

RATES INFORMATION

Rates

Rates revenue is used to provide a range of services such as road rehabilitation, footpath repairs and maintenance, storm water drainage, ongoing maintenance of parks, gardens and buildings, street lighting and street cleaning, libraries, animal control, planning and enforcement of local laws.

Valuation

Council has decided to continue to use Capital Valuation as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers.

Minimum Rate

For 2025/26 Council has set a minimum amount payable by the way of general rates of \$1,026.

Regional Landscape (RL) Levy

The RL Levy is a State Government levy which Council is required to collect on behalf of the State Government. The Levy is based on the capital value of your property and is shown as a separate charge on your Rate Notice.

Mannum Waters Separate Rate

Section 154 of the Local Govt Act 1999 enables Council to declare a Separate Rate on rateable land. Council is required under the Landscape

SA Act 2019 to cover the evaporation loss from the Mannum Waters Marina. This is the fourth year of a total 15 years that the separate rate will be raised. Council has contributed 21% of the total cost.

Service Charges

Council provides various prescribed services. Service charges are levied in accordance with Section 155 of the Local Govt Act 1999.

Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)

The majority of the schemes will receive a \$100 increase representing indirect/overhead cost being recovered for the first time and the increase cost of an additional employee to enable the capacity to undertake overdue capital renewal works. Refer to the Annual Business Plan for a full list of the 28 CWMS annual service charges and their individual scheme balances.

General Waste & Kerbside Recycling Collection

- 1 bin service - General Waste \$243
- 2 bin service - General Waste & Recycling \$340

Bowhill Multi Access TV & Water Supply

- Bowhill Multi Access Television System \$146 per property serviced

- Bowhill Water Supply System \$256 per property serviced, annual consumption of up to 120 kilolitres of water plus an excess water charge of 40 cents per kilolitre.

Rebates

Council provides both mandatory and discretionary rebates pursuant to the Act. Council may grant a rebate of rates up to 100% to eligible ratepayers.

Hardship

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship may seek confidential assistance from Council's rates team.

Postponement of Rates

Ratepayers who hold a State Seniors card are able to apply to Council to postpone payment of rates in excess of \$500 on their principal place of residence.

Rate Capping

To provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in general rates payable by certain ratepayers due to rapid changes in valuation, a rebate of general rates for the current financial year will be granted to the Principal Ratepayer of an Assessment under Section 166(1)(l) of the Act, on application to the Council, to limit a 20% increase in general rates levied to eligible ratepayers. Refer to the separate Rate Capping insert sent with your Rate Notice. Conditions apply. Applications close 13 March 2026.

General Differential

Rates 2025/26

The following differential rates will apply for 2025/26:

Residential (Category (a))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Commercial (Categories (b), (c) and (d))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Industry (Categories (e) and (f))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Vacant Land (Category (h))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Other (Category (i))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Marina Berths (Category (j))

0.3775 cents in the dollar

Primary Production (Category (g))

0.3398 cents in the dollar

All information in this publication is a summary. For more information, or to download the Annual Business Plan and Rating Policy, please go to Council's website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au, contact the Rates Officer on 8569 0100 or email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au



Mid Murray Council

Summary Annual Business Plan & Budget 2025/26



What services are provided by council?

Council's long term objectives are set out in Council's Strategic Plan 2024-28, which is the key instrument for the delivery of programs and services to the community and the long-term financial sustainability of Council and guides the development of Council's Annual Business Plan & Budget, Asset Management Plans and the Long Term Financial Plan. Council has legislative responsibilities to cover certain services, while others are provided in response to community needs. These include:

- Setting rates, preparing an annual budget and determining longer-term strategic management plans for the area
- Management of infrastructure including roads, marine facilities, footpaths, parks, sporting facilities, public open space, street lighting and storm-water drainage
- Waste management facilities, services and recycling
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment and unlawful development
- General inspections including animal control and fire prevention
- Regulatory activities e.g. Governance functions and supporting the elected Council
- Community health and wellbeing
- Various environmental health services
- Economic development
- Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS)
- Tourism and community events
- Environmental programs
- Community programs, fitness and activity centres

