

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE...



# Growing Pains

**Minister for Regional Development Geoff Brock and Monopoly Property Group Director Ben Howard turn the first sod for a 100-townhouse resort development in Wallaroo. The townhouses should be completed by the end of 2016. Photo courtesy YP Country Times**

When I was in my latter years at Primary School, I often complained of pains in the back of my legs. I kept being told it was “growing pains”. Eventually, I was found to have flat feet and Mr Jones, who was Mayor of Wallaroo at the time and operated a shoe shop in Owen Terrace, made a bridge for my shoes – and the pain went away. But so did the growing!!!

A community can also have growing pains and those growing pains are not all bad! As a community we also need to adapt and cope with the pain or we too could be like my height – challenged!

There are many communities throughout regional Australia that are reporting decline. For such communities there is the fear of a loss of services. Services such as education, health, banking and retailing are at threat as

fiscal management plots a different path for many of these services in small communities.

However, the Copper Coast continues to report steady growth. Our growth from both a permanent and holiday population provides ongoing challenges. And while some may view these challenges as “painful”, I believe that it is an easier pain to bare than the pain and anguish associated with uncertainty.

Several years ago with the assistance of the University of Adelaide and the late Professor Graeme Hugo, we were able to survey our non-resident population and the findings of that survey clearly indicated that the growth of our community would be strong rather than steady within the next five to ten years. Further to the information gathered from the Hugo Report we have recently been able to examine mobile phone traffic and effluent

flows during holiday periods in an attempt to estimate more closely the significant increase of people to the Copper Coast through holiday periods. As an example, Telstra Mobile Phone traffic during the December/January period just gone, was about four (4) times the normal reported traffic.

I am to understand that this considerable increase is also reflected in accommodation and spending patterns and even A & E pressures at our local Hospital. While we as a community are well aware of these periodic increases in our population, we need to utilise the data to be pro-active as we lobby for additional funding for our health services, budget for new infrastructure and ensure that our services keep pace with the demand.

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Recognising that growth and change don't occur without headaches, our Elected Members together with the leadership team have methodically worked on the challenges with innovative solutions. Council recently adopted the Long Term Financial Plan together with the revised Strategic Plan. These plans indicate considerable potential for the Copper Coast and illustrate financial viability.

The results of the Wallaroo Main Street Redevelopment has been a great example how plans that were put in place several years ago came to fruition and transformed a town centre precinct immediately. While I can attest with a certain degree of knowledge of the "growing pains" associated with that development, can also look back and acknowledge that the pain was worth it!

Now Owen Terrace is a vibrant area, more jobs have been created and there is an air of confidence for the business operators. This project clearly indicates that "Leveraging healthy conflict and earned trust to create something new in the face of uncertainty requires bravery. But bravery the Council had and the resulting innovation equates to a conscious decision to invite change and all its consequences".

While as individuals and a community, instinct usually dictates the choice to stay safe and avoid change, judgement suggests that protecting the status quo could lead to a reactive, defensive posture rather than proactively driving our organisational destiny.

Recent consultation regarding the proposal for the revocation of land has ignited this thought process with some in our community. However, the process of land revocation invites Community Consultation and from this consultation, Elected Members are furnished with the appropriate information to assist in the tough decisions to ensure that our community can ably manage its "growing pains".

Elected Members with the support of our leadership team need to be aware that well managed growth includes the opportunities to:

- Improve local quality of life;
- Improve community services;
- Maintain or improve environmental quality;
- Protect local agriculture and resource lands;
- Preserve the community's cultural and historic heritage;
- Provide economic security and well-being for all residents.

Council over recent years has been diligent in tackling these big decisions. The Moonta CWMS project, the Wallaroo CWMS upgrades, the Port Hughes Boat Ramp Redevelopment, the Kadina CBD Redevelopment to name but a few. Together with projects like the Moonta Bay Splash Town and the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre upgrade, will enhance the community wealth, attract more visitors and provide that economic stimulus. Elected Members as part of the Annual Business Plan will consider a Master Planning Process for Moonta.

