CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

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16 July 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 83 of the *Local Government Act 1999* that an **Ordinary meeting of Council** of the City of Onkaparinga will be held on **Tuesday 21 July 2026** at **6.30pm** at the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre for the purpose of considering the items included on the attached agenda.

We recognise that the land on which we meet has considerable natural and cultural heritage, including thousands of years of traditional ownership by Kaurna.

Sharon Mason
Chief Executive Officer

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AGENDA

Council meeting 21 July 2026

VENUE:	Council Chamber Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
TIME:	6.30pm
APOLOGIES:	Cr Fisher
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Nil

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 well-being of those we serve.

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1. Opening of meeting

2. Council member declarations of interest

3. Confirmation of minutes

That the minutes of the proceedings of the:

- **Council meeting held on 16 June 2026**
- **Special Council meeting held on 25 June 2026**

be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.

4. Adjourned business

Nil.

5. Leave of absence

Nil.

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6. Mayor's Communication

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Winter has arrived

As the season changed with Parliament changing the dates for the next two Council elections, we will not be straying from the course already set in keeping with our Community Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and principles.

The season also began with another successful tree giveaway contributing to our targets and assisting many residents in contributing through a gift grown in our nursery. This a team and inter-generational effort.

The rains and winds have also kept outside crews busy and speedy responses to calls from residents is very much appreciated.

Building resilience in our budget, infrastructure, systems and people combine to help us all get the best value from the investment in our time and resources.

Election Timeline

Throughout the election period, it remains business as usual at the City of Onkaparinga. Councillors will continue to govern, while staff, under the leadership of the CEO, will continue to deliver our strategy and services.

Key election dates include:

Roll close:	5pm Monday 4 January 2027
Nominations open:	Tuesday 26 January 2027
Nominations close:	12 noon Tuesday 9 February 2027
Close of voting (Polling Day):	5pm Wednesday 7 April 2027

We have been working through the Local Government Association to ensure our capacity to work on budget processes can continue and be advanced post the April 2027 election. While not ideal, the integrity of the electoral process is critical.

ESCOSA

The Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) has released its schedule for the second four-year cycle of the Local Government Advice Scheme and City of Onkaparinga will be subject to this review in 2027/28 year. Their recommendations and advice informed many of the budgetary measures taken over the past three years to repair and lay solid foundations for continued financial sustainability.

Citizenship Ceremony

On Wednesday 17 June I had the privilege of welcoming 93 new Citizens from 25 different countries at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Hopgood Theatre. Special thanks to local Kaurna leader Susan Roberts for delivering the Greeting to Country. We were also lucky to have the TS Noarlunga Cadets assist with the presentation of gifts, and thank you to Dave Hull for his entertaining performance of some Australian classics.

National General Assembly (NGA) - Canberra

On behalf of City of Onkaparinga, Councillor Heidi Greaves and Jani Baker, Director Strategy, Engagement and Community, attended the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra 23-25 June 2026, which brought together local government representatives from across Australia to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the sector. Here is a summary of some of the key contributions at the 2026 NGA.

Address by the Opposition

The Opposition address was delivered by Senator The Hon Matt Canavan, who acknowledged the sector's growing concerns regarding financial sustainability and the need for increased untied Commonwealth funding. While he stopped short of committing the Coalition to a specific funding position, he recognised that competitive and contestable grant programs do not work effectively for many councils, particularly regional and rural communities.

Senator Canavan also acknowledged the need to review the Local Government Act framework and the broader relationship between councils and the Commonwealth, noting that reform means different things to different stakeholders.

Importantly, he reinforced the critical role local government plays in delivering outcomes for communities, describing councils as the level of government best placed to respond directly to local needs. He expressed support for strengthening local government's voice at the national level, including consideration of a Parliamentary Friends of Local Government group.

Address by the Hon Catherine King MP

The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, outlined the Australian Government's continued focus on supporting local government through infrastructure investment and housing initiatives.

Minister King advised that the Government has initiated a review into the range of funding mechanisms available to councils, with a particular focus on understanding how existing programs can better support local government.

She highlighted the success of the Roads to Recovery program and noted the Government's commitment to ongoing investment in active transport infrastructure, recognising the importance of improving connections between transport hubs, activity centres and local communities.

In relation to Financial Assistance Grants, Minister King confirmed that indexation will continue and that the Government has no intention of freezing grant indexation. However, she indicated there are currently no plans to increase the Commonwealth's overall contribution through the Financial Assistance Grants program.

A significant focus of the Minister's address was housing. She emphasised the Commonwealth's priority of increasing housing supply and improving liveability through investment in enabling and community infrastructure. Councils were encouraged to consider innovative housing models and partnerships, including opportunities to leverage council-owned land to facilitate affordable housing outcomes.

The Minister also acknowledged concerns regarding cost shifting, while noting that responsibilities and cost pressures can be transferred between all levels of government.

Financial Sustainability and Emergency Motion

Following the Minister's address, Australian Local Government Association President, Mayor Matt Burnett, spoke passionately about the growing financial pressures facing councils across metropolitan, regional, rural and remote Australia.

Mayor Burnett highlighted that financial sustainability is the sector's most pressing challenge, noting that councils are increasingly expected to deliver more services and infrastructure with limited revenue growth and funding certainty. He stressed that when councils are unable to invest in local infrastructure, productivity, liveability and community wellbeing suffer. He further reinforced that effective long-term planning can only occur when long-term funding arrangements are in place.

The Assembly subsequently endorsed an emergency motion calling on the Australian Government to provide an immediate increase in untied funding for local government through a stronger Financial Assistance Grants program. Delegates from Australia's 538 councils united in support of a fairer funding partnership with the Commonwealth, recognising that councils are facing increasing responsibilities and escalating costs while delivering essential community infrastructure and services.

This emergency motion built on sector advocacy that had already gathered momentum through support of the City of Onkaparinga's 2025 National General Assembly motion, which called for Financial Assistance Grants to be restored to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue and for an additional one-off payment of $3 billion to address the historic practice of paying grants in advance.

Keynote Address – Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia

A highlight of the Assembly was the address by Her Excellency Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia.

The Governor-General spoke about the importance of leading with care, kindness and respect, and reflected on the increasing pressures facing communities and the governments that serve them. She acknowledged that local governments are continually being asked to do more with less, while responding to disasters, social challenges and community trauma.

Her Excellency recognised local government's unique role in building resilience, strengthening social cohesion and fostering connection within communities. She described councils as the most trusted level of government because they remain close to the people they serve and possess a deep understanding of local needs.

The Governor-General also reflected on the challenges posed by declining trust in institutions, increasing social division and the spread of misinformation. She encouraged leaders to respond with clarity, compassion and optimism, highlighting the important role councils play in promoting inclusion, participation and community wellbeing.

Encouragingly, she noted a growing interest among younger Australians in civic participation and public life and emphasised the importance of recognising and celebrating community builders through Australia's honours system.

Projects update

Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Projects

This planting season more than 22,000 native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and groundcovers will be planted for both Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery projects (17,000 at Sauerbier and Homestead Creek and 5,000 at Serpentine and Panalatinga Creeks). The Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Projects are funded through the Australian Government’s Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, with $1.83 million allocated to the Sauerbier and Homestead Creek projects, and $5 million allocated to the Panalatinga and Serpentine Creek projects.

The selected plant species are endemic to the areas and have been chosen to improve habitat for native wildlife, enhance water quality, increase shade and cooling, and improve local amenity. Planting during winter will support seedling establishment ahead of creek rehabilitation works planned for summer. These native seedlings will be planted away from the creek bed and banks and will complement future works currently under design. Additional planting will also occur during next year's planting season in winter 2027.

To promote the project and encourage community involvement in delivering these important environmental outcomes, two community planting days were planned to provide an opportunity for local residents and community groups to participate in habitat restoration activities. A total of 2,200 plants will be planted during the community planting days. The first planting day was held on 9 July 2025 at Sauerbier Creek, and the second will be held on 25 July 2026 at Serpentine Creek. Participants are required to register for the events via Eventbrite through the project's Your Say page: Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Project | Your Say Onkaparinga.

Port Noarlunga Bowling Club

Works have been completed at the Port Noarlunga Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club to improve accessibility, amenity and building condition. The key works included refurbishment of the clubroom toilet facilities to meet current building code requirements, and installation of disability compliant access between the clubhouse and bowling greens including automatic doors and level landings. Other works undertaken through the project included partial recladding of the western and southern building elevations, renewal of the security system, air-conditioning and heating upgrades. The completed works enhance accessibility, improve the condition and functionality of the facility, and support its ongoing use by club members and the community.

Elected Member Representation

Thank you to Cr Lauren Jew for representing me at:

- Children and Young People's Roundtable

Thank you to Cr Marisa Bell for representing me at:

- All Abilities Dance Performance

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

- SANFL Chairman's Match Day function

Thank you to Cr Heidi Greaves for representing me at:

- National General Assembly Canberra

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- Catalyst Foundation networking function
- Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley Changeover Dinner
- Southern Tigers Basketball Association home game
- Junction Tonsley Official Opening
- Community planting day
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community NAIDOC week lunch

Mayor's calendar 15 June to 19 July 2026

June	
15	Elder Abuse Awareness Session
	Refugee Week Art Project Exhibition
	LGA Board special meeting
16	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and CEO
	Meeting with community Theatre group
	Fleurieu Women in Business event
	Pre-Council meeting
	Meeting with staff
	Meeting of Council
17	LGA Board meeting
	Senate Selection Committee on Intergenerational Housing Inequity
	Ward Councillor briefing
	Citizenship Ceremony
18	Informant interview on algal bloom recovery
	LGA Board workshop
19	Private Citizenship Ceremony
	First Nations Women Artists Exhibition
22	Business networking function – Economic Development Team
24	Launch of "The Betta Breakfast" Social Enterprise – Orange Basket Cafe
	Meetings with staff
25	Meeting with Mayor City of Marion
	Meetings with staff
	Meeting of Special Council
26	LGA President's Webinar
	Meeting with Member for Kaurna and members of Southern District Cricket Association and Dept of Sport and Recreation
28	Community Tree Giveaway
	Humanity First Australia Annual Winter Hampers distribution
29	LGA – GAROC meeting with LGA staff
30	Radio ABC interview
	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and CEO
	Meetings with staff
	Meeting with school representatives
	Meeting with Onkaparinga Youth Committee member
July	
1	Visit to Southern Vales Compassion Cafe
2	Meeting with Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Pilgrim School Musical

3	Tribe FM radio interview
	Meeting with Member for Hurtle Vale
	Meeting with resident
4	Community gathering - Dinton Farm Reserve Dog Park
5	Meeting with CEO Adelaide Festivals Guest lecture – University of Adelaide MBA program
7	Meetings with staff
7	Elected Member session
8	McLaren Vale Business Association Networking event
9	Coast FM radio interview
13	LGA GAROC meeting
14	Pre-Council meeting
	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor
	Meetings with staff
	Volunteer recognition of service celebration
	Elected Member session
15	Meeting with Director Group
15	Meeting with local business
17	SFL NAIDOC Round event

Deputy Mayor's calendar 15 June to 19 July2026

June	
15	Elder Abuse Awareness Session
16	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
	Meeting of Council
17	Citizenship Ceremony
18	Meeting with CEO and Councillors
25	Meeting of Special Council
26	CEO tour of Pimpala Ward
27	SANFL Chairman's Match Day event
30	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
July	
7	Elected Member session
14	Elected Member session
17	CEO tour of Pimpala Ward cont'd

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Att 3	Minister for Emergency Management	Proposed reforms to Australia's Disaster Management System
Outgoing		
Att 4	Minister for Housing and Urban Development	Growth and serviced land supply in the City of Onkaparinga
Att 5	Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee	Submission: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme for Packaging (No Time to Waste) Bill 2026
Att 6	PIRSA	Submission: SA Agribusiness Food & Wine Workforce Strategy

Thank you.



Moira Were AM
Mayor

Recommendation

That Council note the 21 July 2026 Mayor's report.

Attachment 1

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Dear Mayor

Advocacy for rezoning of Lot 400 Aldinga (the "Green Triangle") to "Recreation"

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a proposal to rezone Lot 400 Port Road, Aldinga to 'Recreation'.

On 31 October 2025, I responded to the Aquatic Centre Aldinga Bay Action Group, regarding their interest in the potential for an aquatic centre on Renewal SA's land and note their reference to the Aldinga Bay Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study and Business Case (2024).

As outlined in that correspondence, the outcome of the feasibility report was that whilst the provision of an aquatic facility at Aldinga may have merit, without both capital funding and recurrent funding, it is currently not considered feasible.

As you might be aware, Lot 400 is identified as a Future Greenfield Growth Area in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) and is currently zoned Deferred Urban.

At this stage, it is not Renewal SA's intention to seek to rezone the land as it is a strategic parcel for future development that is yet to be confirmed.

Renewal SA will consult with Council on the planning process for this land once further investigations have commenced.

Thank you again for your correspondence and we look forward to discussing this with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

Shane Wingard
Acting Chief Executive

19 June 2026

Government of South Australia

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OmbudsmanSA

Notice to all South Australian Councils
Attention: Chief Executive Officer and Mayor
By email

Dear Council CEO and Mayor,

Complaints regarding the treatment of council legal advice

I have recently received a number of complaints and reports regarding situations where an elected member has been provided with legal advice by council administration by way of email. Members are alleged to have subsequently forwarded or shared the contents of the email, and the complaints and reports have alleged breaches by elected members of the integrity provisions in the *Local Government Act 1999* (**LG Act**), including section 62(4a).

Some of the advice has not been clearly marked as confidential; some has been forwarded as part of an extended email chain. The alleged disclosures have included disclosure to a member of the public and to an elected member's private solicitor for the purpose of seeking their own legal advice on the issue.

In these matters, there have been factors which have led my Office to conclude that it was not in the public interest to investigate the complaints. However, this may not always be the case.

I have determined that it is appropriate to issue a reminder to all elected members of their obligations under section 62(4a) of the LG Act, and that a breach of this section may also amount to misconduct as defined by section 4(1) of the *Ombudsman Act 1972*.

Section 62(4a) of the LG Act provides that:

> (4a) A member or former member of a council must not disclose information or a document–
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> (a) in relation to which there is an order of a council or council committee in effect under section 90 or 91(7) requiring the information or document to be treated confidentially; or
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> (b) that the member or former member knows, or ought reasonably to know, is information or a document that is otherwise required to be treated confidentially.

In the event I receive future complaints regarding alleged breaches of section 62(4a) of the LG Act, including in relation to the sharing of legal advice, I will take this reminder into account in assessing whether it is appropriate to investigate the matter.

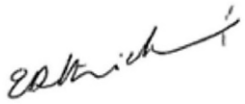
I am also drawing this issue to the attention of all councils' administration as a reminder to be mindful of how legal advice is shared with elected members. If councils seek to preserve the confidentiality of legal advice, it should be provided to elected members in a way that makes it clear that it is confidential legal advice that has been provided to the *council*, and as such, that further disclosure may amount to a breach of the LG Act.

It would also be prudent for councils to consider whether a legal advice policy is required to address such matters; or if a policy already exists, councils may consider conducting refresher training to ensure elected members' obligations are clearly understood.

To ensure that these matters are brought to the attention of all elected members, I request that this letter be tabled at the next practicable meeting of council and that you provide written confirmation to my office that this has occurred.

Please feel free to contact my Office if you have any enquiries or wish to discuss this letter.

Yours sincerely



Emily Strickland
SA OMBUDSMAN

1 July 2026

The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Emergency Management
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Member for Eden-Monaro

Dear Mayor

I write to share some important information about the Australian Government's proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system.

On 5 June 2026, I briefed State and Territory Governments on the proposed reforms and sought their engagement to inform them about the detailed design work and implementation of these reforms. I also welcomed the engagement with numerous Councils during the recent National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra.

The Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (the Colvin Review) identified the complexity of Australia's disaster management system and noted it has not kept pace with the evolving nature of disasters. It also found Australia is increasingly reliant on local government for the delivery of recovery works.

The new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework is designed to better target recovery assistance, drive national consistency, remove duplication, streamline administrative processes and reduce disaster risk.

Importantly, these reforms do not change the arrangements for Councils – they simply mean that the Commonwealth and the State Government will equally share the costs of recovery on an event-by-event basis. The current system does not ask Councils to provide money into the system and nor does the new framework.

Key elements of a proposed new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework

The Australian Government proposes the following key elements of the Disaster Recovery Funding Framework for engagement and further development with States and Territories:

- *Embed an equal partnership between the Australian Government, and State and Territory Governments through a 50:50 cost-sharing funding model*, reflecting the primary role of the States and Territories in disaster management under the Constitution.

- Introduce a *simpler threshold for accessing cost-shared financial support* which allows smaller States to claim their reimbursements sooner. The Australian Government will contribute 50 per cent towards eligible costs that are in excess of an event-based financial trigger point for the costs of the entire event in that impacted State or Territory (not costs per impacted Local Government Area).

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- *New assistance categories and standardised packages* designed to deliver national consistency for disaster impacted communities and ensure recovery assistance can be easily understood and communicated. Further work will be undertaken to develop the specific forms of assistance under each category.

- *A Resilient Infrastructure Scheme* that will provide cost-shared funding to support timely reconstruction of damaged essential public assets and, where specific criteria are met, funding of up to 15 per cent cost-shared to rebuild the asset to a more resilient standard.

- *Tailored support for First Nations communities* to ensure the unique needs of disaster-affected First Nations communities are appropriately met in line with commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

- *Flexibility to provide non-standard assistance in response to more severe or catastrophic disasters* when requirements for support genuinely exceed the standardised measures (e.g. in 'exceptional circumstances'). The support requested must be linked directly to the severity of the event's impact and include a detailed impact assessment.

Building on investment in disaster resilience and preparedness

Through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund, we are investing up to $1 billion over five years to 2028 to build critical projects that reduce disaster risk and strengthen community resilience. There has not been a reduction in the Government's investment in disaster resilience. Across the first three rounds, approximately $600 million was invested in 450 projects, and Round Four opened on 29 May 2026. This investment is significantly enhanced through co-contributions, including by state and local government.

The Australian Government is also investing in core national capabilities to strengthen disaster preparedness and response, including through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre, the National Bushfire Intelligence Capability, the Northern Australia Fire Information service and the AusAlert emergency warning system.

