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January 2023

# Mayor's Time to Reflect

This is the time of the year where we reflect on the year that has just passed and look forward to what the upcoming year has in store for us.

The end of last year saw us go through the Local Government elections. Here on the Copper Coast, we did not actually have an election as we did not have the required number of nominations. All those that nominated were elected unopposed and it has meant we are one elected member short and are currently going through the process of a supplementary election to finalise our team.

I was honoured to be re-elected unopposed to the role of Mayor. A position that I am privileged to hold. I will never forget that I am representing you, the residents and ratepayers, and will continue to advocate on your behalf. I lead a great team and have seven returning elected members. Councillors Oswald, Paddick, Sawley, Schmidt, Sims, Vluggen and Walker have all returned and they are joined by the newly elected Councillor Male. Of course, we will wait to see who fills the final position.

At the December meeting, Councillor Peter Sims was elected as the Deputy Mayor for a twoyear term. I am looking forward to working with Peter and I am sure he will fill this role admirably. I am very lucky as Mayor that all Councillors are competent and diligent and all are capable of deputising for me if necessary. Councillor Paddick and Oswald were elected to represent us on the Audit and Risk Committee and Councillor Oswald will lead that committee commendably after being elected the Chairperson.

December was a particularly busy month. The elected members and I commenced our



Set to serve the community in a new Copper Coast Council term are, back: Peter Sims, Andrew Male, Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Neil Sawley, Peter Oswald; front: Sandra Paddick, Bruce Schmidt, Brent Walker, Cathy Vluggen.

mandatory training that will continue into the new year. One of the changes brought about by the Local Government Reform is the increased training we must do which will enable us to fulfill our role more competently.

I also attended many Christmas functions and end of year school presentations. I particularly enjoy the school presentations. I never cease to be impressed by the capable students we have on the Copper Coast and, year after year, they present themselves

competently. The youth is our future and by my observations, our future will be in good hands.

As we enter 2023, I am buoyed by commencing our Long-Term Strategic Plan. This process gives us, and you, the opportunity to explore the long-term goals of the Copper Coast Council. It will give us the opportunity to determine a vision for the future and outline measurable goals. Strategic planning defines a road map for organisational growth and provides guidance for day-to-day decision

making. When we commence the public consultation, I hope you will have your say. This helps give us direction and an indication of your views. Keep your eyes out for this process to commence in the coming months.

The Copper Coast is the Lifestyle Location of Choice and I am honoured and looking forward to representing you for the next four years to continue to improve on what is already a fantastic community.

Roslyn Talbot, Mayor

# CEO's Update...

hope and trust that everyone had a happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward with excitement to what is ahead in 2023. There are a number of projects that have been completed or soon will be. The Wallaroo to Moonta Cycling Walking Trail was delayed due to the requirements from the State Government for the Cycling/Walking Track in the Moonta Mines Heritage Precinct. However, this will be a fantastic 15 kilometre project for people to enjoy when completed with funding from the State Government and Council.

We have recently completed the George Street, Moonta stormwater drainage works. We are appreciative of the patience and understanding from shop owners. We are commencing stormwater drainage works on Moonta Road, Moonta and after this is completed, the sealing of Moonta Road in stages as funds permit. We would again ask for the patience and understanding of residents whilst these works are being undertaken.

The survey and design for the kerb, stormwater and streetscape, for the Wallaroo Entrance Road (Copper Coast Highway) from Athena Drive to Irwine Street, Wallaroo is still progressing. We continue to have meetings with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport in coordinating State Government and Council works to be undertaken. Subject to the completion of the survey and design, calling of tenders, awarding of the tender and completion of the contract, the works are expected to commence in February/March 2023.

We continue to progress a commercial outcome through mediation for the previous Wallaroo Swimming Enclosure. However, to



Mayor of Camborne Zoe Fox connected via live video to sign the Sister Town Agreement with Copper Coast Mayor Roslyn Talbot alongside Cornish Association of SA's Yorke Peninsula Branch president Liz Coole.

expedite this, I have directed our Solicitors to progress Supreme Court Action as well for the breach of Contract. We will also be lodging an application for funding for a new aquatic facility under the new Federal Government 'Growing Regions Program'.

