

# MINUTES

## Council meeting 17 March 2026

VENUE:	Council Chamber Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
MEETING COMMENCED:	6.30pm
PRESENT:	Mayor Were (Chair) Cr Davis Cr Eaton Cr Fisher Cr Jew Cr Platten Cr Pritchard Cr Stafford Cr Themeliotis Cr Yeomans
APOLOGIES:	Cr Greaves
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Cr Bell
ABSENT:	Cr Wilkes

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### PLEDGE

We recognise this City's considerable natural and cultural heritage, including thousands of years of traditional ownership by Kaurna, and the more recent contribution from people either born here or who have migrated here. As we meet together, we build on this heritage by respecting and listening to each other, thinking clearly, being receptive to new ideas, speaking honestly, and deciding wisely for the current and future wellbeing of those we serve.

## 1. Opening of meeting

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

Members read the pledge.

## 2. Council member declarations of interest

Councillor	Item	Material/General conflict
Pritchard	10.2 Petition Response: Fairer financial support for community owned recreation facilities	General

## 3. Confirmation of minutes

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 17 February 2026 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

*CARRIED*

## 4. Adjourned business

Nil.

## 5. Leave of absence

Nil.

## 6. Mayor's communication

### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Summer ended better than it started for our businesses and beaches. The harmful algal bloom subsiding saw crowds and events returning to our coastline and the pop-up Encore sites were very well supported by locals and visitors. Thank you to all the Surf Life Saving Clubs in particular and the CFS volunteers who have kept our beaches and bush safe for everyone throughout the summer season.

March is also full of events flowing from The Fringe and other festivals (eg Chilli Festival, SouthStart) and art exhibitions which are also attracting plenty of attention and bringing people together. The grape growers in our region are doing it tough and the impact of the drought, global market shifts and changes in the way we consume alcohol continues to challenge the industry to adapt. Their resilience, tenacity and innovations are constantly at work to ensure the industry remains viable and valued.

Sharon Mason CEO is making her way around the community, industry, employers and our staff at a rapid pace, meeting people, listening to issues, undertaking analysis as she heads into leading the budget process for the coming financial year and setting the conditions for long-term success for our people and places.

Several key consultations have been taking place over the last month including how we engage as a Council with all members of the community and our Reconciliation Action Plan. Consultation takes many forms – data – both qualitative and quantitative, scenarios and future forecasting, analysis of population and community mood, changes in the environment and emerging technologies are considerations when decisions get made. Councillors and staff work together to ensure a wide range of inputs are included so the deliberative process of coming to a decision aligns with our community plan and financial parameters. Just like any household, a council cannot do everything we would want to and we sincerely appreciate those members of the public, community groups and interested parties who let us know their lived experience and perspective.

As I have often said, you can vote every four years, but every day the way you spend your time, your money and what you pay attention to, shapes the world and is in fact a way you are voting with your heart, head and hands every day.

So to all those who volunteer, serve on committees and do the hard work of negotiating every day with one another and the systems you work in, to build the future for us all, thank you. Civic participation and public engagement strengthen our democracy. It is estimated that two out of five people over the age of 15 volunteer in our community – coaching sport, collecting seeds, removing graffiti, raising funds for charities, removing weeds, planting trees, tour guiding for heritage walks, protecting wildlife and all manner of other things!

We provide new citizens with information on how to find a volunteer opportunity to help with connecting to others in the community. These generous acts of service build a legacy and I sincerely appreciate the invitations I get to represent Council to celebrate milestones and achievements. I wish I could go to them all!

#### Elected Member Representation

Thank you to Deputy Mayor Michael Fisher for representing me at:

- Reynella East College Sports Day

Thank you to Cr Lauren Jew for representing me at:

- Aldinga Payinthe College – panel member for International Women's Day event

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- Amhadiyya Muslim Association Dinner
- Disrupting Disinformation Ecologies Session, Melbourne
- 5th World Cutlery Capitals meeting, Portugal
- ICELEI meeting, Germany
- Noarlunga Heights Super Centre opening
- Nice Day to go to the Club Music Festival
- Reynella Scout Group Award Presentation
- Opening of Civil Contractors Federation Centre of Excellence
- Marcellin Campus Industry Partnership Breakfast
- Australian Citizenship Ceremony, City of Adelaide

#### Mayor's calendar

16 February to 14 March 2026

February	
16	Tour of the region with CEO
	Meetings with staff
17	Launch of Vineyard Post Reuse Pilot with Minister Clare Scriven
	Mayor's Leadership Circle
	Meetings with staff
	South Aussie with Cosi at Hopgood Theatre
	Meeting of Council
19	Meetings with staff
	LGA Board
20	LGA fortnightly algal bloom briefing
	Meeting with Deputy Mayor
	Meeting with CEO
21	Willunga Farmers Market birthday celebration
	Moonlight Cinema Christies Beach
22	Chilli Festival Willunga
	Southern Pride March Family Fun Day
24	Meeting with staff
	Elected Member Session
25	Babytime Noarlunga Library
	GAROC/SAROC meeting
26	Networking session – 'Bloomin Algae'
	Meeting with CEO
	SA Citizen of the Year Awards
27	LGA meetings
28	ALGWA International Women's Day event