The Australian Government values the critical role local government plays in disaster recovery and risk reduction, and I welcome engagement on how to ensure local government has the capability and resourcing to deliver these important functions. Any feedback can be sent to disastermanagementreform@nema.gov.au by 31 July 2026.

Yours sincerely



Kristy McBain MP
1/7/ 2026

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

23 June 2026
Our ref: 8974938

Nick Champion MP
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Minister for Housing Infrastructure
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Dear Minister Champion

Growth and serviced land supply in the City of Onkaparinga

The City of Onkaparinga continues to experience substantial population growth. In 2021 our estimated population was 176,595 people, as of 2025 it was 184,827 and is anticipated to reach 226,676 people by 2046. With this growth comes the ongoing demand for housing.

Onkaparinga, identified as the 'Outer South' in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan is set a housing target of 23,400 to accommodate this projected growth – since 2021 we have seen 3,636 houses approved against this target.

As we continue to work together to deliver this target, we have seen the recent rezonings of land at Aldinga for 800 houses, Onkaparinga Heights for 2,000 houses (plus another 300+ through Peet Limited), the commencement of 626 houses at Noarlunga and now 1,700 houses at Sellicks Beach. We are also anticipating the outcomes of the Port Stanvac Mixed Use Code Amendment, which is slated to provide for 3,600 houses – combined, this provides over 9,000 future houses.

We are however aware of the state's concern regarding available land supply in the Outer South and how this housing target will be achieved. On this basis we are actively investigating where and how we can meet the target. We are committed to working with the state and are ready to meet the challenge of achieving the target. That said, the biggest issue of land supply relates to ***serviced*** land supply - land that has access to electricity, roads, water and sewer to enable development.

With the rezonings at Sellicks Beach and Onkaparinga Heights, the provision of SA Water's sewer services is a key issue that must be resolved prior to the delivery of much needed housing.

Sellicks Beach is not connected to SA Water's sewerage network, rather the existing wastewater management is reliant on a combination of community wastewater management systems and onsite systems with many onsite systems failing, posing a significant health risk to the community.

Through our consultation with the Sellicks Beach community, the provision of a sewer solution is a key issue that the community wish to see resolved – both for existing and new residents.

Whilst the (impending) Infrastructure Schemes may provide funding and delivery mechanisms to support servicing of new homes, council strongly urges the state government to support SA Water to provide services to existing homes in Sellicks Beach. This approach will ensure all the community has access to an affordable and equitable sewer disposal solution.

Onkaparinga Heights, with an anticipated building of 2,300 homes, is also not currently adequately supplied with SA Water sewer. We understand through the rezoning the short-term answer is to install holding tanks and tanker wastewater (as is the case with Angle Vale).

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To enable developers to act and focus on building houses, we request that the state government funding for SA Water is brought forward to provide a proper sewer solution to a new community, and rather than waiting years to retrofit a temporary measure.

The City of Onkaparinga would greatly welcome your support and advocacy on the matters we raise above as we support the state in delivering the outcomes of the Housing Roadmap.

As acting CEO, I know that the CEO, Sharon Mason, and I would be happy to meet with you to discuss how we can achieve this growth and a time can be arranged through my assistant Megan Miranda on 8384 0670 or megan.miranda@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Renée Mitchell
Chief Executive Officer (acting)

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CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

16 June 2026
Our ref: 8895717

Committee Secretary
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
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Submission: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme for Packaging (No Time to Waste) Bill 2026

Dear Senate Committee

The City of Onkaparinga welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme for Packaging (No Time to Waste) Bill 2026.

Introduction

The City of Onkaparinga is the largest metropolitan local government by population in South Australia. Our 180,860+ residents represent 10 per cent of the state's population. Located on the southern urban fringe of the Greater Adelaide area, we span urban centres, low and medium density suburbs, rural areas, and townships.

Council's waste service for our ratepayers includes kerbside collection, bin maintenance, hard waste collection, illegally dumped rubbish patrols and collections, and street sweeping services. We manage waste customer requests and have an extensive waste and recycling education program.

Our council is the major constituent council of the Southern Region Waste Authority (SRWRA), working in partnership with adjacent councils to provide shared processing and disposal infrastructure, including advanced materials recovery facilities. This regional model improves efficiency, strengthens resilience, and supports higher recovery rates.

We are, therefore, well placed to understand the impacts and benefits of plastic waste, including recycling and resource recovery.

Summary

This submission is informed by and should be read in conjunction with council's Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025–2030 (attached). The Plan sets out council's strategic direction for waste management, resource recovery and the transition to a circular economy, with a focus on waste avoidance, increased diversion from landfill and maximised material recovery.

A key challenge related to packaging is the lack of consistency across recycling systems, packaging design and material acceptance. Variation in what can be recycled, how materials are labelled and how services operate contributes to community confusion, higher contamination rates and

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inefficient processing. A significant proportion of material disposed to landfill consists of recoverable resources, indicating ongoing challenges in source separation and product design.

As noted by Senator Whish Wilson in his second reading speech, *"since the year 2000, the total amount of plastic consumed in Australia has more than doubled, while Australia's plastic recycling rate has stayed the same."* This highlights the scale of the challenge facing Australia's waste system and reinforces the need for national reform that addresses the full lifecycle of packaging. Recovered materials that are used at their highest value and repurposed or remanufactured provide opportunities for greater material circularity.

Council supports the intent of the Bill to reduce the demand for virgin materials, reduce the volume plastic pollution, improve resource recovery, and strengthen producer accountability through prioritisation of extended producer responsibility.

Council has consistently recognised the importance of increased manufacturer responsibility and advocated for the implementation of extended producer responsibility (EPR) and product stewardship schemes. This EPR scheme should ensure transparency in the collection, processing, and end destinations of materials.

A robust EPR framework should ensure that producers fully fund collection, sorting, and processing, contribute to infrastructure and service transition and support ongoing education and behaviour change. This will enable a more equitable distribution of costs across the packaging lifecycle.

The success of the Bill will depend on ensuring policy design reflects the operational realities of local government, including service delivery constraints, infrastructure capacity and community behaviour. Aligning packaging design with kerbside collection capabilities and supporting kerbside solutions would reduce contamination, simplify participation, and increase recovery rates. Waste audits indicate that a large proportion of materials currently sent to landfill could be recovered, highlighting the need for realistic and system-aligned standards to improve uncertainty around contamination thresholds and separation requirements.

Mandatory schemes provide the most effective mechanism for ensuring that the environmental impacts of products are considered throughout the design and manufacturing process, while also ensuring that end-of-life costs are equitably shared between manufacturers, consumers, and government. Our community continues to express concern about limited recycling opportunities, and the implementation of a mandatory scheme would provide reassurance that recycling and remanufacturing objectives will be achieved.

It is our view that a mandatory scheme would be significantly more effective in achieving an increase in resource recovery, reliance on virgin materials and advancing circular economy outcomes than a voluntary approach, as demonstrated by the current limited progress made towards achieving Australia's National Packaging Targets. The implementation of a Commonwealth-led scheme would provide a nationally coordinated and consistent approach.

To ensure successful implementation, local government must be engaged in scheme design, adequately resourced and supported through the transition.

The Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for Packaging represents a significant opportunity to strengthen Australia's waste and recycling system and accelerate the transition to a circular economy. As Senator Whish Wilson noted, Australia currently lacks *"any mandated or binding*

regulatory policy frameworks to hold big producers, brands or retailers of plastic responsible for their products across their lifecycle." This Bill provides a critical opportunity to address that gap. Council supports the progression of the Bill and emphasises the importance of nationally consistent design, strong producer accountability, adequate funding, and alignment with local government delivery systems.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Mason
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:
City of Onkaparinga Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025–2030 (ECM_ 6751870)

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24 June 2026
Our ref: 8771035

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Submission – SA Agribusiness Food & Wine Workforce Strategy

Dear Mr Timmis

The City of Onkaparinga is pleased to provide its formal submission to the SA Agribusiness Food & Wine Workforce Strategy. A draft submission was provided by Administration on 9 June 2026 to meet the Department's 10 June deadline. Council subsequently endorsed the submission at its meeting of 16 June 2026.

The City of Onkaparinga supports the development of a coordinated South Australian Agribusiness, Food and Wine Workforce Strategy and welcomes the opportunity to provide a place-based perspective from one of the State's key food, wine and tourism regions.

Our area, including McLaren Vale and the wider Fleurieu Peninsula, is a nationally recognised centre for viticulture, premium food production and visitor economy activity, with the wine sector in the City of Onkaparinga employing approximately 1,500 people. The workforce challenges identified in the discussion paper are clearly evident locally. However, in this region they are strongly shaped by economic structural change and perceptions of the sector, alongside place-based constraints that influence the ability to attract and retain workers.

Workforce pressures in Onkaparinga are occurring alongside structural transition in the wine industry, a cornerstone of the local economy. Recent closures and consolidation across vineyards, cellar doors and associated production facilities are being felt locally and are reshaping both the scale and nature of employment. This includes reduced opportunities in some parts of the value chain and flow-on impacts for tourism and hospitality as wineries transition to diversified offerings. These shifts highlight the need for a strategy that supports adaptability, reskilling and diversification into adjacent industries such as agritourism, hospitality and value-added food production (many cellar doors transitioning into restaurants and wedding / function venues).

Perceptions of agribusiness continue to influence workforce availability. Local employers report that roles are often seen as physically demanding, weather dependent, seasonal or lacking long-term career prospects; despite the sector's increasing diversity and technological capability. This is compounded by the sector's reliance on seasonal labour, including vintage workers on temporary visas, where recruitment, compliance and accommodation arrangements can be administratively complex for businesses. Addressing this disconnect will require clearer, more consistent messaging about career pathways, alongside support for employers navigating workforce arrangements.

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Access to locally relevant education and training pathways is therefore critical. Programs aligned to the needs of the regional economy are not consistently available within the City of Onkaparinga. Despite being adjacent to one of Australia's most significant wine and food tourism regions, core viticulture and chef training is not delivered at the Noarlunga TAFE campus, with these courses concentrated elsewhere. This gap limits the development of a local skills pipeline and contributes to the outflow of young people who must leave the region to access relevant education.

Council has an ambition to revitalise the Noarlunga TAFE campus as a hub for regionally aligned training. There is strong potential to expand delivery to include viticulture, cooking, food production and agritourism programs currently offered in other regions. Given its proximity to the internationally recognised premium McLaren Vale Wine Region, the campus is well positioned to support stronger partnerships between industry, training providers and government. Expanding local training in this way would better align skills development with demand and strengthen the local workforce pipeline.

Notwithstanding these opportunities, workforce outcomes in Onkaparinga are constrained by enabling factors, most notably housing and public transport. Housing availability is the most significant barrier to workforce attraction and retention. Demand for short-term, seasonal and lower-cost accommodation consistently exceeds supply, particularly during vintage periods and peak tourism seasons. Council engagement, including deputations in recent years, has highlighted cases where workers have resorted to informal or insecure arrangements, including camping. At the same time, growth in short-stay accommodation has reduced longer-term rental availability. Without targeted action on accommodation supply, workforce initiatives alone will have limited impact.

There is an opportunity to build on existing State planning reforms that enable temporary seasonal worker accommodation in designated regional locations. Extending or piloting a comparable approach in high-demand regions such as the Fleurieu Peninsula would provide a practical response to local needs. Any approach should be carefully targeted and time-limited to seasonal demand, balancing workforce requirements with planning considerations.

Public transport accessibility presents a further constraint. Employment across viticulture, horticulture, food processing and hospitality is geographically dispersed and often involves non-standard hours. Public transport coverage is limited and poorly aligned to these work patterns, restricting participation for younger people, lower-income workers and temporary visa holders. This contributes to a mismatch between available jobs and workers within the same region.

Local government plays an enabling role through land use planning, infrastructure, service delivery and place-making, as well as facilitating partnerships and supporting local economic development and business support. However, key barriers such as housing, migration settings, training systems and regional transport sit largely outside the direct control of local government and require coordinated State action.

The City of Onkaparinga considers that the Strategy would benefit from a stronger emphasis on place-based responses that reflect regional differences in labour markets and industry composition. In regions such as the Fleurieu Peninsula, this includes aligning workforce and housing policy, improving public transport connectivity for dispersed employment areas, and investing in locally delivered training that supports industry needs and economic transition into diversification (multi-skilling required).

In Onkaparinga, workforce challenges are closely linked to broader issues of liveability, access and economic transformation. Addressing these underlying factors will be critical to ensuring that the agribusiness, food and wine sector continues to support local employment and contribute to South Australia's economic growth.

Yours sincerely



Moira Were AM
Mayor

7. Presentations

7.1 PRESENTATION – SENIOR SARGEANT SUE O'CONNOR, SA POLICE, (+ E-BIKE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT) RE E-BIKES AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES (PMDS)

8. Deputations

None at time of print.

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

Nil.

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10. Reports of officers

10.1 SUBMISSION - REVIEW OF PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES AND E-BIKES

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Director	**Date**
Jani Baker, Director Strategy, Engagement and Community	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the City of Onkaparinga's submission to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Review of Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) and e-bikes, to support the safe integration of compliant PMDs and e-bikes into South Australia's transport network while advocating for stronger controls on illegal and modified devices, improved enforcement, continued active transport investment, local flexibility in high-risk locations and retention of State responsibility for regulation and compliance.

2. Recommendations

That Council endorses the City of Onkaparinga submission to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Review of Personal Mobility Devices and e-bikes (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments if required prior to lodgement.

3. Executive summary

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is reviewing South Australia's framework for Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) and e-bikes. The review provides an opportunity to assess how current settings are operating in practice and whether they remain safe, practical, accessible and enforceable.

The proposed submission supports compliant e-bikes and PMDs as legitimate active and sustainable transport options that provide affordable, low-emission travel choices, improve access to public transport and contribute to broader active transport, public health and sustainability objectives.

The submission acknowledges growing community concerns regarding excessive speeds, rider behaviour, near misses and conflicts in shared-use paths, coastal locations and pedestrian-focused environments, particularly for children, older people and people living with disability.

The submission advocates for stronger regulation of illegal and modified devices, improved compliance and enforcement capability, continued investment in connected active transport infrastructure, nationally consistent regulatory approaches, practical local mechanisms to manage demonstrated safety risks and retention of State Government responsibility for regulation, compliance, enforcement and device standards.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Aligns with Council's advocacy role, active transport objectives, road safety interests, accessibility considerations and sustainable transport priorities.
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Strategy, Assets and Technical Services, Community Safety

5. Discussion

The City of Onkaparinga supports active and sustainable transport options, including compliant e-bikes and PMDs, where they provide safe, accessible and environmentally beneficial transport choices. These devices can improve mobility, support access to public transport, reduce car dependence and contribute to broader sustainability, tourism and public health outcomes when supported by appropriate regulation, education, infrastructure and enforcement.

Onkaparinga includes urban centres, coastal environments, regional townships, tourism destinations and extensive shared use path networks. This diversity provides valuable insight into both the benefits and challenges associated with PMD and e-bike use, particularly in locations where riders interact with pedestrians and other path users.

Community feedback indicates concerns regarding excessive speeds, rider behaviour, near misses and conflicts in areas with high pedestrian activity. The submission therefore supports stronger compliance and enforcement, continued safety monitoring, public education, clearer distinction between compliant and illegal devices, and ongoing investment in connected active transport infrastructure.

On 17 February 2026, Council resolved to advocate for stronger state regulation of e-bikes and PMDs. The submission at attachment 1 reflects that position while maintaining support for compliant devices as part of South Australia's active transport network. To date Council has written to the Minister for Transport, Local Government Association and South Australia Police on 22 April 2026. This submission is informed by that position.

Community members have also been encouraged to make their own submissions, with the State Government's Your Say page shared via council's Your Say.

6. Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from endorsement and lodgement of the submission. Any officer time required to finalise and lodge the submission will be managed within existing operating budgets.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Employee welfare/public safety	The submission seeks to improve public safety by prioritising pedestrian safety in shared environments and advocating stronger compliance, enforcement and monitoring.
Reputation/community expectation	Community expectations may not be met if safety concerns are not reflected in Council's position. Mitigated by presenting a balanced submission supporting transport choice while advocating practical safeguards.
Political	Policy settings for PMDs and e-bikes are evolving. The submission provides a constructive position supporting active transport while seeking stronger State regulation and enforcement.
Financial/business sustainability	No direct financial risk to Council. The submission opposes transferring regulatory, compliance or commercial scheme costs to local government ratepayers.
Environment	Compliant PMDs and e-bikes can reduce car dependence and support lower-emission transport outcomes. The submission supports their continued integration into the transport network while advocating for appropriate regulation, infrastructure investment and enforcement to ensure safe operation.
Compliance/legal	No legal risk identified. The submission calls for clearer State regulation, compliance tools and device standards.
Service delivery	No direct service delivery impact. Stronger State settings and infrastructure investment may assist councils to manage shared-use paths and high-risk locations.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
State policy influence	Endorsing the submission enables Council to advocate for safer shared environments, stronger regulation of illegal and modified devices, improved enforcement capability, continued active transport investment, nationally consistent approaches to e-mobility regulation and practical local flexibility to respond to demonstrated safety risks.

8. Timelines and deadlines

The submission will be finalised and lodged with DIT following Council endorsement and before the consultation closing date.

9. Next steps

If endorsed, the submission will be finalised and lodged with DIT. Officers will monitor the review outcomes and consider any implications for future advocacy, infrastructure planning, community safety and local management of shared-use paths and pedestrian priority areas.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – City of Onkaparinga submission to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Review of Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) and e-bikes (6 pages).

- END OF REPORT –

22 July 2026
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Dear Road Safety, Policy and Reform team

Submission - Review of Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) and E-bikes

The City of Onkaparinga welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the South Australian Government's review of personal mobility device (PMD) and e-bike laws.

Council recognises the Government's commitment to review the framework 12 months after the legalisation of privately owned e-scooters and other PMDs in July 2025 and supports the objective of ensuring the regulations remain safe, accessible, practical and enforceable.

Council supports active and sustainable transport options, including compliant e-bikes and PMDs, where they provide safe, accessible and environmentally beneficial travel choices. These devices can support affordable transport, improve access to public transport, contribute to tourism and public health outcomes, and assist in achieving broader sustainability objectives. Their successful integration depends on coordinated regulation, infrastructure, community education and effective enforcement.