Major Projects

As outlined in the Annual Business Plan, Council has identified the following as priority projects for the year ahead:

Sustainability

- Implement Stage 2 outcomes of the Sustainability Review
- Detailed design for the Swan Reach CWMS

Liveability

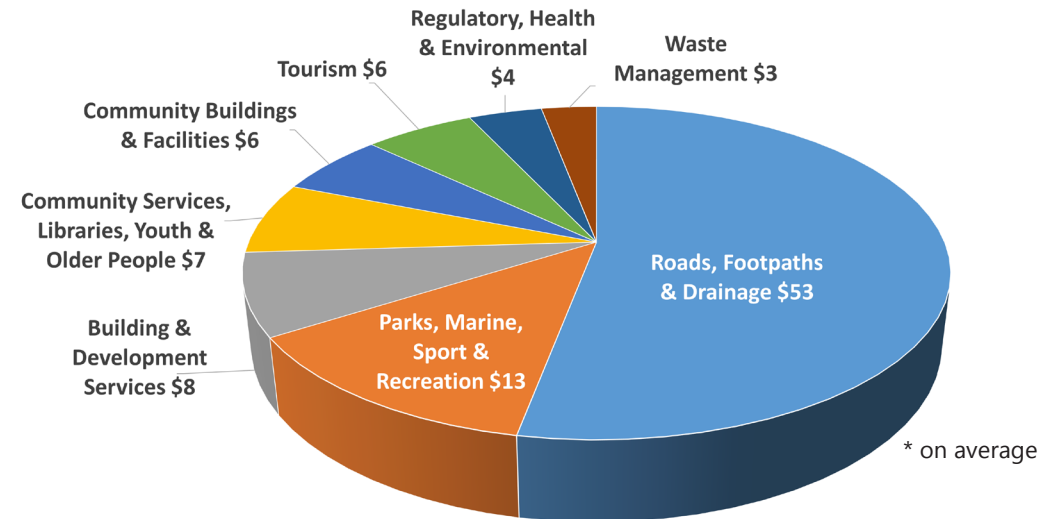
- Rural recycling and township green waste assessment project
- Cambrai landfill including Cell 2 Development project
- \$10.6m in capital expenditure, including \$6.1m in capital infrastructure, which includes an additional 2.5km of sealing for the Murraylands Road between Blanchetown and Morgan
- LED street lighting upgrade project (funded through the LRCIP – Phase 4)
- Bowhill riverfront, South Punyelroo CWMS and Swan Reach boat ramp upgrades (funded through the DEW's Constraints Project)
- Angas Valley and Stoney Banks Road junction upgrade (Blackspot funded project)
- Open Space flood remediation funded through the State Government's CRARP
- Implementation of Service Standard review
- Mid Murray Female Sports Facility project at the Mannum Oval Sporting Complex

Prosperity

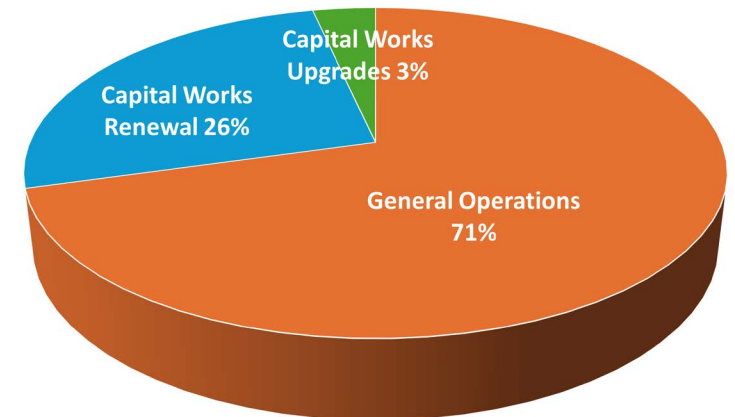
- Implementation of Growth Management and Housing Strategy
- Mid Murray Tourism Precinct Planning project (funded through the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program)

For more details please refer to the Annual Business Plan that sets out Council's proposed services, programs and projects for 2025/26 and objectives achieved by Council in 2024/25.

How will \$100 of your rates be spent?*



Where the money goes



Past and Forecast Loans