You may well ask – "Is growth a good problem to have? How can we weigh the cost of choosing change versus protecting comfort?" This is the issue that Council needs to tackle on an ongoing basis. We are fortunate to have business looking to establish in the Copper Coast, but there remains challenges for suitable land sites, the changes to traffic conditions, the need to re-zone, the ability to partner with our other levels of Government as we charter these new developments and opportunities. But there will be some changes.

If we innovate, everything changes. During the uncertainty of the current economic times, it's tempting to take cover and ride out the storm. But I'm not sure that would be the best legacy for the Copper Coast. Is this, perhaps a time when we should be agitating change?

We don't need to change for change sake, but to explore the opportunities that may be afforded our Community because of the increase in population and the increased popularity as a tourist destination will provide us with the ability to offer employment to many of our young people. It could provide the avenue for families to establish a home here in the Copper Coast, where there are excellent educational facilities, a place where we can ensure a high standard of health care, to upgrade our community infrastructure will all be the result of some "growing pains", but a pain worth enduring to ensure that the Copper Coast remains a *lifestyle location of choice*!

*Mayor Paul Thomas*

## 2016 Council Calendar

### May

- 4th Council Meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 11th Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting, 5.30 p.m., Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 18th Submissions for Draft Annual Business Plan close
- 18th Public Meeting for Draft Annual Business Plan – 6.00 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

### June

- 1st Council Meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 6th Audit Committee Meeting, 9.30 a.m., Copper Hill Meeting Room, Town Hall Kadina
- 8th Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

### July

- 6th Council Meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 13th Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting, 5.30 pm, 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.**





Riders enjoying the Wine, Wheels & Whiting Event 2015

## An Eventful Year in the Copper Coast

2016 is proving to be a great year for things to do in the Copper Coast. For spectators and participants there is a wide range of activities to suit all interests, and all ages.

The Copper Coast's annual events will continue but there will also be plenty of new events to entertain the locals and to draw visitors to the region.

The Yorke Peninsula Beach Day Out was back again on February 21 at North Beach and was hailed a success. The Copper Coast Pro Am was held at The Dunes Golf Course, Port Hughes, on April 14. A great opportunity for local golfers to play a round with a pro golfer.

The rev heads will get their chance for some fun on May 1 at the Copper Coast 500 Sprints. Held at the Copper Coast Airstrip there will be up to 50 high powered vehicles trying for the best time down the 500m

course.

There will also be a display of special vehicles and aircraft to look at while enjoying the great food provided by the local Aero Club.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Aero Club, the Royal Flying Doctor and the Leukaemia Foundation.

The Yorke Peninsula Dirt Kart Club has been awarded the right to host the Australian Dirt Kart Nationals over the October long weekend in 2016. Around 400 competitors will converge on the Copper Coast for this exciting event.

For those that like to travel at a slightly slower speed the "Wine, Wheels and Whiting" recreational cycling event will be back in September 2016. The ride will once again start in the picturesque Clare Valley and finish at Wallaroo so start getting the bike

and the body ready for what promises to be a fun but challenging ride.

The elite series pro riders will return in October 2016 for the "Hell of the North" event.

In 2016 there will be 3 rounds of the elite cycling series held in the Copper Coast. There will be the always challenging road race and 2 street criteriums. Anybody who was lucky enough to see the Kadina, Victoria Square Criterium in 2015 will tell you how fast and exciting cycling can be at the elite level.

Add to these events things like; Kadina Oval Swap Meet Show n Shine, The Kadina Show, the Rotary and Moonta Station Markets, the Kadina Show N Shine, the Antiques and Collectables Fair and you can see why people say there is always something to do in the Copper Coast.



# District Council of the Copper Coast nbn™ update



The nbn™ network is Australia's new landline phone and internet network. It's designed to provide everyone in Australia with access to all the benefits of fast and reliable phone and internet services, no matter where they live. By 2020, nbn is planning to have access available to over 8 million premises across Australia. If you're a resident, property owner or business owner in the District Council of the Copper Coast, you can connect to the nbn™ much sooner though.

