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**KIMBA**  
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# Annual Business Plan Summary

District Council of Kimba



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## Introduction

This Annual Business Plan (the plan) outlines the District Council of Kimba's (Council) planned services, projects and major expenditures for the 2023-24 financial year. The plan aims to maintain efficient and desired services and facilities for the community, without imposing an unrealistic rate burden on ratepayers. The provision of services by Council is a reflection of both meeting Council's obligations under legislation and making policy choices on behalf of the community to achieve Council's longer-term goals.

# Message from the CEO

## Debra Larwood

A Message from the Chief Executive Officer, Debra Larwood

The 2023-24 Financial Year is looking to be another busy period. Changes to the basis of rating and navigating the ever-changing terrain of Local Government has brought its own challenges and we continue to collaborate closely with the Local Government Association and local networks to work through these changes.

2022-23 has been an exciting year for Kimba and Council, with the

delivery of the \$1m Medical Centre Upgrade, launch of the 'That's Our Kimba' video and recruitment campaign, and the construction and completion of the new 2-bedroom Unit at the Kimba Pioneer Memorial Village, which is now tenanted. During the past year, Kimba was named the 2022 KESAB Tidy Town Winner, narrowly missing out on the nationals and finalists in 2 categories of the LG Professionals SA Awards.

Shaping the 2023-24 Financial Year, Council was successful in a number of grants and will be delivering a range of community and tourism projects during this year, including an Arts & Heritage Trails Strategy and Kimba Branding Strategy.

To support the development of the Kimba Township and District, Council has identified a range of strategic objectives and principal activities to focus its energies and resources on, that will assist in supporting business growth and improving services to the community and its visitors.

The District Council of Kimba is committed to bettering the lives of residents and ratepayers through leadership, advocacy and high-quality delivery of services and programs that improve the social and economy of our community, without imposing an impractical rate burden on ratepayers.

We believe the 2023-24 Annual Business Plan strikes a balance between the level of services for the community and the need to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of Council, and I commend it to the residents and ratepayers of Kimba.

*Debra Larwood*  
**Debra Larwood**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



# Vision, Mission & Values

Driving innovative and accountable leadership for a vibrant, sustainable Kimba.

The District Council of Kimba is committed to bettering the lives of residents and ratepayers through leadership, advocacy and the high-quality delivery of services and programs that improve the social and economic standing of our community.

- Provide relevant and sustainable community services
- Provide relevant and sustainable asset services
- Build local business capacity
- Be transparent, accountable & financially sustainable
- Strive to increase population levels
- Develop and support sustainable environmental strategies

## Budget Overview

- \$6.7M Operating Income
- 7.9% Rate Increase
- \$18 increase in Waste Collection Fee
- \$350,000 investment in Waste Management
- \$61,000 in Community & Small Business Grants
- \$599,000 Capital Investment in Community & Council Assets
- \$470,000 Investment in Community & Culture

## Delivery of Community Projects

- Continuing stages of Storm Damage Recovery of our roads network
- Development of a Natures Bike Trail Strategy
- Development of an Economic Analysis
- Upgrades to Doctor's Residence at 27 West Terrace
- Development of a Heritage & Arts Trail Strategy
- Improvement and growth in Kimba's Tourism Marketing presence
- Development of a Kimba Branding & Marketing Strategy
- Implementation of Council's Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2022-24 Strategies

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