We continue to progress the possible drought proofing of the Moonta Golf, Cricket, Football Clubs and Moonta Cemetery. A draft study ascertaining the available treated wastewater from the Moonta Community Wastewater Management System, after the agreed allocation to the Dunes Golf Course, supplemented by rainwater tanks, has been sent to the Clubs for comment. After comments are received, this will then be sent to Council for consideration.

We continue to work on a Masterplan for the upgrade of McCauley Park to make this an even better place for local residents and tourists. The Mayor, Roslyn Talbot recently signed a Sister Town Agreement with Camborne Town Council in Cornwall, England. This will enable Clubs and Organisations from the Copper Coast to talk to, liaise with and even visit their counterparts in Camborne. We continue to work with the National Trust of South Australia and Goyder Regional Council to progress the World Heritage Listing of the Australian Cornish Mining Sites in Moonta and Burra.

We will be commencing the planning for our 2022/2023 Budget and Annual Business Plan. We are also commencing a review of our Strategic Plan following the new Council being elected. We will have a supplementary election to fill the one vacancy in Council. I would encourage people to nominate for this vacancy to serve their community.

Once again, I look forward to working with the many Clubs, Organisations, businesses and community in progressing our projects so that we continue to be the *Lifestyle Location of Choice*.

Russell Peate Chief Executive Officer

# 2023 COPPER COAST VISITORS' GUIDE

The new 2023 Copper Coast Visitors' Guide is available now and full of information to help you discover all of what the region has to offer. The guide provides a comprehensive overview of everything you need to know about visiting the Copper Coast and information on the services both tourists and locals require.

Inside, you will find new and up-to-date information on each

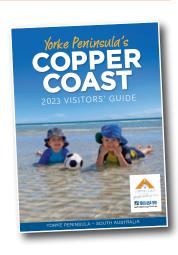
town: Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo as well as the surrounding townships: Bute, Port Broughton and Fisherman's Bay.

Navigation around the region is made easy with updated maps also incorporated.

The guide will encourage you to explore our region's rich agriculture, history, heritage, arts, culture and family-friendly

activities. You can learn about the many treats in store in the Copper Coast region, including great eateries, events, accommodation, must-see attractions, local produce and much, much more.

Drop in to collect your free guide or even some further guidance from the welcoming staff at the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre today. Go to: visitcoppercoast.com.au for more.



# Copper Coast Events



Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot and 2023 Masters Games Ambassador Sam Jacobs.

Copper Coast Australia Day Celebrations
Wallaroo Town Hall – 26 January

#### **Easter Ecumenical Service**

Queen Square, Moonta

Copper Coast 2023 SA Masters Games

Copper Coast – 20-23 April

#### **Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival**

Copper Coast - 15-21 May

NAIDOC Week

National – 2-9 July

#### **Adelaide Guitar Festival**

Copper Coast – 16 July

### **Copper Coast Show**

Kadina Showgrounds – 19-20 August

#### Yorke Peninsula Field Days

Paskeville - 26-28 September

Copper Coast Cycling Cup

Wallaroo & Moonta – TBA

# Register Now For SA Masters Games

Registrations for the Copper Coast 2023 SA Masters Games are now open as the four days of competition are three months away!

2023 Masters Games Ambassador and former 208-game AFL superstar Sam Jacobs is excited to see the fun and games return to his homeland on the 20th-23rd April.

"I have a lot of fond memories growing up on the Yorke Peninsula, and the one thing that unites us, like many rural communities, is sport," the 3-time All-Australian Squad Member said.

"Our community takes a lot of pride in their sports offerings and with the state-ofthe-art facilities that have been developed over the years, I know our locals will band together to make next year's event the best yet.

"While the sporting arenas are great, it's also all the sights and activities on offer once you're finished playing for the day—not just in the Copper Coast, but all over the Yorke Peninsula."

Jacobs may be retired from the professional stage, but he continues to drive to the Peninsula to lace up for the Arthurton basketball team every Friday night.

"While sports are competitive by nature and we take pride in our club's success, community sport is an opportunity to have a bit of fun, stay active, catch up with friends, meet new people and have chance encounters with faces you haven't seen in a while—but it does feel good to win as well," Jacobs joked.

"The SA Masters Games is a great concept—testing yourself against those of similar age and capability."

The Yorke Peninsula's Copper Coast hosted a record-breaking 1651 participants across 29 sports in 2021, and Copper Coast Mayor Roslyn Talbot is hoping to go bigger and better in 2023.