<b>March</b>	
1	Trolley collection at Noarlunga interchange
2	Meeting with SRWRA
	Meeting with Councillors
	CEO Performance Management Committee
3	ABC Radio interview
	Meeting with CEO
	Meeting with state election candidate
	Elected Member Session
4	SouthStart briefing
5	Meetings with staff
	Aquatic Centre site visit
6	Adelaide International Women's Day Breakfast
	ICLEI Oceania RexCom meeting
	Adelaide Climate Action Week call
10	Meeting with CEO
	Meetings with staff
	Meeting with state election candidate
	Elected Member Session
	ICLEI Oceania delegate call
11	Storytime
	Meeting with elected candidate
12	Coast FM Radio interview
	Meeting with staff
	Meeting with community member
13	Meeting with community group
	Meeting with state election candidates
14	Opening of Sea Turtle Park Port Noarlunga
	Fringe Birthday event, Hopgood Theatre

#### Deputy Mayor's calendar 16 February to 14 March

<b>February</b>	
17	Meeting of Council
19	Meeting with CEO
20	Reynella East College Sports Day
24	Elected Member Session
27	LGA Deputy Mayor Forum

## Correspondence

Incoming			
Att 1	18/2/26	Minister for Planning	DA Techno Plas Pty Ltd
Att 2	17/2/26	Dept for Environment & Water	Onkaparinga Trail alignment
Att 3	19/2/26	Minister for Climate, Environment & Water	Algal Bloom Response Local Government Grant Fund
Outgoing			
Att 4	17/2/26	Minister for Planning	Council Assessment Panel
Att 5	19/2/26	Dept for Environment & Water	Submission on Breeder Reforms to amend <i>Dog and Cat Management Regulations</i>
Att 6, 6a	19/2/26	House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport	Submission on local government funding and fiscal sustainability
Att 7, 7a, 7b	27/2/26	Minister for Infrastructure & Transport	Working collaboratively with SA Government

Thank you.



Moira Were AM  
**Mayor**

*MOVED Cr Eaton.*

*That Council note the 17 March 2026 Mayor's report.*

*Seconded by Cr Platten.*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Presentations

Nil.

## 8. Deputations

### 8.1 DEPUTATION - PAUL WILLIAMSON, WILLUNGA RECREATION PARK INC AND RON RODDA, MCLAREN VALE BOWLING CLUB RE COMMUNITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

Paul Williamson and Ron Rodda gave a deputation in relation to support for community owned recreation facilities.

8.2 DEPUTATION - LISA WILLS, COMMS DECLARE (VIA ZOOM), TRISH HAMMOND AND DARCEY MCNAMARA, CONSERVATION COUNCIL RE FOSSIL FUEL ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

Lisa Wills, Trish Hammond and Darcey McNamara gave deputations in relation to fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship.

8.3 DIANE CASS, DISABILITY ENGAGEMENT FOCUS GROUP RE DRAFT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN 2026-30

Diane Cass gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the draft Inclusive Communities Action Plan 2026-30.

8.4 MATT FARRELL, SELICKS WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS ACTION NETWORK RE CANOPY AND GREENING TARGETS

Matt Farrell gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to canopy and greening targets.

8.5 DEPUTATION - LEE-ANN FRIDAY AND DAVID SAHLBERG RE COMMUNITY FOOD HUB

Lee-ann Friday and David Sahlberg gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Community Food Hub being set up at the Hastings Street Community Hall, Seaford.

8.6 DEPUTATION – LIZ BAILEY RE COMMUNITY FOOD HUB

Liz Bailey gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Community Food Hub and that the location of Hastings Street Community Hall, Seaford be reconsidered.

9. Presentation by Committee chairpersons and reports to Council by Council Committees

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 2 MARCH 2026

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council note the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting held on 2 March 2026 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

*CARRIED*

## 9.2 SOUTHERN REGION WASTE RESOURCE AUTHORITY – CONSTITUENT COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT – BOARD MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2026

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council notes the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority Constituent Council Information Reports – Public (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*

*Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.*

CARRIED

## 10. Reports of officers

### 10.1 DRAFT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN 2026-30

*MOVED Cr Fisher.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Approve the draft Inclusive Communities Action Plan 2026–30 for community consultation (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*
- 2. Note the outcomes delivered through the Inclusive Communities Action Plan 2021–24.*

*Seconded by Cr Jew.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 10.2 PETITION RESPONSE: FAIRER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

Cr Pritchard declared a general conflict of interest as a member of a sporting club at one of the community owned sport facilities.

