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The world's eyes on Northern Areas

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Budget 2017/18

Council to spend \$5.9 million on Capital Projects

Highlights of the capital program

District Road Re-sheeting	\$1,720,000	Sealed Road Re-sealing	\$ 520,000
Footpaths	\$ 50,000	New Road Seals	\$ 380,000
Laura Streetscape upgrade	\$ 230,000	Signage	\$ 100,000
Bridges	\$ 51,500	Georgetown/Huddlestone Floodway	\$ 450,000
Various Flood Drainage Design	\$ 175,000	Swimming Pool Upgrades	\$ 202,000
Playgrounds	\$ 50,000	CWMS projects	\$ 177,000

The budget for 2017/18 comprised of a total expenditure of \$17.1 million with the Operating budget being \$11.2 million and the Capital Budget being \$5.9 million.

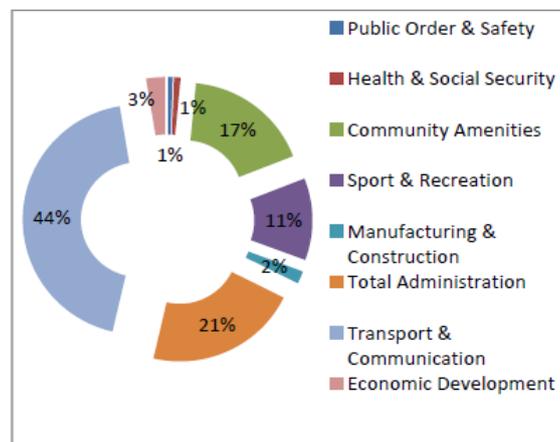
This remains in line with Council's Long Term Financial plan, which was most recently reviewed earlier this year. In accordance with the plan, the current budget show Council has remained with a slight operating surplus ratio of 1%, a net financial liabilities ratio of 83% and an asset sustainability ration of 103%

In order to continue to work toward maintaining long term sustainability, Council recently completed its asset management planning, with plans now provided for public open space, plants and vehicles, stormwater assets, buildings, CWMS, bridges, roads and associated infrastructure and governance.

With the completion of these plans, Council will be able to take a step further and better gauge and project future costs for renewing these assets.

What the plans achieve, is that they enable the asset to be renewed at the most effective time to minimise the cost rate payers over the long term.

2017/18 Operating Expense Mix



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Community News

Major Energy Announcement

July saw the international media focus on the local region with the announcement that Neoen and Tesla in conjunction with the South Australian Government are to build the world's largest lithium ion battery at the Hornsdale Wind Farm, approximately 10km North East of Jamestown.

Premier Jay Weatherill and Treasurer Tom Koutstantonis, in conjunction with representatives of Neoen, Tesla and other partners in the project held a special media launch in Jamestown following the announcement.



The Premier spoke of the positive economic impact of the project whilst mentioning that he believed there may be opportunities for tourism in the local region resulting from this and other renewable energy based projects in the region.



Mayor Clark welcomed the guests and also took an opportunity to advocate for further investment in local health and road services, in addition to a future for the Bundaleer and Wirrabara Forests.

Details of the project area available via the website:
www.hornsdalepowerreserve.com.au

Community Survey

As part of preparing Council's next strategic plan, we want to hear from the local community. We want you to provide us with an insight as to what is important to the community, what services you see and being the highest priority, how does Council currently perform and where you believe Council should be heading in the future.

To complete the survey you can go to council's website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au for the online version or alternatively you can collect a hard copy from any Northern Areas Council office and return it to any of those offices. **The survey will close at 5pm on Friday the 29th of September 2017**

You will also receive a hard copy of the survey via letter drop.



Preliminary Notice 2018 Australia Day Awards

Now is the time to start thinking about individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above the normal employment duties.

The Australia Day Awards offer an opportunity to recognise see these people and groups in three separate categories. Categories for the 2018 Australia Day Awards are:

Citizen of the Year

To be eligible the person must be an Australian Citizen

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible the person must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on 26 January 2018

Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year

Nominations are set to open later in the year, please check Council's website for dates for further details



Infrastructure Update

Capital works

Capital works across the council area are now programmed as the 2017-18 financial year gets underway. Projects in this year's program include the commencement of a multiple year program to seal unsealed township streets. There are unsealed streets in all townships and a program has been developed to coincide with the annual res-seal works for the first year of the program.