As South Australia's largest metropolitan council area, Onkaparinga includes urban centres, coastal environments, regional townships, tourism destinations and extensive shared-use path networks. This diversity provides valuable insight into both the benefits and challenges associated with PMD and e-bike use.

On 17 February 2026, Council resolved via a Notice of Motion to advocate for stronger state regulation of e-bikes and PMDs in response to growing community concerns regarding safety on shared-use paths and in pedestrian-focused environments. Council subsequently wrote to the Minister for Transport, the Local Government Association and South Australia Police (SAPOL) on 22 April 2026. This submission is informed by that position.

Council supports a review process informed by operational experience since the introduction of the legislation, including community feedback, complaint trends, safety outcomes, enforcement experience and lessons learned from jurisdictions where e-mobility has been successfully integrated into the transport network. Council further supports an evidence-based approach to future policy development.

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Benefits and community outcomes
Since legalisation, PMDs and e-bikes have become an increasingly visible component of the transport network and provide genuine benefits for many users, particularly where infrastructure supports safe and respectful use alongside pedestrians, cyclists and other path users.
Council recognises growing community demand for improved walking, cycling and active transport connections. PMDs and e-bikes can complement these objectives by supporting first and last kilometre travel, reducing car dependence and improving access to employment, education, recreation and community services.

Council supports the continued availability of lawful PMDs and compliant e-bikes as part of a broader active transport system and recognises their contribution to transport choice, sustainability and community connectivity.

Local Government role
Local government has a unique perspective on how PMD and e-bike regulations operate in practice. Councils are responsible for significant portions of the active transport network and are often the first point of contact for community concerns relating to path conflicts, safety issues and infrastructure needs.

Councils can provide valuable operational insights on emerging safety concerns, community expectations, infrastructure pressures and the effectiveness of current controls. This local experience should continue to inform future policy development, legislative reviews and implementation programs.

Council supports retaining mechanisms that enable councils to seek restrictions or exclusions in specific high-risk locations where PMD use may present unacceptable safety risks. Councils are well placed to identify locations where local conditions, pedestrian activity, tourism activity or path and road design warrant additional management measures. Any process for seeking restrictions should be practical, evidence-based and responsive.

At the same time, Council considers that primary responsibility for regulation, compliance, enforcement and device standards should remain with the State Government. Local government should not assume additional regulatory or enforcement responsibilities without appropriate legislative authority, operational support and ongoing funding.

Active and visible State enforcement will be essential. Without it, illegal device use and unsafe rider behaviour are likely to increase, creating greater safety risks and shifting community complaints and operational costs to councils.

Council does not support the transfer of regulatory, compliance or enforcement costs to local government ratepayers and considers that costs associated with commercial shared mobility schemes should primarily be recovered from operators.

Safety and enforceability
While Council supports the continued use of PMDs and e-bikes, community feedback indicates that the practical operation of the current framework presents challenges in some locations.

Residents have reported concerns relating to excessive speed, rider behaviour, near misses and conflicts in areas with high pedestrian activity, including coastal locations, shared-use paths and activity centres. These concerns are particularly relevant for children, older people and people living

with disability and raise questions regarding both the effectiveness and enforceability of existing requirements.

While available crash data indicates PMD-related crashes remain relatively limited compared with broader pedestrian and cyclist crash trends, incidents can still result in significant injury and commonly involve factors such as inattention, non-compliance with traffic controls and interactions at intersections and crossing points.

The emergence of e-scooters and other powered devices has also changed the nature of some injury risks. E-scooter crashes can differ from bicycle crashes due to smaller wheels, throttle-controlled acceleration and rider position, contributing to a higher risk of head and upper body injuries in some circumstances.

Electrically powered devices can also accelerate quickly and, where modified or non-compliant, may reach speeds well beyond those intended for pedestrian or shared-path environments. This increases the potential severity of collisions, particularly for pedestrians and other vulnerable users. Council supports:

- retaining low speed limits in pedestrian-priority environments
- stronger compliance with existing speed requirements
- improved enforcement capability
- monitoring the safety impacts of PMD use on footpaths and shared paths
- prioritising pedestrian safety where conflicts arise
- equipping SAPOL with resources to conduct on-the-spot compliance checks, such as the roadside dyno units being introduced in NSW[1]Ongoing public education regarding rider responsibilities, lawful device requirements and reporting pathways for unsafe behaviour.

Council also supports stronger SAPOL powers to seize illegal, modified or dangerously used devices where necessary to address safety risks and support effective enforcement. Any powers relating to destruction of devices should be subject to appropriate safeguards, procedural fairness and clear thresholds to ensure they are applied proportionately.

Council supports SAPOL having appropriate drug and alcohol testing powers for riders of legal PMDs and compliant e-bikes when operating on public roads, footpaths and shared paths. This would provide a more consistent road safety approach and assist in reducing risks to pedestrians, cyclists, riders and other road users.

In relation to minimum rider age, Council supports further consideration of consistent age requirements for PMDs and compliant e-bikes, informed by injury data, enforcement practicality, national consistency and the capacity of younger riders to understand and comply with road and path rules. This needs to be balanced against legitimate need for younger riders to have access to legal e-bikes, such as people with a disability or to support people too young to have a driver's licence travelling to school or work.

Council does not express a fixed position on a learner permit requirement at this stage, noting that any such requirement should be carefully assessed against demonstrated safety benefits, accessibility impacts and enforceability.

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[1] https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases/e-bike-seizure-and-crushing-powers-to-become-law

Illegal and modified devices
Council is particularly concerned by the increasing prevalence of high-powered, modified and non-compliant devices operating in public spaces.

Council notes that many community concerns attributed to 'e-bikes' relate to illegal or modified devices that exceed current legal specifications or are more accurately classified as unregistered motorbike-style vehicles rather than compliant e-bikes.

Council supports stronger regulatory controls, improved product compliance arrangements, enhanced importation controls, public education regarding lawful devices and enforcement tools capable of identifying non-compliant devices.

Council considers it important that future regulatory settings clearly distinguish between compliant e-bikes operating within existing legal requirements and illegal or modified devices that fall outside those requirements. This distinction will support proportionate regulation, improve community understanding and assist enforcement agencies to target higher-risk behaviours and devices.

Council also supports nationally consistent technical standards, clear compliance labelling and effective product compliance arrangements for both e-bikes and PMDs.

Further technical review by the Department is supported in relation to:

- Whether EN15194 should become the sole standard for compliant e-bikes
- The future role of the Power-Assisted Pedal Cycle category
- Whether current PMD dimension and weight limits remain appropriate from a safety, manoeuvrability and enforcement perspective

Infrastructure and active transport
Council supports a balanced approach that recognises PMDs and e-bikes as part of the broader active transport network.

Investment in connected and well-designed active transport infrastructure that provides effective separation between conflicting travel modes remains the most effective long-term approach to reducing conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and PMD users. Strategic investment in active transport corridors and improvements to network connectivity across council boundaries will be essential to supporting the safe and effective integration of PMDs and e-bikes into South Australia's transport system.

This however needs to be considered against the many constraints council often must deal with when installing and maintaining transport infrastructure. Whilst wider paths may better support the appropriate use of PMDs and e-bikes, this would almost always come at a greater cost and may not be possible in many existing urban areas without the removal of trees, loss of on-street parking and/or the need to acquire private property.

Council's experience demonstrates that different environments require different infrastructure responses and that a one-size-fits-all approach does not always meet the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and PMD users. Infrastructure planning should consider the needs of children, older people, people living with disability and less confident active transport users.

Council also considers that shared path design standards should be reviewed in light of increasing PMD and e-bike use, particularly where higher user volumes, constrained path widths, tourism activity or mixed walking and riding environments create greater potential for conflict.

The publication of South Australia's Active Travel Design Guide in September 2024 has provided an important resource for designing council infrastructure that supports cycling and pedestrian-friendly streets. As the Guide pre-dates the 2025 PMD laws and recent growth in e-bike use, there is an opportunity to update it with more tailored guidance for PMDs and e-bikes.

Council also notes that the safe integration of PMDs and e-bikes is not limited to shared paths and off-road facilities, with consideration of legal on-road travel required beyond footpaths and shared-use paths. Many users lawfully travel on roads, particularly where off-road connections are unavailable or incomplete. In this context, road environments and operating speeds play an important role in determining safety outcomes.

Many residential streets continue to reflect legacy car-oriented speed settings that may not provide a comfortable or safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and lower-speed e-mobility users. Council encourages ongoing consideration of how residential street design, speed management and active transport planning can support the safe operation of PMDs, cyclists and other vulnerable road users, particularly in areas with high levels of walking, cycling and local travel activity.

Council encourages the State Government to consider PMD and e-bike regulation alongside broader speed management on local streets, including safer residential street environments consistent with active transport and Safe System objectives.

Council supports low-speed operation in pedestrian-priority environments and shared-use paths, with specific speed settings informed by path width, user mix, pedestrian volumes, visibility, surrounding land use and crash or complaint data. Council does not propose a universal speed limit across all shared paths, noting that appropriate speeds may vary according to context. However, Council supports DIT establishing clear and enforceable speed settings informed by safety evidence and local conditions.

The safe integration of PMDs and e-bikes will require a coordinated approach combining regulation, enforcement, education and infrastructure investment. No single measure is likely to address all safety concerns in isolation.

Council encourages the State Government to consider whether existing residential speed environments remain appropriate for the increasing mix of pedestrians, cyclists, PMD users and other vulnerable road users sharing local streets.

Conclusion

The City of Onkaparinga supports PMDs and compliant e-bikes as legitimate transport options that can contribute positively to active transport, sustainability and community connectivity outcomes.

However, these benefits must be balanced with the need to maintain pedestrian safety, minimise conflicts in shared environments and ensure the regulatory framework remains practical, enforceable and supported by appropriate infrastructure.

Council encourages the South Australian Government to:

- maintain a strong focus on pedestrian safety and accessibility outcomes
- strengthen controls on illegal, modified and non-compliant devices
- clearly distinguish compliant e-bikes from illegal high-powered devices and unregistered motorbike-style vehicles
- improve compliance and enforcement capability
- support stronger SAPOL powers to seize illegal, modified or dangerously used devices, with destruction powers subject to appropriate safeguards and clear thresholds
- support appropriate drug and alcohol testing powers for PMD and compliant e-bike riders
- consider consistent minimum age requirements where supported by evidence and national consistency
- continue public education regarding PMD and e-bike rules and rider responsibilities
- continue monitoring safety outcomes, complaint trends and crash data
- continue investment in connected active transport infrastructure
- consider the role of local street speed management in supporting safe legal on-road use
- update South Australia's Active Travel Design Guide to better accommodate PMDs and e-bikes
- integrate future PMD and e-bike policy with broader active transport planning and infrastructure investment
- retain mechanisms that allow councils to address demonstrated local safety risks in specific locations
- maintain State responsibility for regulation, compliance and enforcement
- support nationally consistent e-mobility regulation and product standards
- ensure costs associated with regulation and commercial shared mobility schemes are not transferred to local government

Council appreciates the Government's commitment to reviewing the framework after its first year of operation and supports an evidence-based approach informed by community feedback, operational experience, safety outcomes, enforcement experience, accessibility considerations and data collected by local and state government agencies.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Department, the Local Government Association and other stakeholders to support safe, accessible and sustainable transport outcomes across South Australia.

Please contact us on 8384 0666 or mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au should you require any further information or wish to discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely

Moira Were AM
Mayor

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10.2 NOARLUNGA AQUATIC CENTRE - BUDGET UPDATE AND ZERO-DEPTH SPLASH PAD

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Director
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Date 21 July 2026

1. Purpose

To update Council on progress of the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre refurbishment and to agree on use of available project funding.

2. Recommendations

That Council:

1. Notes the status update within the report.

2A. Approves the use of up to $1.5 million of approved project funding to deliver an outdoor zero depth water play/splash pad area as part of the project.

OR

2B. Does not approve the use of approved project funding to deliver an outdoor zero depth water play/splash pad area with the project saving used to reduce future Council debt.

3. Notes the use of the Community Energy Upgrade Fund grant and Council funds to deliver a Battery Energy Storage System to reduce ongoing energy costs within the facility.

3. Executive summary

On 28 April 2026 a report was provided to Council on use of anticipated surplus funds from the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre (NAC) refurbishment to deliver an outdoor zero depth splash pad. At this meeting Council elected to defer the decision on use of these funds..

This report provides Council with an update on the NAC refurbishment and seeks approval to use available funding to deliver an outdoor zero depth splash pad (refer Attachment 1 for examples). With the broader NAC upgrade currently forecast to be delivered under budget, approximately $1.8 million funding is available to support this addition. The proposed splash pad would provide a safe, inclusive outdoor water play space for children, non swimmers, people with disability and young families.

The splash pad represents a practical enhancement to the broader aquatic centre upgrade and responds to identified demand for accessible, family oriented outdoor water play. It would significantly increase service capacity, support population growth and contribute to community health and wellbeing, while also aligning with council's strategic objectives and established procurement and governance frameworks.

Subject to Council approval, the splash pad would be delivered through the established procurement framework and is not expected to affect the planned reopening timeframe for the facility refurbishment. If approved, construction would occur separately in the outside area following reopening of the indoor spaces.

The opportunity to deliver the splash pad has arisen through the broader NAC renewal and upgrade program. In December 2024, Council approved essential renewal works at NAC and noted further upgrade opportunities for advocacy purposes. Through the 2025–26 budget, additional funding was allocated to take advantage of the planned pool closure period and undertake further operational and sustainability improvements. This in turn enabled Council to secure $1.575 million from the Australian Government's Community Energy Upgrade Fund (CEUF), alongside funding from the Thriving Suburbs Program, helping reposition the works from essential renewal to a broader facility modernisation project.

The NAC is a key regional community facility serving more than 270,000 annual users and a catchment population of approximately 182,821 residents across southern Adelaide and the upper Fleurieu region. The broader project includes energy efficiency upgrades, electrification works, nonslip pool deck surfaces, refurbished amenities, and customer experience improvements. Together these works will modernise the centre, strengthen environmental performance and reduce long term operational costs. The splash pad would further enhance the facility's value to the community.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan 2021-25: Develop and implement plans to upgrade the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre (Action 20).
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Community engagement will be undertaken to ensure the proposed splash pad reflects user needs and aligns with council's inclusive play and accessibility objectives.

5. Discussion

On 10 December 2024, Council approved the budget for essential renewal works at NAC. At the same meeting, Council noted the concept plans and indicative costs for additional upgrade opportunities intended for advocacy purposes. These opportunities aimed to improve and elevate the centre by delivering enhanced community health and wellbeing outcomes. The advocacy items included a non-slip pool deck surface, renewal and upgrades to improve the building's energy efficiency and operating costs (including replacement of the gas boilers with electric heat pumps) and a transformed outdoor space featuring a new water play area.

As part of the 2025-26 budget, Council approved additional funding to take advantage of the centre's closure period and undertake further operational and facility improvements.

This additional funding enabled the Council to provide matching funds for a successful grant application to the Australian Government's Community Energy Upgrade Fund (CEUF), securing a further $1.575 million for electrification works at the aquatic centre.

With the benefit of a competitive tender price and this additional funding, the project now includes several significant sustainability and amenity upgrades that were not part of the initial scope, such as:

- Electrified pool heating and water systems to replace gas and reduce emissions.
- Double-glazed windows, upgraded insulation and improved overall energy efficiency.
- Refurbished spa and sauna facilities, a new first aid room, upgraded Wi-Fi, and refreshed amenities, reception and café areas.
- A non-slip pool deck surface.
- New furniture, lane ropes, signage and landscaping.

Collectively, these improvements will ensure NAC remains a modern, sustainable and much loved community facility for our growing community for many years into the future.

Even with this additional scope, the project is currently forecast to be delivered approximately $1.8 million under budget, from a total available budget of around $16.4 million.

A recent grant application seeking matched funding from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for a zero depth splash pad at the NAC was unsuccessful. This report seeks Council approval to use these approved Council funds to deliver an outdoor zero depth splash pad at the NAC.

The NAC is the region's primary indoor aquatic facility, serving more than 270,000 users each year. With strong population growth forecast across southern Adelaide and the upper Fleurieu region, an outdoor splash pad would help meet rising demand and address a gap in safe, family oriented outdoor water play.

A zero depth splash pad provides an inclusive, low risk water play environment for children, non-swimmers, people with disability, older adults and carers. Designed without standing water, it significantly reduces drowning risk while supporting active play, sensory development, social interaction and early water confidence. This safe and accessible form of water play promotes community health and wellbeing and is expected to deliver broad benefits across a wide range of users.

The proposed splash pad would complement the broader NAC upgrade by expanding outdoor recreation capacity and enhancing the centre's overall offering. Its water and energy efficient design would also support the Council's sustainability objectives and help manage operating costs over time.

With an estimated cost of up to $1.5 million, the splash pad can be delivered from the existing project budget through Council's established procurement and asset management frameworks, with lifecycle planning to ensure long term service continuity. On this basis, the Council expenditure on the splash pad represents a practical investment that responds to community needs and strengthens the long term value of the facility.

Battery Energy Storage System

The CEUF funded upgrades at the NAC are progressing and currently tracking under budget. Should the grant monies not be fully expended, then, under the terms of the grant agreement, the balance will need to be repaid to the grant provider. To maximise this opportunity, we are proposing to install a behind-the-meter Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) using available grant funds. No additional Council funds are required to deliver this as costs can be met from existing approved budgets. Council has approved funds required under the CEUF grant agreement to match the $1.575 million from the grant provider.

The cost of the BESS is estimated at between $325,000 and $455,000 depending on the size of the battery system adopted, which will be confirmed through the next design/scoping stage. Initial scoping and modelling have been undertaken for a BESS capacity between a 500 kWh and 700kWh, with a capability to discharge over a two hour period. With anticipated annual savings of $115,000 (500kWh option) and $159,000 (700kW option) this provides an attractive total payback period of less than 2.9 years, or less than 1.45 years to repay Council's 50 per cent contribution.

The contribution from Council is estimated at between $162,500 and $227,500 for its 50 per cent share. This does not impact the funds available for the splash pad.