Cr Pritchard indicated that he would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter and chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes the agenda report.*
- 2. Notes the current council arrangements in place that support the governance and operations of community owned sport and recreation facilities.*
- 3. Includes consideration of community owned sport and recreation assets in future strategic advocacy initiatives where appropriate.*
- 4. Notes staff will continue investigations to consider capital project support options for community owned facilities.*
- 5. Approves providing the Sports Ground Irrigation Subsidy to Willunga Recreation Park commencing in 2026-27 financial year, recognising its broader community use and aligning with irrigation subsidies provided to comparable council owned facilities.*
- 6. Approves developing an annual funding agreement with Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground to support their community toilet cleaning and maintenance operations consistent with arrangements for other community owned multi-use sporting facilities.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

*Cr Pritchard voted for the motion*



### 10.3 SHARED SERVICES MODEL FOR SPORTING CLUBS

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That:*

- 1. Council notes the contents of the agenda report.*
- 2. Council continues to provide capacity building services to increase the skills, knowledge and capability of our local club volunteers and administrators.*
- 3. Council facilitates discussion about shared services at the next Multi Use Sporting Facility forum to gauge interest from clubs in shared service options.*
- 4. Council engages with relevant local sporting associations to gauge interest in providing shared services to their members.*
- 5. Council provides guidance and support to any clubs, associations or community groups interested in seeking funding support to develop self managed shared services.*
- 6. An update on engagement outcomes with community clubs and associations be provided to Council.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

### 10.4 DRAFT RATING POLICY 2026-27

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council approve the draft Rating Policy 2026–27 for community engagement purposes (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*

*Seconded by Cr Fisher.*

CARRIED

### 10.5 FINAL UPDATE REPORT FOR COUNCIL OWNED LAND LOCATED AT BRODIE ROAD HUNTFIELD HEIGHTS

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That for the council owned allotment comprising of Allotment (Reserve) 221 in Deposited Plan 19710 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5546 Folio 343 and bordered in blue in Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:*

- 1. Receives the approval to revoke the subject land from its community land classification from the Minister for Local Government in letter dated 20 December 2025 (refer Attachment 2 to the agenda report).*
- 2. Resolves to formally approve the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification pursuant to subsection 194(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 subject to:*
  - a. protection of the significant tree through a Land Management Agreement (LMA).*
  - b. retention of pedestrian connectivity through either a traditional laneway configuration or the establishment of a right of way.*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign any documents required to finalise the revocation and disposal process.*

*Cr Stafford left his seat in the Chamber at 7.55pm.*

*Seconded by Cr Jew.*

CARRIED

Cr Stafford resumed his seat in the Chamber at 7.57pm.

#### 10.6 UPDATE REPORT - REVOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION OF PORTION OF ALLOTMENT 195 (RESERVE) WOODLEA DRIVE, ABERFOYLE PARK

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That for a portion of the Council owned Allotment (Reserve) 195 in Deposited Plan 10724 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 766 and bordered in red on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:*

- 1. Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report from the public consultation phase of the revocation process.*
- 2. Notes that 50 submissions were received during the public consultation phase, comprising of fourteen (14) objections, thirty-three (33) in support and three (3) unsure.*
- 3. Having considered the submissions received, resolves:*
  - i. to proceed with the process to revoke the subject land from its community land classification.*
  - ii. to approve that a request be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government seeking approval to the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification to enable sale to the Applicant (adjacent landowner).*
  - iii. that a final update report be presented to Council once the Minister's decision regarding the proposed revocation is received.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

#### 10.7 CHERRY GARDENS SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK | POWER SUPPLY INVESTIGATION

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Endorse the battery powered portable generator as the preferred option to meet the power requirements for commemorative events at the Cherry Gardens Soldiers Memorial Park, based on its low cost, flexibility and minimal impact on the site's cultural and heritage values.*
- 2. Note that a permanent metered power connection is not recommended due to its high capital and ongoing costs, the requirement for permanent infrastructure and the associated environmental and heritage impacts on this culturally significant site.*
- 3. Approve the purchase of a battery powered portable generator by Council, at a cost of approximately \$3,500 using funds from Open Space Urgent and General, to be donated to the Cherry Gardens Community Association.*
- 4. Note that whilst there are some relevant external grants (see item 4. Discussion), none would deliver a fully funded solution prior to Anzac Day 2026 commemorations.*
- 5. Note that the Cherry Gardens Community Association have confirmed that a battery powered portable generator would provide an effective resolution meeting their needs.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

## 10.8 COROMANDEL VALLEY RAMBLERS CRICKET CLUB FACILITY PROPOSAL

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Acknowledges the role of the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club and Weymouth Oval in supporting local sport and community participation.*
- 2. Endorses staff continue to support the Ramblers Cricket Club to explore and develop options to meet current and future facility needs at Weymouth Oval, including adaption of the community centre and/or standalone facilities elsewhere within the site.*
- 3. Notes that investigations consider site constraints, car parking, access, environmental factors, leasing and tenure arrangements and the needs of all precinct users, to inform coordinated long-term planning.*
- 4. Supports the preparation of concept designs, indicative cost estimates, and identification of external funding opportunities, and notes Council's interest in including cricket facility improvements as an advocacy priority where possible.*
- 5. Notes that any future development is subject to Council approval, resolution of leasing and tenure arrangements, compliance with the Community Land Management Plan, community consultation as required, and confirmation of funding, including external funding and/or inclusion in the Long Term Financial Plan.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

Cr Fisher left his seat in the Chamber at 8.01pm.