Works under the program are mostly limited to making good to the road formation prior to seal. Streets where flooding occurs and development is comparatively active for the district will require survey and appropriate shaping.

Georgetown/Huddlestone Floodway

As shown in this photograph, has been gradually deteriorating and has made it into the capital program for replacement this year. Design was carried out ahead of this year and is ready for tendering. This project has been programmed to occur in the drier months.



Laura Flood Mitigation Project

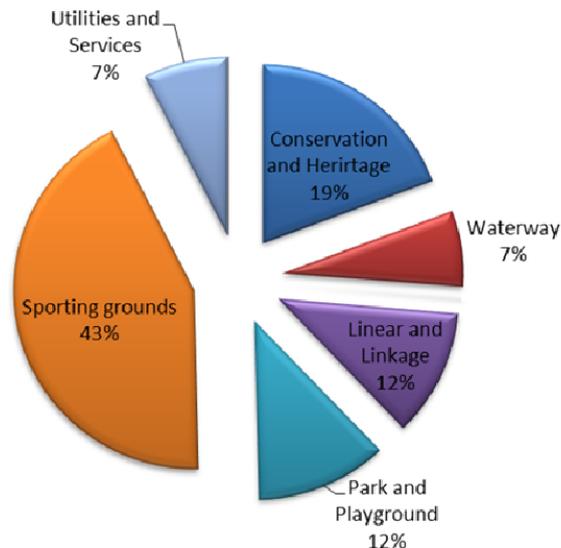
These works are now complete insofar as the works subject to the grant and the scope identified under that project are complete. There are clearly a range of additional works required to connect and solve associated storm water management issues and a scope for these is being developed to implement and resolve.

Laura Streetscape

Grant funds have been sourced to enable the main street upgrade on the eastern side to commence. Detailed design is being developed with the works tentatively programmed for early in 2018.

Operational Works

This work continues to be carried out for all types of infrastructure. To address issues frequently raised by rate-payers, schedules are being developed for a range of activities like the activities which impact public open space presentation. Council manages in excess of 460 hectares of public open space land, excluding cropping land. This land is managed in a variety of ways including MOU's with sporting groups, volunteer mowing of township areas and some leased land.



The land is divided into classifications to assist in scheduling appropriate management resources to land within the type. The pie chart shows each classification of open space as a portion of the whole land area. Conservation and heritage includes areas like cemeteries and vegetation reserves. Waterways include the Yacka camping ground, Belalie Creek and the Port St drain. Utilities and Services include the transfer stations and CWMS grounds, all of which require some level of service to manage weed growth or provide visual amenity for residents and visitors alike.

The volunteer contributions and MOU agreements assist the whole community by assisting council to manage these significant land holdings at the lowest cost.

Infrastructure Update

CWMS projects

Projects are being developed to solve the emergency storage requirements for pump stations at both South Terrace and Dunlop Terrace Jamestown. Survey and design are underway to provide the solutions required to solve this long standing infrastructure gap and provide confidence and certainty of waste water service level provision to impacted residents.

Plans for the increased area of irrigation at Jamestown are still being reviewed by the Department of Health and Aging for approval prior to commencing construction. It is hoped that this project will commence very soon and provide a solution to the water reuse gap we have as well as providing an enhanced source of revenue for the Apex Club to put back into the community.

An Emergency Irrigations Scheme is being progressed with the EPA and the DHA to manage the likely overflow from the ponds before the planned irrigation system is commissioned.

Photograph showing the CWMS ponds over capacity this time last year. Council works with the EPA and DHA to advise of system overflows.



Parking Zones

Shopping areas within townships have areas which may be sign posted with restricted times such as fifteen minutes. Please observe the parking time limits as they enable a quick turn-over of short term parking in critical locations.

Burning in the Open

Since the introduction of the Environment Protection Air Quality Policy, Council has issued a number of permits to burn in the open. Community co-operation to the new policy has been positive. Please contact the Council office to determine if an application to burn in the open is required.

Desludging Septic Tanks Connected to CWMS

The desludging of septic tanks connected to the Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) in Gladstone, Jamestown and Laura is continuing. The Contractor will be advising property owners with a notice prior to desludging tanks, however if a property owner requires their tank to be desludged earlier or has an emergency please contact the Council. Arrangements will be made with the Contractor to desludge the septic tank immediately.

