



Managing the Road Network

The road network within the Council district consists of:

- 480km of sealed roads
- approximately 1100km of unsealed roads and
- 600km of road reserves (some with formed tracks)

This network is valued at about \$280M. Its maintenance is a large part of Council's annual expenditure. Such an extensive road network means prioritising upgrades and maintenance is of critical importance.

Too much focus on constructing new or upgrading existing roads results in not enough maintenance being undertaken. Too much effort on just maintaining ultimately leads to failure in roads beyond Council's capacity to upgrade.

Roads in the Naracoorte Lucindale Council are in a strong position. Not all are perfect, issues arise each year and some roads fail unexpectedly BUT the majority of roads are serviceable and Council is keeping up with maintaining and improving the quality of road surfaces.



Unsealed roads

Unsealed roads are the largest part of the network and receive the most criticisms and request for works. Council has a grading program that only occurs in winter when moisture levels are optimal. If conditions are too dry, the road surface will not bind and if too wet, it can become sloppy. This is why graders lay idle at times through the grading season.

Six graders cover 5-6km per day depending on the road width and work required. Rollers are towed by tractors independent of the grader. This results in more thorough rolling and a better finished surface.

This takes more time but means a single pass on low use roads is sufficient for the year. Heavy use roads are graded 2-3 times depending on seasonal conditions and construction programs. Tracks in road reserves are generally not graded.

Sealed roads

Sealed roads require maintenance as well. Surface resealing is needed at approximately 20 year intervals, depending on the level of use. Roads constructed without a suitable base may breakdown. In these instances the entire road requires reconstructing.

Upgrade and Management

Upgrades to roads are guided by Council's Road Network Upgrade and Extension Policy. Decisions relating to road upgrades are considered by the Elected Members at Council meetings.

The district has large areas planted to blue gums which are being harvested. This results in large vehicles on roads, some of which were not designed for heavy vehicles, and far greater volumes of traffic than the road usually caters for.

Council works with forestry owners and transport businesses to maintain the road to a suitable standard. The businesses responsible for the abnormal road deterioration are required to address maintenance issues. These roads are inspected frequently but can degrade very quickly depending on traffic and weather conditions.

Customer Requests

Council's Customer Request system captures information on Council works. To log a Customer Request or for clarification on where your road fits in the road hierarchy, when and how often you can expect the road graded and when upgrades have been scheduled call 8760 1100 or email council@nlc.sa.gov.au

Remember, it takes a while to cover 1100km of unsealed roads with 6 graders treating 5-6 km per day.





Annual Business Plan and Budget 2016-17

Vision Statement

The best place in regional South Australia to live, work, do business, raise a family and retire. Created by having a Prosperous Community with Healthy Landscapes, Liveable Neighbourhoods and a focus on Harmony and Culture.

Council Responsibilities & Services

All Councils have basic responsibilities under the Local Government Act and other relevant legislation. Council also provides a range of services:

- Regulatory activities such as supporting the elected Council and dog registrations
- Setting rates, preparing an annual budget and determining longer-term strategic management plans for the area
- Management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, parks, public open space and buildings (such as Town Halls)
- Storm-water drainage
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment
- Various environmental health services
- Street Cleaning & Waste Management
- Aerodrome management
- Cemetery management
- Library Services
- Visitor Information Centre
- Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange

Financial Sustainability

The Council's long-term financial sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, its expenses are less than its revenue.

In delivering services and projects included in the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2016-2017 Council is anticipating to complete the year with an operating surplus before capital revenue of \$33,705.

Planned projects for 2016/2017

For a complete list visit Council's website under "Current Projects"

- Upgrade to NRLE cattle selling pens (funded 50% anticipated grant and balance with a 20-year loan)
- Continued replacement, renewal and upgrade of Council roads, footpaths, kerbs & watertables
- Naracoorte Caves Leverage Project
- Representational Review
- Community Wellbeing Support
- Relocation of the Naracoorte Public Library
- Cross Border Conference (Visitor Information Centres)
- Storyboard Project
- Development of a CBD Masterplan
- Aerial Photography
- Upgrade Stormwater on Gordon Street (near Fordham Avenue), Naracoorte
- Demolish unused toilets at the Naracoorte North Parklands
- Improved lighting on the Naracoorte Creek Walk
- Upgrade of the Skate Park at Market Square, Naracoorte
- Implementation of a Community Art Plan
- Installation of Heritage Trail Signs in Naracoorte (purchased in 2015-16)
- Continuation of Community Chest Program
- Continuation of Innovation Fund
- Continue emphasis on consultation, Council's webpage & social media sites

More details are available in the Annual Business Plan & Budget available on Council's website under Council, Financial.