We have engaged with the CEUF grant administrators who have advised that we are able to request a variation to include a BESS. Proceeding with a battery as part of the CEUF grant would be subject to approval by the grant provider.

6. Financial implications

Capital Costs

In December 2025, Council received $1.575 million from the Australian Government Community Energy Upgrades Fund to deliver electrification works at the NAC. .Securing the CEUF funding, combined with favourable market conditions and lower than expected costs for other project elements, mean the project is now tracking under budget, enabling consideration of providing a new splash pad at the facility at an estimated cost of up to $1.5 million.

Funding a splash pad through the available approved project budget means that no additional debt is required to fund the project and construction costs remain within existing budget allocations within the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years.

Operating Costs

While the initial construction has no impact on the Council's budget position, ongoing operating and maintenance costs will put pressure on future operating budgets.

Based on a useful life of 25 years, the annual depreciation expense is $60,000. In terms of actual operating expenses, available data from other splash pad facilities indicates costs can be reasonably estimated at $40k per annum which includes utilities (water and electricity), repairs and maintenance, parts replacement and other minor incidentals. These costs assume that existing aquatic centre staff will undertake water testing and compliance activities as part of their current duties across the centre's pools.

Opportunities to offset these operating costs include:

- natural revenue increase through increased patronage
- changes (increase) to user fees where appropriate
- savings as a result of improved energy efficiencies (particularly utilities).

Evidence from the Marion Outdoor Pool shows a strong rise in patronage following the installation of its splash pad and slide upgrades. Operators reported that the splash pad attracted more young families, driving higher visitation which boosted revenue.

The addition of a splash pad is expected to attract more young families and increase overall visitation to the aquatic centre. While the extent to which this increased attendance will fully offset the additional operating costs depends on a number of assumptions, several realistic revenue opportunities have been identified, including:

- A 10 per cent increase in casual attendance during summer months (approximately 4,000 additional visits at an average entry fee of $8.50), generating around $34,000 per annum.
- A 5 per cent increase in swim school enrolments (approximately 39 additional students at $23 per week), generating around $45,000 per annum.
- Increased spending at the café and merchandise outlets because of higher visitation. Based on last summer's average café spend of $3 per casual attendee, this could generate an additional $12,000 per annum. With the addition of a new splash pad and outdoor area, it is anticipated that families may remain on site longer and increase café usage further.
- Additional revenue growth is also expected through school excursions, vacation care bookings, and increases in memberships and visit pass purchases.

The design will also include energy efficient pumping systems and recirculating water infrastructure designed to reduce water consumption (reusing up to 70 per cent of water), which will assist in minimising long-term operating expenditure.

Given the uncertainty, a conservative assumption has been adopted that the increased revenue will offset the $40,000 per year operating and maintenance costs.

Should Council resolve not to proceed with the splash pad these funds would be used to reduce Council debt.

Financial summary

The financial impacts shown in the table below differ from those reported in the 28 April 2026 report. After the previous report drafting the additional CEUF funding was included within the latest version of the Long-Term Financial Plan, following the adoption of Budget Review 3.

Item	Capital	Operating	Comment
Budget			
Current budget allocation	Nil	Nil	While funding is available for construction of a splash pad, Council direction is sought on the use of these funds for this purpose.
Additional funding required	Nil	$40,000 Maintenance & Operating	Funding for construction of a splash pad, estimated at $1.5M, can be met through the existing approved project budget. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs are expected to be offset by increase in revenue.
Funding source and amount	$1.5M (Council) Nil	$40,000 (Revenue)	The ongoing maintenance and operating costs are expected to be offset by increase in revenue.
Budget impact	Nil	Nil	Construction of the splash pad will have no impact on capital budgets, as it is proposed to be funded from approved Council project funds. Any increase in operating costs is expected to be offset by increased revenue.
Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)			
In current LTFP?	Yes		
LTFP category	Buildings N/SU		
Timing in LTFP	Capital – 2026-27 Operating – 2027-28		
Additional debt	Nil	Nil	Construction of a splash pad will not require additional borrowings.
Rates funded amount	Nil	Nil	Operating costs are expected to be offset by increased revenue.

Item	Capital	Operating	Comment
Budget			
			As this project is funded from approved Council capital funds, depreciation costs are already included in the LTFP.
Ongoing rate impact	Nil	Nil	
Operating position impact	Nil	Nil	Revenue is expected to fully offset additional expenses which will have a net nil effect on operating position.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Employee welfare/public safety	Zero depth design significantly reduces drowning risk, all features designed to relevant Australian Standards; use of safe materials, compliant water treatment systems, and CPTED aligned design to minimise hazards.
Reputation/community expectation	Undertake staged community engagement, ensure transparent project updates, and deliver a facility that meets identified community needs for safe, inclusive outdoor water play.
Political	Project aligns with Council resolutions (10 December 2024) and supports strategic plans; strong community support reduces political risk; clear reporting on budget alignment and prudential considerations.
Financial/business sustainability	The NAC refurbishment remains within approved budgets and LTFP. The Australian Government's CEUF and Thriving Suburbs grants offset cost pressures; energy efficient systems reduce long term operating costs; annual operating cost known and manageable.
Environment	Water efficient recirculation system (reuse up to 70%); energy efficient pumps; design aligned with sustainability objectives; supports emissions reduction from electrification upgrades.
Compliance/legal	Facility designed to meet all SA Health, NCC, DDA and Royal Life Saving guidelines; approvals and assessments completed through established the council frameworks.
Service delivery	Splash pad increases service capacity during peak periods, supporting population growth; project staged to minimise disruption; aligns with broader NAC upgrades to enhance whole of facility performance.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Expand inclusive outdoor recreation	Provide universally accessible, zero-depth water play supporting children, non-swimmers, people with disability and older adults, design with accessible pathways, sensory features, and shade.
Support community health and wellbeing	Promote physical activity, social interaction, and sensory development; integrate programming with schools, early learning centres and community groups to drive regular use.
Respond to population growth and demand	Increase capacity for a rapidly growing catchment (+22% by 2036); support high usage families with additional recreational options; integrate splash pad within NAC's broader service offering.
Enhance NAC's role as a regional hub	Strengthen NAC's competitiveness between Marion and Victor Harbor; boost visitation beyond current 270,000 users; provide modern outdoor amenity complementing indoor upgrades.
Improve operational sustainability	Use energy-efficient and water-saving systems; leverage electrification upgrades funded through CEUF to reduce long term operational expenditure.
Deliver long-term asset value	Construct a durable, 25-year design-life asset with renewal planning built into the LTFP; enhance overall facility attractiveness and community satisfaction.

8. Next steps

If Council approves development of a new plash pad facility, Administration will proceed with delivery of the splash pad in accordance with the established procurement framework. The first stage would involve the selection and engagement of a design-and-construct supplier to align scope with available budget.

Concept design development and community engagement would be undertaken to ensure the splash pad reflects user needs and aligns with the council's inclusive play and accessibility objectives.

Detailed design and statutory approvals would then be completed, including procurement of long-lead items required for construction. Construction activities would commence on site following completion of design.

Where possible the works would be scheduled to align with the broader facility renewal program to maximise efficiency and minimise disruption to the community. However, opening of the zero-depth splash pad along with the surrounding landscaping at the back of the facility is anticipated to be completed after the re-opening of the main pool works to the public.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Outdoor Zero Depth Splash Pad examples (1 page)

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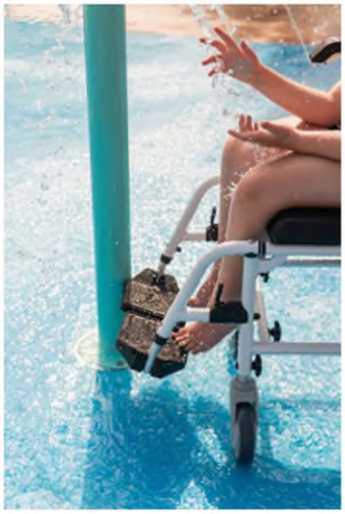
Outdoor Zero Depth Splash Pad Examples













10.3 SUBMISSION TO THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2026 REVIEW OF CEO REMUNERATION

Report contact	Meeting
Laura Hewitt, Talent Acquisition Partner	Council
Manager	
Cameron Tannock, Manager People and Culture	
Director	**Date**
Jade Bird, Director Corporate and Commercial	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's retrospective endorsement of Administration's draft submission, which was provided to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia (the Tribunal) on 26 June 2026 to meet the Tribunal's deadline. The draft submission is provided in response to the Tribunal's call for submissions for the 2026 Review of Annual Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers.

2. Recommendations

That the Council retrospectively endorses Administration's submission, provided to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia on 26 June 2026, in response to the 2026 Review of Annual Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers. as included in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.

3. Executive summary

The Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia undertakes an annual review of the minimum and maximum remuneration applicable to local government Chief Executive Officers. Submissions for the 2026 review were due by 26 June 2026.

To ensure Council's position was represented within required timeframes, a draft administrative submission was lodged on 26 June 2026. The submission confirms that the City of Onkaparinga does not propose any change to the current Band 1 classification or associated remuneration range.

Council's position reflects the scale, complexity and regional significance of the organisation, including a population exceeding 180,000 residents, diverse geographic context and increasing service demands. The submission also considers broader economic conditions, including cost-of-living pressures within the community.

The existing framework is considered appropriate and balanced, supporting the attraction and retention of capable executive leadership while remaining responsive to community expectations. This report seeks retrospective endorsement of the submission.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Remuneration Tribunal Act 1988
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	People & Culture Strategy

5. Discussion

The Remuneration Tribunal's annual review provides councils the opportunity to comment on the appropriateness of CEO remuneration bands across the sector.

The City of Onkaparinga submission confirms support for retaining the current Band 1 classification and remuneration range. This position reflects the Council's scale as South Australia's largest metropolitan council by population and land area, alongside the breadth of services delivered across metropolitan, coastal, peri-urban and rural communities.

The submission highlights increasing organisational complexity driven by population growth, infrastructure demands and diverse community needs. It also recognises the City's role as a regional hub, servicing non-resident demand for employment, services and tourism.

In forming its position, Council had regard to economic indicators, including moderate wage growth and higher inflation, as well as local income distribution and community sentiment regarding cost-of-living pressures.

Due to the Tribunal's fixed submission deadline, the draft submission was provided administratively to ensure Council's views were represented. Retrospective endorsement is now sought to formalise Council's position and enable administration to provide a final submission to the Tribunal.

6. Financial implications

The submission confirms Council has capacity to meet existing CEO remuneration within current budget and LTFP settings, with no adverse financial impact.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Employee welfare/public safety	Not applicable
Reputation/community expectation	Transparent reporting and alignment with economic conditions and community context
Political	Retrospective endorsement ensures governance integrity and Council oversight
Financial/business sustainability	Not applicable
Environment	Not applicable

Compliance/legal	Submission provided within Tribunal timeframe; formal endorsement ensures proper governance record
Service delivery	Position maintains existing framework; no additional financial exposure

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Reinforcing Council's position within sector-wide review	Clear articulation of Council context and economic considerations supports sector advocacy and informed Tribunal decision-making

8. Timelines and deadlines

Submission lodged: 26 June 2026

Tribunal submission deadline: 26 June 2026

Lodgement of formal Council endorsed submission following Council Meeting

9. Next steps

Following Council endorsement, the Council endorsed submission (Attachment 2) will be provided to the Remuneration Tribunal.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Request from Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia (2 pages)

Attachment 2 – City of Onkaparinga Submission to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia (2 pages)

Attachent 3 – Draft Submission to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia lodged 26 June 2026 (2 pages)

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Good Afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from the Remuneration Tribunal regarding 2026 Annual Review of the Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers.

We would appreciate it if you could circulate this email and attachments to all Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers.

Kind regards
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4 June 2026

Elected Members & Chief Executive Officers
Local Government Councils of South Australia
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Dear Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers

2026 ANNUAL REVIEW OF MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM REMUNERATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

I refer to my previous letter of 27 May 2026 regarding the Remuneration Tribunal's (**Tribunal**) review of Determination 3 of 2025 – Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers.

I confirm that the submission date for this review is **Friday, 26 June 2026**.

Written submissions may be sent via email to RemunerationTribunal@sa.gov.au. The Tribunal may also hold a hearing for oral submissions. If you wish to make an oral submission, please advise the Tribunal by the same date, and the hearing details will be provided.

Consistent with past practice, the Tribunal has asked the Local Government Association to include this updated notice seeking submissions in the LGA Circular.

Yours sincerely

Zachariah Reveruzzi
SENIOR ADVISOR
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

22 July 2026
Our ref: 8984407

Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia
RemunerationTribunal@sa.gov.au

Dear Tribunal

2026 Annual Review of Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers

The City of Onkaparinga is pleased to provide its submission in response to the 2026 Review of Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers.

A draft submission was provided by the Administration on 26 June 2026 to meet the Tribunal's 26 June 2026 deadline. Council subsequently endorsed the submission at its meeting of 21 July 2026.

After careful consideration, Council does not propose any change to the current Band 1 classification or the associated remuneration range. Council considers that the existing framework remains appropriate, proportionate and reflective of the scale, complexity and governance responsibilities of South Australia's largest metropolitan council by population and land area.

Council also notes that its current Chief Executive Officer total remuneration package sits within the established range, reinforcing that the existing settings remain fit for purpose.

Council's position is informed by its operating context. The City of Onkaparinga services a population of more than 180,000 residents across a geographically large and diverse area, encompassing metropolitan, coastal, peri-urban and rural communities. Sustained population growth, significant infrastructure demands and increasing community expectations continue to expand the scale and complexity of Council's responsibilities, and, in turn, the breadth and accountability of the Chief Executive Officer role.

This complexity is further shaped by the City's demographic and socio-economic profile. The community includes areas of socio-economic disadvantage and an ageing population, alongside growth in younger families in development areas. These dynamics drive diverse and often competing service, infrastructure and policy demands, requiring strong executive leadership, strategic prioritisation and coordination across a broad range of functions.

Council also performs a significant regional role, servicing demand from non-residents as a major employment, service and tourism hub. This places additional pressure on infrastructure, facilities and services beyond that generated by the resident population, further increasing organisational scale and operational complexity.

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In forming its position, Council has had regard to broader economic and community conditions. Recent Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicates that wage growth has remained moderate (3.3% nationally and 3.1% in South Australia), while consumer price inflation has been higher (4.6% nationally and 4.9% in Adelaide for the 12 months to March 2026). Local income distribution data indicates that a relatively large proportion of the workforce is concentrated in lower and lower-middle income brackets, with the lowest income quartile representing the largest cohort of workers in the City. This is reinforced by community sentiment data, which shows that only 45% of respondents consider their income sufficient to meet their needs.

Collectively, these indicators highlight the extent of cost-of-living pressures across the community and provide important context in considering executive remuneration settings. Council considers that maintaining the existing remuneration framework strikes an appropriate balance between the need to attract and retain capable executive leadership and the broader economic conditions and expectations of the community.

Council recognises that other councils operate in differing contexts, with variations in scale, geography, growth pressures and workforce dynamics influencing their respective positions. It is therefore important that the Tribunal's framework retains sufficient flexibility to reflect the diversity across the local government sector.

Council confirms that it has the financial capacity to meet the current remuneration arrangements within its operating budget and long-term financial planning frameworks, without adverse impact on financial sustainability, service delivery or capital programs.

Recommendations

In the context of this review, the City of Onkaparinga recommends that the Tribunal:

- Retain the current Band 1 classification and remuneration range, as it remains appropriate for large and complex metropolitan councils.
- Maintain alignment with community wage movements and broader economic conditions when considering any future adjustments.
- Ensure the framework retains flexibility to accommodate the diverse contexts and operating environments of councils across the sector.

Should the Tribunal require any additional information or clarification in relation to this submission, Council would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Moira Were AM
Mayor

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

26 June 2026
Our ref: 8771245

Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia
RemunerationTribunal@sa.gov.au

Dear Tribunal

DRAFT 2026 Annual Review of Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers

The City of Onkaparinga is pleased to provide this draft submission in response to the 2026 Review of Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers. Please note our formal submission will be provided following formal Council endorsement following the 21 July 2026 Council Meeting.

After careful consideration, Council does not propose any change to the current Band 1 classification or the associated remuneration range. Council considers that the existing framework remains appropriate, proportionate and reflective of the scale, complexity and governance responsibilities of South Australia's largest metropolitan council by population and land area.

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In the context of this review, the City of Onkaparinga recommends that the Tribunal:

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Should the Tribunal require any additional information or clarification in relation to this submission, Council would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Jade Bird
Director Corporate and Commercial

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10.4 UPDATE REPORT REVOCATION OF PORTION OF LAND LOCATED AT 2 ROOPENA STREET O'SULLIVAN BEACH

Report contact	**Meeting**
Rochelle Redmond, Asset Optimisation Specialist	Council
Manager	
Ben Calder, Manager Operational Excellence (Acting)	
Director	**Date**
Jade Bird, Director Corporate and Commercial	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report provides Council with an update on the proposal to revoke the community land classification for a portion of the reserve at 2 Roopena Street, O'Sullivan Beach, including the results of public consultation. It seeks Council approval to proceed with the revocation process by requesting consent from the Minister for Local Government.

2. Recommendations

That for the portion of Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) 126 in Deposited Plan 9001 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 41 and bordered in blue on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. **Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.**
2. **Having considered the submissions received, resolves to proceed with the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification and approves a request to the Minister for Local Government for revocation approval, enabling Council to undertake an open market Expression of Interest process focussed on potential educational and/or childcare uses of the site.**
3. **That an update report be presented to Council once the Minister's decision regarding the proposed revocation is received.**

3. Executive summary

The former kindergarten located on a portion of the reserve at 2 Roopena Street, O'Sullivan Beach is approaching the end of its asset life. It is currently used for Baby Steps and Toddlers programs three (3) mornings per week by the adjacent Southern Montessori school under a short term lease arrangement.

At its meeting on 15 October 2024, Council resolved (Attachment 2) to commence the land revocation process on the basis:

- that direct negotiations first be undertaken with the current lessee, Southern Montessori School (SMS), to provide an opportunity to purchase the land
- should negotiations prove unsuccessful, Council would then consider revocation and disposal of the land and building on the open market.

