

ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY 2026-2027



Under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act), Council is required to have a budget for each financial year. The budget must be considered as part of the Council's Annual Business Plan and must be adopted before 31 August each financial year.

The 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan shows how Council will allocate its budget and what services, programs and projects will be delivered to achieve specific outcomes set by Council and the community.

A full copy of the Business Plan is available from the Council Office or can be viewed on Council's website.

2026-2027 CAPITAL PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS SNAPSHOT

Carried forward from 25-26 (CF): \$1,190,961
Renewals as per Asset Management Plans (R): \$2,782,648
Brought Forward Renewal Projects (BF): \$132,102
New Projects (N): \$45,000
TOTAL: \$4,150,711

Infrastructure Projects - \$3,321,711

Unsealed Roads

- Brewer Road \$9,477 (R)
- Fayrefield Lane \$88,875 (R)
- Flints Road \$76,658 (R)
- Kangaroo Hill Road \$314,987 (R)
- Old Naracoorte Road – A \$324,324 (R)
- Old Naracoorte Road – B \$987,714 (R)
- Powells Road \$275,184 (R)
- Sandy Lane \$92,102 (BF)

Sealed Roads

- Davenport Street \$12,456 (R)
- Frome Street \$18,973 (R)
- Hateley Crescent \$34,460 (CF)
- Dening Street \$49,531 (CF)
- George Street \$4,716 (CF)

Footpaths & Kerbs

- Robe Street Redevelopment \$782,254 (CF)
- Coast Trail Realignment \$250,000 (CF)

Buildings and Structures - \$45,000

- Robe Airfield Runway Extension \$15,000 (CF)
- Robe Institute – De-rendering Smillie Street \$30,000 (BF)

CWMS - \$50,000

- Lagoon Control System \$50,000 (R)

Open Spaces - \$5,000

- Signage, Gate & Bench \$5,000 (R)

Furniture & Fittings - \$30,000

- Computer Replacements \$20,000 (R)
- Council Member Laptops \$10,000 (BF)

Plant & Equipment - \$699,000

- Replace Hino Cab Chassis Truck \$140,000 (R)
- Replace Hilux Workmate High Rider Single Cab Utility \$53,000 (R)
- Replace Hilux 4x2 High Rider Turbo Diesel Single Cab Utility \$51,000 (R)
- Replace Subaru Outback 2024 AWD Touring Wagon \$55,000 (R)
- Replace Volvo Loader L50 \$300,000 (R)
- Backup Generator for Administration Building/Medical Centre \$45,000 (N)
- Replace Subaru Outback Wagon \$55,000 (CF)

RATES DUE BY:

1ST QUARTER
14 September 2026

2ND QUARTER
1 December 2026

3RD QUARTER
1 March 2027

4TH QUARTER
1 June 2027

RATES IN SUMMARY

Rates are a tax based on the value of property, with higher valued properties contributing more than lower valued properties. Rate revenue forms a critical part of Council's financial base and supports the delivery of services, infrastructure renewal and the strategic priorities identified within Council's Strategic Plan 2024–2028, Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

In preparing the 2026–2027 Budget, Council has carefully considered the current economic environment, including continued cost pressures across materials, contracts, utilities, insurance and fuel, as well as increased legislative responsibilities and the ongoing need to maintain and renew infrastructure assets.

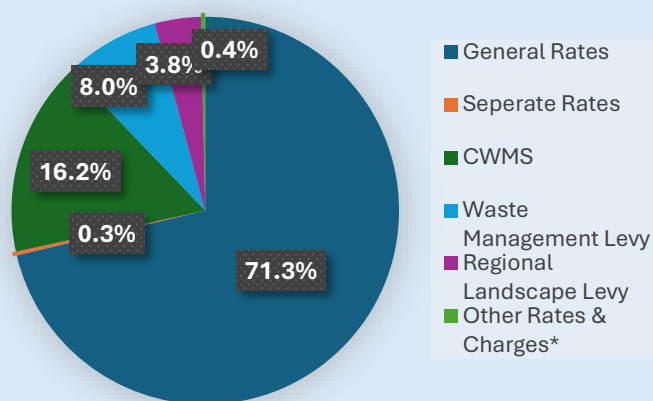
Council has also considered guidance from the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA), which reinforces the importance of restoring and maintaining long-term financial sustainability, including a return to operating surpluses over time.

