



Annual Business Plan & Budget 2012/2013

Council's draft Annual Business Plan & Budget has been adopted by Council for public consultation purposes, and sets out our proposed services, programs and projects for 2012/13, as well as detailing our expected revenue sources to fund the budget.

The Annual Business Plan & Budget provides an annual progression of our longer term objectives of the District Council of Ceduna as set out in its Strategic Plan, and aims to continue the progress of developing opportunities for our community, whilst maintaining effective and required services.

As provided for and outlined in this Annual Business Plan, Council continues to face many financial, operational, and service delivery challenges for the coming, and future years. As a developing and progressive Council, this will generally be the case, and it is a positive challenge on how to deliver new infrastructure, major projects, and continued Council services in an affordable and sustainable approach. This is a much preferred position than being a community that is fighting for its survival – we should collectively grasp our opportunities, and work cooperatively to ensure that we provide a sustainable future for ours and future generations.

Our business plan provides for a general rate increase of 3.5% (on average) across our rate base, and Council's rates will continue to be an emotive issue that will most likely draw criticism from some areas of our community. I would ask that you objectively consider our financial position, and our future opportunities, and that any Council rating approach decided upon by Council is not taken lightly, but in the best interests of providing a sustainable base on which to deliver outcomes identified by Council and our community.

Council's general rate revenue remains at a low ratio to our operating revenue; 34.4% compared to a state-wide average of approximately 63.7%. This places us in a position of relying

to a reasonable extent on securing funding from other levels of government. Council has been successful in attracting funding from both State and Federal Governments in past years, and whilst it becomes increasingly difficult to secure such funding, it remains our challenge to source funding to provide for major capital and community projects.

A total of \$12.5 million in capital expenditure and major projects has been planned for the 2012/13 financial year, with approximately \$10.2 million of this program reliant on Council securing funding from Federal and State Governments. Our road construction program (sealed & unsealed) accounts for \$1.74 million of the overall capital expenditure program.

We are very interested in your views on our draft Annual Business Plan & Budget, with opportunity to comment provided through:

- Public Meeting – Thursday 7 June 2012 at the Council Chambers commencing at 6pm;
- Rate Payer Survey – posted to all ratepayers, and also available on Council's website;
- Special Council Meeting to consider adoption of Annual Business Plan & Budget on 27 June 2012. All submissions will be considered by Council at this meeting.

I invite all ratepayers and residents to provide feedback and input into our draft Annual Business Plan & Budget, as this will assist us in assessing our directions, priorities, revenue and expenditure outcomes for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Council plans to adopt its Annual Business Plan & Budget in late June 2012 following consideration of written submissions, new or revised information, and other information that it considers relevant.

Trevor Smart
Chief Executive Officer

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Ceduna Wastewater Irrigation

Most residents will have seen the works on the foreshore lawns over the past few months, but may not be aware of what is happening in this area.

The District Council has been successful in obtaining a number of grants to upgrade irrigation systems so turf areas can be irrigated with treated wastewater from Councils new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The works on the foreshore when completed will run from the Ceduna Sailing Club to the exit road from Alexanders Beach.

The works include the following:

- Laying of around 150 mm of new soil in areas to provide cover over existing tree roots
- Seeding the fresh soil with Seashore Paspalum and establishing the grass with the existing aerial irrigation system
- Now the turf is established the existing aerial irrigation system has been decommissioned and conduits for lighting of a future pathway have been installed.
- Installation of a new subsurface irrigation manifolds and flushing mains has been completed
- Ploughing in John Deere Water' new JDW D3000 drip tube with row spacing of 400 mm at a depth of 150 mm is almost complete with the section in front of the Council offices now being installed. Total length of drip tube in the Ceduna Foreshore is around 120 kilometres
- Commissioning of the system and tidy up lawns

The recent SA Water announcement indicates the cost of water will increase by 25% from the 1st July 2012, with the price of potable water expected to increase further over the next few years. This has made the cost of irrigating public open space with potable water unaffordable for Council. The reduced cost of utilising treated wastewater for irrigation is

not only environmentally sustainable but will ensure that Council can maximise its limited resources and still provide quality open space for the residents and visitors to the region.