In early 2026 SMS formally advised that it did not wish to proceed with the purchase of the site.

As a result, community engagement commenced in April 2026 for the revocation and potential disposal on the open market. The outcomes are presented in Attachment 2. While community

views were mixed on the revocation proposal, support for the use of the site for education or childcare purposes was a strong theme in comments received.

This feedback aligns with analysis undertaken by staff of the most appropriate land use for the site, with consideration given to the purpose-built nature of the building and its configuration, which is designed to support early learning services.

Council approval is sought to proceed with the revocation process for the site (bordered in blue within Attachment 1 for potential educational and/or childcare uses. This involves seeking consent from the Minister for Local Government for the revocation. An update report will be presented to Council once we are advised of the Minster's decision.

Should approval be granted it is proposed an open market expression of interest (EoI) process be undertaken with regard to the site. This would provide an open and transparent means to explore educational and/or child care opportunities for the site that maximise both benefits to Council and the local community.

SMS would be invited to participate in the EOI process.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy Long-Term Financial Plan Local Government Act 1999
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Public consultation has been undertaken to seek community views on the proposal to revoke the community land classification of the subject portion of the reserve, enabling its disposal. Council has been engaged in discussions with representatives from SMS since October 2024, with the most recent meeting taking place on 11 June 2026. Subject to Council endorsement, the approval of the Minister for Local Government will be sought as per 194(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.

The facility

The kindergarten was built around 1975 by The Kindergarten Union of SA under a lease from council for exclusive use of a portion of the reserve.

Following the construction of a new kindergarten within the O'Sullivan Beach Primary School grounds in the early 2000s, the facility was then leased by O'Sullivan Beach Children's Centre Inc as a Community Children's Centre. This lease was surrendered in 2022.

Southern Montessori Education Centre commenced tenure on 1 January 2023. At that time, Council did not undertake an EOI process, as the arrangement was intended to provide an interim use of the vacant facility. The initial community lease term was 4 months and has been extended on an annual basis since 2023 due to expire 31 December 2026. The facility is currently utilised three (3) mornings per week.

It is approaching end of life and significant upgrades would be required to meet current compliance standards (including ongoing asbestos management). Any change of use or works needing development approval would likely trigger major capital costs.

It is worth noting that the building and the associated portion of land are not only surplus to Council's current and future operational requirements but have also never been utilised by Council for the direct delivery of services. As a result, their disposal, if ultimately approved by Council following an EOI, would not reduce or impact Council's ability to provide services to the

community. Instead, the site presents an opportunity to facilitate the expansion of childcare services, increasing community access to early childhood education and care. This reinforces the assessment that the asset is surplus and supports its transition to an alternative use that delivers greater community value and benefit.

5. Discussion

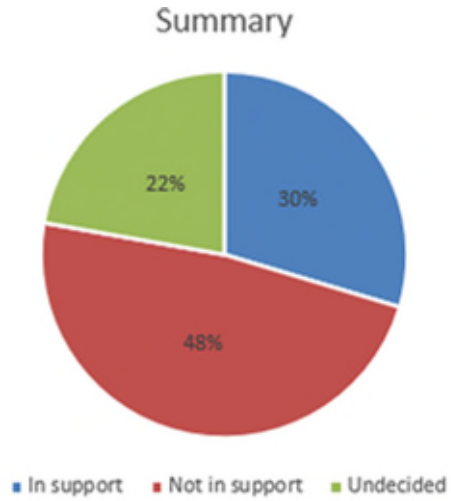
Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with the provisions of section 194(2) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Multiple techniques were used to drive engagement and participation as show below

Technique	Reach
Elected member email	Mayor and elected members
Email to Your Say subscribers	2,852 emails
Resident letter box drop	346 letters
Public notice in The Advertiser	1 advert
On-site signage	2 location
Your Say page with feedback tool	346 page visitors
Door knock	4 directly impacted properties

In summary, 27 contributed received:

- 8 in support of the proposal
- 13 not in support of the proposal
- 6 were unsure of the proposal or Neutral



Overall the number of participants providing feedback was relatively low.

Key themes from comments received included:

- support for continued use of the site for education purposes to meet both current and future local demand,
- concern about potential housing development and traffic impacts,
- concerns about impact on the Christie Creek from future development, and
- support for continued use by Southern Montessori School.

Support for retaining the site for educational and community-focused purposes, particularly early childhood education was expressed in comments of those both those opposing and supporting the revocation proposal.

Analysis of the feedback can be found in Attachment 3.

During the community engagement interest in the facility was received from another other education provider.

Discussions with Southern Montessori School

In accordance with Council's resolution of October 2024 negotiations occurred with SMS regarding the potential purchase the land. In early 2026 SMS formally advised council that they did not wish to proceed with the purchase of the site.

SMS has more recently proposed the concept of a rent to buy arrangement for the site. A detailed proposal has not been presented. Initial feedback provided to the school has highlighted that this is not a model that council has used previously and the current condition of the building could pose significant challenges.

An EOI process would provide SMS the opportunity to present further detail on this concept.

Analysis of the themes can be found in attachment 4.

6. Financial implications

In accordance with the provisions of the Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy, proceeds from the sale of the land would be assigned to the annual $3 million dollar budgeted revenue to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and budget. Any surplus proceeds above the $3 million target would be directed to a Future Investment Reserve where they will be retained for future strategic investment opportunities. While held in the Reserve the funds will offset borrowings therefore reducing interest costs.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Fairness and transparency	An open market EoI process best aligns policy principles in the *Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy* with regards to "Obtaining value for money" and "Encouragement of open and effective competition".
Future maintenance obligations associated with continued ownership of the ageing building by council	The disposal of the site would avoid future maintenance obligations and contribute the achievement of our LTFP annual target for asset disposal.
Community concern	The proposed focus of the EoI on education facility aligns with sentiment received in multiple submissions from the community engagement.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Responding to future community educational and childcare needs	The expression of interest process will allow consideration of the broadest range of options for the site. While council's preferred option would be disposal of the land, the EOI process would allow consideration of other possible options and models proposed by the market.
Maximising options for the site	Revocation of the community land classification is an important step in providing Council with the flexibility to consider a broader range of models through an EOI process. The facility is currently in the General Community Land Management Plan (CLMP). If the community land classification were not revoked the CLMP would first need to be amended in accordance with Section 193 of the *Local Government Act 1999* to reclassify the land to the Business CLMP. This would require further public consultation and a subsequent report back to Council for consideration.

8. Timelines and deadlines

If approved, once a response has been received from the Minister a Report will be prepared for the final decision of Council.

9. Next steps

The application to the Minister for Local Government will be prepared.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Aerial map (1 page)

Attachment 2 – Minutes 15 October 2024 (2 pages)

Attachment 3 – Community Engagement Feedback Report (10 pages)

Attachment 4 – Community Engagement Analysis (1 pages)

- END OF REPORT –


Attachment 1
O'SULLIVAN BEACH
CHRISTIES BEACH
Callaway Road
Roopena Street
Bagshaw Road
A126
The Facility - General Community Areas, Service & Social Facility (Parcel ID 158)
Proposed Right of Way
Land parcel boundaries
Wastewater (SA Water)
Inspection openings & manholes
Gravity main & connection pipes
CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

9.2 PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE THE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION FOR PORTION OF RESERVE, 2 ROOPENA STREET O'SULLIVAN BEACH

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

That for the portion of Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) 126 in Deposited Plan 9001 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 41 and bordered in yellow on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. *Declares that the portion of subject Council owned community land is surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal.*
2. *Approves the commencement of the revocation process to revoke the community land classification, including undertaking public consultation in accordance with the provisions of subsection 194(2) of the Local Government Act 1999,. Consults with the community on the basis that Council intends to negotiate a direct sale to the Lessee, South Montessori School (SMS) at no less than market value to be determined by an independent licenced valuer, however, will place the property on the open market for sale if negotiations to sell the property to the Applicant is unsuccessful. Acting reasonably, Council will negotiate directly with the applicant for a 6-month period before taking the property to the open market for sale.*
3. *Approves that, in accordance with the Disposal of Council Land and other Assets Policy, all costs associated with the revocation and disposal of the community land including (but not limited to) land division, surveying and conveyancing, is passed on to the Southern Montessori School as the Applicant applying to purchase the subject community land.*
4. *Updates the Attachment 3 Community and Engagement Plan to this agenda report to reflect Recommendations 2 and 3 above.*
5. *Reserves a 3-metre-wide right of way for vehicle access on the gravel track as required to maintain the Christie Creek drainage infrastructure (refer Attachment 1 – Aerial – indicated by dashed green lines)*
6. *A portion of the sale proceeds go towards a local project and the remaining supports the council's financial position.*
7. *Requests a further report be presented to Council following the outcome of the public consultation phase of the revocation process to enable Council to determine if the*

revocation and disposal should proceed. The report will also identify possible projects that could be fast tracked from a portion of the sale.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

Cr Platten MOVED an AMENDMENT.

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6. *An Elected Member Session to develop a policy of line of sight for a portion of the sale proceeds to go towards a local project and the remaining supports the council's financial position, and that this may be applied if developed to this motion.*
7. *Requests a further report be presented to Council following the outcome of the public consultation phase of the revocation process to enable Council to determine if the revocation and disposal should proceed. The report will also identify possible projects that could be fast tracked from a portion of the sale.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and CARRIED.

The MOTION, thus AMENDED, was PUT and CARRIED.

At 8.55pm Cr Jew MOVED that the meeting break for 10 minutes.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

Community land revocation proposal Portion of 2 Roopena Street O'Sullivan Beach

May 2026

Introduction

Council sought feedback on the proposal to revoke the community land classification over the portion of reserve at 2 Roopena Street, O'Sullivan Beach for sale on the open market.

The facility (constructed in 1975) contains the former community facility, its fenced garden and the adjacent gravel car park and is currently used by Southern Montessori School (SMS) for educational programs under a commercial lease to 31 December 2026.

Following the Council meeting on 15 October 2024, Council approved the land revocation process to commence, on the basis that direct negotiations are undertaken with the current lessee (Southern Montessori School) providing an opportunity for purchase.

Southern Montessori School withdrew their interest in purchasing the property and Council continued with the revocation process and disposal via the open market.

The reserve is legally described as Allotment (Reserve) 126 in Deposited Plan 9001 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 41.

Internal consultation and review found there is a surplus of similar facilities in the district, and this building will require significant upgrades in the next 12–24 months to meet compliance standards (including ongoing asbestos management). Any change of use or works needing development approval would likely trigger major capital costs.

Community engagement purpose

The purpose of the engagement was to consult with key stakeholders, local residents and the wider community to seek feedback on the proposal and listen to any concerns for Council's consideration.

Engagement objectives:

- Provide stakeholders with clear information about the proposal and how it might impact them
- Seek feedback and listen to any concerns
- Provide a range of opportunities for the community to have their say
- Ensure a consistent approach to all revocations of community land
- Comply with legislative requirements
- Ensure that stakeholders are kept informed

Engagement techniques

Multiple techniques were used to drive engagement and participation as show below.

Technique	Reach
Elected member email	Mayor and elected members
Email to Your Say subscribers with an interest in O'Sullivan Beach, Council land, Community and sporting facilities, Playgrounds, parks, and reserves	2852 emails
Resident letter box drop	346 letters

Public notice in The Advertiser	1 advert
On-site signage	2 location
Your Say page with feedback tool	346 page visitors
Door knock	4 residents directly impacted

Summary of community engagement outcomes

Throughout the engagement, there was a total of 27 contributions:

- 17 via the Your Say online survey
- 9 via quick poll
- 1 via door knocking

Through the online survey and quick poll, participants were asked whether they supported the proposal. This is also asked of residents through door knocking.

The below graph shows the level of support for all feedback received based on the technique used.

The below graph outlines the overall level of support after combining all feedback.

Online Feedback

Participants who provided online feedback, were from:

- O'Sullivan Beach (3)
- Morphett Vale (4)
- Huntfield Heights (1)
- Christies Beach (1)
- Christie Downs (1)
- Noarlunga Downs (1)
- Noarlunga (1)
- Hackham (1)
- Hackham West (1)
- McLaren Vale (1)
- Adelaide (1)
- No valid address (1)

Your Say Onkaparinga

Participants who completed the online survey were invited to provide additional comments to explain their responses. Eleven of the 17 participants provided further feedback. These comments have been analysed and grouped into the themes below.

Those in support

The 1 participant who '**supported'** the proposal said:

- Southern Montessori School is currently using Roopena house and have spent a lot of time and effort to make it a viable space and fulfil the needs of the growing site. If they could access more space it eould allow the school to make a more permanent solution to current capacity issues.

Those not in support

All 10 participants who selected **'do not support'** provided a comment. Comments have been themed below:

- **Loss of public open space -** selling the land would result in the permanent loss of open space and community facilities.
- **Environmental impacts –** Desire to protect and enhance natural habitat and green space
- **Preference for early childhood education -** Strong support for retaining or re-establishing kindy/childcare facilities
- **Infrastructure and local access benefits** - Recognition of existing practical uses and Suggestions to formalise parking and use of the playground within the current leased area

Financial and governance concerns - Criticism of decision-making priorities (e.g. debt management vs asset sale) and calls for maintenance for the facility

Those who were undecided

The remaining 6 participants who selected 'I'm undecided' all provided a comment. While views varied, the feedback focused on concerns about the future use of the site, the reasons for proposing the sale, potential environmental impacts, and opportunities to retain the land for community purposes.

Themes included:

- Concern about residential development and impacts on neighbouring properties
- Questions about the need to sell the land
- Support for ongoing community use of the site
- Concern about impacts on Christies Creek and surrounding green space
- Concerns about the decision-making process

Door knocking

Four homes directly opposite the facility were identified for doorknocking. This was undertaken on 21 April, where one out of the four provided feedback. These residents were happy with the proposal to continue with an education facility.

Evaluation

The engagement met its objectives and purpose:

- Provided clear and easy-to-understand information to stakeholders, residents and the broader community about the proposal and what could be influenced

- Invited community feedback via multiple channels for council's consideration.
- Met legislative requirements.

Participation

- The Your Say Onkaparinga project page received **346 visits,** resulting in **26 contributions**.
- There were also **31 downloads** of the Council report, **37 downloads** of the Section 194 Report and **26 downloads** of the Council minutes.

At the end of the survey, participants were invited to provide feedback on the engagement process. A total of 7 participants chose to share their views, resulting in the following:



Sign-off

All feedback reports are to be reviewed by the Engagement Unit (engagement@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

Officer who prepared the document

Name: Rochelle Redmond

Position title: Asset Optimisation Specialist

Reviewed by Community Engagement Advisor

Name: .....

Date: .....

Approved by

Name: .....

Position title: .....

Date: .....

Appendix A: Verbatim Your Say Survey Comments

Door Knock
Resident 1 – No comment
Resident 2 – No comment
Resident 3 – No comment
Residence 4 – In support – it the land is to be rezoned they would like to be informed. Lack of parking is an issue, at drop off and pick up driveways are blocked. Late night parking behind the facility and can hear chainsaws cutting down trees after dark for many hours. Are supportive keeping with education just need to consider parking

In Support
Southern Montessori School is currently using Roopena house and have spent a lot of time and effort to make it a viable space and fulfil the needs of the growing site. If they could access more space it would allow the school to make a more permanent solution to current capacity issues

Neutral
If I owned any of the homes looking onto the park area I would be seriously concerned - invasion of privacy, more homes-more noise, more traffic - more car parking issues, no more enjoyable view ..... massive concern would be the impact on the value of the surrounding properties. bonuses - less grounds maintenance required by Council, less farmland destroyed for additional housing due to using land within an already established housed area.
The risk and mitigation document doesn't clearly or accurately assess risk to the council of holding onto the land. It just says "there is a risk of holding onto it" so "the only mitigation is to sell it". This doesn't accurately assess the risks or define the mitigation options that would be required if the land was held onto. There is no clear purpose behind the sale of the land. Has the current leasee been approached about continued lease of the property, which could cover the costs of owning the land? Have you suggested that the additional services with weed maintenance, security, etc., can all be provided at an extra cost? The council minutes don't describe why they consider the land as potentially suitable for sale. It seems like they are just trying to find assets to sell to provide a short-term income boost but little long-term gain. How will the access the road that goes further into the other part of council property be managed? Selling the property that requires the access be maintained will reduce value and not make suitable for sale.

I do NOT support this being changed or used for residential development.

We are currently undecided, as both retaining and revoking the community land classification present viable pathways for the future use of the site.

We consider that the highest and best use of the site remains as an early learning facility. Our assessment is informed by detailed demographic analysis, which identifies strong localised demand for additional childcare places within the immediate catchment.

Retaining the community land classification may enable redevelopment of the site into a new early learning centre under an appropriate lease or licence arrangement. Conversely, revocation would allow for a broader range of delivery models, including potential acquisition and full redevelopment.

Given the existing facility is no longer fit for purpose and there is clear demand for early childhood education in the area, we see merit in both approaches and would support a pathway that enables timely redevelopment of the site to better meet community needs

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We believe the site presents a strong opportunity for redevelopment into a contemporary early learning facility that aligns with current regulatory requirements and growing local demand.

In the event the land classification is revoked, we would encourage Council to consider a range of delivery models, including both outright sale and long-term ground lease structures. A ground lease model would allow Council to retain ownership of the land while transferring development, compliance and ongoing maintenance responsibilities to an experienced private operator, along with providing a secure, ongoing income stream.

We have extensive experience in the delivery, ownership and operation of early learning centres across Adelaide and nationally, having delivered more than 60 centres and retaining ownership of over a dozen. This experience positions us well to deliver a high-quality outcome for the site.

We note that our formal capability statement exceeds the 1MB upload limit for this platform and would be pleased to provide this upon request if appropriate contact details are made available.

My thoughts are on the school. They asked you for a 42 yr lease and your response is to sell the land as the facilities are not needed. Do I understand that as you have a number of facilities that the school will be located to a suitable location. I am confused as to why it is not needed when the school asked for a 42yr lease.
I am concerned for the potential loss of green space and any encroachment to the Christie Creek.
I am very concern about the sensitive area along Christies Creek Reserve / Trail. This area has been neglected for far too long with industries, including SA Water over the years. Whilst there has been some improvement there has also been more industry built in the Lonsdale area encroaching on the reserve. The continuous dumping of rubbish(possible by local industries)and lack of protection of this sensitive creek by council and environmental groups has left it looking very neglected. I would like some assurances that any private purchase of this area would come with increase protection of the creek and reserve and that any profit of the sale would go directly into the clean up and upgrade if this section of the Christies Creek Reserve and trail in O'Sullivan Beach and other reserves in our suburb in need of an upgrade.

