

# Message from the Mayor

In November 2022, local Elections were conducted to which over 40% of votes were declared. I'm privileged to again be Port Pirie Regional Council's Mayor for another four-year term. As a Chamber, we continue to be committed to our Community.

Within the last financial year, we conducted 12 community consultations. This included a free community event to unveil the detailed design for Stage 1 of the Port Pirie Riverbank Precinct.

We welcomed back New Years Eve celebrations. Furthermore, we hosted the inaugural Port Pirie Winter Festival with great success - so much so, please save the date for 4-5 August 2023 for this year's Festival.

Port Pirie was a shortlisted for SA Top Tourism Town, and Crystal Brook a finalist for Agricultural Town of the Year - a great achievement for everyone who contributed. We engaged Sports Marketing Australia to assist in attracting events to our region to continue promoting economic development.

We are continuing to improve disability inclusion access to public buildings and amenities. We're participating in the Paint Pirie REaD initiative to encourage child literacy and the library is offering further programs such as a Coding Club. Moreover, Council is entering the second-year of funding for the Greening Port Pirie program with financial support of the State Government and TLAP.

With ongoing rising costs, we made a commitment to ensure rates were less than CPI. We've upheld this commitment and continue to search for initiatives and grants to assist with keeping rates low. We've completed the transition of public road lighting to LED, which has seen our energy consumption decrease by 50% year on year.

We're excited about implementing Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) - thanks to the financial support from SA Government. Further education will come about how and when is this is implemented.

Last, but not least - happy 30 year anniversary to our Visitors Information Centre in May 2024 (and 25 years for Shakka!)

Leon Stephens  
Mayor



## Rates

Council has adopted Capital Valuations, as provided by the Valuer-General, as the basis to raise the annual rates. The rating structure includes various components which make up the rates payable, depending on the locality and land use of the property.

Fixed Charge + (Capital Valuation x differential rate in dollar) + Waste Management Service Charge + CWMS Service Charge (if applicable) + Regional Landscape Levy = Total Rates Payable

The average residential rate will rise by \$96 to \$1,445 which is an increase of 7.6% or \$1.85 per week. Rate increase was less than annual CPI inflation to the March-quarter 2023, Adelaide, all groups.

**Rates may be paid by quarterly instalments due on 13 September 2023, 13 December 2023, 13 March 2024, with final payment required by 12 June 2024.**

Details on rates calculations, concessions and valuations are provided on the reverse side of the rates notice.

Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival  
back again  
4-5 August 2023

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# 2023/24 Annual Business Plan Summary

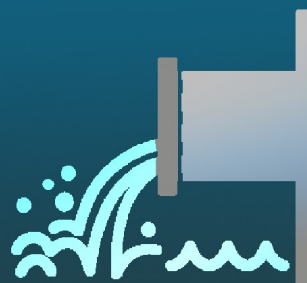




# AT A GLANCE

Operating Income for 2023/24 will be \$32.0m, where \$21.5m is derived from Rates & Service Charges.

Operating expenses of \$32.1m  
Capital works of \$11.2m



Studies into Catchment and Stormwater designs \$900k



Greening Port Pirie Funding \$2,400k

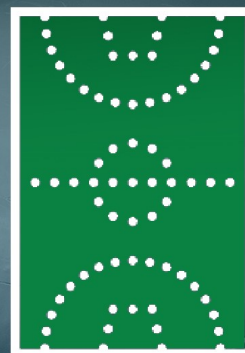


Roads - sealed and unsealed program \$3,992k

Kerbing and Footpaths program \$1,199k



Plant replacement \$1,242k



Court Sports Complex Concept Design \$100k



Dog Parks \$106k



Swimming Pools \$565k



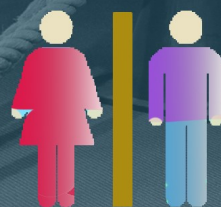
Cemetery Development and Extension \$90k



Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) \$115k



Playgrounds, Parks and Sporting Grounds \$700k



Memorial Park Toilets \$264k

## Achievements 2022/23

Continued the partnership with TLAP to support lead reduction initiatives;

Monitored financial performance for achievement consistently within the indicator target ranges.

Provided Mandatory and Discretionary training to Elected Members.

Completed the transition to LED on our public road network.

Completed the upgrade to the Senate Road Sporting Complex.

Continued supporting the community through provision of Library services and programs

- Baby Bounce
- Lego Club
- Being Digital
- Home Library and many more

Improved Disability access to public toilet and community buildings

- Crystal Brook Library and Institute
- Mortimer Park
- Koolunga Institute
- Crystal Brook Swimming Pool Changerooms

Conducted Public Consultation for Riverfront Precinct, Bowman Park Management Plan, Budget and Business Plan Lawrie Park and Nelshay Reservoir.

Completed the installation of new Butlers Bridge.

Consulted on our Regional Public Health Plan draft.

Implemented a new customer focused Customer Request System - achieved a completion rate of more than 90% within the required timeframe.

Commenced the investigation into the possible development of lead soil contaminated waste repository in Port Pirie.

Achieved agreement from the Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club for the potential redevelopment of the Council owned site they occupy consistent with Stage 2 of the Riverfront Masterplan concept.

Commenced discussions with sporting groups and association for a new court based sport precinct in Port Pirie.

Actively represented the future requirements regarding housing, enabling infrastructure and amenity upgrades in the State Governments process to develop a Masterplan for Port Pirie.