YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL

ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY

2026-2027

INTRODUCTION

Council's Annual Business Plan (ABP) sets out its budget, services, programs and projects for 2026-2027.

This year's budget is balanced and deliverable. It aims to maintain community services and make progress on Council's longer-term objectives whilst keeping rate rises within reason.

Your rates fund the maintenance of Council's road network, the longest Council road network in South Australia, as well as 33 boat launching facilities, 12 jetties (leased from State Government), assets along 485km of coastline and maintenance of 59 towns and settlements.

Council's focus remains squarely on looking after what we have as a first priority, whilst also ensuring the region can grow and prosper. Again this year, road maintenance and improvements are the single largest expense in Council's budget.

Like any organisation, Council can look for efficiencies. This financial year will bring with it the commencement of an organisation-wide service level review process. In practice this means key staff and Elected Members working through a number of services provided by Council to identify opportunities to improve practices, ensure value, increase positive community outcomes, and where possible save money.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

$49M
OPERATING INCOME

$48M
OPERATING EXPENSES

$1M
OPERATING SURPLUS

$20.4M
CAPITAL EXPENSES

2025-2026

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

Council delivered numerous services and programs to support communities, businesses and visitors within the Council area, including:

- **Events: YorKON Games Conventions, GROUNDED YP Art Festival, Nharranga Cultural Day, Minlagawi Nature Festival, Volunteers Morning Tea, Township Activation Workshops**
- **Provided $100,000 in Community Grants**
- **Undertook significant remediation works on Ardrossan Jetty (completed July 2026)**
- **Commenced reconstruction of Port Vincent Fishermans Jetty**

Council delivered numerous capital projects (objectives which were set out in the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan) during 2025-2026, including:

- **Unsealed Road Renewal of sections of:**
  - **Nalyappa Road (from Balgowan Rd to Cross Rd)**
  - **Hundred Line Road (from White Hut Rd to Corny Point Rd)**
  - **Troubridge Hill Road (from Heel Rd to New Honiton Rd)**
  - **Mt Terrible Road (from Bluff Rd to Watson Beach Rd)**
  - **Cutline Road (from Yorke Highway to Anderson Rd)**
  - **Chinaman Wells Road (from Nalyappa Rd to 4.6km W of Nalyappa Rd)**
  - **Kainton Road (from Reservoir Rd to Melton South Rd)**
- **Patch sheeting of various unsealed roads**
- **Resealing of various sections of Council's sealed roads network in townships including Arthurton, Price, Port Clinton, Warooka and Port Victoria.**
- **Resealing and stabilisation of Ardrossan Road (Arthurton to Clinton Road)**
- **Completion of the upgrade and sealing of North Coast Road**
- **Completion of the upgrade and sealing of Scarlett Runner Rd, The Pines**
- **CWMS renewal and upgrade projects in Ardrossan, Balgowan, Yorketown, Maitland, Port Victoria, Black Point, Chinaman Wells, Point Turton, Port Vincent, Hardwicke Bay and Sultana Point.**
- **Capital plant and machinery purchases**
  - **Patrol Grader**
  - **Prime Mover**
  - **Works Tractor**
  - **Light Truck**
  - **Slasher Tractor**
  - **Combination Roller**
  - **Programmed renewal of outside worker utes**
  - **Programmed renewal of fleet vehicles**
- **Various capital furniture and equipment purchases including ICT equipment and mobile phone renewal.**

RATES EXPLAINED

The average rate rise for a homeowner (including CWMS and waste charges) will be $2.00 per week.

Whether your rates go up by this percentage, by more, or by less, depends on the valuation of your property which is determined by an independent valuation.

Each year the impact of rate increases is reviewed in line with Council's Strategic Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and influencing factors.

In 2026-2027 Council will raise approximately $27.3 million in total general rate revenue to enable Council to provide services and infrastructure as detailed in its ABP.

In determining how much each ratepayer contributes to general rates, Council uses a differential rating system with a fixed charge.

The general rate payable by each property is determined based on the payment of a fixed charge and a variable charge (which is determined based on a property's capital valuation). Council uses capital values provided by the Valuer General (VG) to value all properties.

All properties pay a fixed charge of $410 (unchanged since 2017-18).

The variable charge is determined by the application of a rate in the dollar, which is the amount charged for every dollar of a property's capital value.

A property's rate in the dollar is determined by its land use (or combination of land use and locality). The rate in the dollar for each land use is included in the table below.

A discounted differential rate is provided to Primary Production properties and a higher rate is applied to Vacant Land (to encourage the building of housing) and Heavy Industry (to acknowledge the impact on the Council's infrastructure).

Rates notices will also include service charges (if applicable) for:

- **Waste Collection and Recycling: $277 (3 bin) or $236 (2 bin) – unchanged from 2025-26, and**
- **Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS): $752 (Occupied Land) or $557 (Vacant Land) – up 4.9% from 2025-26 , and**
- **Water: $273 (Balgowan, Black Point, Hardwicke Bay) – up 5% from 2025-26**

Rates notices also include the State Government Landscape Levy, which is collected by Council on behalf of the State Government, pursuant to the Landscape South Australia Act 2019.

Council's PO060 Rates Relief Policy provides framework for rates relief.

Any ratepayer experiencing difficulties in meeting rates payments, or experiencing financial hardship, may be able to access payment plans tailored to meet their circumstances. All arrangements are strictly confidential.

For a more detailed explanation of rates see pages 28-36 of the ABP.

RATE IN THE DOLLAR

Land use	2026-2027 Relativity to Residential Rate	2026-2027 Rate in Dollar (RID) ($)	2025-2026 Rate in Dollar (RID) ($)
Residential	100%	0.00206583	0.00219880
Commercial	100%	0.00206583	0.00219880
Industry	100%	0.00206583	0.00219880
Primary Production	51%	0.00106350	0.00108487
Vacant Land	155%	0.00320151	0.00329820
Other	100%	0.00206583	0.00219880
Marina Berth	100%	0.00206583	0.00219880
Heavy Industry*	466%	0.00962360	0.00934490

* A combination of land use and locality

2026-2027

KEY OBJECTIVES

Council aligns its operational activities, capital works programs, community initiatives and internal business practices with its Strategic Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is a guiding document for the organisation, derived from thorough community consultation. In other words, this is what the community has said it wants Council to focus on. Some key examples of how Council intends to deliver for 2026-2027 are listed below:

Goal: Responsible Leadership and Governance
Key objectives:
Commencement of organisation-wide service level review process
Continue to meet all legislative requirements and compliance with Council's internal controls

Goal: Economically Prosperous Peninsula
Key objectives:
Township Community Priorities Plan (Township Activation)
Continued support and advocacy to drive tourism and assist businesses after the harmful algal bloom

Goal: Strategic Management of Council Infrastructure, Services and Assets
Key objectives:
Edithburgh Jetty Precinct upgrade
Prioritisation of road renewal projects

Goal: Protected and Restored Environment
Key objectives:
Ongoing implementation of Council's Coastal Management Strategy
Continued activities for Nature Festival

Goal: Supported and Engaged Communities
Key objectives:
Community support, grants, sponsorships
Support for services including childcare, libraries, community transport, Uni Hub Outreach

Progress on the above will be detailed via monthly Capital Works and Construction and Maintenance Works updates in Council agendas, the organisation's Annual Report, and other means as necessary.

To view the full Annual Business Plan scan the QR code or visit our website at:

www.yorke.sa.gov.au