Capital Values

Council's capital valuation (excluding non-rateable properties) has decreased from \$2,137,390,887 in June 2015 to \$2,097,006,827 in June 2016 or by approximately 1.8%.

Approximately 89% of properties can expect a rate increase of less than 3%.





Method Used to Value Land

Council continues to use capital value (the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land) as the basis for calculating annual rates within the Council area. Council considers this method provides the fairest distribution of the rate burden across all ratepayers on the following basis:

- The equity principle of taxation requires that ratepayers of similar wealth pay similar taxes and ratepayers of greater wealth pay more tax than ratepayers of lesser wealth;
- Property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value, which closely approximates the market value of a property, provides the best indicator of overall property value;

The Land against which rates may be assessed includes:

- Any piece or section of land subject to separate ownership or occupation; or
- Any aggregation of contiguous land subject to the same ownership or occupation.

Unlike the State and Federal spheres of Government which have the power to impose a number of different taxes which are used to “top-up” annual budgets, by comparison the only tax that Local Government can impose to “top-up” its annual budget is rates.

Minimum Rate

A minimum rate of \$350.00 will apply in relation to all rateable properties.

CWMS Service Charge

Council fixes an annual service charge for the Lucindale Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS). The charge for the 2016-17 year will increase from \$556 for occupied properties and \$200 for vacant land by 1% to \$561 for occupied properties and \$202 for vacant land.

Waste & Recycling Collection Service Charge

Council fixes an annual service charge for the Waste and Recycling Collection. The charge remains at \$294.00 which is applied to all occupied properties in the townships of Naracoorte, Lucindale, Frances, Hynam and Kybybolite, and properties zoned Rural Living.

SE Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy

Council collects the NRM levy on behalf of the Natural Resources Management Board. No portion of the levy is retained by Council. From 1 July 2016 a tiered approach to the NRM Levy will be introduced, which is based on land use codes as established by the Valuer-General.

The levy continues to be charged per rateable property:

- Residential, Vacant & Other \$ 69.91
- Commercial \$127.68
- Industrial \$156.88
- Primary Production \$290.00

Declaration of Rates

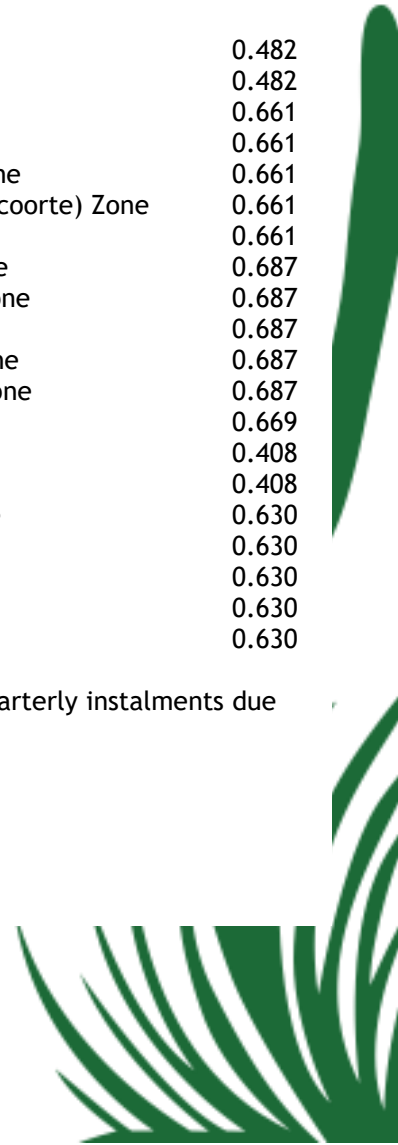
Council declares differential general rates according to the locality and the use of the land and based upon the capital value of the land on all rateable properties within the area of the Council. Rate in the dollar for this year are:

Payment of Rates

Rural Living Zone	0.482
Deferred Urban Zone	0.482
Residential (Naracoorte) Zone	0.661
Recreation (Naracoorte) Zone	0.661
Conservation (Naracoorte) Zone	0.661
Caravan & Tourist Park (Naracoorte) Zone	0.661
Mixed Use (Naracoorte) Zone	0.661
Commercial (Naracoorte) Zone	0.687
Light Industry (Naracoorte) Zone	0.687
Industry (Naracoorte) Zone	0.687
Town Centre (Naracoorte) Zone	0.687
Infrastructure (Naracoorte) Zone	0.687
Industry Zone	0.669
Primary Production Zone	0.408
Airfield Zone	0.408
Town Centre (Lucindale) Zone	0.630
Commercial (Lucindale) Zone	0.630
Township Zone	0.630
Residential (Lucindale) Zone	0.630
Recreation (Lucindale) Zone	0.630

Payment of Rates will be by quarterly instalments due on the first working day of:

1. September 2016
2. December 2016
3. March 2017
4. June 2017





Assessment of the extent to which Council's 2015/2016 objectives were achieved

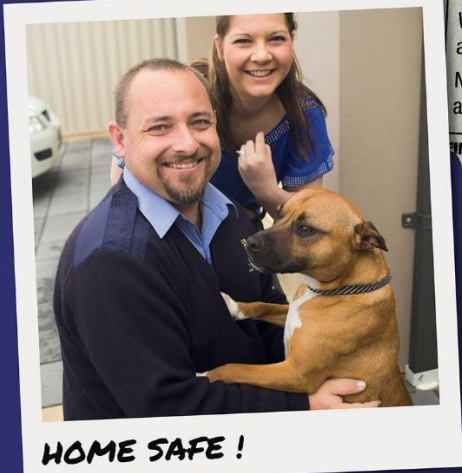
✓ = achieved, ? = planned / not complete yet,
x = not achieved

- Support for SELGA's Tourism Industry Development ✓
- Development of a community art plan for the district ✓
- Upgrade to the NRLE cattle selling pens ?
- Implementation of a Heritage Trail in Naracoorte ✓
- Facilitate and enhance economic development ✓
- Emphasis on reduction of waste to landfill ✓
- Bushfire Mitigation & Corella Management ✓
- Implement the Naracoorte Creek maintenance plan ?
- Sponsorship of annual programs, events and festivals ✓
- Collaborate with the Art Gallery and local organisations to introduce a bi-annual event x
- Naracoorte Swimming Lake - installation of artificial turf and engineering assessment of walls ✓
- Introduction of Your Tutor at the Naracoorte Library ✓
- Fire Safety Upgrade of three sporting facilities x
- Upgrade to Memorial Parklands Boardwalk & Natural Play Area ?
- Continue the upgrade of Market Square ✓
- Complete Stage 1 of Robertson Street, Naracoorte ✓
- Assistance for sites on 'Local Heritage Register' ✓
- Completion of Naracoorte CBD Drainage Stage 1 and commence Stage 2 ✓
- Introduction of "Bang the Table" consultation tool ✓
- Review Council's Strategic Management Plan ✓
- Continued review of practices & procedures ✓
- Continued emphasis on a safe workplace & protecting the health & wellbeing of employees ✓

Dog Registration

Please be a responsible dog owner and register your dog. All dogs aged 3 months or older must be registered by **31 August**. If your dog is registered it's more likely to be returned to you if lost?

Keep Your Best Mate Safe



HOME SAFE !

Make sure you can be reunited by registering and micro-chipping, and reduce your dog's urge to wander by desexing and training.

It's dog registration time in your local council with discounts for desexed, micro-chipped and trained dogs.

Find the facts at **COODOG** SA.com
An Initiative of the **DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT BOARD** and your Local Council.



Naracoorte Public Library

From 1 August the Naracoorte Public Library will be located at 165 Smith Street (the former Community Club building).

This will be a temporary location until the future of the library building is decided and works are completed.

To allow for the smooth relocation of the library, the library will be closed for a week from 1 August and reopen on Monday 8 August at 165 Smith Street.

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