Savings in using treated wastewater to irrigate the foreshore, rather than using potable water, amount to some \$130,000 per annum, based on \$3.45 per kilolitre (second tier rate). It is expected that potable water will indeed rise to well beyond \$4 per kilolitre in South Australia.

As identified in the SA Waters Long Term Plan for Eyre Region alternative water supplies to meet current and projected future demands rely heavily on River Murray water and desalination, thus the environmental benefit of maximising wastewater to replace potable water use is extremely significant.

Environmental benefits are achieved by replacing potable water use, reducing draws from existing ground water basins, reducing the draw from the River Murray and providing an existing water source to maintain open public space and sporting grounds within the District.

Benefits of the projects include:

1. This project will achieve large reductions in present potable water use for irrigation of public open space.
2. To enable all of the irrigated areas to maintain a suitable cover of grass, not presently possible using potable water supplies due to water restrictions and the cost of potable water.
3. To lower the cost of irrigation water for Council
4. Reduce draw from depleting ground water supplies and the River Murray

The irrigation is being utilised as soon as it is installed and the results in increased grass growth and health can already be seen in the turf from the Fosters Boat Ramp to the Ceduna Sailing Club.



Volunteers Awards 2012

On Friday 18th May members of the community celebrated the value of our volunteers at a Council supplied free breakfast held at the Emergency Services Complex to say thankyou to the volunteers of our community. Three Volunteer Awards and 4 Mayoral Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Ceduna's Deputy Mayor - Lynton Brown on behalf of the community to:



Bill Oats – Volunteer Award 50 + years as a sports trainer with Western United Football Club, and many years being heavily involved with the Mortlock Shield.

Paul Warmington – Volunteer Award 15 years as the Far West Football League Umpire Coordinator, and many years umpiring football across Eastern Eyre, Mid West and Far West Football Leagues during finals,

Ken Phillips (absent) – Volunteer Award Over 20 years as an A Grade Goal Umpire with the Thevenard Sports and Community Club, and at Mortlock Shield Carnival.

Peter Nielsen – Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation For over 15 years volunteering as a sports trainer for the Western United Football Club.

Tracy Chandler – Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation For over 15 years as a senior sports trainer at the Thevenard Sort and Community club and the Mortlock Football League Competition.

Rod Tonkin – Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation For over 20 years volunteering as a sports trainer for the Ceduna Blues Football Club.

Lyndon (Sav) Bryant – Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation (Posthumous award) This posthumous award is for Sav's hard work over 15 years as a sports trainer for the Ceduna Blues Football Club.

Marine Parks – Proposed Sanctuary Zones Released

Now that the proposed sanctuary zones have been released by the State Government, Council will need to further consult with the community and fishing industry to make an objective assessment of the proposed sanctuary zones.

Deputy Mayor, Lynton Brown, Trevor Smart (CEO), Perry Will & John Hoffrichter took the opportunity to meet with Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Paul Caica to discuss our initial assessment of the proposed zones.

Our disappointment in the failure of the State Government to adopt the proposed sanctuary zones as developed by the local community was expressed in no uncertain terms to the Minister, along with our concerns as to probable negative affects on the existing Rock Lobster and Abalone industry, and the future sardine industry.

Draft Management Plans for the proposed zones are yet to be developed which will outline how the State

Government will 'police' the zones, in addition to the critical study of social and economic affects across the State (and more importantly for our immediate area and region).

Council, the community, and commercial fishing sector now have the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed sanctuary zones – and at this early stage, an objective assessment of the proposed zones will need to be undertaken – which may lead to a further public meeting being called to ensure the community are well informed, and able to voice their opinions on the proposed sanctuary zones.

A further opportunity to comment and have input will present itself on release of draft Management Plans, and the social and economic impact statements.

For further information and access to maps and details of proposed sanctuary zones, please refer to Department for Environment & Natural Resources at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au>.



National year of Reading 2012 – Ceduna School Community Library

2012 is the National Year of Reading. This is all about making it possible for everyone to experience a love of books, so spread the good news.

46 percent of Australians cannot read newspapers, follow a recipe or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle.

Our aim is to promote a reading culture in every home and to establish a goal for families and for parents and caregivers to share books with their children every day.

To discover and rediscover the magic of books.

We would like to introduce you to our library staff as well as a welcome invitation to come into our library and one of our friendly staff will help you discover that magic.



