



Project Update

Over the past few months major work has occurred on Pender, Coles Killanoola and Moyhall Roads.

Five kilometres of the Coles Killanoola Road has been reconstructed from an unsealed road to a sealed road. Half of the \$1.2m project cost was received from the Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program and Special Local Roads Program.

Construction of 3.2km of Moyhall Road and resheeting of 5km of Penders Road have also been completed.



Due to wet weather works scheduled for Bool Lagoon Road have been postponed. Patrol grading, roadside weed control, culvert cleaning and replacement and tree trimming are underway on Council's extensive road network.

The culverts on the Sandstone Avenue / Cadgee Road Bridge, near Naracoorte have been replaced and Charles Street and a section of Artaud Terrace have been upgraded. The \$150,000 project received a \$75,000 grant from the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal program.

Combined works of road widening and construction of bike lanes has been completed on Cadgee Road, creating bike lanes to Bourkes Road. This project received support of \$66,402 from the Australian Government's Black Spot Funding.

The sealing of Fern and Janz Streets in Naracoorte continues Council's program of upgrading unsealed streets in Council's townships.

Church Street has been closed creating a safe pedestrian pathway along Gordon Street down the "big cutting" into the Naracoorte CBD. Landscaping and revegetation is also planned. The Church, McRae and Gordon Street intersection has been an area of concern for vehicle and pedestrian safety over a long period of time. The closure has significantly improved safety.

A concrete footpath and retaining wall have been constructed on Stewart Terrace providing safe pedestrian access to Naracoorte High School and improving street appeal. A walkway through the Naracoorte Rail land also improves pedestrian movement. Landscaping and revegetation are also planned.

With the cooler weather tree planting has commenced. Crepe Myrtle trees have been planted in new planter boxes on Smith Street and near the McRae and Ormerod Streets roundabout.

New laws for cat and dog owners

New dog and cat laws are coming on 1 July 2018.

Changes include compulsory microchipping and desexing.

Visit dogcatboard.com.au



New laws for cat and dog owners and breeders designed to improve dog and cat management and welfare will soon be introduced in South Australia.

Effective now are simplified dog registration categories. Your dog now falls under one of two simple categories. Standard Dog: A dog that is both desexed and microchipped or a Non-standard Dog: all other dogs, even if they are exempt from rules around desexing or microchipping, such as dogs belonging to registered breeders, working livestock dogs etc.

Other changes being introduced in July 2018 are:

- all dogs and cats over a certain age to be microchipped
- all new generations of dogs and cats (born after 1 July 2018) to be desexed (exemptions apply for working dogs, registered breeders etc)
- breeders and sellers who breed dogs and cats for sale must register with the Dog and Cat Management Board as a breeder
- the way you manage your dog's microchip, health and breeder information, will be simplified with the introduction of a new website



Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18

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

Councils have responsibilities under the Local Government Act and other 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
- Management of 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 and Waste Management
- Aerodrome management
- Cemetery management
- Library and Community Services
- Visitor Information Centre
- Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange

Financial Sustainability

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 for 2017-2018 Council is anticipating to complete the year with an operating surplus before capital revenue of \$663,106. This is primarily related to the additional allocation of the Roads to Recovery Grant to be received during the year \$346,812.

Capital Values

Council's capital valuation (excluding non-rateable properties) has increased from \$2,097,006,827 in June 2016 to \$2,108,039,091 in June 2017 or by 0.5%. Approximately 5453 (88.6%) properties can expect a general rate increase of less than 1.3%.

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 its 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 State and Federal Governments 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 \$375 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 2017-18 year will increase from \$561 for occupied properties and \$202 for vacant land to \$568 for occupied properties and \$205 for vacant land.

Waste & Recycling Collection Service Charge

Council fixes an annual service charge for the Waste and Recycling Collection in the townships of Naracoorte, Lucindale, Frances, Hynam and Kybybolite, and properties zoned Rural Living. The charge will increase by \$0.50 per week to \$320 per occupied rateable property. This charge has not increased since 1 July 2013.



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. The NRM Levy is based on land use codes as established by the Valuer-General.

