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GREENING local reserves and taking care of local roads, are some of the visible projects happening in the year ahead, following the approval of the Murray Bridge Council budget.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-23 has been approved and the Council is moving forward with plans to consolidate and progress the development of the township and surrounds.

The \$44.8 million budget includes \$35.1 million for services and key projects and \$9.7 million for new infrastructure assets and significant upgrades.

Major projects include \$3.2 million in road renewals and a Greenspace program to irrigate open spaces (including Magpie Reserve and Rotary Jubilee Park), replacement of the Woodlane Reserve jetty with a floating pontoon and continued upgrades for Sturt Reserve.

Mayor Lewis said the Rural City was building capacity for a growing community, while being fiscally responsible and mindful of increasing pressures on family budgets.

"Murray Bridge is changing - we're creating an environment where you can make your own opportunities, make a home, make an investment, and make memories," he said.

"This Plan outlines the third delivery year of our current Strategic Plan and is instrumental in achieving our long term aspiration of Thriving Communities.

"Confidence in what we're doing has resulted in ongoing success with attracting grants that enable us to continue building beneficial community infrastructure, in the face of tough external economic challenges.

"This year we're undertaking \$9.7m in capital works, including \$0.9m in new works, due to Council's rigorous commitment to financial sustainability.

"We've been able to achieve this while keeping the burden on ratepayers as low as possible and implementing an average rate increase of 3.5% - which is considerably less than the March 2022 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 4.7%.

View the full Rural City of Murray Bridge Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-23 at murraybridge.sa.gov.au