## **nbn™ coming soon to Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo**

Over 12,500 premises in Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and most adjacent suburbs will soon have access to fast and reliable phone and internet via nbn fixed line technology. Construction is forecast to commence in these towns from April 2016 with all areas expected to be "ready for service" by the end of the year.

To make sure you're notified as soon as an nbn service is available at your property, visit [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) <<http://www.nbnco.com.au>> and register your address today! You'll also receive regular updates on the progress of the rollout and the latest nbn information relevant to your address.



## Australia's broadband network

### **nbn™ fixed wireless now available in some areas**

Over 500 properties surrounding the Kadina and Moonta townships can now access fast and reliable internet services via nbn™ fixed wireless. If you live in one of

these areas and haven't switched over to the nbn™, contact your phone and internet service provider and make the move today!

### **nbn™ Satellite services available from May 2016**

All other areas of the District Council of the Copper Coast will be serviced via nbn™ satellite technology, Sky Muster™. The Sky Muster™ satellite will provide users with fast and reliable internet services from May 2016. To make sure you are notified as soon as services become available, register your address at [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) <<http://www.nbnco.com.au>> today!

The nbn™ network is essential for Australia's digital evolution and presents opportunity in education, business, entertainment, health care, giving everyone the potential to be more productive, more creative, more efficient and more connected for decades to come. For further information visit [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) <<http://www.nbnco.com.au>> , phone call 1800 687 626, email [info@nbn.com.au](mailto:info@nbn.com.au) or contact your preferred phone or internet provider.

# Early Literacy... the value of starting young

National and International research continues to reinforce that how we engage with our young children has a fundamental impact on their lifelong learning and their ability to participate in society. Libraries support the value of reading, playing, talking and singing with children from birth. Not only do libraries have extensive collections of resources to borrow free of charge but also run free programs for parent/carers and their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Check with your library for session times or visit the website [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au)

For over 10 years The Little Big Book Club has been encouraging families to read, talk, play and sing with their children.

In 2016 they have introduced an additional free pack. Babies receive a pack through their first visits to CAFHS and both the Toddler and Pre-school Packs are available from your library.

Each pack contains valuable resources, stories and learning tools for families to share with their child to encourage early learning. Visit your local library to collect a pack.



Elizabeth & Annika enjoy discovering their Little Big Book Club packs (with Dad)

## 2016 reading packs are now available

By reading, playing, talking and singing with your child every day you are giving them the best start in life.

[thelittlebigbookclub.com.au](http://thelittlebigbookclub.com.au)



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A program of raising literacy AUSTRALIA





**Mayor Paul Thomas accepts a cheque from Wallaroo Lions Club President Phil Brand for the town's walking trail, with Council staff members Steve Edwards and Phil Brabyn.**

## Railway Corridor Kadina/Wallaroo

Removal of rail iron within the Kadina - Wallaroo rail corridor has continued with majority of rail removed from Kadina through to Wallaroo. Works have included the general tidy up of the corridor (vegetation maintenance, fence wire removal) being undertaken by the Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula.

Council has also applied to the State Cycling Fund for support for this project and

if successful the project could move forward rapidly during the 2016/17 financial year. The linking of the two towns with a safe cycleway has been highlighted as a community priority for many years. It's great to finally see some forward momentum on the project now that long term control of the land is getting closer to being resolved.

Thanks again to the Wallaroo Lions Club for their generous donation to this project.

## Port Hughes Boat Ramp - redevelopment update

The Port Hughes Boat Ramp upgrade proposal was recently presented to the South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee. We are now waiting for an outcome on the funding application.

As part of the upgrade, the existing four-lane ramp would be removed and replaced by a new four-lane ramp on the eastern side, with provisions for an extra two lanes.

Council is hoping to receive \$1 million of grant funding for the project.

While progress on the project is very positive at this stage, no firm

project timeframes have been set nor has a contract been awarded.

No further progress can be made on the project until the funding is secured.

Once the funding is in place and the redevelopment plan has been established, any closure periods will be extensively advertised, with as much notice provided as possible. While we do envisage some inconvenience to users, we will do all we can to minimise any disruption.