The levy continues to be charged per rateable property:

- Residential, Vacant & Other \$ 73.50
- Commercial \$111.50
- Industrial \$176.50
- Primary Production \$327.00

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	0.486
Deferred Urban Zone	0.486
Residential (Naracoorte) Zone	0.664
Recreation (Naracoorte) Zone	0.664
Conservation (Naracoorte) Zone	0.664
Caravan & Tourist Park (Naracoorte) Zone	0.664
Mixed Use (Naracoorte) Zone	0.664
Commercial (Naracoorte) Zone	0.690
Light Industry (Naracoorte) Zone	0.690
Industry (Naracoorte) Zone	0.690
Town Centre (Naracoorte) Zone	0.690
Infrastructure (Naracoorte) Zone	0.690
Industry Zone	0.680
Primary Production Zone	0.411
Airfield Zone	0.411
Town Centre (Lucindale) Zone	0.664
Commercial (Lucindale) Zone	0.664
Township Zone	0.664
Residential (Lucindale) Zone	0.664
Recreation (Lucindale) Zone	0.664

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

1. September 2017
2. December 2017
3. March 2018
4. June 2018

Planned projects for 2017/2018

For more information, refer to Council's website under "Projects" or under "Council", "Financial" for a copy of the Annual Business Plan & Budget.

- 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
- Continuation of Naracoorte Caves Connection Project
- Design Naracoorte's Eastern & Western entrances
- Hard Waste Disposal
- Early Flood Warning Monitoring System in the Naracoorte Creek (primarily grant funded)
- Repair walls and concrete surround at the Naracoorte Swimming Lake
- Community Wellbeing Support
- Storyboard Project - telling the story of our Towns
- Master planning for Open Spaces
- Aerial Photography
- Upgrade Stormwater on Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte
- Develop a dog park at Market Square, Naracoorte
- Upgrade of the Playground at Lucindale
- Develop a Natural Play Area at Memorial Oval
- Continue to implement the Community Art Plan
- Continue Naracoorte's Heritage Trail Signs Project
- Continuation of Community Chest Program, Innovation Fund & Heritage Assistance Fund
- Continue emphasis on consultation, Council's webpages & social media sites
- Science Week
- Community Art & Science
- Develop Natural Burial Area & Upgrade Naracoorte Cemetery Entrance
- Upgrade the Naracoorte Public Library (subject to grant funding)
- New fire pits & signage at Cockatoo Lake
- Contribution to the State Government Planning Portal
- Update fixtures, fittings & stage curtains at the Naracoorte Town Hall
- Design Hangar Area at the Naracoorte Aerodrome
- Upgrade flooring in the Naracoorte CBD & Market Square Public Conveniences

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



Assessment of the extent to which Council's 2016/2017 objectives were achieved

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

- 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 x
- Development of a CBD Masterplan x
- 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 Entrepreneur/ Innovation Fund ✓
- Continue emphasis on consultation, Council's webpage & social media sites ✓

Grants distributed

Business Entrepreneurs / Innovation Fund

The second round of grants from Naracoorte Lucindale Council's Business Entrepreneurs / Innovation Fund have been awarded. The fund assists individuals and business owners operating in the Council area to bring their ideas and plans to fruition. The successful recipients are Frances Strawberries and Wrattobully Wine Region Association.

Frances Strawberries is a family owned business growing and selling fresh strawberries and value added products. Frances Strawberries has received \$5,000 to support further development of their open hydroponic growing system by installing shade and wind protection.

The **Wrattobully Wine Region Association** is an organisation run on a voluntary basis by its members to develop and promote the Wrattobully identity particularly its viticulture and winemaking. The Wrattobully Wine Region Association has received \$8,000 to create marketing and promotional material for the Wrattobully Wine Region linking the viticulture and winemaking story with the Naracoorte Caves and the unique geology of the region. The 'story' will form the basis of promotional and marketing material that can be shared for the benefit of the region.

Community Art Fund

The first round of grants from Council's Community Art Fund have been awarded. The aim of the Community Art Fund is to encourage the community to be creative and artistic. The successful recipients are the Naracoorte Regional Art Gallery and the Lucindale Community Economic Development Board Incorporated (known as LINC).

The **Naracoorte Regional Art Gallery** has received \$8,000 to create a mural of the Wonambi Naracoortensis. The project involves artist Diana Wiseman working with the community to create panels that will be installed on the external wall of the gallery building.

LINC will receive \$3,500 to undertake a project to acknowledge its many volunteer groups. The project coordinated by award winning artist, educator and community worker JoJo Spook will involve local youth and the wider community painting the stobie poles in the main street of Lucindale.