6.30pm in the Port Lincoln Council Chambers.

Mayor Flaherty said, "I encourage everyone to be involved, read the Draft Plan and to come along to either of the public forums or the Council Meeting and provide your feedback on the proposed projects, programs and services for 2019/2020".

Written submissions on the Annual Business Plan 2019/2020 can be emailed to yoursay@plcc.sa.gov.au, posted to City of Port Lincoln, PO Box 1787, Port Lincoln or hand delivered to the Council Administration Office at Level One, Civic Centre, 60 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln.

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