



# Renmark Paringa Council

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2023/24 Annual Business Plan and  
Budget Summary

# Annual Business Plan Summary 2023/24

**This summary of the Annual Business Plan 2023/24 highlights Council's key priorities for the coming year.**

In 2023/24 Renmark Paringa Council has allocated \$18.5 million to deliver quality services while maintaining almost \$149.5 million of community assets.

Council's key focus for 2023/24 is delivering projects that invest in the future of our region whilst also managing the community's resources in a financially sustainable manner.

Council will invest \$4.9m in capital works, including community wastewater management system upgrades, road resealing, and the redevelopment of 180 Murray Avenue.

Council has attracted grant funding from State and Federal Governments to help deliver these projects, reducing the impact on ratepayers.

Council is budgeting for an operating deficit of \$807,000 in 2023/24 and is focused on efficiency and ensuring that every dollar is spent wisely, transparently and for the benefit of our community.

A full version of the Annual Business Plan 2023/24 is available at [renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](https://renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)



Renmark Riverfront, Flood marker

# Strategic Planning

## Long Term Strategic Directions

The Long Term Strategic Directions provides the foundation on which Renmark Paringa Council Community Plan 2020-2030 is built upon. The Long Term Strategic Directions outlines the big picture challenges and opportunities that our community will likely encounter. The Community Plan 2020 - 2030 uses this context to define a clear vision and goals for what we want to achieve on behalf of our community, in response to the challenges and opportunities.

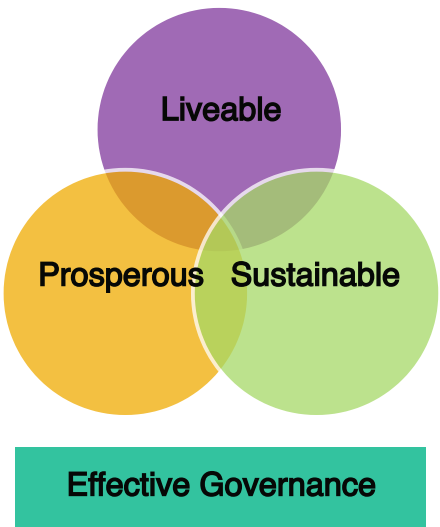
## Community Plan 2021-2030

Renmark Paringa Council's Community Plan for 2021-2030 is Council's overarching strategic plan which charts our desired future for the coming decade. The role of our Community Plan 2021-2030 is to present our community vision which is to enhance and define our strategic outcomes.

## Corporate Plan 2021-2024

Renmark Paringa Council's Corporate Plan for 2021-2024 is Council's medium term plan for what Council will achieve on behalf of the community over the coming few budget cycles. It takes the Strategic Outcomes that are established within the Community Plan 2021-2030 and breaks down staged priorities. These staged priorities then cascade into and form the basis of each Annual Business Plan and Budget cycle.

**The Corporate Plan is due to be reviewed within two years of a Local Government Election, and will be reviewed in 2024.**



## Major achievements in 2022/23

- Renewed Council's road network through the annual road reseal program.
- Upgraded the unsealed runway at the Renmark Airport supported by funding from the Regional Airports Program.
- Continued the Government Road upgrade project to Quarte Street.
- Commenced the design process for a streetscape upgrade along Murray Avenue.
- Upgraded the lighting towers at the Renmark Number 1 Oval with LED lighting technology.
- Held the Local Government Elections. Welcomed Peter Hunter to the Mayoral position. Had four returning Councillors, Townsend, Spano, Howie and Sims, who were joined by two new Councillors John and Brauer and saw the return of previous Councillors Gibb and Turton.

### **The biggest achievement for Renmark Paringa Council, was our response and recovery to the 2022 River Murray Flood Event:**

- Upgraded 38 kilometres of levee network.
- Blocked off our stormwater network and operated 32 pumps during rain events to remove stormwater from the townships.
- Remediated 25 kilometres of roads after the flood waters receded.
- Reinstated all stormwater outlets that were blocked.
- Significant remediation to our open space is continuing.

Our recovery response is still ongoing with the remaining elements having complexities such as the Twenty First Street Bridge, which was heavily impacted.



## Significant Influences

A number of significant factors have influenced the preparation of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget, the biggest being the **2022 River Murray Floods**.

The preparation and recovery required the near full attention of Council's staff and contractors for many months. Council, with the assistance of a team of contractors, was successful in remediating 38 kilometres of levee banks, blocking/pumping over 30 stormwater drains and proactively engaging with our local community.

Our flood response was successful, however it did mean that many scheduled capital and operating works needed to be postponed.





## Major Projects for 2023/24

In 2023/24 Council is committed to restoring assets and infrastructure impacted by the 2022 Murray River Flood, catching up on works that were postponed and getting back to business-as-usual.

Major projects to be delivered by Council in 2023/24 include:

### **Jane Eliza Development**

A significant project for the region which is expected to act as a major economic driver across several industrial and property asset classes. The project has the potential to provide certainty for the long term growth and housing supply of Renmark and the broader Riverland.

