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# District Council of Elliston Newsletter & Annual Business Plan and Budget Summary

## Message from our Mayor

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and associated obstacles, Council successfully adopted its 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget on 22 June 2021. Thanks must go to the Elected Members and Council staff for the professional manner in which they worked through this critical process.

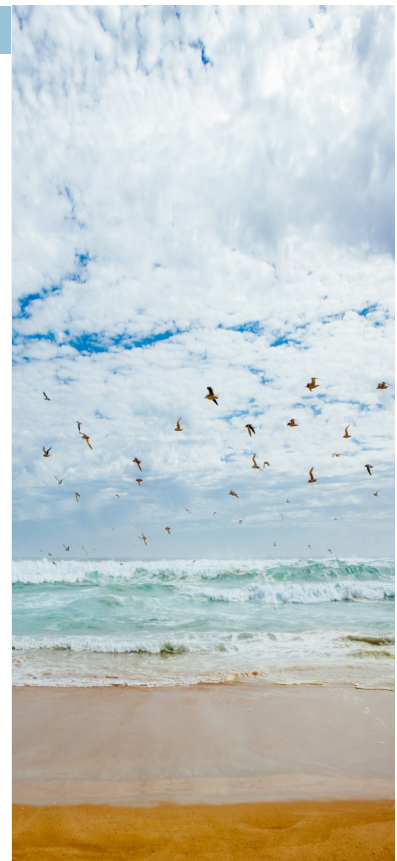
A summary of the adopted Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2021-2022 is included in this newsletter. The majority of funds have been allocated to community asset replacement works and new and upgraded infrastructure including the replacement and upgrade of the Elliston wetlands and stormwater drainage. This project has been made possible through 50% funding from the State Government Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

I am happy to confirm that an application to construct a pump track in Elliston, through the SA Healthy Towns Challenge Program and in partnership with BikeSA and Mentally Fit EP/West Coast Youth and Community Support, has also been successful. It is anticipated that work will commence on this project over the next few months.

The recommendations identified in the Lock Master Plan have gained momentum over the past months and the community of Lock has actively embraced the Plan. Grant applications are being prepared for a number of projects including major upgrades to the Lock Caravan Park and Lock Pool - I wish the applicants the best of luck.

Council has allocated funding for the preparation of a Master Plan for Elliston township this financial year and I anticipate a similar degree of enthusiasm and interest from the community.

Mayor Malcolm Hancock



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*Eleanor Roosevelt*



## Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022

The Annual Business Plan sets out the Council's proposed services, programs and projects for 2021-2022. It aims to maintain efficient services for the community and continue progress towards the longer term objectives for the district as set out in the Strategic Management Plan adopted by the Council on 16 June 2020. Specific objectives for the year are consistent with the Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan to ensure the long term sustainability of the Council's financial performance and position.

### OUR KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership;
- Promote community health and mental wellbeing;
- Develop and maintain infrastructure services;
- Protect and enhance our environment and natural resources;
- Support economic development and tourism.

### NON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2021-2022

The following proposed non-financial performance measures for the financial year are linked to the *District Council of Elliston Strategic Management Plan 2021 - 2025*:

#### **Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership**

- Continue to advocate for improvements to State Government owned jetties and boat ramps
- Pursue grant funding opportunities
- Continue to review and update all Council policies
- Continue to manage community land and maintain Council's leases and licenses
- Continue to update the work health and safety (WHS) and risk management programs
- Continue to facilitate plans for the Council area emergency management
- Continue to upgrade skills of Elected Members and staff through targeted training
- Publish quarterly Council newsletter
- Maintain regular updates on website, Facebook page and newsletters

#### **Promote community health and mental wellbeing**

- Support and co-ordinate community events and civic functions
- Provide on-going support to district library services
- Provide grants to local community organisations

#### **Develop and maintain infrastructure services**

- Re-sheet 12kms of unsealed roads
- Develop a strategy to remediate Larne Drive
- Reseal sections of Matson Terrace, Venus Bay
- Reseal Venus Bay Boat Ramp Carpark
- Install fencing at Depot #2
- Replace and upgrade storm water drainage and wetlands in Elliston

#### **Protect and enhance our environment and natural resources**

- Continue to implement the pigeon control program in the Elliston township
- Provide recycling education material to the community

