

Key achievements 2025/26

Reviewed and adopted the following **strategic management plan documents**:

- A2040 Long Term Financial Plan 2025–2035
- A2040 Strategic Delivery Plan 2025–2035

Held the **2026 Heritage Awards**

Completed the 2025/26 **Strathalbyn Swimming Pool season extension**

Additional funding for **10 community halls** in the Alexandrina district

Renewed and upgraded **footpaths** across the district

Completed the **Strathalbyn Streetscape and Town Hall Revitalisation Project**

Completed the **Goolwa Riverboat Centre fit-out**

Upgraded the **Goolwa BMX Track**

Rolled out the **Albyn Terrace Strathalbyn electrical upgrade**

Renewed the **Strathalbyn Pool fencing**

Renewed the **Mount Compass BMX Track**

Renewed **coastal infrastructure** at Port Elliot

Renewed and upgraded **stormwater infrastructure** across the Alexandrina district

Fire system upgrades in a range of Council buildings

Constructed the **Milang Wastewater Storage Lagoon**

Upgraded a range of **recreation and open space facilities** across the district

Finalised the 2024/25 **major plant and fleet renewal program**

Completed the 2025/26 **Unsealed Road Renewal Program**.

Rates

Council believes that all rateable properties should contribute a base amount to the costs of administering and maintaining infrastructure. Approximately 17% of the general rate revenue is generated through a fixed charge of \$460 for the 2026/27 financial year.

Council also manages and charges for Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS) for six townships.

Additionally, Council will continue to collect the Regional Landscape Levy (formerly NRM Levy) on behalf of the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

FlexiPay Payment Plan

Ratepayers can conveniently pay their rates by setting up a direct debit through FlexiPay, using either a bank account or credit card.

FlexiPay allows ratepayers to tailor their payments to suit their budget, with the option to pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or quarterly over the financial year.

Provided the agreed payment arrangement is maintained, fines and interest will not be applied during the arrangement period.

Please refer to your rates notice and scan the QR code to register for FlexiPay.

Sign up for electronic Rates Notices

Ratepayers can sign up to receive rates notices by email (eNotices), making it easier and more convenient to receive your notice.



Visit <https://alexandrina.enotices.com.au> to register. You'll need your eNotices reference number which you can find on your rates notice.

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Alexandrina Council



Annual Community Plan 2026/27



Message from the Mayor



Welcome to our Annual Community Plan 2026/27.

Our community and Council are experiencing significant cost increases at the present time due to ongoing global economic uncertainty and its associated inflationary pressures.

In response, Council has planned a period of financial restraint and consolidation. To achieve this we have reassessed both current and future projects in our Strategic Delivery Plan, on top of our continued focus on maintaining downward pressure on rates, reducing expenditure, and borrowing, and strengthening long-term financial sustainability.

We have adopted an average general rate increase of 4.5% which is below the Adelaide March Quarter CPI of 4.9% and we have adjusted our Long Term Financial Plan to allow the removal of the 0.85% rate sustainability factor.

Reducing rates to below CPI for 2026/27, is a significant decision as it will adversely impact the long-term sustainability of Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

To mitigate this impact, Council must reduce expenditure in 2026/27 and identify further cost reductions in future years.

It is important to note that the combination of our ongoing efforts to reduce expenditure and borrowing and our recent prioritisation of 'essential only' projects has resulted in Council's forecast debt being significantly reduced.

This *Annual Community Plan* puts our community at the forefront. We remain committed to showing financial discipline by delivering the essentials while doing our best to mitigate the impact of high inflation due to the uncertain global situation.

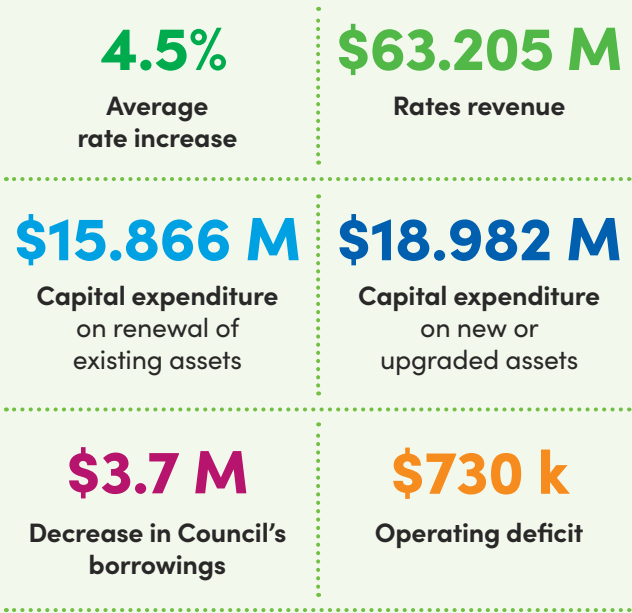
Mayor Keith Parkes

Budget snapshot

The *Annual Community Plan 2026/27* shows our services, programs and projects for this financial year. It also shows how we will allocate our resources to achieve the objectives we set out in our A2040 Community Vision, while ensuring Council's long term financial sustainability.