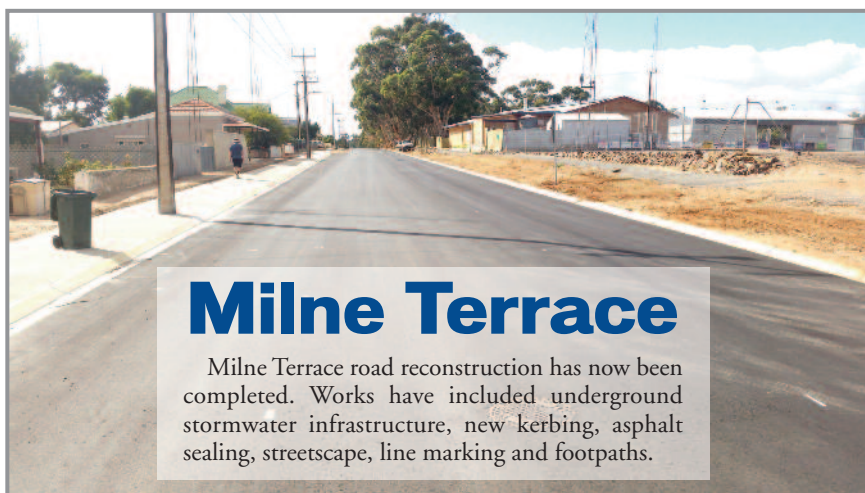
To keep up to date with this and other projects, please "like" the Council's Facebook page and check Council's Website regularly.

## Port Hughes Cycleway - update

Work will continue after Easter on the new Port Hughes cycleway with sealing works from Milne Tce to Keen St already completed.

This project was raised by the community a number of years ago, so it's great to see it well underway.

Thanks to the State Government for their contribution of \$116,667 towards the project.



## Milne Terrace

Milne Terrace road reconstruction has now been completed. Works have included underground stormwater infrastructure, new kerbing, asphalt sealing, streetscape, line marking and footpaths.







## MOONTA CWMS

The Moonta CWMS works have been continuous. Works have included construction within North Terrace, Moonta Road, Coast Road, Carlisle Street, Robert Street, Ellen Street and Caroline Street. The property connection crews totalling three teams

are following these works throughout.

As of February 22nd drilling works within the Moonta township commenced, these works primarily revolve around rear property connections for both residential and business drainage networks.



## NRM Levy Increases

Council collected from the Copper Coast community and passed on to the State Government a NRM levy of \$464,440 for the 2015/16 financial year. In 2016/17 that will increase to \$584,883 which is a 25.9% increase on the current year.

This increase is due to increasing administration and water planning costs being passed on by DEWNR to the NRM Boards.

Local businesses, farmers and communities across South Australia will feel the brunt of levy increases and a reduction in local services to recover these costs.

## Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre Update

Last year we announced that we received Federal funding to increase the overall project and the budget to over ten million dollars. The good news since that time is that we have been able to sign the funding agreements and the project is now secure.

So what does this mean for the project? Well it's great news.

We will be able to reseal the car park, resurface the Tennis and Netball courts, replace the fencing and install light towers. This should all be accomplished with the Tennis and Netball Clubs contributing equivalent fees to what they have previously paid to maintain the courts, but having the advantages of a much improved environment.

The final plans will now be confirmed and building works will commence within a few months.

Also a brief update on a potential synthetic turf for hockey in the Copper Coast, this hasn't worked out for incorporation with the sports centre redevelopment (it would not physically fit), but we will continue to work with the Association on other options.

## Fire Appeal

Council has donated the proceeds from the Fire Appeal to Brad Dennis who is a victim who was severely burnt at the Pinery Fires.

## Splash Town 2016/17

Council recently discussed Splash Town and its operating hours for next season.

The plan is to re-open on the 1st of October 2016 for the school holidays until the end of April in 2017. When operations and weather permit Splash Town will be open for a minimum of 6 hours per day during school holidays.

We have also heard your requests to open longer during the school week and our aim for next



season is to have it open for a minimum of 2 hours outside of school hours.

Also great news with regards to shade, one of your greatest talking points for improvement. The

Moonta Lions Club have kindly donated a number of large shades that have just arrived and will be installed before next season.