#### **Support economic development and tourism**

- Provide financial and in-kind support to the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre
- Support regional economic initiatives provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula
- Continue with Shop Front Improvement Program
- Develop and action the economic development and tourism plan
- Develop an Elliston township master plan

The total budgeted Capital Program in Community Assets includes:

- \$1.638 million investment in asset replacement works; and
- \$1.067 million on new and upgrade of infrastructure

#### **Major projects include:**

- \$1.782 million replacement and upgrade of Elliston wetlands and stormwater drainage
- \$528k Re-sheeting 12km of unsealed roads
- \$91k Re-sealing Matson Terrace, Venus Bay and Venus Bay ramp carpark
- \$95k Plant replacement
- \$33k Generator replacement
- \$16k Fencing at Elliston Depot
- \$10k Port Kenny information board

Further projects include (subject to successful grant funding being received):

- \$150k Elliston Airport lighting upgrade

## Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022

Council adopted its Annual Business Plan and Budget at the Special Council meeting held on 22 June 2021. Council is forecasting an operating deficit of \$46,000 for the 2021-2022 financial year. Council's budget contains grant funding of \$1.8M and general rate revenue of \$2.2M (net of rebates) representing a 1% increase on total general rates raised in the previous year.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Forecast 2020-2021	Budget 2021-2022	Variance
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2,596	2,654	59
Statutory Charges	31	26	(6)
User Charges	90	101	11
Grants & Subsidies	2,460	1,802	(658)
Investment Income	10	10	0
Reimbursements	59	32	(27)
Other Revenues	12	12	0
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>5,259</b>	<b>4,637</b>	<b>(622)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Employee Costs	1,386	1,476	91
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	2,294	1,970	(324)
Depreciation	1,237	1,237	0
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>4,683</b>	<b>(233)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>(389)</b>
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded Assets	87	1,011	925
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>536</b>

### RATES

Due to the natural increase in property capital values, the average general rates payable for residential ratepayers is budgeted to be \$1,124, a decrease of \$86 from last financial year.

The general rate comprises of;

A fixed charge of \$290 per assessment; and  
 Differential general rates on rateable land with the differentiating factors being:  
 All land within the Employment (Bulk Handling) Zone as described in the Planning and Design Code under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, is set at 1.008 cents in the dollar.

Land outside the Employment (Bulk Handling) Zone with the following land uses are set at:

- Residential 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Commercial – Shop 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Commercial – Office 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Commercial – Other 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Industrial – Light 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Industrial – Other 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Primary Production 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Vacant Land 0.364 cents in the dollar
- Other 0.364 cents in the dollar

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## RATES (cont.)

### SERVICE CHARGES

#### Community Wastewater Management Systems – Service Charge

For all properties at Lock serviced by CWMS, an annual service charge of \$410 per property.

#### Water Supply – Service Charge

For all properties at Port Kenny serviced by the Port Kenny Water Supply, an annual charge of \$136 per property.

#### Waste Management – Service Charge

- 0-0.3m<sup>3</sup> of waste per week on average - \$302 per annum
- 0.3-0.6m<sup>3</sup> of waste per week on average - \$605 per annum
- 0.6m<sup>3</sup> to 0.9m<sup>3</sup> of waste per week on average - \$907 per annum

#### Regional Landscape Levy

The Regional Landscape Levy is a State Government initiative under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. The Levy provides additional funding to help take care of natural resources such as water, soil, animal and plant control sustainably developing and protecting natural resources for the benefit of communities and future generations living in the Elliston region. Council levies an amount against each rateable property to collect the amount determined by the State Government. For 2021-2022 Council's annual contribution to the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board is \$104,886.42.

The following table details the Regional Landscape Levy for 2021-2022:

Land Use	
Residential, Vacant & Other	\$79.43
Commercial & Industrial	\$119.14
Primary Production	\$158.86

### PAYMENT OF RATES

Rates are payable in four equal or approximately equal instalments on or before the following dates:

- 17 September 2021
- 17 December 2021
- 18 March 2022
- 17 June 2022

Ratepayers may apply to pay their rates and service charges in full by 17 December 2021;

- such applications must be lodged with Council by 17 September 2021;
- if rates in these circumstances are paid in full by 17 December 2021 fines and interest will not be applied for the September to December period.

