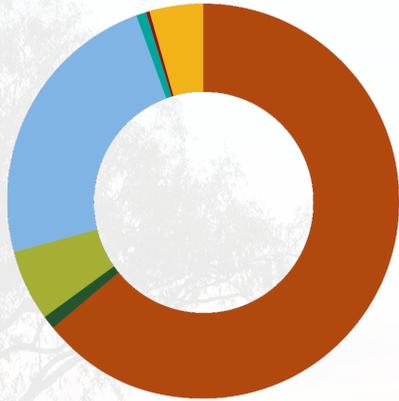


FUNDING THE PLAN

Where does the income come from?



Rates Revenue 64.1%
Statutory Charges 1.1%
User Charges 5.9%
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions 23.6%
Investment Income 0.8%
Reimbursements 0.3%
Other Income 4.2%

Where do my rates go?
Per \$100



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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2023-24
SUMMARY



The Annual Business Plan sets out our services, programs, and projects for 2023-24. This summary highlights Council's key priorities for the coming year.

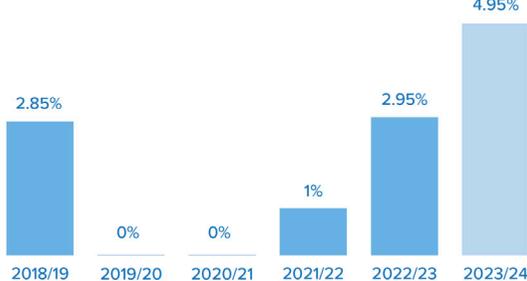
Community involvement was a key focus in the development of this year's Annual Business Plan, which enabled Council to outline the goals, strategies, and priorities for the upcoming financial year with the community's needs, wants, and expectations in mind. Council also considered several factors like inflation (CPI), completing projects, ensuring long-term sustainability, managing assets in a sustainable way, and addressing the impact of the River Murray Floods.

Council's conservative approach to rate increases continues. An overall general rate increase of 4.95% has been adopted. The waste levy and CWMS charges (sewer) fees have been frozen at 2022-2023 levels. These approaches provide a buffer to ratepayers affected by higher costs from the official CPI of 7.9%.

Council is seeking to deliver an operating surplus of \$40,000, indicating a balanced budget. This is supported by other financial key performance indicators, showing that Council is operating within the parameters set by the elected Council.

This budget will continue to focus on asset renewals and upgrades, and new assets. Council will invest \$16.64 million as part of our capital works program, and has attracted funding of \$4.842m to help deliver these projects, reducing the impact on ratepayers.

Rates in 2023-24



Some of the key budget items for the coming year include:

- Loxton Library and Visitor Information Centre and Public Amenities (Stage 2) - \$3.2m (total budget \$7.2m)*
- Waikerie Community Hub - \$3.1m (total budget \$4.6m)*
- Road Re-sheeting - \$2.7m
- Billiat Road (Stage 1 & 2) - \$1.7m*
- Riverfront Improvements - \$1.5m*
- Road Seals & Reseals - \$482,000
- Community Waste Management Systems Upgrades - \$250,000
- Community Events and Project Support - \$250,000
- Replacement Kerbs and Footpaths - \$200,000
- Loxton Swimming Pool Covers - \$110,000
- Playground equipment (various sites) - \$205,020
- Paruna Toilet Block - \$100,000

* Federal and State Governments have contributed significant funding to these projects.



Rates continue to be Council's main source of income which ensures we can fund the renewal and development of our infrastructure assets and maintain or improve our services to the community.

Rates are made up of several charges. On your rate notice you may see the following items:

General Rate - This is Council's primary source of income to fund the services and projects provided to the community. Council has adopted differential rating which will apply to all rateable land and is based on the capital value of the property. Rates vary depending on location and land use.

How much you pay is calculated by taking the rate in the dollar and multiplying it by our property valuation.



Fixed Rate - A Fixed Charge is set to ensure everyone in the community contributes towards the cost of core services.

Community Waste Management System Fee - Council recovers the cost of operating and maintaining Council's sewer system across the district.

Waste Management Fee - Waste Management charges cover the cost to collect and dispose of kerbside waste.

Regional Landscape Levy - Council is required to collect this State Government levy. Council does not retain this income nor determine how it is spent.

Need Support?

We encourage any ratepayer experiencing financial difficulties and unable to meet standard payment arrangements to contact Council to discuss alternative payment options.