"Our games committee, 100+ volunteers and the entire community are excited by the challenge to topple our 2021 efforts with

more sports, more participants and more economic benefit to the Copper Coast community," Mayor Talbot said.

"To achieve this, we want to provide the best Masters experience yet for participants and their families, and reviewed all areas we can improve on from our last games.

"We want everyone to walk away from these games and think what we already know—the Copper Coast is the *Lifestyle Location of Choice.*"

Sport SA Chief Executive Officer Leah Cassidy also shared confidence in Copper Coast's hosting abilities for 2023.

"Following the success of the 2021 Masters Games which were held on the Yorke Peninsula, Sport SA has every confidence in the Copper Coast Council to exceed expectations again in 2023," Ms Cassidy said.

"We are proud that the Games have such a positive economic and social impact on regional towns across South Australia".



We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious diseases when they bite.

With no cure or vaccine for some of the viruses, the best way to protect yourself, family and friends is to avoid being bitten.

It is best to cover up, repel and eliminate whenever mozzies are around, especially when they're at their biting best around dusk and dawn.

For more information, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite



# Celebrations

The annual Copper Coast Australia Day Celebrations are back at the Wallaroo Town Hall on Thursday, 26 January 2023.

The event starts at 7.30am, with a free community breakfast, cooked and prepared by Apex Club of Kadina, accompanied with a Welcome to Country and live music.

There will also be the traditional Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony – to celebrate the people and organisations that go above and beyond to make our region and Australia great, and welcome our new Australian Citizens.

This event is an opportunity for our community to come together on Australia Day to Reflect, Respect and Celebrate, and recognise that we're all a part of the story. The day will challenge us to remember and reflect on our history, the resilience of the community and our opportunities while acknowledging we all have a role to play.

This event would not be possible without the National Australia Day Council's Australia Day 2023 Community Grants Program – thank you.

# 2023 COUNCIL CALENDAR

JAN	17th 18th	Council Assessment Panel meeting - 5.30 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Council Information Session – 6.00 pm, Kadina Town Hall Function Room
FEB	1st 8th 13th 15th	Council meeting – 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Council Assessment Panel meeting - 5.30 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Audit and Risk Committee meeting – 9.30 am, Copper Hill Meeting Room, Kadina Council Information Session – 6.00pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
MAR	1st 8th 15th	Council meeting – 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Council Assessment Panel meeting - 5.30 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Council Information Session – 6.00pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
APR	5th 12th 17th 19th	Council meeting – 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Council Assessment Panel meeting - 5.30 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina Audit and Risk Committee meeting – 9.30 am, Copper Hill Meeting Room, Kadina Council Information Session – 6.00pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

Please note that changes to the above meetings will be published on Council's website along with other meeting dates.

All public are welcome to attend these meetings.

Special meetings of Council may be called at other times throughout the year and will be added to the website as required.

# **Food Safety Guide**



Food	Expected fridge life (below 5°C)* when uncooked	Cooking temperature**	Cooking tips
Poultry (chicken, turkey, duck)	3 days	75°C	Cook right through to the centre.
Red meat steaks (beef, veal, lamb)	3 to 5 days	63°C rare 71°C medium 77°C well done	Steak need only be seared on the outside and can be rare inside.
Mince, sausages & other processed meats	3 days	75°C	Cook right through to the centre.
Fish	3 days	69°C	Cook until flesh is opaque (so you can't see through it) and separates easily with a fork.
Pork	3 days	70°C	Can be cooked like red meat.
Seafood (shellfish)	2 days	63°C	Cook until flesh is pearly and opaque or until shells open during cooking.
Eggs	3-6 weeks	72°C	Cook until yolk and white are firm.

Any leftovers should be reheated to 75° in the centre

An Aussie summer is not complete without a traditional Aussie BBQ, with many BBQs across the Copper Coast getting a good workout.

But the warmer temperatures increases the chances of food poisoning, and the last thing you want is to send family and friends home with an upset stomach - or much worse!

Raw or undercooked meat can contain germs that cause food poisoning such as salmonella, E. coli, campylobacter and listeria.