Rates may be paid as follows:

- Telephone/internet using the Bpay services through participating banks
- Phone the District Council of Elliston on (08) 8687 9177 during business hours to pay with Bankcard, Mastercard or Visa. Please quote your Assessment Number
- Post Billpay – paying in person at any Post Office, phone 131 816 or go to [postbillpay.com.au](http://postbillpay.com.au)
- Post your cheque (marked payable to the District Council of Elliston) with your remittance to the DC of Elliston, PO Box 46, Elliston SA 5670
- In person at the District Council of Elliston Office at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston SA 5670.

Ratepayers are welcome to contact Council in the first instance if they are having or anticipate having difficulty in meeting their payment obligations. A staff member will go through the options available that include: setting up an individual payment plan, rates deferment or applying for hardship.

### REBATES

#### Mandatory Rebates on Rates:

The *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) provides that Council will rebate 100% of general rates for properties for various reasons, for example, religious purposes and public cemeteries.

#### Discretionary Rebates on Rates:

The Act provides that a Council may grant a rebate on general rates or service charges. A number of organisations have been granted a discretionary rebate for the 2021-2022 year.

# Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022

## NON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES-ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-2021

### Economy

Provide financial and in-kind support to the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre

### Comment

Completed

Support regional economic initiatives provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula

Ongoing

Continue with Shop Front Improvement Program

No applications received

Continue to attract tourists

Economic Development and Tourism Plan in progress

### Infrastructure

Re-sheet 20kms of unsealed roads

Completed

Repair damaged Talia Staircase

Completed

Replace Elliston Airport Lighting and Shed

Completed

Install a building to store Council records & house server

Completed

Upgrade electrical wiring in Elliston Depot

Completed

Replace Little Bay Staircase

In progress

Extend Clementina Road

Completed

Venus Bay Jetty / Playground Precinct upgrade

In progress

Port Kenny barbecue replacement

Completed

Install playground fencing at Port Kenny

Not started yet

Install playground shades at Venus Bay and Port Kenny

Completed

Install entrance statements at Elliston

In progress



### Environment

Investigate and replace Venus Bay effluent pond

In progress

Implement pigeon control in Elliston township

In progress

### Community Services

Provide grants to local community organisations

Allocations for this financial year completed

Provide on-going support to district library services

Allocation for this financial year completed

Support and co-ordinate community events and civic functions

Supported Australia Day, Christmas events, Remembrance Day and annual community events

Install information boards at boat ramps

Completed

### Leadership and governance

Continue the review and updating of all Council policies and related procedures

Ongoing

Continue to update the work health safety (WHS) and injury management (IM) programs

Ongoing

Facilitate plans for Council area emergency management

In progress

Continue to upgrade skills for Elected Members and staff through targeted training

Training completed for this financial year

Publish quarterly Council newsletter

Published August, November, February and May

Maintain regular updates on website, Facebook page & newsletters

Ongoing



## Shopfront Improvement Program Grants

The Shopfront Improvement Program aims to assist businesses in undertaking improvements to their building façade to enhance the presentation of towns and streetscapes in the District Council of Elliston. The program is open to businesses with street frontage.

The program provides a grant from Council on a \$1:1 basis up to \$2,000 for businesses to complete improvements to their building façade.

Details on works that can be completed as part of the program and how to apply can be found on Council's website: [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au).

## Bushfire Ready

Please see enclosed flyer for tips, key dates and council requirements for fire prevention measures for township properties.

## SA Lockdown

Thank you to you all for doing the right thing during our recent Lockdown. We, as members of the community, all appreciate everyone looking out for each other and keeping each other safe by following the restriction guidelines. We acknowledge that in South Australia we have been fortunate in comparison to other states, however, it was and still is a difficult time for many people. We hope that with restrictions easing, for the time being, we will all continue to look out for each other while being able to enjoy the return of many of our usual activities.

## 2021-2022 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition

The District Council of Elliston's 2021-2022 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition is now open! Total prize money available is \$10,000. Sculptors of all mediums are invited to enter this free competition with sponsorship awarded to the winning designs, for the construction and installation of their sculpture. The location of the sculptures will be confirmed in discussions with Council staff and may be located in any of the District townships. This competition is open to all and entry is free. Entries must be received in the Council office at:

21 Beach Terrace

Elliston SA 5670

or via email to: [dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)

by close of business on **29 October 2021**

Elected Members will select the winning entries at the Council meeting on 16 November 2021. Expression of interest entry forms are on the Council's website: [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au), or you can pick up a copy from the Council office or the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre. For further information please contact Jill Leonard at the District Council of Elliston office on 86879911 or email [jleonard@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:jleonard@elliston.sa.gov.au).