## 10.9 SELICKS BEACH BOLLARD INSTALLATION ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

*MOVED Cr Yeomans.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes the Community Engagement Feedback Report provided in Attachment 1 to the agenda report for proposed installation of permanent bollards at the southern end of Sellicks Beach.*
- 2. Approves installation of bollards in accordance with the design provided in Attachment 2 to the agenda report, at an estimated cost of \$26,000, funded through Coastal Urgent and General and constructed in the 2025-26 Financial Year.*

Cr Fisher resumed his seat in the Chamber at 8.03pm.

*Seconded by Cr Jew.*

CARRIED

#### 10.10 GREEN ORGANICS DROP OFF

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council:*

1. *Note the agenda report and council organics service comparison (attachment 1 to the agenda report).*
2. *Approves the*
  - a) *continuation of the existing fee-for-service model (Option 1)*
  - b) *service eligibility remains as residential use only.*

*Seconded by Cr Stafford.*

*CARRIED*

Cr Themeliotis called a DIVISION and the decision was set aside.

*For:*

<i>Cr Platten</i>	<i>Cr Davis</i>	<i>Cr Fisher</i>	<i>Cr Pritchard</i>	<i>Cr Stafford</i>
<i>Cr Jew</i>	<i>Cr Yeomans</i>	<i>Cr Eaton</i>		

*Against:*

<i>Cr Themeliotis</i>				
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*CARRIED*

#### 10.11 COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2026-27

*MOVED Cr Eaton.*

1. *That Council approve the draft Communication and Engagement Plan for the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026–27 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
2. *That Council notes the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget will be brought to the Chamber for approval to commence community engagement at the Special Council Meeting of 14 April 2026.*

*Seconded by Cr Platten.*

*CARRIED*

#### 10.12 DRAFT HILLS AND FLEURIEU REGIONAL LANDSCAPE PLAN SUBMISSION

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council approves the draft submission (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) responding to the state government's consultation on the draft Hills and Fleurieu Regional Landscape Plan 2026 - 2031.*

*Seconded by Cr Davis.*

*CARRIED*

## 10.13 POLICY - LEASING AND LICENSING OF COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council*

- 1. Notes the findings of the Community Engagement Feedback Report at Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Endorses the draft Policy – Leasing and Licensing of Council's Community Land and or Buildings at Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

CARRIED

## 10.14 CANOPY AND GREENING TARGETS UPDATE

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council approves the following greening and canopy targets:*

- 1. City wide, Onkaparinga aims to achieve:*
  - 40% green cover (trees, vegetation, grass) by 2055, including*
    - expanding tree and understory planting using climate-ready, locally appropriate native species*
    - improving habitat connectivity between reserves and along waterways and streetscapes*
    - embedding climate adaptation and biodiversity resilience principles into future open space, planting, and asset management plans.*
  - 30% tree canopy cover (trees above 3m) by 2055*
- 2. On council land, Onkaparinga aims to achieve:*
  - 30% tree canopy cover in urban areas (trees above 3m) by 2055*
  - Focus tree establishment programs for all suburbs with < 10% canopy as a priority*
  - Updating the planting target of 100,000 trees by 2037 to 150,000 trees by 2037 with a plan to complete the planting of available council space (approximately another 40,000 trees) by 2055*
    - noting we have planted approximately 66,000 trees toward this target since 2017 including over 8000 in 2025 when the tree planting program was augmented with other environmental projects*
- 3. Council tracks progress toward these targets via:*
  - performance measures focusing on quality, equity and diversity*
  - periodic tree mapping with Green Adelaide to monitor and report on progress*
  - continuing to publish tree planting numbers in Council's annual report*
  - providing a report to council at the August meeting on opportunities to strengthen urban greening and biodiversity outcomes across reserves and natural areas*

*Seconded by Cr Jew.*

CARRIED

*At 8.37pm Cr Fisher MOVED that the meeting break for 10 minutes.*

*Seconded by Cr Pritchard.*

*CARRIED*

Mayor Were reconvened the meeting in the Chamber at 8.46pm with all members present that were present before the break.

#### 10.15 UPDATE OF COUNCIL COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURES

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Approve the updated Chief Executive Code of Conduct Complaint Handling Administrative Procedure, as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Approve the updated Elected Member Behavioural Management Policy, as per Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*

*Seconded by Cr Eaton.*

*CARRIED*

#### 10.16 ELECTED MEMBER ELECTRONIC AND MEDIA COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL POLICY

*MOVED Cr Eaton.*

*That Council*

- 1. Adopt the Elected Member Electronic and Media Communication Protocols Policy as included in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Note the Social Media Guidelines for Elected Members as included in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*

*Seconded by Cr Pritchard.*

*CARRIED*

#### 10.17 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

*MOVED Cr Pritchard.*

*That Council adopt the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*

*Seconded by Cr Yeomans.*

*CARRIED*

#### 10.18 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

*MOVED Cr Eaton.*

*That Council note the agenda report and Reporting Schedule (attachment 1 to the agenda report).*

*Seconded by Cr Platten.*

*CARRIED*

## 11. Questions on notice

### 11.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - CR DAVIS RE STATE ELECTION COMMITMENTS RELATED TO ADVOCACY PLAN

*With the state election on 21 March, what election commitments have been made across our city, so far, that match our advocacy plan?*

*What commitments have been made so far that do not link to our advocacy plan?*

Please find a response in the table below as at 12 March 2026.

