

## MEDIA RELEASE

# DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2017-2018 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Port Lincoln released its [Draft Annual Business Plan for 2017/2018](#) on 4 May 2017, seeking community feedback on the plan, in particular the proposed new and upgraded capital projects and operational new initiatives for the coming year.

In March this year the Council adopted its updated Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan 2018-2027, Long Term Financial Plan 2018-2027 and Sustainable Projects Delivery Plan 2018-2027 (Version 2). These plans combined, outline the long term services and project objectives for the City, to ensure that current and future priorities meet community needs and expectations. The Council's Vision aspires for Port Lincoln to be "A progressive, vibrant and safe coastal city that is an attractive place in which to live, work and grow".

The Draft Annual Business Plan has been developed to ensure consistency with Council's Vision and is based on commitment to continuity of services and maintenance and completion of capital renewal programs as priorities that are sustainably funded.

Community feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan is invited and can be contributed through several different options including on-line, via hard copy survey, by letter or email, by attending a planned street stall event or by attending a scheduled meeting of the Council.

"I especially encourage all members of the community to complete the easy on-line survey and to have your say on the projects that will shape the future of your City" said Mayor Bruce Green.

Planning for 2017/2018 has identified a number of significant projects:

- delivery of the \$4.4 million expansion of the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, fully funded by the Commonwealth Community Development Grant Program
- replacement of the London Street Bridge, a \$4.4 million project, partly funded by a 50% partnership with the Bridges Renewal Fund
- continued Road Reseal works of \$550,000 per year, in a program planned to continue over the next nine years
- stormwater project priorities including the design works to address flooding risks in Liverpool Street and significant drainage works at Kaye Drive
- redevelopment of the Skate Park including new street skating area and equipment.



“We have had to accept an increase in State Government Waste Levy costs of \$135,000, and forecast electricity price increases of \$165,000, which will be reflected in our Budget” Mayor Green said.

The projects, programs and services proposed in the Draft Annual Business Plan are to be funded with an increase in rates revenue as follows:

- revenue from the General Rate Revenue is to increase by 4.4%, with an average increase to existing properties of 3.2%
- the Fixed Charge portion of the General Rate is to increase by \$10 (to \$425) per property
- the Waste and Recycling Charge is to increase by 6.2% - mainly due to the recently announced significant increases in the State Government Waste Levy charges.

Mayor Green added, “The proposed general rate revenue increase of 4.4% is in line with our Long Term Financial Plan and will enable funding of ongoing operational expenses, important renewal of infrastructure and priority new/upgrade capital and operational new initiatives to continue to build a great regional centre and community”.

The Draft Annual Business Plan will be available for viewing at the Port Lincoln Council Office, Library and Nautilus Arts Centre and online at [www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au](http://www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au).

All members of the community are able to provide comment through an [on-line survey](#), hardcopy survey and/or written submission to Council. **This year all completed surveys will be placed in a draw with five lucky winners to earn themselves a prize.**

The community is also invited to attend a one hour public meeting set aside before the Council meeting on Monday 5 June at 7.30pm at the City of Port Lincoln Council Chambers for anyone who would like to address the Council about the draft Plan.

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