

Franklin Harbour

The District council of Franklin Harbour was first established in 1887 under the District Councils Act. Our district, which is unique, was the whole of the area previously described as Jervois. This included all of the land in Jervois plus the waters of Franklin Harbour, the areas which we retain development control of today.

Why do we pay Council rates?

Council is the level of government which is closest to the people and has the fundamental responsibility / function / role to look after its community, by:

- Acting as a representative and decision maker in the interests of the Community;
- The encouragement and development of initiatives within the community for improving the quality of life of the community;
- Planning at the local level for the development and future requirements of its area;
- Providing services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers, residents and visitors to the area;
- Providing for the welfare, well being and interests of individuals and groups within its community; and
- Promoting its area and to provide an attractive climate and location for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism.

To enable Council to fulfil its obligations to its Community, it is permitted to raise a tax on property (Council Rates) in addition to setting charges for users of facilities or services, and has the ability to borrow and apply for grants.

Business Plan / Budget 2019/2020 Main Features

Council is limited in its ability to raise revenue which naturally restricts what it is able to achieve. Over the years Council has been very conservative and this year's budget is no different.

The major planned capital expenses are:

- Localised re-sheeting including Beach Road
- Resealing of town streets affected by the CWMS construction and sections of Cowell-Kimba Road
- Stage One Foreshore Redevelopment

CWMS charges for 2019/2020

CWMS charge, includes a fixed and a variable component. The fixed component is based on depreciation, loan principal and loan interest costs. The variable component is based on labour and overheads, materials and electricity costs. For 2019/2020 the charges are \$367 for the fixed component and \$150.00 for the variable component

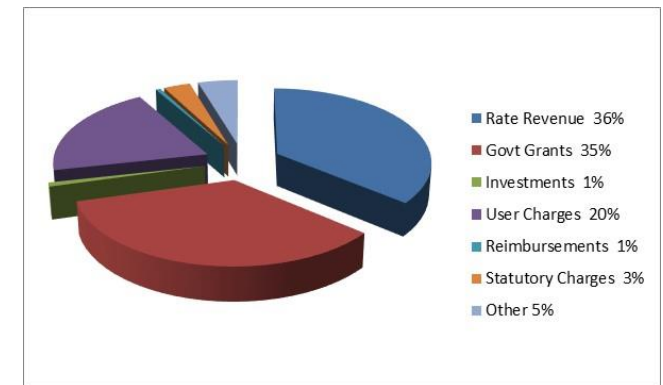
EPNRM Levy

The EPNRM have set their fees for 2019/2020 as follows:

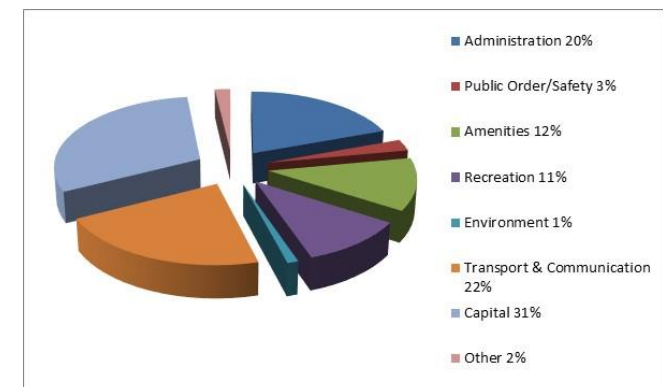
- Residential, vacant and other \$77.97
- Commercial & Industrial \$116.96
- Primary Production \$155.95

Information on the NRM Levy, how it is calculated and what it is used for can be found at www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/eyrepeninsula/about-us/nrm-levy

2019/2020 Operating Revenue Mix



2019/2020 Operating Expense Mix



Rate Concessions

State Government Concessions

The State Government provides a “Cost of Living Concession”, as well as water and sewerage concessions for council Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS) or council provided water. These payments may be used for any purpose, including offsetting Council rates. To check eligibility, contact the ConcessionsSA Hotline 1800 307 758 or go to www.sa.gov.au/concessions.

Should you be eligible for a state government funded concession this will be paid directly to you by the Department of Human Services and is not provided via your rates notice.

Hardship

Ratepayers who are unable to pay their account for rates by the due date should contact the Council before the rates fall into arrears to confidentially discuss alternative payment options. Persons experiencing financial hardship may seek assistance from Council; contact phone (08) 8629 2019 for a confidential discussion or email council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au.

Council Rebates

Certain persons and/or organisations may be eligible for a rebate, eg community groups, health and education organisations etc. Phone (08) 8629 2019 or email council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au for further information.

Postponement of Rates - seniors

Ratepayers who hold a State seniors card (or who are eligible to hold a State seniors card and have applied for one) are able to apply to Council to postpone payment of rates on their principle place of residence. Postponed rates remain as a charge on the land and are not required to be repaid until the property is sold or disposed of. Phone (08) 8629 2019 or email council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au for further information

Payment of Rates

The Council has decided that payment of rates will be by four instalments due on 1 September 2019, 1 December 2019, 1 March 2020, and 1 June 2020.

Payment can be made at the Council Office, 6 Main Street, Cowell during normal office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, by cash, cheque or credit cards, or by post to PO Box 71, Cowell SA 5602 Payments may also be made by direct Bank Transfer, the details for this can be found on the back of your rates notice.

A full copy of the Annual Business plan is on Council's website www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au , or is available for inspection at no charge at the principal office 6 Main Street, Cowell or can be purchased for \$5 at the Council Office.

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Annual Business Plan 2019/2020 Summary