Recognising these financial pressures and the need to strengthen Council's long-term financial position, the 2026–2027 Budget includes an increase in general rates of 1.3% above CPI (3.7%) and rates growth (2.4%). This increase is proposed as part of Council's broader budget repair strategy to support financial sustainability, maintain service delivery and ensure adequate funding for asset renewal and maintenance.

General rates growth represents the increase in the number of rateable properties from the previous year within the District Council of Robe. The number of rateable properties has increased by 62 from 2,605 in 2025–2026 to 2,667 in 2026–2027. Growth is defined and calculated in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

This approach has been developed to balance affordability for ratepayers while ensuring Council can continue to deliver essential services, maintain community assets and responsibly plan for the future.

Rate Funding Streams %



SERVICE CHARGES

Waste Collection

To meet the costs associated with the collection and disposal of domestic and other garbage, Council has a Waste Management Service Levy on all serviced properties.

For residents of Robe \$429

For residents of Boatswains Point \$230

Community Wastewater Management System

Occupied \$697

Unoccupied (vacant land) \$560

This fee includes the provision of all septic tanks being desludged by Council's contractors on a four year rolling cycle.

Regional Landscape Levy

Council is required to collect the Regional Landscape Levy on behalf of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board (LCLB). This State Government levy funds programs that protect and manage priority water, land, marine and biodiversity assets across the South East region.

The levy is applied to all rateable properties as a separate charge and is calculated differentially based on land use classifications. For 2026–2027, the Limestone Coast Landscape Board has advised that the levy will increase by 2.4%.

Residential, Vacant & Other \$97.45

Commercial \$146.18

Industrial \$233.88

Primary Production \$428.78

Minimum Rate:

The 2026–2027 minimum rate of \$953 is an increase of \$55 compared to the previous financial year.

Separate Rate:

The Underground Powerline Separate Rate is applied to properties between 30 Esplanade and the first stobie pole on Newton Terrace. Revenue from this separate rate will raise \$26,000 in 2026–2027 and is unchanged from 2025–2026.

Rate Capping:

A maximum increase of 15% applies to assessments within the Council area on the general rates raised for the previous year, except in circumstances detailed in the 2026–2027 Rates Policy.

2026-2027 RATES SNAPSHOT

Total Capital Valuation
\$2.752m

Rateable Properties
2,667

Combined Rating Increase
7.4%

Waste Management Service Increase
3.7%

CWMS Charge Increase
3.7%

Landscape Levy Increase
2.4%

Differential Rate Land Use Category	Total Rateable Properties 2025/26	Total Expected Rates Revenue 2025/26 \$	Minimum Rate 2025/26 \$	No. Properties on Minimum 2025/26	Average Rates Per Property 2025/26 \$	Total Rateable Properties 2026/27	Total Expected Rates Revenue 2026/27 \$	Minimum Rate 2026/27 \$	No. Properties on Minimum 2026/27	Average Rates Per Property 2026/27 \$	Average Increase Per Property 2026/27 \$
RESIDENTIAL	1510	2,629,130	898	219	1741	1548	2,892,803.95	953	198	1869	128
COMMERCIAL	66	191,367	898	8	2899	67	206,915.25	953	7	3088	189
INDUSTRIAL	69	85,528	898	17	1240	69	101,441.40	953	7	1470	231
PRIMARY PRODUCTION	446	1,977,244	898	21	4433	444	2,050,583.25	953	14	4618	185
VACANT LAND	426	480,883	898	264	1129	436	508,345.85	953	289	1166	37
OTHER	23	26,824	898	11	1166	24	29,641.60	953	12	1235	69
MARINA BERTH	65	5,824	0	0	90	79	7,582.95	0	0	96	6
	2605	5,396,800		540	2072	2667	5,797,314		527	2174	102