Back row: Chris Blums – Community Library and School Support Officer, Bev Bergmann – School Support Officer, Amanda Michalanney Teacher
Front row: Meralyn Stevens – Teacher Librarian, Yvonne Kloeden – Teacher, Julie Sim – Community Library Support Officer.

2012 National Year of Reading was launched with a very successful visit from Author/Illustrator Dan McGuiness and he spent 2 days with students from Ceduna Area School. (He is the nephew of Yvonne and Jim Kloeden).

On May 21st a visit to the Senior Citizens Village with Julie Sim, Jacinta Whitehead and Miss Maguire's class which included an information session and story telling.

Other 2012 National Year of Reading initiatives will include the

Reading Hour on August 25th

Library membership drive, Community cooking evening.

Don't forget our - Crochet Club each Thursday night from 7 – 9pm and

- Bookclub every second Thursday evening each month.

- Storytime Mondays (School Term time) 9.30 to 10.30 for preschoolers and their carers.

We would also like you to come in or phone us to update your current library details. We'd like to add your email address and mobile phone numbers to make it easier for us to contact you.



Shells and Spells

Oysterfest 2012 is full of surprises and magical experiences as we welcome to Ceduna, Fast Ed, well known for his cooking segment on Better Homes and Garden and Phil Cass magician and comedian. Football fans will be able to watch the AFL on the big screen while those looking for a bit of fine dining on the foreshore can join in with a bohemian feast. The bay will come alive with sports and activities on the water, music and entertainment on the lawns and kites and aircrafts and fireworks filling the sky.

Magic and motion rocking the ocean

Our young talented musicians will be busking and performing throughout the weekend and for those who wish to continue in the festive mood the Nullarborlinks Chasing the Sun golf festival tees off from Ceduna on Monday 1st October.

Thank you to our Oysterfest Ambassadors who have been tirelessly fundraising and remember Plate up some magic and attend the night of nights Oysterfest Dinner where the Ambassadors will be acknowledged for their assistance in ensuring we put on an event that showcases Ceduna and Eyre Peninsula.



The Oysterfest committee invites everyone to join in and assist with our annual event, if you wish to assist in anyway please contact the either Bianca or Kathy at the District Council of Ceduna Office or by ringing 8625 3407.

Council Staff Update



Mark Watkinson has joined Council as a Construction Worker. Mark aims...*"to gain satisfaction in working in my position and to work in a team orientated environment in a local community"*



Daniel Sinclair has joined Council as Parks and Gardens Worker. Daniel aims...*"to come to work and enjoy it"*



Congratulations Heidi and Chris, 10 Years of Service

Chris Holland, Manager Environmental Services and Heidi Yates, Manager Airport/PA Manager Operations have reached 10 Years of Service. Their dedicated service and outstanding accomplishments during this time are greatly appreciated.



BUSHFIRE READY STARTS NOW

MAY	Review fire prevention measures and program any improvements.
JUN	Remove undergrowth and dead vegetation and protect fire fighting equipment from inclement weather.
JUL	BUSHFIRE PREVENTION STARTS NOW
AUG	Prepare Breaks – start mowing program early, spray difficult to mow breaks, trim trees and shrubs and place in piles ready for disposal'
SEPT	
OCT	<p>COUNCIL INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES</p> <p>Hazard reduction notices will be sent to land owners who fail to comply.</p> <p>REVIEW YOUR BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN</p>
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER	
District Council of Ceduna - Fire Prevention Officer	Bob Irvine 0427 776 016
District Council of Ceduna - Office	For Permits 8625 3407 office hrs
Country Fire Service – Region 6 Office	General Enquiries 8682 4266 www.cfs.sa.gov.au

General Information

Dog registrations will be due on 1st July.

- All dogs over 3 months old must be registered.
- Fines apply for unregistered dogs.
- Only 2 dogs or cats per premises unless approved by Council.

Council's new Dog and Cat Management Plan is available on their web site: www.ceduna.com.au



Changes to Smoking Laws

Changes to the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 mean that, from 31 May 2012 new restrictions come into force in relation to children's playgrounds and public transport waiting areas.

- Smoking is banned within 10 metres of children's public playground equipment.
- Smoking is banned under covered public transport waiting areas, including airport shelter and other areas used to board or alight from public transport that are covered by a roof.
- The age that a person can be fined for smoking-related offences has been reduced to 15 years.