Not in Support
My understanding is the land is for the community use, for the people. Providing areas for people to engage, appreciate their surroundings, to further enhance the natural habitat of the environment in creating a place people are proud to live. Parks, reserves, wetlands, community initiatives that support people of all ages would be more beneficial to the community and we the people.
That land is premium parking space for O'Sullivan Beach Primary School. If you're going to do anything with it, turn it into an actual carpark. Do you understand how hard it is to get a park to access this school for say, sports day, end of year celebrations, VOTING! That building could also be put to use given the aging population of the suburb and the young family population are now very similar. Turn it into a community house like that on Elizabeth Road.
This land and many other parcels have been set aside for community use and as such should stay linked to the community. Once sold as a parcel off an existing larger parcel or reserve are it will lose its appeal as open space to the community. The loss to any future local community will be lost forever and this revocation is only a short term gain for a short term council agenda The nearby school and sports club are more suited for decisions for future planning uses Short term decisions will in future be regarded as short sighted or superficial but with long terrm repercussions for council
There are trees near this project , you cannot keep releasing land and getting rid of spaces, causing more landfill, and plastic. if you want rid of the building it should be remediated back to native plants
Why? After looking over other proposed revocations, you have still gone ahead with your intended plans!
Should remain community, once gone it can never replaced. Any money received by council will be spent and nothing to show for it for the next generation of people.

That community land provides essential community services and protects against the encroachment of environmental reserve by industrial or residential use. So many people in the area use or used that kindy for parenting connections and child events. It also gives me a safer carpark to park in and take my kids for bush walks (very important for connecting with the Australian landscape!) It needs better funding and maintenance, not revocation!
I think it should be turned back into a kindy. With the intake of 3yo kindy and the building of the new salt estate there will be a surge in demand for kindy. The current O'Sullivan beach childcare only offers an integrated childcare and kindy in one room which is completely insufficient for a growing population. It's also unsuitable for lost of children due to the large amount of children in one space. We opted for out of zone kindy to accommodate a true kindy experience. I would love to see one in this suburb and this is the perfect spot.
The community needs places like this to support families This venue could be used for a non for profit clothes recycling for families with young children. The fenced playground is the only one in area
So the school no longer interested in purchasing it but you want to sell of a playground so as to use the money from the land to waste on other useless wants we don't want or need. How about leave the playground alone and learn to manage your debt Leave the playground alone it doesn't need to be sold

Attachment 4 – Theme Analysis

Theme	Issue	Council's response
Loss of green space	Desire to retain land for recreation, dog-walking and community connection	The site does not form part of Open Space Network and is not currently accessible to the public. The broader reserve is not included in the area for revocation.
Future use of the site	Oppose housing, support education and child care	It is proposed to undertake an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process will focus on education and early childhood uses of the site.
	Support for continued use of the facility by the Southern Montessori School (SMS)	The proposed EOI process will provide an opportunity for SMS to participate should they wish
Traffic, congestion & parking	Loss of carpark will impact school drop off and pick up	The current leased area does not include the carpark, but this will be included in any new arrangement and will be managed by the potential purchaser, leaseholder, manager.
Environmental impact	Loss of vegetation	This portion of land has a low biodiversity value. Refer to attachment 1. The broader reserve is not included in the area for revocation.
Access by the public for the playground	The playground will no longer be available for community use	The playground is within the current leased area to SMS, therefore not open to the public.
Access road	How will the access road to the reserve and creek be managed	An easement in favour of Council would be registered on title to ensure ongoing access to the adjoining Council reserve is maintained
Proceeds of sale	Disposing of assets to provide a short-term income boost but little long-term gain	The age and condition of the current building asset is also forms a significant consideration.

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10.5 UPDATE REPORT ON REVOCATION OF LAND LOCATED AT HOPKINS COURT WOODCROFT

Report contact	Meeting
Rochelle Redmond, Asset Optimisation Specialist	Council
Manager	
Ben Calder, Manager Operational Excellence (Acting)	
Director	**Date**
Jade Bird, Director Corporate and Commercial	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report provides an update on the revocation of land at Allotment 39 Hopkins Court Woodcroft, including the outcomes of community consultation.

2. Recommendations

That for the portion of Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) in Deposited Plan 28038 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5370 Folio 783 and bordered in blue on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. **Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.**
2. **Having considered the submissions received, resolves to proceed with the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification and approves a request to the Minister for Local Government for revocation approval.**
3. **Notes that a final update report will be presented to Council with the decision of the Minister for Local Government on the proposed revocation, to enable finalisation of the revocation process.**

3. Executive summary

The Hopkins Court site is an undeveloped land parcel, measuring approximately 1,557m², that has been identified as surplus to Council's requirements.

At is meeting on 19 May 2026 Council approved the commencement of process to revoke the community land classification, including undertaking a public consultation, on the basis that Council intends to negotiate a direct sale to Living Choice Retirement Village.

This follows receipt of a proposal from the adjoining Living Choice Woodcroft Retirement Village seeking to develop the site as a recreational space. The proposal involves:

- pickleball courts
- a workshop for retirement village residents
- a landscaped BBQ and outdoor seating area
- a pedestrian link connecting the site to the retirement village.

Public consultation has been undertaken, with 39 responses received. Of those 46 per cent of respondents supporting the proposal while 41 per cent did not. Of note there was strong support from residents nearest to the site in Hopkins Court. This support was subject to Living Choice maintaining ongoing consultation and engagement with Hopkins Court residents throughout the development and refinement of the concept plan.

Council approval is sought to request revocation approval from the Minister for Local Government. A further report will be presented to Council following receipt of the Minister for Local Government's decision.

Should the matter proceed, Council staff will support ongoing engagement between Living Choice and Hopkins Court residents on the proposed concept and development of a final design.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy Unsolicited Bids and Proposals Policy and Procedure (Administrative) Long-Term Financial Plan Local Government Act 1999
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Public consultation has been undertaken to seek community views on the proposal to revoke the community land classification of the subject portion of the reserve, enabling its disposal. The approval of the Minister for Local Government will be sought (Local Government Act 1999, Section 194(3)(a) requirement) if approved by Council). If the proposal were to proceed, it will require a development application. Formal public notification of the development proposal will be undertaken as required by the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. Adjoining neighbours will be notified of the proposed development and will have a further opportunity to comment at this time.

In 2024-25 Council considered the future of the site, declared it surplus and approved commencement of the revocation process. However, at its meeting on 20 May 2025 Council resolved not to proceed with the process of revocation following consideration of submissions received from community engagement.

The matter was revisited following receipt of a proposal from the adjoining Living Choice Woodcroft Retirement to develop the site as a recreational space. The proposal appeared to address many of the concerns raised during the 2025 engagement and preliminary feedback from residents of Hopkins Court indicated that it warranted further engagement.

At its meeting 19 May 2026 Council revoked it decision not to continue the revocation process. It approved the commencement of a new revocation process to revoke the community land classifications, including undertaking public consultation.

5. Discussion

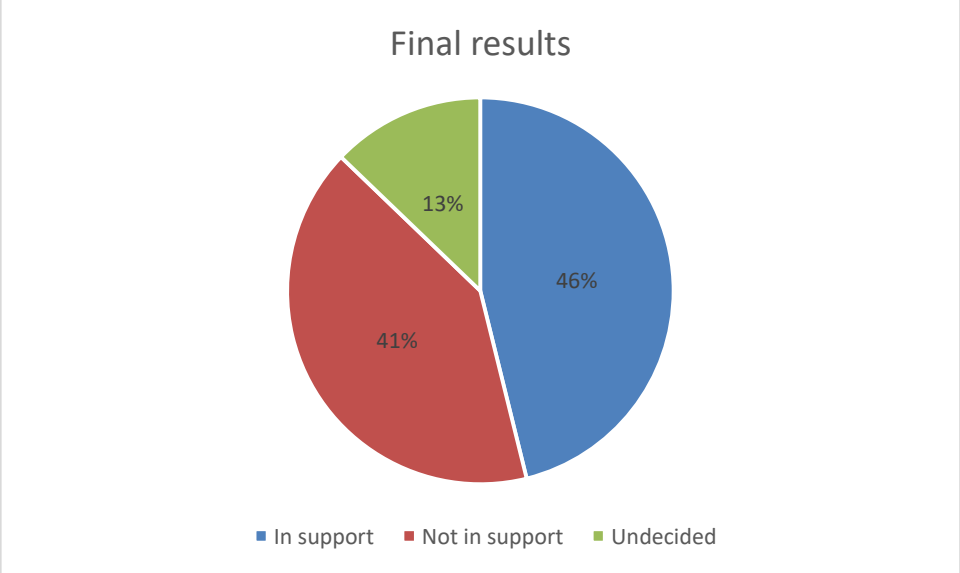
On 27 May 2026 the legislative 21-day public consultation commenced for the community land revocation proposal for Hopkins Court Woodcroft and concluded midnight 17 June 2026. The YourSay page can be found at Community land revocation proposal Woodcroft | Your Say Onkaparinga.

Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with the provisions of section 194(2) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Multiple techniques were used to drive engagement and participation as show below.

Technique	Reach
Elected member email	Mayor and elected members
Email to Your Say subscribers with an interest in Woodcroft, Council land, Parks, play spaces and reserves	1,802 emails
Resident letter box drop	31 letters
Public notice in The Advertiser	1 advert
On-site signage	1 location
Your Say page with feedback tool	182 page visitors
Email to key stakeholders – Living Choice Committee	1 email with proposal information to distribute among all residents
On-site meeting with Living Choice residents	70 – 80 attendees
Door knock	8 directly impacted properties

In summary, there were 182 visits to the YourSay page, and 39 contributed received with 18 in support, 16 not in support and 5 undecided.



Overall, feedback reflected two distinct viewpoints namely:

- neighbouring residents generally supported the proposal, recognising the opportunity to improve an underutilised parcel of land and provide additional facilities for retirement village residents.
- conversely, feedback from Living Choice residents largely focused on concerns about the suitability of the proposed facilities, the consultation undertaken by Living Choice, potential financial impacts on residents and the long-term management of the site.

These view points are discussed below.

Hopkins Court residents

A door knock was conducted with residents of Hopkins Court and a portion of Wyman Way on 2 June 2026. All residents consulted expressed support for the proposal, subject to Living Choice maintaining ongoing consultation and engagement with Hopkins Court residents throughout the development and refinement of the concept plans.

Living Choice resident feedback

A drop-in session for Living Choice residents was held on 10 June 2026. Feedback about the proposal was primarily focused on the current residents not seeing the benefit of Pickleball courts, as well as concerns relating to potential cost implications.

This feedback is more directly relevant to Living Choice's decision making than Council's. In response Living Choice has advised that the proposed courts are consistent with its focus on resident wellbeing, health and fitness and intends to expand provision across its villages. Living Choice further noted its facility planning is informed by both current resident preferences and anticipated demand from future residents, supported by demographic and market trends.

The Community Engagement Feedback Report forms attachment 2. Attachment 3 presents a summary of issues raised and responses.

6. Financial implication

If approved, and consistent with other application-based disposals:

- all costs associated with completing the revocation and sale will be borne by the applicant.
- Purchase price of the land will be no less than the market value of the land determined by an independent Registered Valuer.

In accordance with the provisions of the Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy, proceeds from the sale of the land would be assigned to the annual $3 million dollar budgeted revenue to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and budget. Any surplus proceeds above the $3 million target would be directed to a Future Investment Reserve where they will be retained for future strategic investment opportunities. While held in the Reserve the funds will offset borrowings therefore reducing interest costs.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Future land use not as proposed ie: residential development	As part of any future sale process, appropriate conditions will be incorporated to ensure the land is developed in accordance with the proposal if required.
Reputation/community expectation	Council staff will support Living Choice's stated commitment to ongoing engagement with Hopkins Court residents on the concept plan and development of a final design.
Revocation not approved	There has not been any future development identified for the subject reserve nor has there been any strategic or operational need identified that justifies retention.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Optimised asset portfolio	The land is not required for open space purposes and has been removed from the open space network. No future upgrades are planned for this undeveloped reserve.
Community Vision 2034	The proposal provides an opportunity for the land to be positively activated in line with Councils community vision. The space will focus on wellbeing, health and fitness.

8. Timelines and deadlines

If approved, once a response has been received from the Minister a Report will be prepared for the final decision of Council

9. Next steps

Subject to Council approval, application to the Minister of Local Government to be submitted.

Once the Minister's decision is received, a follow-up report will be presented to Council outlining the outcome.

Council staff will support discussions between Living Choice and Hopkins Court residents on the finalisation of the concept plan.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Aerial map (2 pages)

Attachment 2 – Community Engagement Feedback Report (23 pages)

Attachment 3 – Summary of engagement issues raised (2 pages)

- END OF REPORT –

Attachment 1

Aerial Image - Hopkins Court, Woodcroft



Hopkins Court Woodcroft



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

Community land revocation proposal Hopkins Court Woodcroft

June 2026

Introduction

In January 2026, Council was approached by Living Choice Retirement Village about purchasing Council-owned land at Hopkins Court, Woodcroft. The land would be used to provide additional recreational and community space for residents of the Woodcroft Retirement Village, which currently has limited green space and shared outdoor facilities.

Living Choice has proposed developing the site to include:

- pickleball courts
- a workshop for retirement village residents
- a landscaped BBQ and outdoor seating area
- a pedestrian link connecting the site to the retirement village.

Council considers the proposal has the potential to:

- support Council's strategic objectives
- provide additional recreational opportunities for residents of the Living Choice Woodcroft Retirement Village.

At its meeting on 19 May 2026, Council resolved to begin the process to revoke the community land classification of the reserve at Hopkins Court, Woodcroft, and undertake community engagement on the proposal. During this meeting, a representative from Living Choice spoke about the proposal which was supported by a representative from the residents of Hopkins Court.

The land is legally described as **Allotment 39 (Reserve) in Deposited Plan 28038, Certificate of Title Volume 5370 Folio 783** and has an area of approximately **1,557 square metres**. If the community land classification is revoked and all legislative requirements are met, Council may proceed with the sale of the land to Living Choice Retirement Village.

Engagement was open from 27 May 2026 to 17 June 2026.

Community Engagement Purpose

The purpose of the engagement was to consult with key stakeholders, local residents and the wider community to seek feedback on the proposal and listen to any concerns for Council's consideration.

Engagement objectives:

- Provide stakeholders with clear information about the proposal and how it might impact them
- Seek feedback and listen to any concerns
- Provide a range of opportunities for the community to have their say
- Ensure a consistent approach to all revocations of community land
- Comply with legislative requirements
- Ensure that stakeholders are kept informed

Engagement Techniques

Multiple techniques were used to drive engagement and participation as show below.

Technique	Reach
Elected member email	Mayor and elected members
Email to Your Say subscribers with an interest in Woodcroft, Council land, Parks, play spaces and reserves	1802 emails
Resident letter box drop	31 letters
Public notice in The Advertiser	1 advert
On-site signage	1 location
Your Say page with feedback tool	182 page visitors
Email to key stakeholders – Living Choice Committee	1 email with proposal information to distribute among all residents
On-site meeting with Living Choice residents	70 – 80 attendees

Summary of Community Engagement Outcomes

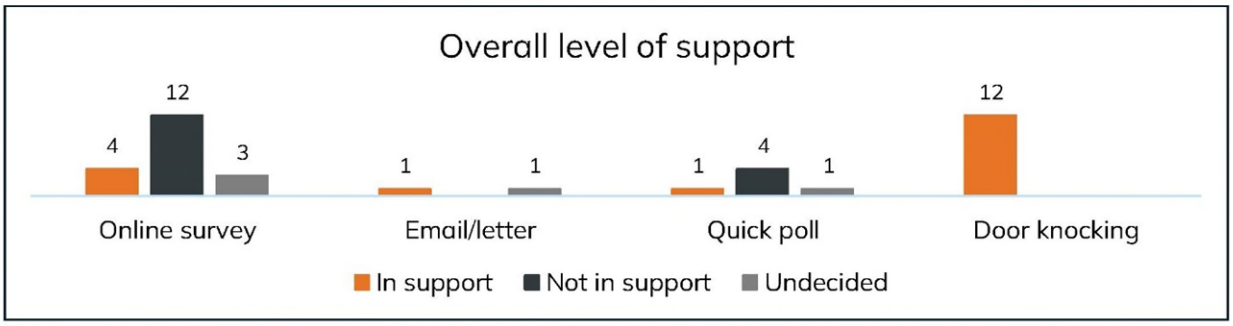
Throughout the engagement, there was a total of 38 contributions:

- 19 via the Your Say online survey
- 6 via quick poll
- 2 letter
- 12 via door knocking

Approximately 70–80 Living Choice residents also attended a drop-in session. As this feedback was provided in an informal group setting rather than as individual submissions, it has been summarised separately.

Overall, feedback reflected two distinct viewpoints.

1. Neighbouring residents generally supported the proposal, recognising the opportunity to improve an underutilised parcel of land and provide additional facilities for retirement village residents.
2. Conversely, feedback from Living Choice residents largely focused on concerns about the suitability of the proposed facilities, the consultation undertaken by Living Choice, potential financial impacts on residents and the long-term management of the site.