Waste

Reminding those who pay a waste levy for kerbside collection that the service is an overnight one and it is best to leave your bin out the night before, just on the chance that the bin collection time is irregular the next day and catches you by surprise.

The standard kerbside waste levy entitles the property resident to one weekly red bin waste collection and one fortnightly yellow lid bin recycling collection. If you wish to use more than one bin, this can be arranged with the payment of an additional fee for the extra service. Numbers of properties in the council district do this now. Council conducts audits from time to time to identify properties where extra bins are left out for collection. Follow up with residents occurs where anomalies are found.

Recycling

In recent months there has been incidences of inappropriate material being placed within 240L kerbside recycling bins. Particular items of concern are organic material such as green waste, food waste, garden trimmings etc. People need to ensure that they place the correct items in the correct bin, as shown below:

Items which can go into kerbside recycling

Paper and envelopes
Newspapers, magazines, catalogues and junk mail
Cardboard boxes and egg cartons
Shredded paper (if contained inside a paper bag or box)
Cartons such as milk, juice and stock cartons
Pizza boxes without food scraps
Aluminium and steel cans and tins
Metal lids (contained in a steel or aluminium can)
Empty and dry paint tins
Empty aerosol cans
Glass bottles and jars (rinsed with lids off)
Plastic bottles and containers (rinsed with lids off)
Yoghurt and butter containers (rinsed with lids off)



Items which cannot go into kerbside recycling

Plastic lids from jars and bottles
Plastic bags and other soft plastics
Food scraps
Packaging contaminated with food
Tissues and paper towel
Clothing and fabrics
Polystyrene foam packaging
Foam trays and cups
Crocery or drinking glasses
Mirrors, light globes, oven-proof or window glass
Car parts
Toys
Nappies
Garden waste or organic material
CDs, DVDs, video or audio tapes



Fire Prevention

Spring Preparation Checklist for townships

- Slash or mow long grass to a maximum height of 100mm (4") and remove cut material, (can be placed in a compost bin)
- Remove weeds around sheds and fences. There should be a 5 metre clearance around a shed.
- Cut back trees overhanging the roof of the house, sheds and garages
- Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- Do not have a creeper or vine growing on a poly rain water tank
- Check and service all of your mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and extinguishers.
- Remove leaves and any dead weeds from gutters and consider gutter guard systems to help reduce the accumulated leaf litter.
- Review and update your Bushfire Action Plan.

Keep informed:

- CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au
- CFS Bushfire Information Hotline: 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
- On local ABC radio, FIVEaa, or one of our other Emergency Broadcast Partner radio stations

Change of address

Have you moved house or changed your postal address recently?

Updating your new residential and/or postal address means Council is able to send your rates notice, animal registration and other important information to the correct address.

This is especially important if your current postal address is different from the address shown on your recent Council Rates Notice or Animal Renewal Notice, or if you did not receive your notice.

Ratepayers remain liable for all rates declared on their property, with late payment fess applying if quarterly payments obligations are not met.

To change your postal address you can either:

Complete the tear off slip on the reverse side of your rates notice and return to Council.

Email Council at ceo@nacouncil.sa.gov.au, providing the details of your assessment number, property location, your full name and your new postal address.

Advise Council in writing at PO Box 120, Jamestown SA 5491, providing the details of your assessment number, property location, your full name, your new postal address and sign the advice.

Single Farm Enterprise

Section 152 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that "if two or more pieces of rateable land within the area of the Council constitute a single farm enterprise, only one fixed charge may be imposed against the whole of the land".

If you have not completed an application form or have purchased, sold, subdivided or amalgamated any land or changed your entity and need to complete an application form, forms are available from the Jamestown, Gladstone and Spalding Offices and must be completed and returned by **5:00pm on Friday 29th June 2018**.

If the application form is not been received by Council by the due date, no exemption will apply to the 2017/2018 financial year fixed charge component of your rates.

A majority of farming entities have already completed a form and are receiving a Single Farm Enterprise, and therefore a reduction on the fixed charge component of their rates.

For further information please contact Tanya Francis or Bernadette McCarthy at the Jamestown Office on 08 8664 1139.