Check out our Facebook page or website for updates.





## Airport Road

The Airport Road sealing project was a project developed through the Annual Business Plan. It included sealing the last section, approximately 1.5km, providing a sealed linkage from the Copper Coast Highway right through to the Copper Coast Aerodrome. Construction on this project has now been completed.



## Kadina CBD - Grant Application and Update

The Council has recently applied for funding to support the redevelopment of the Kadina CBD under the State's Places for People Funding Program.

Places for People grants provide financial assistance to local government for strategic urban design planning, detailed design documentation and development of prominent public places of community significance.

The objective of the grant program is to help create new public places or revitalise existing public spaces that contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of the community.

As the CBD redevelopment will create a vibrant public space and develop a sense of place and identity reflecting the local character it is ideally suited to these grants. It also aims to improve the relationship between public and private areas, and enhances usability, safety and visual appeal.

We will hear the outcome of the grant application in July this year and if successful will set up the project for construction during the 2016/17 financial year.

### So what are we doing now?

Engineering works have commenced with traffic data collection being completed. The initial focus will be to draft an engineering layout based on the public consultation process.

## CAN I HAVE A BONFIRE IN MY BACKYARD

Fire Danger Season ends on April 30, 2016, however Council would like to remind residents of the Copper Coast that apart from the normal controls relating to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and pursuant to Schedule 1 of South Australia Environmental Protection (Burning) Policy 1994 under the Environmental Protection Act 1993, Council prohibits the burning of matter by a fire in the open or in a domestic incinerator in any domestic premises situated in those zones within the District Council of the Copper Coast shown on the Development Plans as:

- (a) Land zoned for residential purposes
- (b) All Township zones
- (c) Kadina Town Centre zone
- (d) Historic (Conservation)

Zone - Moonta Town Centre  
(e) Holiday settlement (Wallaroo North)

So if you live within any of the above areas, you cannot have a bonfire in your backyard.

These maps and further information can be located on the Council website [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au) or for any queries please contact the Enforcement Officer on 8828 1200.

If you are located outside these areas and wish to have bonfire, please contact your CFS hotline on 1300 362 361 and this will hopefully ensure a fire truck is not sent to your property unnecessarily.

**Please Note:** Persons who offend against the provisions for control may be fined a maximum of \$10,000 or expiate the offence by the payment of \$315.





## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GUIDE

# Prevention is better than cure

Five simple ways to protect yourself and others against the spread of flu this winter

### 1. COVER YOUR MOUTH & NOSE WHEN YOU SNEEZE OR COUGH

The flu virus can travel through the air when a person coughs or sneezes. When you cough or sneeze you should:

- Turn away from other people
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve
- Use disposable tissues rather than a handkerchief (which could store the virus)
- Put used tissues into the nearest bin, rather than a pocket or handbag
- Wash your hands, or use an alcohol hand rub, as soon as possible afterwards.

People who are sick should always be encouraged to wear a surgical mask to contain the virus and help prevent its spread.

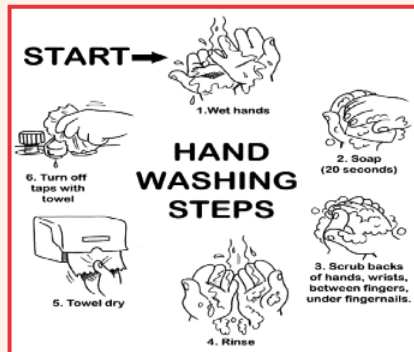
### 2. WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based product (gels, rinses, foams) that doesn't require water - even when they aren't visibly dirty. This is the single most effective way of killing the flu virus. Either of these methods is effective, with products available at supermarkets and pharmacies.

*Always wash your hands:*

- After you've been to the toilet
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After being in contact with someone who has a cold or flu
- Before touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Before preparing food and eating.

*To wash your hands properly:*



### 3. DON'T SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS

The flu virus can spread when someone touches an object with the virus on it and then touches their eyes, nose or mouth.