The winners of the 2020-2021 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition were:

Geoff Brown-Leafy Sea Dragon

Dave Beaty-Germination

Dave Beaty-Wave

## Eyre and Far North Local Health Network COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

The Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) is running COVID-19 vaccination clinics for people aged 16 years and over.

**People aged 16-59** who live in Eyre and Far North can book an appointment at:

- Port Lincoln Clinic – 12 Napoleon Street (New location)

**People aged 60** and over can book an appointment at:

- Port Lincoln Clinic – 12 Napoleon Street (New location)
- Cummins Institute: 9-10 August
- Lock Health Centre: 10 August
- Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall: 11-12 August
- Kimba Institute: 19-20 August
- Cowell Bowling Club: 16-17 August
- Cleve Institute: 17-18 August
- Coober Pedy TAFE: 24-26 August

To book, go to [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics)

For assistance with bookings call the SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787.

For general vaccine enquiries call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.

If you have had a flu vaccination, you must wait 7 days before having a COVID-19 vaccination.

Website: [www.covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](http://www.covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

## 2021 Census

Census night is **Tuesday 10 August 2021**. The census counts every person and household in Australia. The information collected in the Census helps inform important services and support for people and communities right around Australia. Forms are being delivered in rural regions from late July 2021. There is further information on how to complete your census form on the Census website: [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au). There is an online form, available from 28 July 2021 as well, if you would prefer.

### Elliston Pharmacy

Is now administering the **AstraZeneca** Vaccine.

Vaccines by appointment on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

To book call the Pharmacy on 8687 9395.

The program will be held at the Elliston Pharmacy 8 Memorial Drive, Elliston.



## Cat Registrations are FREE in the District Council of Elliston

By registering your cat, if it goes 'missing' it may assist in getting it back home quicker, especially if it is microchipped! ALL dogs and cats must be microchipped in South Australia. If your 'missing' cat is found and scanned by council officers, vets or animal shelters, they can locate you through Dogs and Cats Online.

Have you registered your cat?



REGISTER NOW  
**WIN**  
One of 140  
cat pumper packs

When you register your cat's microchip you have the chance to win a \$70 voucher to spend in store or online at RSPCA Petville. Twenty prizes are drawn each month until 31 November 2021 or until all prizes are won. You can register your cat by its microchip number which your breeder, shelter, vet or previous owner gives you. They will create the record but you will need to complete it with your personal details. Enter the competition online at: [www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize](http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize).

## It's Dog and Cat Registration Renewal Time

Registration renewals are due **31 August 2021**.

It's easy to register your dogs and cats, you can do it yourself on [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au).

### To RENEW a registration

1. Select **Register**
2. Select **Renew Registration**
3. Enter **Renewal code** and **Surname**
4. Check your **personal details** are correct
5. Check your **dog and/or cat details** are correct
6. Add any **new dogs and/or cats**
7. Complete **payment** section.

The fees on renewal notices have been calculated on the information in the system at the time of print. You can update your animals or your own information. If your dog has recently been desexed or microchipped this may reduce your fee.

### For registering a NEW dog or cat

1. Select **Register**
2. Select **Register my new animal**
3. Enter **Microchip number, Desexing ID or Transfer code** and your **Surname**. If you haven't been given these details, select **Unknown**
4. Check if you have an account—if so, select it and **proceed without logging in**, or continue as a new owner
5. Ensure your details are correct
6. Complete registration and pay any applicable fee.

If you have any difficulties, the Council office is happy to assist you. Please call us on 8687 9177.

Further information can be found at the Dog and Cat Management Board Easy Guides. Step-by-step instructions are available for:

- Transferring from one owner to another
- Breeder registration
- Advertising for a lost dog
- Found a pet
- When your pet dies and how to update this
- Breeder Search and more

Go to: [www.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs-and-cats-online/guides](http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs-and-cats-online/guides).





## Community Grants Program

Each year, the District Council of Elliston makes funds available under its Community Grants Program for (but not limited to) local non-profit community, sporting, recreational, social and arts groups and eligible individuals in the support of one off projects. This provides community groups with the opportunity to apply for financial assistance throughout the financial year. All applications will be assessed against the criteria and conditions set out in the "Community Grants Policy" and considered at Ordinary Council Meetings. Applications are to be addressed to:

District Council of Elliston  
Community Grants Program  
PO Box 46  
ELLISTON SA 5670  
or emailed to [dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)

The policy and application form are available at the Council Office or on the website [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au).