#### **Election campaign commitments: \$20M**

- Labor: \$20M
- Liberal: \$16M

There is one commitment that has been matched by both major parties (highlighted in orange):

- Improvements to Happy Valley Drive intersections at Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road

Progress has been made on several key policy issues, including:

- SA Water governance changes (Labor)
- Stormwater partnerships (Liberal)

Note: data included sourced from candidate social media and reflects commitments that have been shared publicly by the candidates.

Electorate	Project name	Advocacy Plan	Funding commitment				Comments
			Labor		Liberal		
			\$	Candidate	\$	Candidate	
Davenport	Happy Valley Drive intersections at Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road	Yes	\$16M	Erin Thompson MP	\$16M	Trent Burnard	MATCHED COMMITMENT
Davenport	Shared use path on Black Road	Yes	\$1.2M	Erin Thompson MP			
Davenport	Bus shelter at Flagstaff Hill Shopping Centre, Ridgeway Drive	No			Unspecified	Trent Burnard	Advocacy Plan seeks full State funding reinstatement for bus stop upgrades.
Hurtle Vale	Southern Tigers Stadium	Yes	\$750K	The Hon Nat Cook MP			
Hurtle Vale	Woodcroft Small Dog Park	No	\$350K	The Hon Nat Cook MP			
Kaurna	Prow Drive Reserve playground	Yes	\$800K	The Hon Chris Picton MP			
Mawson	McLaren Vale agriculture tourism and trade strategy	No	\$250K	Jenni Mitton			
Mawson	McLaren Flat Community Club outdoor extension	No	\$50K	Jenni Mitton			Advocacy Plan seeks changeroom and canteen upgrades.
Policy	SA Water Governance Changes – SA Gas & Water Trust	Yes	Unspecified	Premier The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP			Possible implications for CWMS integration, pricing, and asset management - CWMS integration and Sellicks Beach sewerage objectives.
Policy	Zero Litter to Ocean target by 2035	No			Unspecified	Opposition Leader Ashton Hurn MP	Includes council partnerships on water treatment and infrastructure.



## 11.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – RATES AND CARRY FORWARDS

1. *What is the current total value of outstanding rates debt (rates in arrears) held by the City of Onkaparinga as at the most recent reporting period?*
2. *What proportion of total rate revenue does the current arrears figure represent?*
3. *Separately, what is the total value of operating and capital budget carry forwards approved into the current financial year?*
4. *Of the carry forward amount:*
  - a. *How much relates to operating expenditure?*
  - b. *How much relates to capital projects?*
5. *What were the three largest individual carry forward items by value, and what were the primary reasons for the deferral in each case?*
6. *What measures are in place to reduce the level of recurring carry forwards and improve delivery within the approved financial year?*

### Response

1. As at the 28 February 2026 the total value of outstanding rates debt (rates in arrears) was \$11,865,904. This amount excludes 2025/26 rates outstanding with a future due date of 1 March 26 (3rd instalment) and 1 June 26 (4th instalment).
2. Total rate revenue recognised as at 28 February 2026 was \$118,953,317. Current rate arrears as a percentage of recognised rate revenue was 9.98%.  

Total rate revenue recognised	\$118,953,317
Current rate arrears	\$11,865,904
Rate arrears as a % of rate revenue	9.98%
3. Gross carry forwards from 2024-25 were \$26,577,644 or \$18,958,393 net of income.
4. Breakdown of carry forwards below:

	Expense	Income	Net
Capital	24,892,474	(6,689,322)	18,203,152
Operating	1,685,171	(929,929)	755,242
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,577,644</b>	<b>(7,619,251)</b>	<b>18,958,393</b>

5. The three largest individual carry forwards (net) were as follows:
  - a. Plant and Fleet \$4,930,785
    - i. New challenges have been emerging with the continued introduction of stricter truck emission standards in Australia. This has affected supply as manufacturers transition to updated models to meet import requirements. We also experienced delays at the end of the financial year on the delivery timing of some procured items which led to an increase in carry forwards. The items were however delivered in July.

Procurement for plant and fleet have historically commenced following adoption of the budget, with an ever expanding fleet and increasing complexity to ensure technological changes and emissions reductions strategies are considered and tested to ensure vehicles are fit for purpose we are reviewing our resourcing capacity and methodology around fleet procurement to minimise carry forwards.

- b. Port Willunga North Coast Park \$2,557,98
  - i. While planning and design are for the majority, complete, the construction timing remains subject to resolution of protracted land acquisition processes which have commenced but are not yet complete. Further information on this project will be provided in a report to Council in the coming months.
- c. Murray Road \$2,172,464
  - i. Delayed because of a formal project review, prompted by external request and subsequent council resolution.
- 6. Critical analysis has been undertaken regarding the delivery lead times for plant and fleet items which will result in a re-forecast of expenditure over the 10 year horizon, aligning budgets with expected delivery timeframes. A review of procurement processes and resourcing is also underway as mentioned in response above.

