

Information / Briefing Session

23 September 2026

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Identified Local Road Grants

Proposed Robe Position

The survey asks three questions

We do not need to design a new formula – Council only needs a clear position on these choices.

- ▶ **Revenue capacity:** Should a council's ability to raise its own revenue be included in the road-grant calculation?
- ▶ **Special Local Roads Program:** Should less funding be set aside for competitive projects, leaving more for annual formula grants?
- ▶ **Road-cost assessment:** Should grants be based more on road types and typical renewal costs, rather than population and area?

What is likely best for Robe?

A practical position that reflects Robe's circumstances without overcomplicating the response.

- ▶ **Revenue capacity:** Do not support it yet. The Commission has not explained what it would measure or how it would affect Robe. Clarification sought, not available.
- ▶ **Reduce SLRP contribution:** Historically Robe hasn't been at the table. Currently have Nora Creina and Dairy Range Roads in Action Plan 1.
 - ▶ Still need costings | entry to Regional Roads Database | regional prioritisation
- ▶ **Road type and standard costs:** Replace population, road length and area proxies with actual lengths of sealed built-up, sealed non-built-up, unsealed built-up and unsealed non-built-up roads multiplied by typical renewal costs.
 - ▶ Support a road-cost model only if it recognises tourism, dispersed roads, coastal conditions and contractor mobilisation costs. However, need further information/modelling to form an opinion.

Survey or written submission?

Recommendation:

Complete the survey

► No

Whilst it is the Commission's formal consultation tool, Council does not have clear yes/no answers

Make a short submission

► Yes

It gives Robe space to explain its response

Lake Charra Surrounds - Overflow Parking

Background

- Council considered the future management of Lake Charra during 2015–16, including rehabilitation of the lake and use of part of the reserve by the adjoining caravan park.
- On 12 April 2016, Council resolved to lease the portion of the Lake Charra Reserve adjoining Lakeside Caravan Park for use as unpowered camping sites during the holiday season.
- The resolution required the caravan park to maintain a high water level in Lake Charra, maintain the area and meet the costs of pumping water into the lake. The lease payment was nil in recognition of these responsibilities.
- The initial lease period was to be 12 months from 1 July 2016 and then reviewed. Council also resolved to delineate a public walking trail around Lake Charra.
- Administration has identified the Council resolution authorising the lease but has not yet identified whether a formal lease was subsequently executed or renewed after the initial 12-month period.
- In recent years, the practical arrangement has continued with the caravan park filling Lake Charra at its own cost and using a defined area approximately 60 m × 8 m along its boundary for temporary overflow parking during the Christmas/New Year and Easter peak periods.
- The caravan park changed ownership in January 2026. Administration intends to formalise and clarify the current arrangement with the new owners through an MOU, including the defined area, permitted periods, access, maintenance, filling of Lake Charra, protection of the public walking path and responsibility for costs.
- Any agreed overflow parking would be accessed from within the caravan park, with costs associated with the caravan park's responsibilities and use of the area borne by the caravan park.
- Administration is waiting for the fencing works on the adjoining Carters property and the boundary between the caravan park and Lake Charra to be completed before determining whether additional fencing, bollards or another barrier is required to better separate the area and control general vehicle access.









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Christmas Tree Arborist Report

Arborist Report Actioned Recommendations

- ▶ A number of the recommendations from the 2023 arborist report have been actioned.
 - Root zone: A limited amount of soil was carefully removed by hand in 2024 under the supervision of Council's Gardens Crew to better expose the trunk flare. Works ceased when fine feeder roots were encountered.
 - Irrigation: Irrigation has been installed within the garden beds and beneath the tree. Council's Gardens Crew maintains the system, with pre-season checks undertaken earlier this month.
 - Maintenance and fertilising: Accumulated pine needles and organic material are periodically removed, most recently prior to Anzac Day 2026. The garden beds have also received NPK fertiliser containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.
 - Arborist advice: Council engages a local arborist to assist with the management and maintenance of the Norfolk Island Pines within the foreshore precinct, including advice regarding the Christmas tree.
 - Christmas lighting: Light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and timers are now used, and the fitting supporting the star has been changed to prevent restriction around the trunk.
 - Monitoring: Council's Gardens Crew continues to monitor the general health and condition of the tree.

