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Council encourages community to submit feedback on its draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Get involved in local decision making!

The City of Victor Harbor has released its draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for feedback and community members are encouraged to get involved in the decision-making process.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins, said this is a chance for the community to tell Council what services are important to them.

“Listening to our community’s thoughts and ideas is an important part of the annual budgeting process. We want to know what our community’s priorities are, what they think of the mix of services and infrastructure we are proposing, and if there is anything that should be added or removed from the budget,” said Mayor Jenkins.

“Our 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget focuses on sustainable financial management and securing a strong future for Victor Harbor, while still ensuring we can deliver services and initiatives that our community needs today.”

“Victor Harbor is growing. By investing in infrastructure upgrades and committing resources towards future planning, we can meet the needs of our expanding and diversifying community.”

The Budget forecasts a capital works program worth \$14.8 million, offset by grants and other revenue totalling \$5.5 million, and operating expenditure of \$32.6 million resulting in a deficit of \$649,600.

Significant projects in the draft budget include designs for the Regional Community, Sport and Recreation Precinct, designs for Stage 1 of the Arts and Culture Centre (Cinema), new and renovated public toilets for the Bluff Boat Ramp and Investigator Car Park, and construction works for Stage 4 of the Victor Harbor Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade.

The draft budget shows average rates payable increasing by 4.7 % or \$105 in 2022/23.

Copies of the draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget can be downloaded from **www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au** or viewed at the Civic Centre (1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor).

The community will have an opportunity to ask questions, get more information or make a verbal submission on the draft plan at a public meeting on Thursday, 9 June 2022 from 6.30pm at the Civic Centre.

Alternatively written submissions can be made online at **www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au**; by email to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au; by post to PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211; or hand delivered to the Civic Centre.

All feedback must be received by 5pm on Monday, 13 June 2022.