But there are plenty of tips to kill bacteria, avoid cross contamination and stop these germs from multiplying, including:

- Storing meat in a cool place before cooking
- Properly thaw frozen meat before cooking
- Turn meat regularly to ensure even cooking
- Avoid using the same utensils for cooked and raw meat
- Don't leave cooked meats and salads out for more than two
- For charcoal barbecues, make sure coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface to ensure enough heat for cooking
- Ensure meats such as mince, sausages and chicken are piping hot in the centre, no pink meat visible and juices are clear



We all know what belongs in the toilet, yet you would not believe the amount of problems and costs we have with our sewage system due to the wrong things being flushed down the loo.

There is a long list of items not allowed to be flushed in the toilet (from tissues and wipes to sanitary items and hair), so it is much easier to list what is allowed the four P's (poo, pee, puke and paper - toilet paper

Use a bathroom bin for all those other things because they won't break down in the sewer.

Please flush responsibly and we appreciate your help!

# EVERY EVENING

View from the many vantage points from Jetty Road around to North Beach or Liberator Way. Tune into 88.3FM for audio

 $<sup>^</sup>st$  Many of these products are labelled with a 'use-by' date. This can be used as a guide to the fridge life of the unopened product.

<sup>\* \*</sup> Use a food thermometer to measure cooking temperatures.



# EORGE STREET

The George Street Stormwater works were completed before Christmas, ensuring an uninterrupted drive through Moonta's main strip for the remainder of the summer holidays.

While pedestrian access to businesses was unaffected during these works, motorists were detoured to nearby streets and carparks during the four months of works.

To limit the impact on drivers, contractor MA Skinner

undertook the works in four sections – starting at the Henry/George Street intersection and working down George Street before finishing at the Ellen/George Street

intersection.

Each section was excavated for the installation on new stormwater drainage before being refilled and resealed.

These works were crucial for the Moonta Central Business District, helping to reduce the risk of flooding.

Attention has now turned to the stormwater upgrade along Moonta Road (between East Terrace and Marine Parade) that will reduce stormwater issues and enable further infrastructure upgrades for nearby residents and road users.

# **Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting Program**

We are into the second financial year of our 5 Year Transport Plan, which takes into account approximately 930 kilometres of all Copper Coast sealed and unsealed roads.

As part of the Plan, all roads have been assessed in the key infrastructure components, road surface, pavement, kerb and footpath. Programs of works have been determined on a priority approach for upgrades, new and renewal of these assets.

Our annual Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting Program makes up part of the 5 Year Transport Plan, and in the past few months, more than 8km of unsealed roads have been cleared of vegetation, reformed and

This includes the recently completed Thomas Plains Road as these works continue to roll on during the summer period.



It's great to see residents and tourists already using the Wallaroo to Moonta Shared Path as it receives its final few touches.

SHARED PATH

The middle section of the 14.9km path has been sealed, while the ends in Wallaroo (Magazine Road, Park Terrace, Cornish Terrace and Ryan Street) and Moonta (in the Moonta Mines Precinct) have been prepared with compacted rubble and are ready for sealing. This section has been line marked, sign posted and had safety bollards installed.

Once development approval has been received for sealing in the Moonta Mines Precinct, sealing for both ends can be scheduled.

The four shelters being supplied and installed by Rotary along the path are nearing completion, Rotary are also preparing the distance marker bollards along the path.

Once the remaining sections of path have been sealed, the remaining line marking, bollards and signage will be installed to complete the project which connects to the Kadina to Wallaroo Rail Trail.

The connection of the paths ensures locals and visitors can leisurely explore the Yorke Peninsula's three largest urban centres - Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.



# **ADOPT A TREE PROGRAM 2022**



The inaugural year of the Adopt a Tree Program is now complete, with a total of 72 trees planted across various verges in Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

A number of different tree species were planted, including Jacaranda, Tuckeroo, Chinese Pistacio and Euky Dwarf.

The program aims to help cool and beautify the Copper Coast streets by planting trees

on the verges of residents who volunteer to nurture and help them grow.

Residents are supplied with a bucket featuring instructions on how to keep the tree healthy and growing.

If you missed out in 2022, don't stress. We will be taking Expressions of Interest from mid-March – be sure to keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.



# BAY ROAD -MOONTA BAY

It's smooth sailing for motorists towards Moonta Bay, with the Major Upgrade of Bay Road now complete.

It has been a lengthy process with a number of factors affecting works including collapsing sands, COVID lockdowns and contractors contracting COVID, inclement weather and rock excavation.