Recurring carry forwards are for the most part, those projects which are reliant on external approvals or factors outside of council's control. These include, Port Willunga Coast Park, which as detailed above, is subject to a protracted land acquisition process and Norman Road, which requires deferral to ensure alignment to major works being undertaken by SA Water. Administration will continue to work in collaboration with external parties to minimise and mitigate where possible, the requirement for budgets to be carried forward.

### 11.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – TECHNOLOGY ONE/ONECOUNCIL

- 1. *What is the total end-to-end cost incurred by Council for the TechnologyOne/OneCouncil program since its commencement in 2019 through to completion of Project 3 in April 2024?*
- 2. *The Audit report in the agenda of February 2026 references over 160 identified issues now being prioritised. How many of these are high or critical risk, and when are they expected to be resolved?*
- 3. *What quantified efficiency gains or financial benefits have been realised to date from the OneCouncil implementation?*
- 4. *What is the current annual operating cost of maintaining and optimising the OneCouncil platform, including licensing, support and internal resourcing?*
- 5. *Given the ICT Risk Register still records a medium residual risk relating to failure to respond to changing needs, what specific actions and timeframes are in place to reduce this risk rating?*

#### Response

*Note: CoPilot (AI) has been used to assist in improving the wording of this response; all content is based on the expertise and advice of the IT and Finance sections.*

*What is the total end-to-end cost incurred by Council for the TechnologyOne/OneCouncil program since its commencement in 2019 through to completion of Project 3 in April 2024?*

18/19	3,594,189.00
19/20	2,531,912.00
20/21	2,843,937.00
21/22	2,205,927.00
22/23	2,110,754.00
23/24	3,160,997.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,447,716.00</b>

*The Audit report in the agenda of February 2026 references over 160 identified issues now being prioritised. How many of these are high or critical risk, and when are they expected to be resolved?*

Of the identified items, 4 are rated critical (due December 2026) and 24 are high priority, to be delivered through a three-year program of work.

These priorities were set internally by the organisation and were not the result of any audit findings. The report in question was an ICT Report on OneCouncil, prepared to update the Audit and Risk Committee on TechnologyOne/OneCouncil governance, prioritisation, and delivery capability. It was not an audit report.

The report outlines the newly established governance model, including an assessment framework for prioritising issues. The Strategic Technology Steering Committee (STSC)—chaired by the CEO and comprising all Directors—oversees the technology roadmap, prioritisation, and workplans. The STSC meets monthly to review prioritisation frameworks and make decisions on strategic technology activities, including addressing the current 160 unresolved issues.

The Strategic Prioritisation Framework was approved on 4 November 2025, with assessments completed across December, January, and February, and sequencing undertaken in March 2026.

As items are assessed and sequenced, they are consolidated into coordinated workplans, approved by the STSC, and delivered collaboratively using evolving project disciplines. All changes and enhancements undergo rigorous testing and require Change Approval Board (CAB) endorsement prior to implementation.

The new structured assessment and prioritisation framework is in place to ensure consistent triage and focus effort where it delivers the most value. The list does not yet include broader improvement opportunities such as integrations and efficiency gains; these will form part of a future strategic improvement pipeline.

# issues	category
129	Medium
15	duplicates
11	resolved
6	on hold

*What quantified efficiency gains or financial benefits have been realised to date from the OneCouncil implementation?*

Efficiency or financial impacts from the OneCouncil implementation cannot be quantified because limited pre-implementation metrics were recorded. Since October 2025, all improvement undertakings in OneCouncil follow a consistent structure: a current state analysis, an independent review of configuration and customisations, and baseline measurement of before any work proceeds, enabling future impact tracking. The Manger ICT has now implemented post implementation reviews as standard practice on projects and any major incidents.

Since June 2025, improvements have been underway. The following changes / enhancements were delivered between June – December 2025:

- Transitioned ad hoc rates notices to business operations
- Customer Request and Name and Address Register changes
- Revenue rates debt collection process
- Data migration from Pathway completed
- Permits solution defect resolution and enhancements
- 2025B OneCouncil Upgrade
- Annual Fire Season and Hazard Applications
- Customer Complaints
- Infringements (enforcement warning and multiple offences)
- Enhancements to Intramaps

*What is the current annual operating cost of maintaining and optimising the OneCouncil platform, including licensing, support and internal resourcing?*

\$3,339,882

Support and internal resourcing	\$ 1,307,183
Technology One Software as a Service (SaaS) fee	\$ 93,393
Subscription fee	\$ 1,218,077
Cloud Service Fee	\$ 721,229
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,339,882</b>

*Given the ICT Risk Register still records a medium residual risk relating to failure to respond to changing needs, what specific actions and timeframes are in place to reduce this risk rating?*

Technology continues to evolve rapidly, and while we are actively strengthening and maturing our processes to plan, monitor and respond to change; no set of controls can completely remove the residual risk. However, multiple targeted actions, new governance structures, and organisational uplift initiatives are now in place to reduce this risk as much as practicably possible:

Action Area	Summary of Actions	Timeframe
Strengthened Governance	The Strategic Technology Steering Committee (STSC) now provides executive-level oversight of technology priorities, investment decisions and organisational response to change. It meets monthly to review risks, prioritisation and roadmap decisions.	Ongoing – Monthly
IT Strategy	The first draft IT Strategy is currently out for organisation-wide consultation. It sets direction, decision-making principles, delivery and governance expectations, and clear guardrails for how IT works with the organisation.	Draft Released Feb–Mar 2026
Elevated Change Management	The new CAB framework includes stronger business readiness, impact analysis, communication, training, and adoption requirements, ensuring changes are well understood and successfully embedded.	Implemented Aug 2025; Ongoing
People and Capability Uplift	Cyber training for all staff, phishing simulations and targeted follow-ups have reduced behavioural risk and strengthened organisational capability.	Commenced Aug 2025; Ongoing
Structured Technology Planning Cycles	Technology Road mapping – Quarterly ICT Risk Register Review – Six-monthly (or earlier if required) OneCouncil Improvement Program – Ongoing Technology Lifecycle Management – Annual cycle	Quarterly / Six-Monthly / Annual / Ongoing
Strengthened Engagement	Regular discussions with departments ensure emerging needs are identified early, and technology risks, issues and mitigations remain standing agenda items at senior governance forums.	Ongoing
Monitoring Emerging Risks	Monitoring emerging risks including global DRAM shortages, organisational agility constraints, limited AI capability, and foundational technology/data gaps.	Ongoing

## Summary

Collectively, these actions and governance reforms significantly strengthen our ability to respond to evolving technology and organisational needs. While the pace of technological change means that residual risk will always remain, we now have a much stronger, more proactive and strategically aligned framework in place to manage and mitigate these risks effectively.

These measures collectively reduce the likelihood and impact of the risk; however, given the pace of technology change, a medium residual risk remains appropriate.

## 11.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR EATON – QUERIES RE FEBRUARY 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

### Background

I received the following questions from the Onkaparinga Council Watch Facebook group regarding some of the procedures followed at the February Council meeting. I was unable to respond to their email due to a requirement of registering my email address on a particular site that I chose not to do. I consider that it would be appropriate for this matter to be addressed as part of the March Council meeting, so that the explanation is on the public record.

### What we've not seen before

There were a number of things out of the ordinary that occurred during last week's Council meeting.

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### 1. Mayors Report & the minutes

During the Mayor's Report, Cr Greaves asked whether a copy of the letter received from Jeremy Blanks (Tarac Properties) could also be included.

The Mayor responded that she would ensure all elected members had access to the letter and stated she was still seeking clarification as to whether it could go into the minutes.

The written minutes do not record that request or that exchange.



*The receipt of that letter and the letter itself are not attached to the minutes.*



*The completeness and accuracy of the public record matter.*

2. At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor *referenced defamation risks and stated that microphones may be turned off if required.*



*That framing has not previously been used in this context.  
Opening remarks set the tone for participation.*

### 3. The Deputation – Beach Rd Food & Wine Festival

At 4:58pm on the afternoon of the meeting, a depute speaking on the Beach Rd Food & Wine Festival received written correspondence from Council reminding them of defamation risks and that no legal privilege attaches to deputations.

We have not seen a depute receive correspondence of this nature before.

During the deputation, the Mayor requested the speaking notes of only one of the deputees — not for councillors who would later deliberate, but for the administration.



We have not seen speaking notes requested in this way before.

Cr Wilkes raised a point of order stating the request did not fit with deputation procedures. The Mayor asserted she had made a ruling. No standing order was cited.

The meeting recording shows the Mayor requesting that the minutes reflect Cr Wilkes' refusal to accept her ruling. The written minutes do not reflect that request.

*Taken together, those steps were not routine meeting management.*

#### 4. The Beach Rd matter

At the 29 January Special Council meeting, a direct question was asked: whether the access-point map had been sent to affected businesses.

Staff could not confirm, and the question was taken on notice.

When the matter returned on 17 February, the question remained unresolved.



*The same information had been sought through the Elected Member Enquiry system and the Informal Questions process — the mechanism designed to ensure councillors have the information required for debate and decision-making.*

At the 17 February meeting, staff advised they had been too busy to complete the responses and would instead provide the information through the EM Enquiry system.

*The information was still not provided before debate.*

*The motion proceeded.*

#### 5. Audit Committee Oversight

The Audit Committee update to Council — both verbal and written — did not include the Committee's expressed disappointment that it had been bypassed on the public-private partnership for the Port Noarlunga golf expansion, a matter clearly within the Committee's remit.

*When an oversight committee signals concern about being bypassed on a major public-private partnership and that concern is not reflected in the report back to Council, that is significant.*

*Individually, each item may be described as procedural.*

*Collectively, they represent departures from what has previously been observed — occurring alongside incomplete information before decision-making and concerns about record integrity and committee oversight.*

*That is what makes this meeting significant.*

*Because scrutiny matters.*

## Question

*Can an answer please be provided to the matters raised as this will mean that it is on the public record?*

## Response

The processes followed and the guidance articulated by the Mayor were correct and applicable to deputation as per the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Any requests for attachments or notes to be included in the minutes must be by a resolution of the Council. In addition, any written updates to Council by a committee would also need to be made as part of the resolution of the committee.

