

## Rating Summary

To fund the Annual Business Plan and the ongoing development and maintenance of facilities, infrastructure and services the Council has adopted a net zero rate increase (inflation and natural growth excepted).

The actual amount payable by each individual ratepayer may be more or less than this, depending on movement in the capital value of each property as determined by the State's Valuer-General. These valuations demonstrate significant variability in property values and will result in some ratepayers receiving higher increases and others lower than average.

A fixed charge of \$680 for all properties plus a rate in the dollar based on each property's capital value and the relevant land use, will be applied.

## Domestic Waste Collection Service Charge

Council provides residential properties with a collection and disposal of domestic waste and recycling service. A fixed waste removal charge of \$467 per annum applies (an increase of 4.9%) Council is now required by the Environmental Protection Agency to transfer waste to Inkermann (north of Adelaide).

## Natural Resource Management (NRM)

The NRM levy is a fixed charge of \$60 per property declared on all rateable land in the Council area. This levy is collected for the State Government and raises funds on behalf of the SA Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board. It is shown as a separate charge on the rates notice.

## Hardship

Ratepayers experiencing hardship may seek assistance. If you are concerned about the payment of your Council rates, please contact us to discuss your personal circumstances and organise alternative payment arrangements where applicable.

## Payment of Rates

Payment of rates can be made in full by 17 October 2016 or by four (4) instalments, due on 17 October 2016, 19 December 2016, 20 March 2017 and 19 June 2017.

## Utility Tariffs and Charges

The charges for electricity and water will be reviewed in November with changes coming into effect in January 2017. As foreshadowed in the draft Annual Business Plan the budget provides for no increase (adjusted for inflation) in the charges and tariffs for utilities.

Roxby Power has commenced a review of the Solar Buy Back rate, and at this stage all indications are that this rate will be reduced.

## Rate Capping Rebate

A rebate of differential general rates for the FY17 financial year may be granted to the Principal Ratepayer of an assessment under Section 166 (1) (L) of the Local Government Act 1999 on application to the Council. Rebates are only available for residential properties with an increase beyond 10%. Please contact Roxby Council on 8671 0010 for more information.

## Further Information

Copies of the complete Annual Business Plan and Budget are available for download from Council's website [www.roxbydowns.com](http://www.roxbydowns.com) and are available for inspection at the Council Office.

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## 2016/17 Annual Business Plan & Budget Summary

The Annual Business Plan and Budget delivers a range of initiatives, services and programs within a pared back budget

## Overview

Roxby Council's adopted Annual Business Plan and Budget for FY17 will maintain current Council services and facilities. The Annual Business Plan and Budget is set against an economically challenging period for many residents and businesses and this has been at the forefront of our minds when preparing these Plans for the year ahead.

We are looking at ways to deliver our services more effectively and cost efficiently to sustain Roxby Downs for our longer term objectives. However these reforms will take time to be put in place.

The Council is committed to becoming more transparent with several new initiatives being implemented in the near future. These include a revamped website to be launched by November 2016, a Facebook page shortly and working with more ways to directly engage with the community.

We look forward to delivering high quality and cost effective services to the community of Roxby Downs whilst ensuring our financial position remains solid for the future prosperity of the town.

GEOFF WHITBREAD  
Acting Administrator, Roxby Council

## Key Initiatives FY17

- Replace existing toddlers pool with a **Splashpad** (for updates visit [www.roxbydowns.com](http://www.roxbydowns.com))
- Enhance **Richardson Place** through refurbishment of the toilet block, replacement of kerbing and general tidy up
- Finalise the **Sport & Recreation Review and Master Plan**
- Maintain key infrastructure by continuing **reseal and kerb and cross over program**
- Continue to secure key services with the **installation of back-up pumps for the town water supply**
- Finalise **review of future governance** options for Council
- **No debt policy**

A complete list of all projects is in the full Annual Business Plan which can be found on Council's website

Budget at a glance	
Net rate revenue	\$5.5m
Other operating revenues	\$11.9m
Employee costs	\$5.0m
Materials, contracts and other expenses	\$9.8m
Depreciation	\$2.5m
Operating Balance	\$0.0m

## Key Budget Facts

- No rate increase (adjusted for inflation)
- Power and Water charges to increase by no more than the rate of inflation
- No Operating Expenses increase (adjusted for inflation)

## Key Achievements FY16

- **Curdimurka Playground** upgrade was completed
- **Waste management**—all waste now transported to Inkermann (north of Adelaide)
- **Community Youth Centre** upgrade
- Commissioning of a **Governance Review Committee** to provide recommendation on options to improve the governance of Roxby Council
- Extended opening hours for the **Community Library** in response to customer demand
- **Operations of roxbylink** came under the direct control of Council
- **Heating** installed in the roxbylink Auditorium and Dunes Cafe
- **Second pedestrian crossing** constructed adjacent to the War Memorial
- **Sport & Recreation Review and Master Plan** undertaken
- Extensive **road resealing program** partially funded via the 'Roads to Recovery' program
- Major electrical maintenance overhaul