We appreciate the patience of both residents and tourists while detours and reduced speed limits have been enforced during the past 21 months of the project.

These works have been worthwhile, with Bay Road and connecting roads receiving new stormwater systems, road reshaping, resurfacing and resealing, new kerbing and footpaths, including the asphalting of the Moonta Bay Shared Path.

Many of the islands in the middle of Bay Road have also been vegetated with numerous plants to further beautify the area.

The next project along Bay Road will be the undergrounding of power lines, which is set to start this year.

A reminder that SA Water are still currently working on upgrading the water mains along Milne Terrace until late January, and will incur any costs, including reinstatement of current infrastructure.

# Port Hughes Boat Ramp Clarification

The Port Hughes Boat Ramp was successfully dredged last month, which has aided tourists and locals who were having issues launching and retrieving their boats during low tides. But we have received a lot of enquiries about the design of the boat ramp and why dredging is regularly required.

The Port Hughes Boat Ramp redevelopment was a complex project directly influenced by regulatory compliance and an ever-changing marine environment.

Given the planning restrictions incurred on the design of the boat ramp, Council could only make improvements to the existing breakwaters and not an extension due to concerns with impacts to the marine environment.

The sand build-up at the mouth and weed wrack within the basin of the boat ramp is a natural occurrence and while Council continues to improve dredging practices in accordance with Council's South Australian

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Dredging Licence, we only have limited control over this.

Sand drift and weed wrack levels are monitored every 3 months with a Bathymetric Survey report to monitor sand drift and determine when dredging is required. This methodology is utilised to ensure dredging is carried out at the most optimal time to maximum efficiency and reduce cost.

Approvals must be granted by the EPA & Coastal Protection and various other working groups prior to any dredge works being carried out. Due to the ever-changing marine environment and weather patterns, these works are scheduled in on a needs basis and prior approvals are not an option.

Port Hughes Boat Ramp is classified as a tidal boat ramp, signage has been installed warning users of the risks involved with launching at low tide. The Wallaroo Boat Ramp is also available.





Find out more at ecsa.sa.gov.au

Live Copper Coast? Lead Copper Coast.



Authorised by H Sherry, Electoral Commissioner

# SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL ELECTION

The Copper Coast Supplementary Council Election is here and we are now seeking nominations to fill the last vacant Councillor position.

Periodic Council Elections are held every four years across every LGA in the State, with the last being in November 2022. During this nomination period, the Copper Coast only received eight nominations for the nine vacant Councillor positions. Therefore, we now must have a Supplementary Election to fill the final spot.

Those who would like to nominate can visit the Electoral Commission South Australia (ECSA) website for more information (www.ecsa.sa.gov.au) or call our Council office on 8828 1200. Nominations must be received on the ECSA website by Friday, 27 January 2023.

Provided we receive more than one nomination, all residents, home owners and businesses in our region who are enrolled to vote will receive ballot papers in the mail between Wednesday, 15 February and Tuesday, 21 February 2023.

# **Community Grants Keep The Region Turning**

The Copper Coast Woodworkers were one of 42 community groups that shared in over \$104,000 as part of Council's 2022/23 Community Grants Program. The group used their funding to purchase a new lathe and wood turning chuck to help service their growing membership base. President Robert Petts said the community grant allowed them to purchase equipment that will have a wide reaching impact in servicing the growing needs of the group. "The grant will allow us to keep our membership costs low while providing more hands-on time for members during our twice monthly workshop days. This will build the skill base and increases enthusiasm within the group."

It is well acknowledged that volunteer organisations significantly enhance community life, with research in some sectors showing that for each \$1 spent there is a social return of \$4.40. With this in mind, Council is pleased to continue its support towards important community groups that contribute to the Copper Coast being the *Lifestyle Location of Choice*.

Council will officially celebrate the grant recipients at an event during National Volunteer Week in May 2023, which it is hoped most projects will be close to completion.

For more information about community grants, please visit Council's website or contact the Economic Development and Community Engagement Coordinator, Holly Cowan.





# COUNCIL CONTACTS...

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#### **Moonta Office:**

(Volunteer Resource Centre) Moonta Tourist Office Blanche Terrace, Moonta SA 5558 Phone: (08) 8825 1891

#### Wallaroo Office:

5 John Terrace, Wallaroo SA 5556

# Starclub Future

Please be aware that the State Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) has made the decision to discontinue the STARCLUB program.