Online Feedback

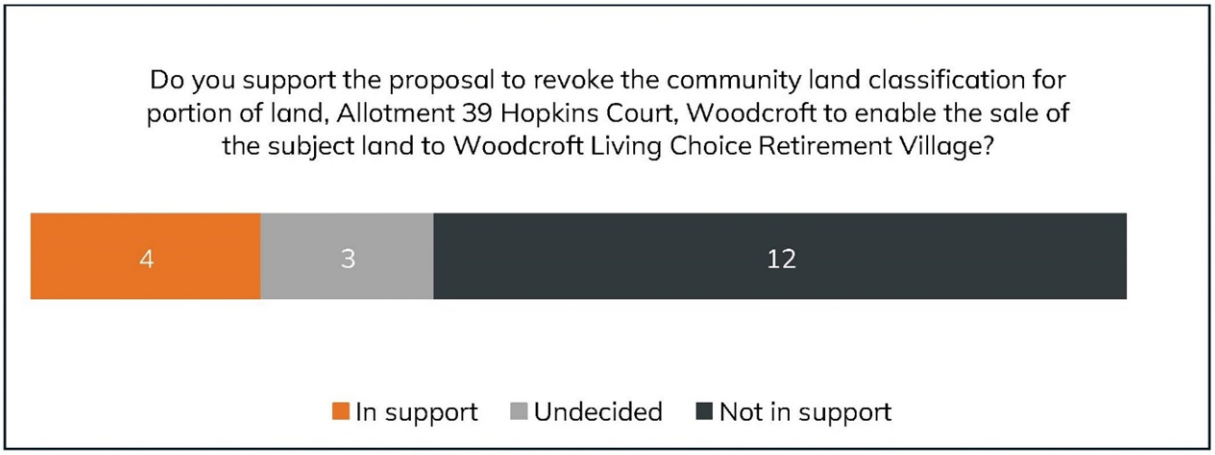
Participants who provided online feedback, were from:

- Woodcroft (13)
- Reynella (1)
- Hackham West (1)
- Flagstaff Hill (1)
- Port Noarlunga (1)
- Willunga (1)
- Happy Valley (1)

Your Say Onkaparinga

Community members could provide feedback through the Your Say Onkaparinga project page by completing an online survey or participating in a quick poll. The survey asked participants whether they supported the proposal and included an opportunity to provide comments. The quick poll offered a simple one-click response for participants who did not wish to complete the survey and did not include an option to provide comments.

A total of 19 participants completed the online survey. Of the 12 participants who did not support the proposal, 9 identified themselves as Living Choice Retirement Village residents.



Comments

Participants also had the opportunity to provide comments outlining the reasons for their preferred option. These have been themed below.

Two participants also chose to upload a written submission. These are provided in **Appendix B**.

Those in support

All 4 participants who '**supported**' the proposal went on to explain why they chose this option. These have been themed below:

- **Making better use of vacant land –** Participants felt the currently unused land should be developed for a beneficial purpose.
- **Supporting retirement village residents –** There was strong support for providing additional recreational and communal facilities for Living Choice residents.
- **Creating broader community benefits –** Some participants suggested the facilities should also be accessible to the wider community to encourage intergenerational and community connections.
- **Improving the local environment** – Participants supported incorporating landscaping, trees and green space into the development while reducing opportunities for dumping and antisocial behaviour.

Those not in support

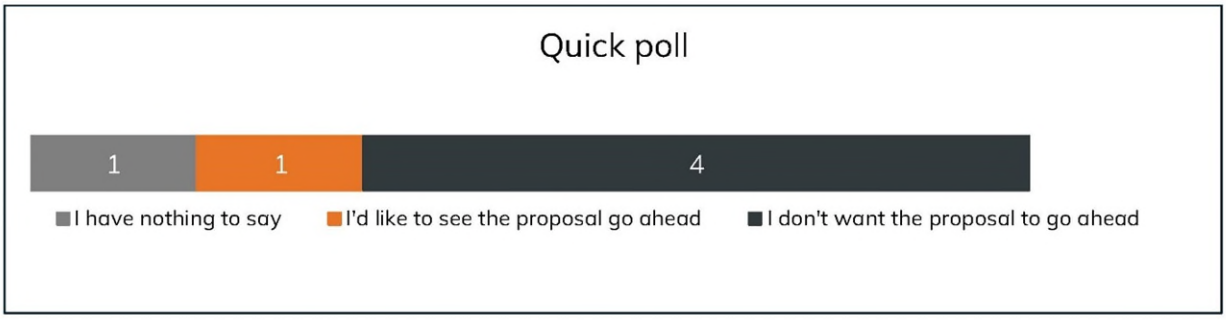
All 12 participants who selected **'do not support'** provided a comment. Comments have been themed below:

- **Lack of consultation for the Living Choice Residents –** Participants felt Living Choice residents had not been adequately consulted and that insufficient information had been provided to support an informed decision.
- **Limited benefit for Living Choice Residents residents** – Questioned whether the proposed facilities, particularly the pickleball courts and relocated workshop, would meet the needs of the retirement village's ageing residents.
- **Financial impacts on Living Choice Residents** – Concerns were raised that maintaining the new facilities could increase Living Choice residents' monthly levies, which some already considered unaffordable.
- **Impacts on neighbouring properties –** Participants expressed concerns about potential noise, lighting, privacy, security, traffic and emergency access, and the overall impact on residential amenity.
- **Loss of public open space –** Objections to the sale of community land to a private organisation, expressing concern that fencing and restricted access would reduce public open space and community use.
- **Environmental impacts** – Some participants were concerned about the loss of trees and green space and requested additional landscaping and tree replacement.

Verbatim Your Say comments can be found in **Appendix A.**

Quick Poll

Via the quick poll, 6 participants provided a response resulting in the below:



Email feedback

Two written submission were received via email. One submission in support, another raised concerns about the irreversible loss of green space and the impact on environmental flora and fauna with the primary focus being green space must be maintained.

The full submissions can be found in Appendix B.

Door knocking

On 2 June, Council staff door knocked 8 properties living adjacent to the land parcel. 12 residents supported the proposal, while one resident declined to speak with staff but indicated they did not support and left feedback on via YourSay.

While residents supported the proposal, several sought reassurance that, if the land were sold, it would continue to be used for the purpose outlined in the proposal and not be redeveloped for another use in the future.

One resident also suggested improvements to the concept plan. These comments are included in Appendix B.

Living Choice Drop-in session

On June 10, Council staff attended Living Choice Retirement Village where around 70 – 80 residents attended.

Feedback from residents of the Living Choice Retirement Village primarily focused on concerns that the proposed facilities would not meet the needs of the existing resident community, particularly the inclusion of pickleball courts. Many also referred to previous planning decisions made by Living Choice and Council.

Key concerns included a perceived lack of consultation by Living Choice during the development of the proposal and a general lack of trust in the organisation. Residents questioned the suitability of the proposed pickleball courts, citing the age and mobility of many village residents, and expressed concern that ongoing maintenance costs could lead to increased resident fees.

Additional concerns related to the need for further BBQ facilities, the village's existing parking constraints, emergency access and egress, public access to the site, impacts on neighbouring

properties, noise, and the accessibility of the proposed facilities for residents with limited mobility. Some submissions also questioned the future use of the land should the proposal not proceed.

The feedback received was provided to Living Choice for consideration. Living Choice's responses to staff questions regarding the proposed revocation and disposal of the land are included in the Council agenda report

Evaluation

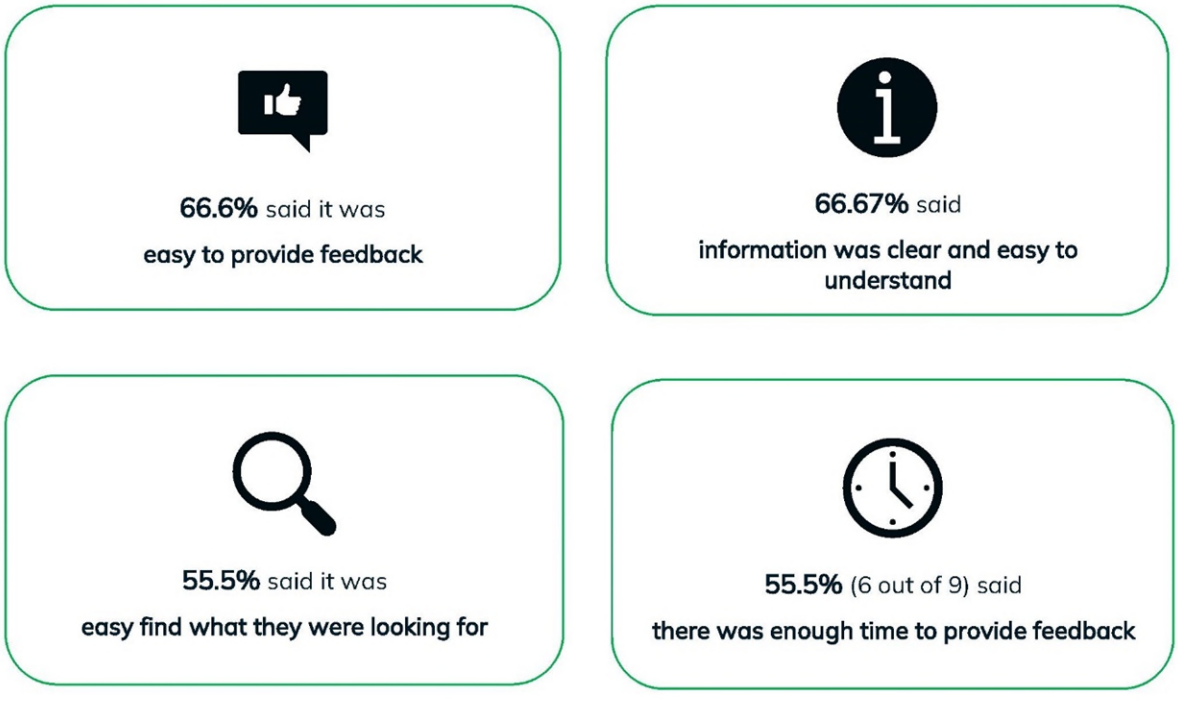
The engagement met its objectives and purpose:

- Provided clear and easy-to-understand information to stakeholders, residents and the broader community about the proposal and what could be influenced
- Invited community feedback via multiple channels for council's consideration.
- Met legislative requirements.

Participation

- The Your Say Onkaparinga project page received **182 visits,** resulting in **38 contributions**.
- There were also **27 downloads** of the Living Choice concept plan, **26 downloads** of the Council report and **18 downloads** of the Section 194 Report.

At the end of the survey, participants were invited to provide feedback on the engagement process. A total of 9 participants chose to share their views, resulting in the following:



APPENDICIES

- Appendix A – Verbatim Your Say Survey Comments
- Appendix B – Email Feedback Received

Sign-off

All feedback reports are to be reviewed by the Engagement Unit (engagement@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

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Appendix A: Verbatim Your Say Survey Comments

Door Knock

Property 1 – In support - As long as Living Choice do exactly what they propose
Property 2 – In support
Property 3 – In support - As long as Living Choice do exactly what they propose. No public access that would add to parking issues.
Property 4 – In support
Property 5 – In support - As long as Living Choice do exactly what they propose
Property 6 – Generally in support - As long as I can still get out of my carpark safely. Don't want any carparking available.
Property 7 - Generally in support – would like screening trees, traffic is the concern no parking for Living Choice residents. Only 1 pickleball court for now
Property 8 – one of the residents was in support and provided concept input. The other resident did not wish to speak to staff but left a comment on YourSay

In Support

I support it as it is vacant land and developing it to support the existing retirement village, for enrichment activities, is an awesome idea!
I support the sale if Living Choice Woodcroft WILL BE purchasing it for this purpose.
I would also support it if the appropriate trees and green planting is part of the proposal.
Please go ahead and use the land - it is doing absolutely nothing in its current state. I can't believe residents on this street objected the previous proposal while we're in a housing crisis. This sounds wonderful - my only hope is that we could utilise the facilities.
Sounds sensible and land needs to be used to improve the area. Too much space is used for dumping and antisocial behaviour activities.
Use of the land to include existing community is a good idea. Incorporating Aged care and Community interaction can only benefit both sectors

Neutral

I am very concerned about the potential, irreversible loss of green space that is not only essential to the wellbeing of the community but critical to the survival of environmental flora and fauna that comes with revocation of publicly owned land. The community has already spoken for retaining this area and yet the Council has raised revocation for it again. The proposal by Woodcroft Living Choice Retirement Village for a park for this site sounds reasonable, although most of it will be paved.

My greatest concern is that once the land has been purchased by "Living Choice" that they will be at liberty to deviate from their identified proposal.
What assurance can the City of Onkaparinga give that, once this land is sold, it will not be used for purposes which conflict with the interests of the community and the environment.
A long-term leasing arrangement would be preferable, as this will allow for the proposed use of the land by "Living Choice" and avoid the risk of any future loss of control of this community space.

Not enough information for the future

Living Choice Resident

Insufficient information available regarding the maintenance costs LCW residents could be charged each month for the space. The proposal suggests the acquisition is to benefit LCW residents yet it described as a shared space with local residents. This could present security risks for the Village if not fenced, monitored & secure. LCW residents want their own green space. Will there be increased noise, lighting & other inconveniences if a shared space.

Residents have been requesting green space for years. Green spaces were originally part of the village, however were bulldozed for housing. No green space was in the new villa development so there is suspicion that houses would be built on the proposed site if it was not utilised by residents.

It is assumed that LCW residents are inactive or want to play Pickle Ball & utilise BBQ facilities. I am one of the youngest residents in the village & have no interest in learning pickleball. There are 395 residents in the Village. Most are not involved in physically active pursuits.

LCW already has an under utilised BBQ set up within the village - it is used monthly by the social committee but hardly ever used by residents. Those interested in BBQing have their own set up. Weekly table tennis is available- over the past 6 years, it has attracted 8 -10 regular residents who turn out each Tuesday night to play. Bocce was played by a handful of residents until COVID. Weekly indoor bowls attract approximately 25 regular residents. Aqua aerobics & chair yoga attract around 10- 15 regular residents. LCW residents with an interest in outdoor activities generally belong to a club such as crochet, lawn bowls or golf. Some residents walk either within the village or to shops or within local parks etc. Most residents do not venture far within the current village set up, so it is unlikely that they will walk down to the proposed space. The current green space is redundant & rarely used as it doesn't provide effective protection from the elements or have appropriate seating for the LCW demographic. It could have been made into a bowls or bocce area rather than the large path & poorly placed seating area.

Approximately 25-30 residents use the current men's shed. The men are happy with the set up & current location. I doubt they would use the proposed site unless it was exceptional. Residents have expressed a need for a dog walking area.

On a positive note, having an effective emergency exit is welcomed.

It would have been beneficial for council to have sought LCW resident feedback months ago. It seems much planning & energy has been exerted on the premise of what residents might like without consultation.

Not in Support

This land was up for disposal last year, the residents of Wyman Way and Hopkins Court fought hard to keep it as a reserve, this caused a lot of worry and stress all round, finally the Council voted to leave it as is and peace was restored. Now not even a year later it's all started again! Nothing has changed for us residents or the reasons we gave last year, but here we go again, so what has changed? Living choice is a profitable business and has their own land, which they have enclosed with very high walls which caused a lot of problems for residents living behind them, so now why should they be allowed to open up onto our street? Only reason is $$$??

I object to the proposed revocation of community land classification at Allotment 39 Hopkins Court Woodcroft.

This proposal is an acknowledgement by both Living Choices and the Council that they have failed in their community obligations to provide sufficient community land with facilities for the enjoyment of all residents.

In particular:

1. The proposal does not support shared public and private access to the community land. It divides the land into Private and Semi-public amenities through the extensive use of fencing. This will stop access to the amenities by local residents.

2. The community's ownership of the land appears to be lost to Living Choices.

3. The area of the private Living Choices amenities is substantial compared to the relatively small semi-public amenities. All amenities must be accessible to the public.

4. A large segment of the community land is lost to car parking and bin collection areas.

5. The relocation of a workshop onto community land and being immediately adjacent to residential housing is at odds with the right to quiet enjoyment for residential properties in the area. There will be increase noise, fumes and dust, solvents and spray drift.

This proposal says it will create shared space but infact, fencing the entire park is not sharing space. Fencing an entire area says to everyone else that they cannot use it. The fencing should be limited to the courts and shed not bbq area and southern side of courts and shed. The existing plan completely blocks of the area to the general public. Living Choice in their proposal quote - Development of this park "A dedicated open space" will help

complement the comment made by Adrian Morecroft "we

believe the park has been instrumental in building strong

relationships that we have with each other as neighbours". - yet the open space has created these neighbour relationships and the new plan closes that space and fences it completely to exclude residents. Where do the children kick the footy or play cricket in an open environment, bringing community together? The proposed plan excludes the local community from the pickle ball courts and only Living Choice can use these. This is shown in the plan as private ammenities.

I am not understanding why so many fences are required and why a bbq area requires fencing. We all know fences mean keep out.

If I lived in that court I wouldn't want to be hearing the noise from the courts, this quiet residential court will become noisy, the fencing does not stop or even reduce pickle court noise.

The existing trees on the Southern fenceline are to be removed and not replaced in this plan. Therefore where the trees currently growing to block the metal fence, give greenery to a harsh fence and eventually assist in shading the housing behind from the harsh northern sun should be kept or replaced along that fencline for the residents. The very few tress that will be planted and the addition of a large tin shed and removal of green space replaced by hot hard blue surface will increase the heat in this environment.

Living Choice have created their retirement village without consideration for green space in their enourmous footprint and now they want outside residents to be impacted by a large shed, noise and loss of green space.

I can see court lighting in their proposed diagram but no mention of it in the written proposal. This is of concern, night lighting of any court is a harsh bright light. These courts are close to residential housing and any court lighting will affect residential housing, all while residents are excluded from using these courts.

I would consider supporting the disposal of this land in an amended plan where

1. the bbq area is unfenced, allowing more open space for everyone, as the proposal actually states...until you read the whole proposal.

2. Living Choice are held accountable to the removal of the current growing trees, no matter what size and plant 3 for 1 as is state legislation.

3. Court lighting is removed or courts are opened to public not just Living Choice as current plan.

The current plan really does exclude the public, the proposal is clearly written to mask this and most likely Living Choice are hoping people do not read through the entire proposal to see this. After all, it is well known that majority of people will only look at the first 2 pages.

Council should not be selling the peoples land to pay off debt unless it benefits everyone. The residents did not support sale of this land originally, if they don't support it again, the council should be improving the land by planting trees around it not selling it for budget management.

Living Choice Resident

Firstly, not enough time or information has been given to ALL the residents of LC Woodcroft to make a fully informed decision... It feels as though this proposal is being deliberately sneaked through the system.

Second, the proposal by L.C. to provide so called extra green space and facilities for the village residents is hard to swallow, as they have built on every conceivable piece of land in the village even after being asked on many occasions to reconsider their plans.