*If a member of your household has the flu:*

- Keep personal items, such as towels, bedding and toothbrushes separate
- Do not share eating and drinking utensils, food or drinks.

### 4. CLEAN SURFACES

Flu viruses can live on surfaces for several hours. If a member of your household has the flu, you should regularly clean surfaces such as tables, benches, fridge doors and door knobs with soap and water or detergent.

### 5. AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS IF YOU ARE UNWELL WITH FLU

Keeping your distance from others by standing or sitting back (at least one metre

apart, where possible) will help reduce the chances of spreading the flu virus between people.

While you are unwell you should remain at home and avoid going out in public. If you are unwell, you should not go to work or school or attend other public or crowded gatherings, and avoid taking public transport. If you need to use public transport, it is recommended that you wear a mask to contain the virus.

Do not visit people who have the flu unless it is absolutely necessary.

If a member of your household has the flu, he or she should be separated from other members of the family if possible, and be encouraged to wear a surgical mask. If you are caring for someone who has the flu, you too should wear a mask and gloves when in close contact to protect yourself from catching the flu.

Antivirals and vaccines may have some effectiveness in preventing the development of infection in people exposed to the influenza virus.



*lifestyle location of choice*

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5 John Terrace, Wallaroo SA 5556

# District Council of the Copper Coast Annual Business Plan Summary 2016/17

## The annual budget is a Council's statement of:

- Its intended operating and capital expenditure as well as revenue sources to give effect to its annual business plan; and
- Its projected financial position

Decisions in the annual business plan on matters such as project priorities and levels of service provision are subject to the funds available. Both documents are closely inter-related and the Budget gives effect to the annual business plan.

## Significant Influences and Priorities

A number of significant factors have influenced the preparation of the Council's 2016/17 Business Plan and Budget. These include:

- The increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 1.7% for the year ended 31 December 2015. Councils however do face higher cost increases due to the capital intensive nature of the goods and services purchased. Consideration is also given to the Local Government Cost Index, which measures the increase in costs for Local Government.
- Council now understanding (through a thorough assessment of our assets) the true cost of maintaining, upgrading and replacing our assets, this amount is substantially higher than what Council had been working to historically.
- Negotiated Enterprise Bargaining Agreements.
- Increasing fees and charges imposed by other levels of Government.
- Requirements to maintain and improve infrastructure assets to acceptable standards, including roads, footpaths, stormwater drainage and community wastewater management systems.
- Service delivery & infrastructure needs for a growing population.
- State/Commonwealth grant funding not keeping pace with the increase in associated service delivery costs.
- As advised in the Budget papers in May 2014;
  - o South Australia's Supplementary Local Road Funding has not been extended beyond 2013/14. The supplementary funding commenced in 2004/05 as compensation for SA's unfair share (5.5%) of funding being received under the identified Local Roads Component of the Financial Assistance Grants arrangements.
  - o There will be no real per capita increase (ie to take account of inflation and population) in the national pool of

Financial Assistance Grants for the next two years. This freeze commenced in 2014/15 however this funding had increased in real per capita terms each year since 1997/98.

In response to these factors, and to minimise the burden on rate payers, the Annual Business Plan has been prepared within the following guidelines:

- The Annual Business Plan will result in the total revenue raised through general rates increasing by approximately 5% plus revenue from newly developed properties.
- Total operating expenses to be held where possible, within levels of the previous financial years and adjusted by the Local Government Price Index allowing above indexation increases to be allocated directly to maintaining community assets, such as stormwater infrastructure, roads and footpaths.

Further to these factors Council must consider that an increase to the service levels, increases expenditure on a day to day basis.

Council has budgeted for an operating deficit and this means that the current levels of services are higher than the income received. This is not a sustainable position. It is the aim of Council to achieve a balanced budget, meaning in balance between the community's desire for a higher service level and their willingness to contribute further to the income.

## The Year in Review 2015/16

The 2015/16 financial year saw Council continue to focus on waste management along with renewal and replacement of infrastructure such as CMWS, roads, footpaths and drainage.