Formal correspondence has been sent to Councils, State Sporting Organisations and Clubs (both registered and recognised STARCLUB's).

The ORSR has stated that STARCLUB has not had any upgrades since 2010 and requires significant investment to modernise its offering.

Sport Australia has recently developed a nationally aligned club development tool 'Game Plan' which can be viewed on the Sport Australia website www.ausport.gov.au

ORSR had input into the development of Game Plan, therefore decided to align with a national club development tool rather than invest in its own tool.

The STARCLUB online assessment tool will remain open and accessible until 30 April 2023.

Club development information from the STARCLUB tool will be converted

into fact sheets and will be available on the ORSR website.

STARCLUB status will no longer be a requirement of any ORSR funding programs.

Registration for Game Plan will also not affect ORSR funding opportunities.

Sport Australia's Game Plan provides insights into a club's capability and connects them with specific tools and resources to build and support ongoing development.

Sport SA can deliver training across a range of areas. Contact them at membership@sportsa.org.au to discuss further.

ORSR will no longer be conducting assessments for STARCLUB Recognition.

Clubs can continue to promote that they are a Recognised STARCLUB through use of logo's and banners. However, this will have no bearing on future funding opportunities.

Any people I have assisted, I will continue to help as a volunteer as promised.

Regards, Max Stevens

# TAKE THE PLEDGE

Good news! We are continuing our Take the Pledge program, meaning you still have plenty of chances to win prizes by simply registering.

It's been a year since the program's inception in the Copper Coast, with registrations climbing into the hundreds and 15 residents each claiming a 6x4 trailer load of Peats Organic Compost, plus a \$50 local hardware store or nursery voucher.

This Take the Pledge initiative has been launched to help divert more waste from landfill. In the first financial year (2021/22) since the inception of the Food Organics, Green Organics system, we have diverted over 1,000 tonnes away from landfill and into recyclable items when compared to how much waste went to landfill during the 2020/21 financial year.

This initiative encourages and rewards Copper Coast residents who sort their recyclables, compostables and waste into the correct kerbside bins. Those who are registered are also updated with tips and information on how to continue reducing waste and increase recycling.

Those who register will receive a sticker to place on their bins and judges will randomly select bins on the kerbside to inspect—if your bin passes the test, you win a prize! A winner from Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo (including surrounding areas) is selected bi-monthly.

To find out more information and Take the Pledge, head to our website, hover over the heading "Services" with your cursor and under "Waste and Recycling", click on "Take the Pledge".

# FOOD SCRAPS? WHICH BIN? THE GREEN BIN







# JOIN THE COPPER COAST 'TAKE THE PLEDGE' INITIATIVE

TO HELP DIVERT MORE WASTE FROM LANDFILL VISIT COPPERCOAST.SA.GOV.AU FOR DETAILS









# Congratulations

to the winners so far:

## **ROUND 1:**

Dennis Allely (Kadina) Jake Bogers (Wallaroo) John Garfield (Moonta)

#### **ROUND 2:**

Kerrin Williams (Kadina) Shania Molnar (Wallaroo) Trisha Jones (Moonta)

### **ROUND 3:**

Desiree Gearing (Moonta) Max Whiteman (Kadina) Paul Banks (Wallaroo)

#### **ROUND 4:**

Andrew Thamm (Moonta) Katrina Miller (Kadina) Lynlee Sloper (Wallaroo)

# **ROUND 5:**

Gary O'Callaghan (Wallaroo) Jodi Panozzo (Kadina) Rosina Jantke (Moonta)

# Financial Summary

The table right is a summary of the audited financial results of Council for the past two years and the adopted budget for 2022-23. Council reported an operating surplus (before capital adjustments) of \$4,410,000 compared with an original budgeted deficit of \$498,500. The operating surplus was due to a number of factors with the most material being the advance payment of the financial assistance grant of \$1,812,122 which is recognised in Grants, Subsidies and Contributions. The

Commonwealth Government during April 2022 forwarded to Council's their funding under the Financial Assistance Grants Scheme, 75% (\$1,812,122) of their 2022/23 allocation. Under the accounting standards this income is to be reported in the year of receipt and therefore inflates the Grants, Subsidies and Contributions received for the 2021/22 financial year and also will impact on the 2022/23 year if this distribution method is not continued.