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025-26

- Disposal of unused vacant land at Apex Lane with sale proceeds allocated to the acquisition of an investment property to house doctors and professional medical support employees.
- Transition of a new medical practice, Robe Family Practice, into the Council owned medical centre.
- Foreshore Playground Update.
- Hosted a successful 'Engaging in Ageing' Expo in October 2025 at the Robe Institute, as part of SA Health's Week of Ageing Well.
- Secured a new licence over a portion of Drain L adjacent to Woakwine Conservation Park and progressed an updated, combined Robe Lakes & Drain L Community Land Management Plan to support inclusion of a new trail within the draft Robe Trails Strategy 2026–2036.
- Developed and adopted a new Public Art Strategy 2025–2030, supported by a new Public Art Policy to guide the consistent planning, commissioning and management of public art across the district, and to better integrate public art into Council projects, public spaces and placemaking initiatives.
- Endorsement of a new 20-year lease (with a further 20-year renewal option) over the Council-owned golf course land for the Robe Golf Club.
- Finalised a completed and up-to-date suite of asset management plans with the endorsement of a Roads and Civil Asset Management Plan 2025-2035.
- Delivered a new aviation fuel facility at the Robe Aerodrome in partnership with Skyfuel, improving access for visiting aircraft, supporting emergency response capability and strengthening regional connectivity.
- Completed community consultation and endorsed the introduction of seasonal 2-hour timed parking across the Victoria Street precinct and surrounding streets, along with a 40km/h speed zone to improve safety and support a more pedestrian-friendly town centre
- Progressed extensive investigations into the future of the Robe Obelisk, including technical studies, concept design, siting and community consultation. Council endorsed further investigation of a replica at an alternative site and commenced discussions with State Government regarding land tenure and approvals.

2026-2027 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Capital Budget:

Renewals: \$4,090,711

New/Upgrade: \$60,000

TOTAL Capital Expenditure: \$4,150,711

Operational Budget:

Income: \$11,143,861

Expenditure: \$11,339,131

Operational Surplus/(Deficit): (\$195,270)

Financial Indicators:

Operational Surplus/Deficit Ratio: -1.7%

Net Financials Liabilities Ratio: 12.9%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio: 130%

Annual Business Plan 2026-2027

To view the full document, please visit:
www.robe.sa.gov.au/documents/managementplans/annualbusinessplanbudget or scan the QR code below:



KEY COUNCIL SERVICES

Assets and Infrastructure

- Asset Management
- Roads, Kerbs and Footpaths
- Traffic Management
- Plant & Machinery
- Stormwater
- CWMS
- Open Space Assets
- Coastal Management
- Cemetery



Parks, Playgrounds, Sports & Recreational

- Parks, Reserves & Playgrounds
- Sport & Recreational Facilities
- Boat Ramp & Marina
- Airfield



Community, Tourism & Events

- Community Events support
- Tourism promotion
- Public Library
- Visitor Information Centre
- Community Programs
- Community Assistance Fund
- Childcare Service



Waste & Recycling

- Kerbside Waste Collection
- Public Waste Bins
- Waste Transfer Station



Economic Development, Regulatory Services & Environmental Services

- Building Regulation
- Planning & Development
- Public Order & Safety
- Fire Prevention
- Dog & Cat Management
- Parking
- Environmental Health
- Heritage Advisor



Governance, Communications & Administration

- Governance & Legal Compliance
- Administration & Customer Service
- Financial Management
- Records Management
- Information Technology



USEFUL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Community Newsletter is released monthly by the District Council of Robe. Businesses and Community Members are able to advertise in the Community Newsletter. Advertisements are due by the third Friday of each month.

The Community Newsletter is available electronically from Council, delivered directly to your email inbox each month. Simply scan the QR code below to sign up, or visit www.robe.sa.gov.au/forms/subscribe-to-mailing-list

Printed copies are available from:

- Council Office
- Robe Library & Visitor Information Centre
- Robe Post Office
- Robe Pharmacy
- BJ's Newsagency

FACEBOOK

For the most up to date information visit the following pages:

@District Council of Robe

@Robe Visitor Information Centre & Public Library



MYLOCAL SERVICES APP

My Local Services is a mobile phone app that allows you to report a problem within the Council area, receive notifications about waste collection days and check Waste Transfer Station opening times. The app is designed to make it more convenient to find Council information 24/7.

You'll never forget bin day again!

You can also find places 'Near Me' such as parks and playgrounds.

We encourage all residents and ratepayers to download the App. It is very easy to use, and the details are specific to your house location. MyLocal Services App can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

ENOTICES

Please note that the current rates notices contain an 'Enotice' feature which will make it easier for our ratepayers to manage their rates. Ratepayers will need to use the reference number, top right of your rates notice, to login and create a new account:

The benefits of Enotice are;

- It is possible to see both current and previous rates notices using this feature.
- You can choose to have your rates notice emailed directly to you rather than posted.
- To allow ratepayers to update their email addresses and add email recipients.
(e.g. if more than one person has an interest in the property)
- For ratepayers who own multiple properties this feature will be of great use, as you are able to add multiple assessments to the one account, creating a more efficient way to manage all properties.

Please note that this function does not allow you to update your residential or postal address, this still needs to be sent directly to Council. This can either be emailed to council@robe.sa.gov.au or posted to PO Box 1, Robe SA 5276.