Commitments to major projects and partnerships also continued to include:

- Initiatives over more than one year;
  - CWMS treatment plants and major infrastructure
  - Closure and capping of the Wallaroo & Moonta landfill sites
  - Footpath program
  - Foreshore Upgrades
  - Successful grant applications for the upgrade of the Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre
  - Stormwater Plans
  - Kadina CBD
  - Community Transport Scheme, and
  - Provision of services to special needs groups.
- Legislation requires that Council provide certain services, however many of the services provided are also by choice, responding to the needs of the local community.
- Key services provided are:
- Local Roads and footpaths

- Recycling and Waste Management
- Library Services – including mobile library, computer & internet facilities
- Tourist information and support
- Aged care
- Dog and Cat Management
- Arts and culture
- Building and Planning
- Recreation and Sport facilities including ovals, picnic areas, open space, playgrounds, skate parks and bike tracks.

Infrastructure services have engaged stormwater specialists to prepare management plans for the Council which will assist in the planning and budgets for future years. With Moonta completed in 2014/15, the management plan for Kadina has commenced and also plans to commence on Wallaroo are in place. Council has also commenced with the budgeted footpath program with a commitment to complete a number of footpaths during the next few budgets.

## The Annual Budget - Revenue & Expenditure 2016/17

Council has budgeted for an operating deficit of \$1,534,615 in 2016/17. The operating surplus/(deficit) measures the difference between operating revenue and expenses for the period and Council's long term financial sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, its expenses are less than its revenue.

### Revenue

The Council's 2016/17 revenue is budgeted to be \$26,104,975 of which approximately \$15,026,200 will be raised from general rates, (excluding the NRM Levy & CWMS Service Charges). This is an average increase of 5% above general rates generated in 2015/16 plus the revenue generated by new assessments created during 2015/16. Council works to spread the rate burden fairly across all rate payers offering flexible options for payments of rates for those who need them.

In 2016/17, Council will continue with a separate rate in Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes for the construction of the Community Wastewater Management System which will service this area.

In 2012/13 the local traders in the Kadina business district requested a separate rate to fund planning towards development in this area. This will also continue in 2016/17.

The Council introduced in the 2013/14 financial year a new separate rate to partly fund the maintenance of the Port Hughes Golf Course (Dunes). This replaced the existing annual development levy that each land owner agreed to pay to the developer of The Dunes Port Hughes.



A separate rate was adopted to fund the replacement of the Owen Terrace Verandah's in Wallaroo in 2014/15 which is in the third year of its 5 year implementation.

During 2014/15 residents of the Riley Cove Community Corporation approached Council to adopt a separate rate to fund the internal road maintenance at the Riley Cove Village. This rate will continue for a period of 100 years and reviewed regularly during this period.

Other sources of revenue for the Council are:

- User Charges and Commercial Revenue (\$2.884 million)
- Statutory Charges set by State Government (\$0.542 million)
- Grants (\$1.741 million)
- Other Revenue (\$0.418 million)

## Project Priorities and Capital Expenditure

Proposed project priorities to be undertaken during the year ending 30 June 2017 are as follows:

- Commence the construction of the redesign of the Kadina CBD
- Redevelopment of the access paths and walkways along the foreshore areas
- Upgrade of Port Hughes boat ramp
- Upgrade & construction of new Community Wastewater Management Systems
- Plant Replacement
- Commitment to undertaking redevelopment & installation of footpaths throughout the Council area
- Walking and Cycling initiatives
- Complete Stormwater Management Plan for Kadina and Wallaroo
- Continue with the planning for the redevelopment of the Wallaroo Swimming enclosure and access
- Commence construction of the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre upgrade