### **Renmark Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The upgrades will enable the system to run more efficiently and will also increase the capacity of the system, enabling the future population growth of our community.

### **180 Murray Avenue**

The redevelopment will include the demolition of the old Westpac Bank building and the establishment of a high quality public open space area.

### **Paringa Town Centre Revitalisation**

The initial upgrades to be planned and delivered during this financial year include a new nature play space, upgraded public toilets with enhanced accessibility and improved barbeque and seating facilities within the median strip.

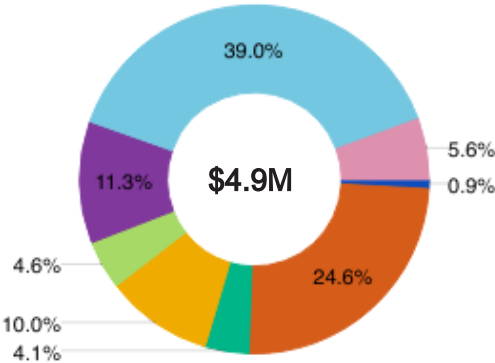
### **Twenty First Street Bridge Replacement**

Significant damage from the 2022/23 River Murray flooding event, resulted in the bridge requiring reconstruction.



**Proposed Jane Eliza Marina Development**

# Planned Capital Expenditure for 2023/24



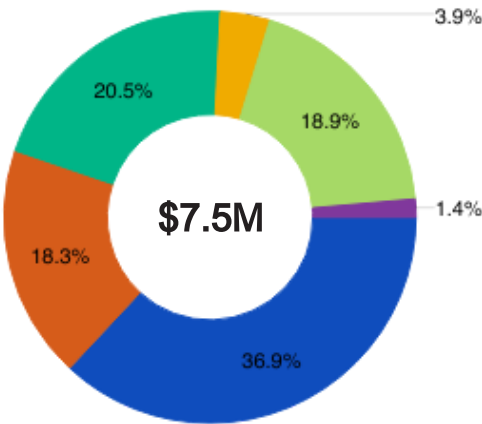
- Buildings 0.9%
- Transport 24.6%
- CWMS 4.1%
- Stormwater 10.0%
- Irrigation 4.6%
- Plant and Machinery 11.3%
- Public Domain Infrastructure 39.0%
- ICT 5.6%



180 Murray Ave Concept Design



# Carryover Projects for 2023/24



With 2022/23 focused on the preparation and recovery of the River Murray Flood many scheduled capital and operating works needed to be postponed, resulting in many carryover projects for 2023/24.

- Buildings 36.9%
- Transport 18.3%
- CWMS 20.5%
- Plant and Machinery 3.9%
- Public Domain Infrastructure 18.9%
- ICT 1.4%





Lanterns as part of Winter Glow Lantern Festival Event July 2022

## What rates will you pay?

Council's Long Term Financial Plan states that Council needs a total rate revenue increase of 6% per year in order to deliver services, maintain assets and develop new infrastructure. The 6% includes an assumption of inflation growth of 2.5% and capital valuation growth of 3.5%.

However, capital valuation growth is currently significantly higher than expected at 12.10%. In order to achieve the forecast 6% increase and not over-recover rates, Council has decreased the rate in the dollar in 2023/24.

## Calculating your rates

How much you pay is calculated by taking the rate in the dollar and multiplying it by your property valuation. Council also imposes a fixed charge against each rateable assessment to ensure all ratepayers contribute to basic services at a reasonable level. In 2023/24 the fixed charge continues to be set at \$400.

Rates payable may vary from the average according to individual property valuations across land uses, and where there has been new development or capital improvement.

## Relief for rates:

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulties and unable to meet standard payment arrangements can contact Council to discuss alternative payment options.

Council offer flexible payment arrangements such as an extension of time to pay or alternative payment arrangements to those ratepayers experiencing financial difficulties. These requests are treated with respect and empathy and kept confidential at all times.

## How are properties valued?

The Valuer-General provides Council with a new valuation to apply to all properties within the area each year.

Council continues to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. This includes the value of the land and all improvements made on the land.

Council uses a differential rating system, using land use codes as the factor to apply such differential rates. In 2023/24 the following differential rates will apply for varying land use types:

Land Use	Cents in the Dollar
Residential	0.2350
Commercial (Shops)	0.4920
Commercial (Office)	0.4920
Commercial (Other)	0.4920
Industrial (Light)	0.4920
Industrial (Other)	0.4920
Primary Production	0.3450
Vacant Land	0.6600
Other	0.2350

### Separate Rates

Council collects the Regional Landscape Levy on behalf of the State Government. In 2023/24 the amount Council is required to collect is \$392,616.

### Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)

Council imposes a CWMS service charge on all properties connected to the Renmark and Paringa systems. In 2023/24 the CWMS charge is \$520 per unit. The revenue generated is used to fund the operations of the wastewater systems, renewal of existing infrastructure and expansion of the system.

### Waste Management Service Charge

Council differentiates between town and rural waste collection which are used to fund activities relating to the collection and disposal of waste.

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