Receive your rates notices via email

Have your rates notice delivered to any device or computer. It is a quick, easy and secure way to view your rate notice. Scan the QR code printed on your rates notice or go to www.nacouncil.formsport.com.au Register your details (See "Steps to register" below) and the next rates notice will be conveniently delivered to your nominated email address.

Steps to register:

Step 1

- Complete the online registration form once you have scanned your QR code or have gone to www.nacouncil.formsport.com.au
- Click on the "Register" tab in the top right hand corner.
- Enter your name exactly as it appears on the rates notice, including spaces and symbols.
- Enter your assessment number and email address.
- Choose a username, make it easy to remember so you can log in later.

Step 2

- Check your inbox.
- Click the link, it lasts for 48 hours.

Step 3

- Choose a password. Use this along with your username to log in.
- You will now receive notices in your inbox, and you can log in and view them online at any time.

For more information or assistance with this process, please contact Bernadette McCarthy or Tanya Francis at the Jamestown Office on 08 8664 1139.

Responsible Dog Ownership

Once again dog owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their dogs are registered from 3 months of age. If you purchase a new dog 3 months or older then you have 14 days in which to register it.

It doesn't matter at what time of the year the first registration is done but re-registering is due between July 1 and August 31 each year. Penalties apply for unregistered dogs. Council carries out registration checks at varied times.

Current dog registrations can be transferred from another Council with a payment of \$5 per dog.

A reminder that the mandatory registration fee categories for 2017/18 registration year are as follows:

1. **'Standard' (mandatory legislated rebate)** – this applies only to a dog that is both desexed and microchipped.
2. **'Non-standard' (full fee)** – this applies to all other kinds of dogs, even if they are exempt from the requirement to desex or microchip (e.g. dogs belonging to registered breeders, working livestock dogs etc.).

Council offers additional non-mandatory fee rebates for working dogs but proof of working dog status is required. If a person without an ABN wishes to apply for a working dog rebate, a letter from their employer, including the employer's ABN and advising that the dog is used primarily for the droving or tending of stock, must be submitted with a new application for registration.

Please note: The Dog and Cat Board has also advised Council that from July 1 2018 all dogs must be desexed and microchipped.

Dog owners are encouraged to be responsible owners by desexing and microchipping their dogs as well as ensuring that they are registered **and** wearing their current registration disc. It is important to remember that Council is able to return wandering dogs to their owners much quicker if the dog is wearing a registration disc and also owners may be able to avoid impoundment fees and expiations.

Community members who have concerns with dogs barking, harassing people or other animals are encouraged to contact Council's Dog Control Officer, Garry Harris on 0419 858 375.

Calendar of Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the Northern Areas Council are held at venues across the Council area, on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 2pm. The general public are always welcome to attend

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tuesday 20th October	2pm
Tuesday 18th November	2pm
Tuesday 15th December	2pm

For further meeting dates please visit www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

After Hours Council Contact

Please call 0488 999 808

Drum Muster

The DrumMuster program continues with the following dates for delivery of drums to respective transfer stations:

Monday 9 October 2017	Jamestown	Surnames A-L
Tuesday 10 October 2017	Jamestown	Surnames M-Z
Wednesday 11 October 2017	Gladstone	Surnames A-L
Thursday 12 October 2017	Gladstone	Surnames M-Z
Friday 13 October 2017	Spalding	

Annual Green Waste Collection

Council provides a green waste collection each year for the purpose of assisting those less able in the community to clear their yards of green waste. If you are quite able and have resources to manage your green waste the service is not intended for you.

Residents who need this level of assistance must ring the Jamestown Office on 8664 1139 to book a collection.

The Green-waste that will be collected is tree, rose and bush type material only, no lawn clippings or weeds. Green-waste to be collected must be placed on the edge of the roadway, the evening prior to the scheduled pickup. No repeat trips will be made and large piles will not be removed from private property.

Green-waste must be placed so that it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and must not be placed over service pits or hinder access to fire hydrants. No tyres, no cars, no chemical. A limit of 3 cubic metres (i.e. 6x4 trailer load) per household will be allowed.

Council reminds residents of their obligation to prune trees overhanging footpaths. This is a good opportunity to do so.

Council's green waste collection will occur 23rd October – 31st October this year.



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