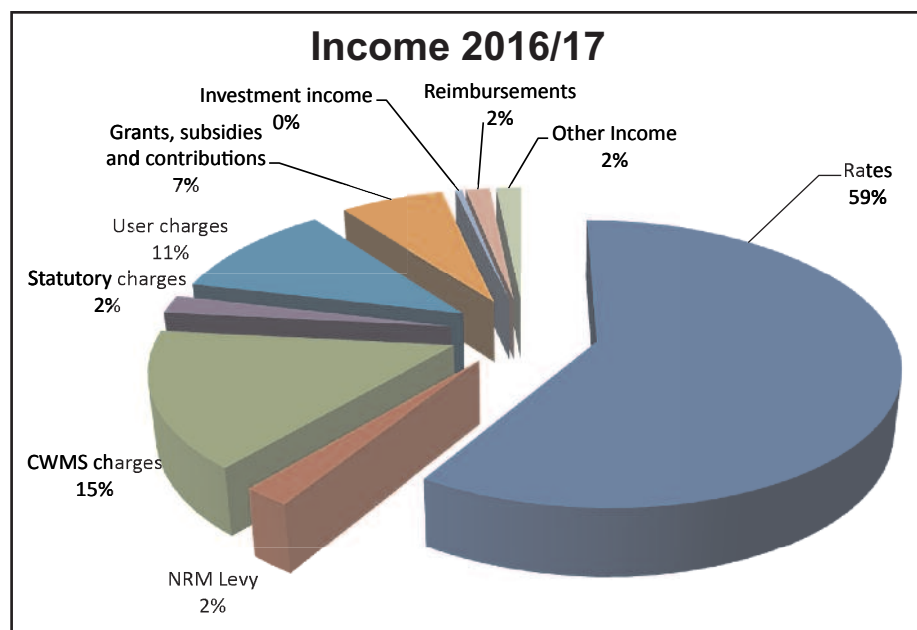
All uncompleted projects and their funding allocation currently included in the 15/16 budget will continue and form part of the 16/17 works program.

## Who can I contact?

A full copy of the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2016/17 and Council's rating and financial management policies are available from the Council office or can be downloaded from the Council's Website.

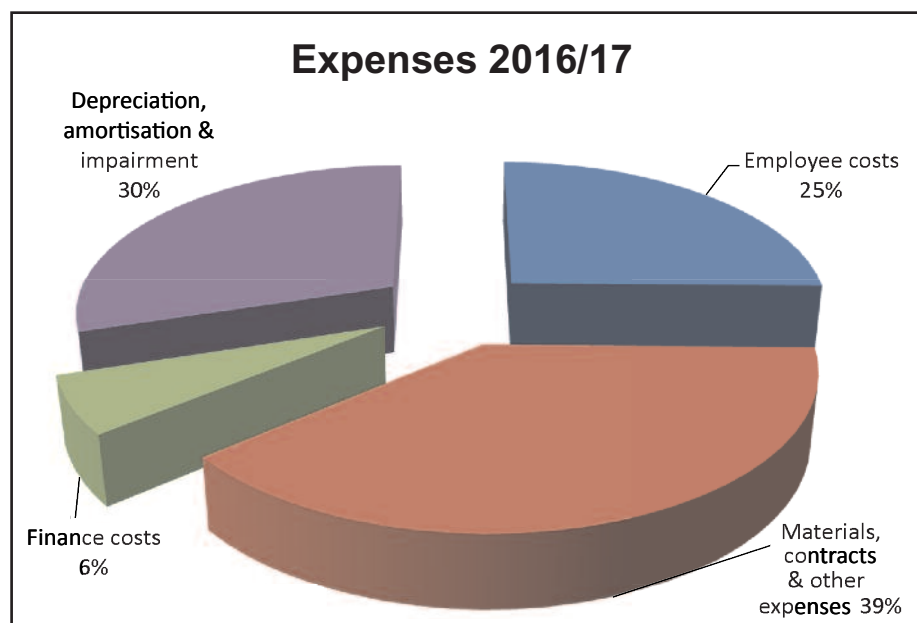
## Income

The following graph illustrates the extent of revenue obtained from rates compared with other sources:



## Expenses

Every dollar of revenue raised by Council is invested in maintaining infrastructure and delivering services and programs to the community. To achieve this Council implements a comprehensive business planning process.



## Check out our New/Updated Policies in 2016

The following policies can be found and downloaded from the Council Website:

- Social Inclusion and Diversity Policy and Guidelines
- Code of Practice and Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents
- Flag Flying Policy
- Copper Coast Carparking Fund Discretionary Policy
- Audit Committee Terms of Reference
- Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Informal Gathering Policy

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