Investment income was above budget and this was due to grant funds received in advance not yet spent held on investment which has increased the actual interest received.

Employee expenditure remained fairly consistent to previous years, however, increases associated with enterprise bargaining conditions and other incremental movements have been understated due to the number of vacancies in staffing. This is reflective of the decrease in the number of employees to 86 93. The underlying expenditure though is increasing from previous years and the underlying staffing levels remaining consistent, which will return to previous FTE levels when filled.

# Where do the funds come from?

Council receives some funding in grants from other Governments and raises some funds in user fees and charges, however, approximately 69% of revenue came from the Council Rates in 2021-22.

The pie chart (right) outlines the areas in which Councils receive funds in a typical year.

# How is the money spent?

Council provides many services to the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice. Many of our services are largely invisible (ie stormwater management, community wastewater management schemes), but are definitely a necessary service provision.

Council's expenses represent the cost of providing these services to the community. Materials, contracts and other expenses made up 41% of the total operating expenditure of Council. Council Employees are its most valuable asset and provide the numerous services listed for the community at a consistent operating cost of 23% of expenditure. Depreciation makes up 32% of the total operating expenditure.

Whether a service is a legislative requirement of Councils, or is provided by local choice, the Local Government Act requires that a Council is "responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community..." and that it must "...seek to ensure that Council resources are used fairly..." (Section 8, (b) and (h)).

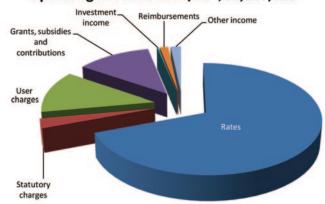
# What assets does Council own?

When looking at the Council Balance Sheet, the Council assets totalled \$347 million. This includes money that is owed to Council in the form of Rates and other services (Trade & other receivables), stock on hand (inventories) and for the large proportion Trade & Other Receivables (Rates - General & Other) is quite large as a result of the outstanding separate rate applied for the Wallaroo Shores Development, which includes the outstanding interest applied. This was a six-year agreement which expires on 30 June 2023.

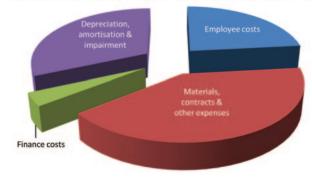
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment make up Council's non current assets. There was a revaluation of fixed assets, being the Roads & Footpaths conducted during 2021/22. The revaluation increment of \$33,772,000 was the revaluation of the road assets as at 1 July 2021 and this is reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as Other Comprehensive Income in 2021/22. Additions to these assets from this date have been measured at cost. One of the challenges facing Local Government today is finding the revenue required to maintain the amount of community

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Actual	Actual	Budget
	\$'000	\$'0002	\$'000
Revenue			
Rates	24,647	25,046	26,839
Statutory Charges	969	1,010	623
User Charges	4,280	4,516	3,531
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3,065	4,374	1,115
Investment income	48	91	41
Reimbursements	597	501	302
Other Income	1,223	605	320
Total Income	34,829	36,143	32,771
Expense			
Employee Costs	7,399	7,397	8,567
Materials, contracts & other expenses	12,953	13,067	14,246
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	9,220	10,053	1,26
Finance costs	1,338	1,216	9,486
Total Expenses	30,910	31,733	33,566
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	3,919	4,410	(795
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	(202)	196	
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	1,965	1,994	330
Physical resources received free of charge			
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	5,682	6,600	(465
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant &			
equipment	(316)	33,772	
Total Comprehensive Income	5,366	40,372	(465

# Operating Revenue 2021/22 \$36,143,013



# Operating Expenditure 2021/22 \$31,732,714



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# What liabilities does Council owe?

Council's liabilities include loans, amounts owing to suppliers, amounts owing to employees for leave entitlements and amounts owing to residents of our retirement villages should they no longer occupy one of our units in Moonta or Wallaroo. Council's borrowings are reported in the Annual Report and also in the Annual Financial Statements. Each budget review, a table reporting these borrowing and the associated balance is also provided.

The balance is currently \$27.22 million as at 30th June 2022 however it is important to note that this also includes \$4.2 million for the retirement villages licences in Moonta and Wallaroo.