The new legislation is intended to reduce the risk to public health from exposure to tobacco smoke and help prevent children from perceiving smoking as normal. The maximum fine for a breach of the smoking laws is \$200. An expiation notice of \$75 can be issued.

SA Health has launched an awareness campaign informing the public of these changes and it will include:

- radio announcements pre- and post-legislation, from early May to the end of June
- notices in The Advertiser, metropolitan and regional newspapers and Adelaide's Child parents magazine
- communication through schools

The following fact sheets on the new legislation are available online at:

<http://www.tobaccolaws.sa.gov.au/>

Calendar of Events

JUNE	7 Wednesday	20 Wednesday	27 Wednesday
	<p>Public Budget Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 6pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p>Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p>Special Council Budget Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>
JULY	 <p><i>Crochet Club Thursday Nights</i> <i>7-9pm Ceduna Community School Library</i></p>	<p>18 Wednesday</p> <p>Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p><i>If you have a Community Event that you would like to advertise please contact Kym Dibben kdibben@ceduna.sa.gov.au</i></p>
AUGUST		<p>15 Wednesday</p> <p>Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p>25 Saturday</p>  <p>Reading Hour Contact Ceduna Community School Library for more information</p>

National Youth Week 2012

This year's National Youth Week took place between 12th – 22nd of April where 3 successful youth events were held in Ceduna.

The week began with its biggest event, the "Twilight Scoot and Skate competition" which attracted many participants, supporters and their families. Sponsored scooter Jaidyn Penn-Cayton and skater from KrunkIt in Adelaide were a main attraction, along with DJ Jimmy K and the bouncy castle.

Other events included; an outdoor movie night at Thevenard Sports Club, and an official opening for the Memorial Hall Mosaic project which was completed in the Summer Holidays.

Four of our young people were fortunate enough to attend a youth leadership camp at Nyroca Camping grounds, as part of an Eyre Regional Youth Network event. They attended motivational kid coaching by Telene Clarke, Drug and Alcohol workshops by Makin' Tracks,

Song Writing workshops by BTG Music Connections, a Laser Skirmish, and an outdoor movie. Overall everyone had 2 days of learning and FUN!

A big thanks goes to all of the Youth of Ceduna and their families who attended these events and made them worthwhile. These events were made possible with the support of the District Council of Ceduna, TWT Youth Hub, Ceduna District Health Services, Far West Youth Network, Eyre Regional Youth Network and Office for Youth, to which a heart felt thanks is given.



Council Email Updates



Rates Payments

Please be aware if you are paying your rates using internet or EFT it may take two working days for the funds to clear. If you wait until the last day to make payment using either of these methods and Council doesn't receive the money on the last day there is a chance that additional charges will be added.

Ratepayers wishing to make alternative payment arrangements must contact Council prior to the due date. Approval of any such arrangement will be at the discretion of Council.

Change of Address

If any of your contact details have changed Council requires notification in writing. Change of address forms are available from the Council Administration Office.

Have you heard of Council's Community Consultation Email list?

This email mailing list communicates information to the public through regular emails advising of updates on Council projects, public meetings, public consultation periods, Mayoral messages, Council minutes, media releases, Mayoral messages, road closures, changes to refuse collection and other public notices.

To join the list and receive these Council updates, simply fill in your details below and return to the Council administration office at;

**44 O'Loughlin Terrace
CEDUNA SA 5690**

or send to;

**District Council of Ceduna
PO Box 175
CEDUNA SA 5690**

Alternatively email council@ceduna.sa.gov.au with a request to join the email list.

Name.....

Email.....

Organisation (if applicable).....

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Areas of Interest

- Public Notices
- Council Project Updates
- Events
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Community Information
- Public Consultation/Meetings
- Other (please specify).....

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Upcoming Meetings

20 June 2012
18 July 2012
15 August 2012

Rubbish Collection

Although the collection runs are set for each day of the week, the rubbish may be collected at any time on that day therefore it is important that all bins are placed on the footpath by 7am each morning. Bins should be placed at the kerb with the handles facing away from the road and lids must be closed.

If a bin is not in place for collection by 7am Council cannot guarantee the bin will be emptied until the usual collection the following week.



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