

**Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2024/2025 and Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034 – Financial Summary Public
Consultation Report**

DOC ID 32765

Subject	Description	Response
Brinkworth Reserve	<p>Firstly, the Friends of Brinkworth Reserve, again thank your Council for supporting the National Trust and its volunteers in contributing to the new toilet block at the Reserve. We are pleased with the finished results, as are visitors to the reserve.</p> <p>We believe about 98% of the visitors to the reserve are Port Lincoln residents, and in reality is simply another open space for the residents of Port Lincoln and surrounding area to use.</p> <p>Around 10 years ago we sought funding assistance to cover essential maintenance costs at the reserve and the Lower Eyre Council has been allocating \$5,000 in its budget each year for this purpose. Inflation, together with increased maintenance tasks has made this amount insufficient to cover these costs.</p> <p>To assist the National Trust and our volunteer group, we ask your Council to consider allocating a similar amount (\$5,000) each year to ensure all necessary maintenance can be undertaken in a timely manner.</p>	<p>It is understood that the Friends of the Brinkworth Reserve will be presenting to Council at the meeting on 17 June 2024 on this request.</p> <p>Although the logic of the request is understood and in part agreed with. It is recommended that Council not support this request because this would be paying for ongoing maintenance of a reserve outside of the Council boundary. There are many residents from the immediate vicinity around Port Lincoln and the broader Eyre Peninsula that utilize the parks, gardens, roads, car parks etc. within the COPL area. This does not mean that Council can send an invoice to those groups or Councils.</p> <p>Although it may seem an arbitrary logic, in many ways it is the only reasonable logic to distribute costs between Council areas at this time. This request should also be seen in light of the \$20,000 contribution made to the toilet block recently.</p>
Pioneer Cemetery signage upgrade	<p>The Port Lincoln History Group have had approval from previous CEO's, our desire to apply for funding to replace the existing 'Section / Row' marker pegs at Pioneer Cemetery, Port Lincoln.</p> <p>The existing peg markings do not correspond with Sections and Rows and cause confusion for cemetery researchers and visitors.</p>	<p>This project is supported and should be considered in light of the recent vandalism at this cemetery. For this reason, \$10,000 has been included in the draft 2024/25 budget for this purpose in discussions with the Port Lincoln History Group.</p>

Subject	Description	Response
	<p>Several years ago, our Group attached some temporary tags to the markers to indicate correctly.</p> <p>Our desire is to replace the old markers with, perhaps, new recycled plastic posts with engraved tags.</p> <p>We are seeking your permission to proceed with this, and enquire about the possibility of the City contributing towards the project, both in-kind and monetary.</p>	
Draft 2024/25 Budget	As a resident of Cove View Drive who was promised completion of Lincoln Cove East Reserve back in 2017, I am in full support of the Council's allocation of resources to this project. I look forward to the upcoming consultations regarding what this space may look like.	\$476,000 has been included for the development of the Lincoln Cove East Reserve. It is noted that although this has been included, this is a significant project and will require negotiation with the Developer to progress.
Rate cap and consideration of amalgamation	Council should consider implementation of a general rate cap to stop any future harsh rate rises. Council should also consider amalgamating with DCLEP as a lot of built up areas are extending into the port Lincoln adjoining area and using port Lincoln council services. This means council is incurring the cost of providing these services and equipment to the Lower Eyre Peninsula people, which is a benefit to them. As such, an amalgamation would benefit both parties.	<p>The rate setting processing is driven from Council's long term financial planning process.</p> <p>Council has done its utmost to cut back the increase that was previously project of in the order of 7.8% to 6.3% noting the cost-of-living impact on residents. However, this needs to be seen in conjunction with a continuing operating deficit and significantly escalating costs for Council.</p> <p>Amalgamation is a broader strategic question for Council and would need to be considered as part of the Strategic Planning Process currently underway.</p>

Subject	Description	Response
Follet street drainage	I would like to know of any development for infrastructure on the drainage of the intersection of Stamford terrace and Follet street. This corner is prone to flooding in heavy downpours, affecting [REDACTED] house on the corner.	The draft Stormwater Management Plan, being presented to Council on 17 June 2024, includes \$550,000 for an upgrade to the Stamford/Follet Street stormwater drainage from 2025 to 2028.
RUSTLERS GULLY PLAY AREA	This letter was sent to council on April 1 to Jaedyn Rayner concerning the state of Rustlers Gully Playground and our concerns to propose an upgrade We have been residents of the Rustlers Gull area since 1982 when we built a house on Yardea Street. At the same time the Rustlers Gully playground was also erected as a result of the Rustlers Gully Progress association We are writing to enquire to what steps we need to begin to request an application for an upgrade to the playground facilities. Puckridge Park having recent upgrades. In the 80's there were swings, a slippery dip, monkey bars and a flying fox. Very little has ever been added but more so removed. Currently there are 2 swings, a climbing frame and a very old metal slippery dip. Far from being inviting. We are aware of many young families in the close vicinity of the playground but it is not comparable to any others in Port Lincoln. 5 nearby houses to us in Yardea Street have 12 children under 5. There are many more in Miltalie St, Milton St and Blacker Court that we are aware of. This is without the many grandparents like us who care for their grandchildren. We are 4 km from the centre of town and believe that the council should consider upgrades to this facility. We should not have to travel into town each time we want to visit a playground with the young ones We are therefore asking what action needs to be taken to have this taken into	<p>It is agreed that the Rustlers Gully Playground has been assessed and is due for renewal. A design has been completed and the cost of a renewed playground will be in the order of \$100,000. This project was seriously considered as part of the 2024/25 budget.</p> <p>However, the Netball Playground at Ravendale was assessed as the priority based on:</p> <p>The playground is also due for renewal.</p> <p>The playground has higher utilization (based on anecdotal evidence).</p> <p>The fact that the playground is currently closed due to safety issues. Whereas the Rustlers Gully Playground is still functional albeit dated.</p> <p>The Netball Association has offered to co-contribute to this project.</p> <p>It is noted that Council has a number of playgrounds that are nearing their renewal stage and a longer term plan will need to be developed to renew playgrounds in an affordable manner, which may require fewer, better playgrounds.</p>

Subject	Description	Response
	<p>consideration by the Port Lincoln City Council. Jaedyn’s reply stated “Thank you for reaching out regarding the condition of the Park. I’m pleased to inform you that we've already taken steps to address the outdated equipment. I've initiated contact with various playground suppliers to explore options for improving the equipment onsite. As part of this process, I'll be putting together a rough budget proposal for consideration in the next Financial Year's budget. I appreciate your willingness to collaborate further on this project. I'd be more than happy to meet with you onsite to discuss your preferences for the park and any other concerns you may have. Your input is crucial in ensuring that the improvements align with the needs and expectations of the residents. Please let me know a convenient time for you to meet, and I'll make the necessary arrangements. Since making contact with Brad Tolley a replacement personnel we have been informed according to the Draft Plan that no provision has been made for this to occur. Reading the Draft Plan money is allocated to replacement at Nelson Courts for non compliance. The Rustlers Gully has 3 pieces of equipment only. 2 swings a climbing frame and a slippery dip which is metal and surely would not meet the safety compliance We are urging the council to take this into consideration for the residents of the Rustlers Gully Area [REDACTED] Unable to attach word file or images <i>(Later received via email)</i></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Rustlers Gully playground be reassessed as a potential project in the 2025/26 financial year.</p>