## Grants Awarded to Council

Council was successful in its grant application for the **SA Healthy Towns Challenge – Healthy Pathways Walking and Cycling Program**, for the installation of a pump track in Elliston which will cater for a wide range of skill levels. The project aims to help increase community access to healthy recreational physical activity, focusing on cycling and walking for all ages. Council would also like to thank its external partners, Bike SA and Mentally Fit EP/West Coast Youth Community Support. The project will form stage 2 of Council's Healthy Pathways Project and staff will work closely with the school to fulfil this stage.

## Elliston Speed Shear 2021

The Elliston Speed Shear is on Saturday 28 August 2021 at the Elliston Sports Centre. Registration is at 2.30pm and the shearing begins at 3.30pm. 1st prize in the Open Section is \$3,000 with over \$10 000 in cash and prizes to be won. The competition categories are Open, Intermediate, Novice, Veteran and there is also a Teams Event. Drinks and food will be available for purchase and the band "Eyre Heads" from Port Lincoln will play during the evening. Come along and watch some of the best shearers around. A fun family day out.

### Important Upcoming Dates

[17 August 2021-9.00am](#)  
Ordinary Council Meeting

[21 Sept 2021-9.00am](#)  
Ordinary Council Meeting

[19 Oct 2021-9.00am](#)  
Ordinary Council Meeting

### Salmon Fishing Competition

Congratulations again to the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre, and all who are involved in this year's competition, it is going well. August is the final month of the competition, so now is the last opportunity to drop your line in. Even if you don't catch a heavy fish you could end up a winner in the weekly mystery weight category. The mystery weights have varied from 0.590kg as the lightest to 3.950kgs as the heaviest so far. There is also a photo competition running alongside the fishing competition with a monthly prize. For more information visit Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre website: [www.elliston.com.au](http://www.elliston.com.au) or their Facebook page.

## Border Watch

Border Watch is an Australian Border Force (ABF) program where members of the community and industry can report suspicious information.

If you see something suspicious, or something that doesn't feel right - flag it anonymously with Border Watch and help keep our community safe. This may include the importation of illicit drugs or weapons (by air or sea), wildlife smuggling or the trafficking and exploitation of foreign workers.

Your information could be the missing link that leads to another successful ABF operation. Information provided to Border Watch by members of the community has been instrumental in hundreds of seizures of illicit drugs and weapons. For more information, in particular the indicators of suspicious behaviour you may observe in your environment, refer to: [www.abf.gov.au/borderwatch](http://www.abf.gov.au/borderwatch).

## Where to Recycle?

### Oral Health Waste

Do you have old **toothbrushes, empty toothpaste containers, flossing containers** and **electric toothbrush heads** that you are unsure how to dispose of? The Elliston Council office is now part of a recycling program for these items. Any brand is accepted. We have a box in the foyer which you can drop these items into and they will be recycled by a joint Terracycle & Colgate program. For further information please visit the Terracycle website: [www.terracycle.com/en-AU/](http://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/). For residents in and around Lock, the Lock Library already has this program running, and we thank them for the idea for the Elliston Council office.

### Agvet Chemical Containers

Council is part of the **drumMUSTER** program. Collection sites take the empty agvet containers which are then transported to processors who recycle the containers into items such as wheelie bins, fence posts and garden stakes. The program requires the containers to be triple rinsed, cleaned and dried before they can be accepted at Council's drop off points which are located at the Elliston and Lock Transfer Stations. You will be required to sign documentation that states you have completed this cleaning process correctly and the containers will then be inspected by an approved officer to ensure they are clean. There are instructions for how to clean the containers on the drumMUSTER website: [www.drummuster.org.au/container-recycling/drummuster-standard/](http://www.drummuster.org.au/container-recycling/drummuster-standard/). To organise a drop off time at one of the Transfer Stations, please contact Council on 8687 9177.

## Staff Update

We welcome Candice Tilley to the outdoor team, we are glad to have you on board.

## **Would you prefer to receive your rate notice electronically?**

This service can be arranged by contacting the Council office in writing, via post or email. Please include your property address and/or assessment number, and your postal details will be updated to your requested email address.

## Contact us

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