With regards to staff not being able to answer questions or have responses at the time, members were provided a fair and reasonable explanation as to why the responses were not provided during the council meeting.

## 12. Motions on notice

### 12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – LONG TERM VEHICLE STORAGE ON PUBLIC ROADS

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes increasing community concern regarding vehicles being stored long term on public roads, impacting neighbourhood amenity, safety and equitable access to streets.*
- 2. Acknowledges that current South Australian legislation provides councils with limited powers to address long-term vehicle storage where vehicles are legally parked but left in place for extended periods.*
- 3. Asks the Mayor to write to the Minister for Local Government, local Members of State Parliament, and the Local Government Association of South Australia, advocating for legislative reform to provide councils with clearer and more effective powers to manage long-term vehicle storage on public roads.*
- 4. Requests that any responses received to the Mayor's correspondence be included in the Mayor's Report as they are received.*

*Seconded by Cr Davis.*

**CARRIED**



## 12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS FOR COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That Council:*

- *Notes growing community concern regarding the promotion of coal, oil and gas through sponsorship and advertising on publicly owned assets.*
- *Notes the City of Onkaparinga's existing leadership and commitments in addressing climate change, including implementation of its Climate Change Response Plan, corporate and community emissions reduction initiatives, renewable energy adoption, urban greening and resilience programs.*
- *Recognises that Council-owned and controlled advertising and sponsorship arrangements should be consistent with Council's strategic objectives, environmental commitments and community expectations.*
- *Indicates that Council will seek to avoid entering into new advertising or sponsorship arrangements on Council-owned or controlled property with companies whose primary business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil or gas, and that such arrangements should only be considered where no reasonably available alternative sponsors or advertisers aligned with Council's strategic objectives can be identified, subject to policy and procedure review and any legal or contractual considerations.*
- *Requests that, at the next scheduled review of relevant policies and procedures (including Sponsorship, Advertising and Procurement policies), administration bring forward any recommended changes necessary to give effect to this position.*
- *Notes this does not affect existing contractual arrangements or preclude council from participating in international events that show case our council area or bring in revenue. It also recognises that Council does not control sponsorship settings for many major state or nationally delivered events held within the city.*

*Seconded by Cr Davis.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Themeliotis called a DIVISION and the decision was set aside.

*For:*

<i>Cr Platten</i>	<i>Cr Davis</i>	<i>Cr Stafford</i>	<i>Cr Themeliotis</i>	<i>Cr Jew</i>
<i>Cr Eaton</i>				

*Against:*

<i>Cr Yeomans</i>	<i>Cr Pritchard</i>	<i>Cr Fisher</i>		
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**CARRIED**

### 12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR YEOMANS – COMMUNITY FOOD HUB, HASTINGS STREET COMMUNITY HALL, SEAFORD

*MOVED Cr Yeomans.*

*That Council approves:*

*In relation to the proposed Onkaparinga Community Food Hub (social supermarket) at Hastings Street Community Hall, Seaford, the Administration presents a report to Council following the completion of the engagement and Development Application process before taking any further action. The report should include:*

- *Direct feedback from nearby residents on this proposal*
- *An assessment on future vehicle traffic and street congestion*
- *Delivery operations and proposed hours of operation*
- *Addresses potential anti-social behaviour associated with increased transient movement*
- *Alternative locations within Seaford to establish an Onkaparinga Community Food Hub*
- *Alternative locations within the Council area to establish an Onkaparinga Council Food Hub*
- *Any other relevant information including previous activities by Council to either rezone or change the use of this facility.*

Cr Themeliotis left her seat in the Chamber at 9.02pm.

Cr Themeliotis resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.03pm.

*Seconded by Cr Jew.*

*CARRIED*

### 13. Petitions

Nil.

### 14. Urgent business

Nil.

## 15. Confidential items

### 15.1 COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS) CONTRACT UPDATE

#### 1. Exclusion of the public

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That:*

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

*Section 90(3)(b) information the disclosure of which—*

- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*

*The matter is to be considered in confidence as it details commercial negotiations with a contractor that if disclosed may impact on the commercial positions of both parties and/or future procurement processes.*

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

*Seconded by Cr Platten.*

CARRIED

#### 2. Confidential resolution

#### 3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

- a. *That the matter of CWMS Contract Update having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)b of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until expiry of our agreement with Trility in December 2029.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

*Seconded by Cr Platten.*

CARRIED

15.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 2 MARCH 2026

1. *Exclusion of the public*

*MOVED Cr Themeliotis.*

*That:*

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

*Section 90(3)(a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*

*In this instance being matters related to the terms and conditions of the employment contact for the Chief Executive Officer.*

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

*Seconded by Cr Fisher.*

CARRIED

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

*MOVED Cr Platten.*

- a. *That the matter of Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting Confidential Minutes of 2 March 2026 having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council and the CEO Performance Management Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the Key Performance Indicators are approved, with the exception that this information may be released to Director Corporate, Manager People and Culture and Independent Advisor.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

*Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.*

CARRIED

Mayor Were reopened the meeting to the public at 9.30pm.

## 16. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

*Certified Correct .....**Chair*  
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