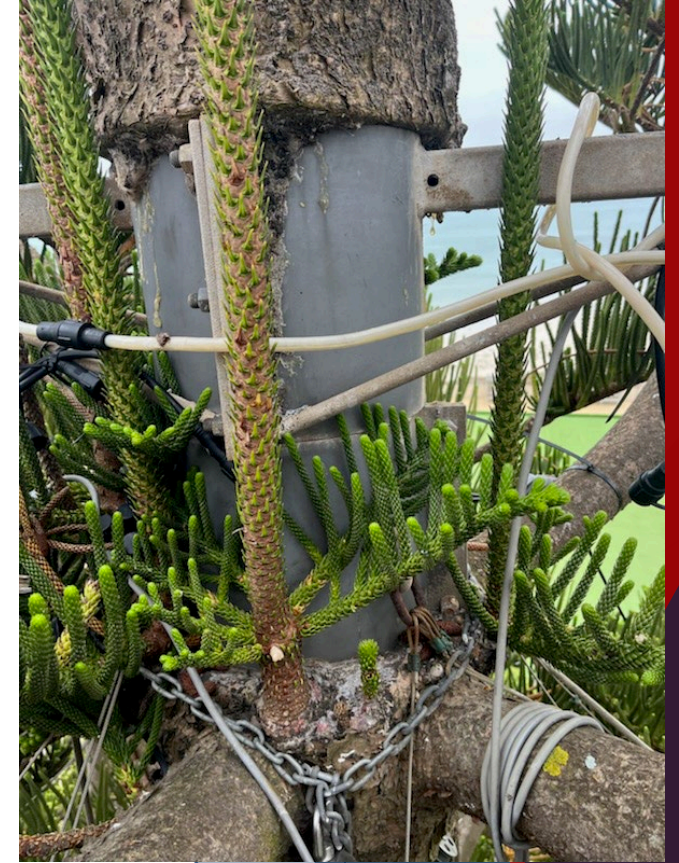


Photo: Old star fitting that was 'choking' the tree

Recommendations not fully implemented

- ▶ The more extensive exploratory root excavation and potential soil removal recommended in the report has not been undertaken. The report cautions that this work needs to be carefully managed to avoid damage to the tree's root system.
- ▶ The specific fortnightly or monthly photographic monitoring program, including monitoring selected branches and new growth, has not been formally implemented.
- ▶ The report also recognises that further remediation options need to be considered having regard to their costs and benefits, with the appropriate level of intervention ultimately being a matter for Council as the tree owner.



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Skate Park/Sport and Recreation Association Lease

Skate Park / Robe Sports and Recreation Association Lease

- ▶ Met with new RSRA President Nedd Golding and Secretary Paul Rains – 23 September 2026
- ▶ Skate park excision to be considered by RSRA at its October meeting
- ▶ Broader discussion about future tenure and responsibilities across the precinct
- ▶ RSRA to consult member clubs on their priorities / future aspirations
- ▶ Administration to provide examples of alternative tenure and licensing arrangements
- ▶ Discussed potential ownership/gifting of buildings and associated insurance responsibilities
- ▶ Questions raised regarding future Council representation on RSRA
- ▶ RSRA to develop a proposal for Council consideration

Former Skate Park Shelter

- ▶ Former skate park shelter insurance claim remains open to be progressed - consider alongside future tenure arrangements



Baudin Rocks - Seal Population



Short Stay Accommodation Register

Discussion Paper

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Flinders University Drone Pilot Program



- ▶ Flinders University approached Council in June 2026 about including Robe in an IMOS/CoastRI grant-funded drone-based coastal monitoring project
- ▶ Focuses on monitoring coastal erosion and the effects of significant storm events, with Robe identified as a strong candidate due to active erosion areas and existing baseline data
- ▶ Citizen-science model - local participants undertake regular drone surveys—approximately six to eight each year—with additional pre- and post-storm surveys at key erosion hotspots
- ▶ Grant funding has supported the purchase of drone equipment and local training. Flinders University process the data and provide the findings back to Council
- ▶ Expression of Interest to identify interested community volunteers

Out of the Frame

Council Resolution from 9 September 2026

- ▶ Out of the Frame Public Art Project – Interim Community Engagement Update
- ▶ That Council:
- ▶ Receives and notes the interim community engagement feedback for the revised Out of the Frame public art project, including the positive feedback received through Council's Facebook post;
- ▶ Notes that community engagement remains open until 11 September 2026;
- ▶ **Endorses the continued progression of the revised project scope at the Robe Cemetery entrance, comprising:**
 - ▶ **a silhouette of Shirley Snook on the approach side of the left-hand stone wall;**
 - ▶ **a silhouette based on the historic Old Gaol image on the exit side of the wall;**
 - ▶ interpretive signage; and
 - ▶ associated landscaping, to be developed with local community input;
- ▶ Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, following the close of engagement, to progress detailed design, required heritage and development approvals, fabrication and installation in accordance with Council's procurement and project-management requirements, provided no material matters are raised through the remaining engagement period that require a substantive change to the project scope, design, location or budget; and
- ▶ Requires any material matters raised through engagement to be reported back to Council before fabrication or installation proceeds.



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Southern Ports Highway

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Robe Early Learning and Childcare Hub

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Strategic Round Table