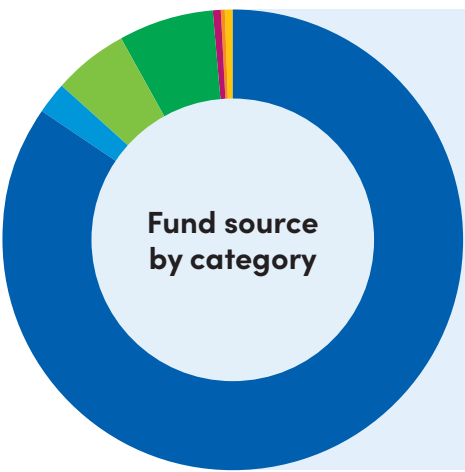
Our focus in 2026/27 is on supporting and strengthening our community, environment and region by developing a responsible budget which recognises our unique constraints and is geared towards delivering essential services, prudent resource management, and sustainability.

The key elements of our Community Plan are outlined below:



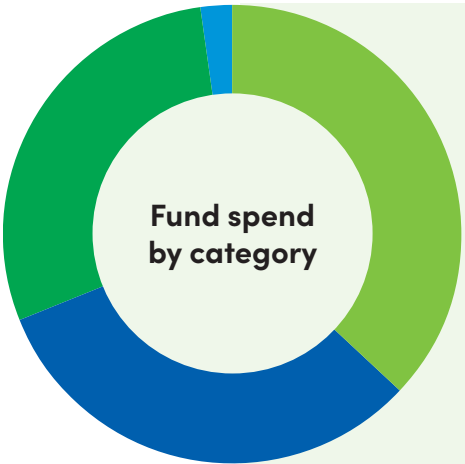
Summary of changes from recent consultation

- Inclusion of 'More than roads, rates and rubbish' information page.
- Consolidation of the Clayton Bay and Milang Caravan Park amenities budgets into one project in 2026/27 at Clayton Bay.
- Inclusion of fleet and major plant details in the capital program.



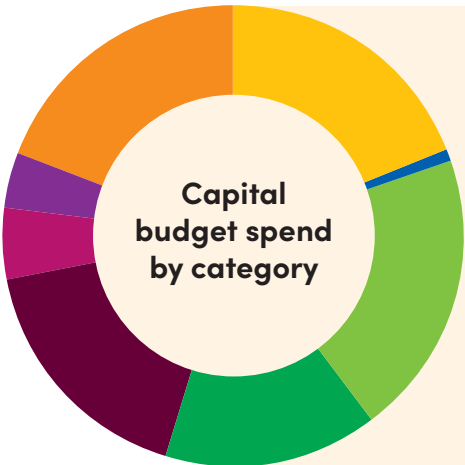
Where will Council source funds?

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| Rates
\$63,205,040 / 85% | Investment income
\$70,000 / 0.1% |
| Statutory charges
\$1,511,000 / 2% | Reimbursements
\$365,000 / 0.5% |
| User charges
\$4,150,518 / 7% | Other income
\$244,757 / 0.3% |
| Operating grants & contributions
\$4,864,007 / 7% | Net gain - equity accounted council businesses
\$265,736 / 0.4% |



Where will Council spend funds?

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| Employee cost
\$27,791,980 / 37% |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses
\$24,351,910 / 32% |
| Depreciation
\$21,481,230 / 29% |
| Finance cost
\$1,510,550 / 2% |
| Net loss - equity accounted council businesses
\$270,000 / 0% |



Where will Council spend its capital budget?

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| Roads
\$6,807,600 / 20% | Open space
\$1,680,000 / 5% |
| Kerb and water table
\$234,500 / 1% | Bridges & major culverts
\$111,000 / 0.3% |
| Footpaths
\$7,119,204 / 21% | Plant and machinery
\$1,311,000 / 4% |
| Stormwater
\$5,180,104 / 15% | Community wastewater
\$6,760,000 / 20% |
| Buildings & structures
\$5,645,000 / 16% | |