Third, the idea of building pickle ball courts for village residents is just ludicrous

as most of us are between 70 & 90 years old and would never consider using these courts.

Living Choice Resident

I do not support Council selling the land at 39 Hopkins Court, Woodcroft to Living Choice. Over the last 8 years I have lived in the Living Choice Village , Living Choice Management have ignored requests from Residents for more greenspace and car parks. A number of large trees have been removed and with Council approvals units have been built on their locations. The proposed development in Hopkins Court adds no value to the Residents and will over

time increase our monthly levies. Residents contracts state that they pay the costs to maintain the Village. Current Monthly Levies have one up 46% in the last 8 years.

Living Choice Resident

Extra cost to Residents of Living Choice to maintain proposed extra facilities. Current monthly fees fast becoming unaffordable for those living on Aged Pension - monthly fees have risen 46% in the 8 years we have been residents, so any extra cost will be a burden.

Before Living Choice the village had ample green spaces, which have now been built on.

The new proposal is not going to be easily accessible for our aging Residents, particularly as there will be a steep ramp of some sort.

We don't need another barbecue area as the one we have near the Leisure Centre is adequate.

Moving the Men's Shed will make it harder to access and the current location is central to all Residents.

Nobody at the meeting with Council employees thought Pickleball was a great option as the average age in the Village is over 79 years.

Having dealt with Living Choice over other issues in the past, eg lack of parking, I am very wary about the reason they would spend money for this proposal when there appears to be little benefit for them.

Living Choice Resident

1. Emergency Access

o The boundary gate between Villas 144 and 146 has previously been identified by safety professionals as a potential emergency access and egress point via Wyman Way should the main village entrance become inaccessible. Reference: Traffic & Pedestrian Access Report by Choose Safety Pty. Ltd. For the Village Manager, Woodcroft, Dated 29 June 2022

o Has this requirement been considered in the design and layout of the proposed development?

o Will the proposal impact the future use of this access point for emergency vehicles or residents requiring urgent access or departure in exceptional circumstances?

2. Hours of Operation

o What are the proposed operating hours for the pickleball courts?

o Will there be any restrictions on early morning or evening use to minimise disturbance to nearby residents?

3. Lighting

o Will court lighting be installed?

o If so, what hours will the lighting operate, and what measures will be implemented to minimise light spill and associated noise impacts on neighbouring residents?

4. Noise Impacts on village residents

o Has any assessment been undertaken regarding the noise generated by pickleball activities, particularly given the close proximity of the courts and public barbecue area to Villas 138–146?

o It is envisaged that non-residents will have access to the pickleball courts by a booking with Living Choice. This raises the possibility of excessive noise emanating from the courts.

o What mitigation measures are proposed to protect the amenity of adjacent residents?

5. Public Access

o What areas of the proposed development will be accessible to the general public?

o Apart from the proposed barbecue area, will members of the public have access to any other facilities or areas adjoining the village boundary?

6. Resident Consultation

o Living Choice residents were not consulted prior to the proposal being submitted to Council.

7. Benefit to Residents

o Given that Living Choice Woodcroft is home to approximately 400 residents, many of whom are of an age where participation in pickleball may not be practical, how has the level of benefit to residents been assessed?

o What evidence supports the view that the proposed development will meet the recreational needs and interests of the broader resident community?

8. Impact on Residential Amenity

o What consideration has been given to the effect of the development on the privacy, peace, and enjoyment of residents whose properties directly adjoin the proposed courts?

o How will Council and Living Choice ensure that the quality of life of affected residents is not diminished?

Living Choice Resident

I am concerned that this proposed development by the Living Choice operator will result in an increase in the monthly Levy charged to residents as explained in my attached letter. Where it is place will make it difficult for residents with mobility issues to access. Also some of the proposals seem to be unsuitable for the age of most of the residents within this village and indicates very little forethought has been given, apart from suddenly realising that they have virtually built on every square inch of green space that was available, and now there is none left, except for one small area, so this is the only option remaining.

Living Choice Resident

Living Choice Management chose to reduce green areas with in their Woodcroft Village by building on every piece of available space. They now need to expand outside their perimeter by moving the residents workshop outside to reclaim car parking spaces. There has been no consultation by Living Choice with the residents of the village. No one has been canvassed as to the need for pickle ball, or moving the residents workshop, in fact Living Choice has not advised the residents of this proposal. Redevelopment of this area would be better served by creating a second vehicle entry/exit if only for emergency vehicles.

Living Choice Resident

1. The proposal will create an area which will be detrimental to all residents living in the vicinity, i.e. Noise during the day and evenings, a place for undesirable people to congregate.

2. Security - as the area is adjacent to the retirement village, it will give undesirable people the opportunity to gain access to the houses along the northern boundary of the Living Choice Village.

3. As it is proposed to be a joint project with Living Choice, the upkeep will impact on the monthly fees charged by Living Choice to the residents.

4. The land would be better used as a wetland or playground for children.

Living Choice Resident

As a living choice resident I don't see the need for another BBQ area

And deffintely not 2x pickle ball courts

It would put the residents works shed out of reach by having to drive leaving the complex if a trailer was required to move larger items.

Please scrap this proposal.

Appendix B: Written submissions

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 9:55 AM
To: Your Say Onkaparinga <YourSay@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au>
Subject: 39 Hopkins Court Woodcroft

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OFFICIAL

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the proposed revocation of the community land classification allotment 39 Hopkins Court, Woodcroft to enable the direct sale of the land to Living Choice.

I believe the proposal would provide a positive outcome for both the residents of living Choice and Hopkins Court. Allowing the land to be used for recreational purposes by retirement village residents would enhance their quality of life, wellbeing, and sense of community by providing additional open space and facilities tailored to their needs.

The proposal also represents a sensible and respectful use of the land, ensuring it is maintained. Supporting recreation space for older residents contributes to a more connected community and reflect the growing need to provide appropriate amenities for an aging population within Woodcroft.

Importantly I support the proposal on the understanding that the land would remain for the private use of Living Choice Residents and not be opened to the public. This would help serve the quiet residential character of the area, minimise additional traffic and noise and ensure the space remains safe and suitable for the intended users.

Overall, I believe the proposal would deliver long term benefits to the retirement village residents while also contributing positively to the presentation, amenity and community value of the local area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this matter.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pickleball info

Storm water

Concerns for extra storm water as there have been a number of retaining walls washed out in the past due to extra water running down the back of houses on Wyman way. The large retaining wall on the extension to the retirement village causes a lot of extra water to flow in to the storm water now. Houses had to upgrade storm water to flow more out into the street.

Car parking area

Propose moving the car parking area to the other end of the plan. This would avoid potential accidents with people driving out into cars coming up or down the road. Cars move quite fast through that section.

The shade area would also be better nearer to the gate so residents would not have to walk as far to get into the shade. Consider hot days and possible falls down those stairs by residents. Stairs are not the best option for residents in the retirement village. A ramp up to code for wheel chair access should be planned for. These suggestions offer a more safe use of the land for residents and car drivers.

Security

Extra cars and people in the street. Also an extra way into the retirement village that could cause potential security issues for residents in the street and the village itself. What extra security will be added to the area to help deter car theft, property break ins.

Friends of Willunga Basin inc.

15 High St, Willunga 5172 Chair: Bridget Gardiner Sec: Dominic Keuskamp email:secfowb@gmail.com

June 15th 2026

Attention: Rochelle Redmond

Your Say. City of Onkaparinga. Community Land Revocation Woodcroft.

mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Friends of Willunga Basin welcomes the opportunity to contribute to City of Onkaparinga Your Say, **Community Land Revocation Proposal Woodcroft** on behalf of our membership and the broader community.

We are very concerned about the potential, irreversible loss of green space that is not only essential to the wellbeing of the community but critical to the survival of environmental flora and fauna that comes with revocation of publicly owned land. Green space must be conserved and maintained.

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The proposal by Woodcroft Living Choice Retirement Village for a park for this site sounds reasonable, although according to the draft concept plan, most of it will be paved.

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What assurance will the City of Onkaparinga give that, once this land is sold, it will not be used for purposes which conflict with the interests of the community and the environment?

A long-term leasing arrangement would be preferable to revocation, as this will allow for the proposed use of the land by "Living Choice" and avoid the risk of any future loss of control of this community space.

Friends of Willunga Basin believe that as a principal, GREEN SPACE MUST BE MAINTAINED

IYours faithfully

Bridget Gardiner.

Chair. Friends of Willunga Basin

Submission 1 uploaded to Your Say

City of Onkaparinga
Proposed Revocation of Community Land
Allotment 39 Hopkins Court Woodcroft

Dear Council Members,

We were notified last week that the operator of our Retirement Village, Living Choice Retirement Pty Ltd, has put forward a proposal to purchase this Community Land at Allotment 39 Hopkins Court Woodcroft, as it is potentially for sale.

This parcel of land lies on the northern border of our village and on paper, the concept of what they propose as "recreational use for residents" of our village sounds incredibly sensible and forward thinking. That is until we, as current residents, look at some of the ramifications, both financial and physical, that will, or may, affect us.

On Wednesday 10th June, we had a presentation by Council representatives to gauge our feelings regarding this proposal. At this time we were given more of an idea of what this would all entail. We were told Council's main interest is in the sale of the land and they needed to know how we, as Residents, felt about it and, to some extent, of the proposed future possible use.

According to the "Your Say" website, Living Choice has presented to Council a draft plan for:

1. Pickleball Courts (2)
2. A Workshop
3. Landscaping
4. A pedestrian Link to the Village
5. Possible use by Neighbouring Residents

I would like to comment on these 5 points in the order they were presented.

1. **Pickleball Courts**: As we were told today at our meeting, the average age of our residents is 79.3 years old. The question remains, how aware and realistic are the operators to suggest such an activity for the majority of their residents when the average age of Pickleball players is around 34.8 years? Why plan for 2 Pickleball Courts.
   Whether they continue with this idea or move to the more sensible idea of lawn bowls, bocce or croquet, who is going to be responsible for the equipment and maintenance of the area?

2. **Workshop**: Why is the Workshop being moved? The Workshop is used as a social gathering for a lot of men who do not actually do any "work". Access to this will be affected. What comparative size will the new workshop be? With the workshop

virtually “off-site”, security of equipment will be of paramount concern as the amount of theft reported in the Neighbourhood Watch magazine would indicate it could be a big problem. Who would cover the cost of replacing lost equipment? What kind of security/surveillance would be installed?

3. **Landscaping**: Lawn or Artificial grass? We were told it will be grass, which of course will keep the area cooler. Hopefully that is correct. Who will be responsible for maintaining and watering whatever landscaping they plan to do?

4. **Pedestrian Link**: The proposed Egress and Ingress to this area, marked 6 on the map, has a significant drop in land height between the village and the land on Hopkins Court. Stairs are impossible for a majority of residents to negotiate who have mobility issues or walking sticks, walkers or gophers. This link will need to be a long or a “zig-zag” ramp, which the map, does not seem to have allowed space for. The gate from the village will need to be “fob” controlled.

5. **Neighbouring Residents**: If this area is going to be available for community access, how is that going to be monitored? When will they have access? What part of this area will they be allowed to use? Who will be responsible for any damage/repairs caused by non-residents, to equipment, grass or courts.

Questions: Further to the above points, if the land is sold to Living Choice.

Living Choice should be required to install toilet facilities both for residents and community use. Who will be responsible for cleaning & supplies?

Extra lighting will be needed for at least security of the area.

Is this area going to be securely fenced off as private property? Where will the gates be and how will they be opened & by whom? This will make community access difficult.

Why would we need a BBQ area marked 3? We already have a very good one within the village near the Auditorium for residents and family use. If the BBQ area goes ahead, who will be responsible, especially if the community uses it?

The map of the proposed use of the land shows 2 carparks. There is no guarantee that they will not be used by the local community & therefore may not be available for residents when needed.

Who is going to bear the cost of all the maintenance of all the facilities in this area?

Will our current staff be expected to also cover that area, as well as our current village?

Ramifications: If Living Choice purchases that land: - the Residents funds will need to cover extra Council Rates, Water Rates, ESL, Electricity, Insurance, Ground Care, Court Maintenance, Toilet Cleaning & Supplies and all repairs and replacements that will be required.

Finally: I personally feel that this area is going to be a white elephant for our village. It will look good for advertising purposes but I'm sure the majority of the residents will not be going down the steep back drop to use whatever they decide to put there. As one resident said today, the Workshop will fail if it goes "out the back". Too late they have realized what they have lost. We had a lot of green space which was deliberately built on, despite our objections. Now they are faced with the issue of not enough green spaces in the village that supports wellbeing and encourages social connection beyond the community centre.

With their current proposal, it seems that residents will be the ones that will be faced with increases in their monthly levies, which would not have been necessary if the operator had left some of the green space which was already in the village, at no extra cost to the residents at the time.

I am not sure what the end result of this assessment is going to be, but I do not hold much hope after the failure of all our previous objections and suggestions, each having been ignored. My wish is that the Council at least take into consideration my points of discussion seriously when making their decision or at least placing proper controls on what is permissible or advisable.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

Submission 2 uploaded to Your Say

Submission to Onkaparinga Council

Re: Development Application – Living Choice Woodcroft (Hopkins Court Pickleball and Workshop Proposal)

From: [redacted]

Date: June 16, 2026

Executive Summary & Lack of Notification

As a resident of the Living Choice Woodcroft (LCW) site, I am writing to formally lodge my concerns regarding this redevelopment application.

Before addressing the core components of the proposal, I must strongly object to the severe lack of information sharing and consultation with existing residents. Providing a mere five days' notice for a public meeting of this magnitude is entirely unacceptable. Furthermore, as of today, there remains no easily accessible public copy of the LCW Proposal for the broader resident community to view and dissect, leaving vulnerable, elderly community members entirely in the dark.

Key Areas of Concern and Formal Questions

1. Inequitable Demographics vs. Proposed Amenities

The preamble notes that LCW acknowledges its limited green space and outdoor communal areas—a direct result of maximizing housing density for corporate profit. The current proposal fails to adequately restore functional community value:

- **Pickleball Courts:** Data indicates the average age for pickleball players is approximately 56 and trending younger. In stark contrast, the average age of our village residents is nearly 70 and rising. This facility appears targeted at outside users or a completely different demographic, rather than the immediate community it displaces.
- **The Workshop Space / Men's Shed:** Members of our current "Residents Shed" have expressed profound anxiety regarding the proposed relocation. The selected site is far too removed from the core of the village. Given that many participating members suffer from severe mobility issues, forcing them to travel this extra distance actively discourages participation and worsens social isolation.

Formal Question: What specific demographic data or resident surveys did LCW utilize to justify that a pickleball court and a relocated workshop meet the physical capabilities and desires of the existing, aging resident base?

2. Environmental Impact and Synthetic Infrastructure

The village is systematically losing its natural green spaces to synthetic turf. This creates a severe "heat island" effect, turning communal zones into thermal hotspots that are completely unwalkable barefoot during summer months.

Formal Question: Will Council mandate that this redeveloped zone be finished with natural, irrigated grass lawns rather than synthetic, plastic turf to mitigate heat stress for elderly residents?

3. Financial Liability and Ongoing Maintenance Costs

A significant portion of our residents live on fixed pensions and are highly vulnerable to cost-of-living pressures. There is deep concern that the financial burden of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining this new asset will be passed directly to the residents through increased monthly village levies.

Formal Question: Will the Council implement strict conditions ensuring that all capital expenditures, ongoing maintenance, and insurance costs for this new development are borne solely by LCW, with a legally binding prohibition against raising resident maintenance levies to fund it?

4. Fencing, Security, and Public vs. Private Access

The proposal outlines a "shared space," yet indicates it will be physically fenced off. At the public meeting, residents overwhelmingly voiced concerns regarding security, boundary fencing, and the overall safety of elderly residents if outside traffic is brought adjacent to the village.

According to page 17 of Living Choice's own consultant report, Town Planners URPS (Scott Twine and Ben Victory) explicitly advise:

- *"Clarification is required on whether the site is intended for public use or exclusive village use."*
- *"Pedestrian access from the village to the site will require compliant ramp and/or stepped access down to street level."*

Because a vast number of our elderly residents utilize walking frames, walking sticks, and wheelchairs, **steps are entirely unacceptable and unsafe**. A compliant, low-gradient ramp is the only viable infrastructure.

Formal Questions:

- How will the Council ensure the security of vulnerable residents along the boundary fence if public parking and public access are integrated into this zone?
- Will Council strictly mandate that access from the village must consist exclusively of a fully compliant, continuous mobility ramp, completely omitting stepped access?

5. Contingency and Future Land Use Exploitation

There is a profound breakdown of trust between the older residents and LCW administration due to a historical pattern of corporate indifference. Residents are highly skeptical that this "community pitch" is a Trojan horse. If this specific pickleball and workshop concept fails to gain traction or proves unviable, residents fear the land will simply be flipped into more high-density residential housing.

Formal Question: If this specific proposal fails or cannot be realized, what legally binding mechanisms will Council put in place to restrict LCW from using this space for further residential expansions? Will Council guarantee the land reverts strictly to protected, open green space for the village?

Conclusion

We fully understand that LCW operates as a commercial, profit-driven entity. However, financial gain should not come at the expense of the safety, mobility, mental well-being, and financial security of the elderly residents who bought into this village under a promise of care and community.

I request that Council rigorously address these questions before granting any further approvals.

Yours respectfully,

[redacted]

Attachment 3 - Summary of engagement feedback themes

Theme	Issue	Response
Loss of green space	Desire to retain land for recreation, dog-walking and community connection	The land is surplus to requirements and does not form part of our open space network. No future upgrades are planned for this undeveloped reserve.
Future use of the land by Living Choice Retirement Village	Fear of the purchaser will not use the land as intended	As part of any future sale process, appropriate conditions will be incorporated to ensure the land is developed in accordance with the proposal if required.
Traffic, congestion & parking	Potential for increased traffic	Access to the subject land would be provided to the Living Choice residents by a pedestrian access and is not expected to significantly increase traffic. Living Choice has advised its existing workshop is generally accessed by users on foot and a shared electric golf buggy is already available for residents with mobility constraints.
Environmental impact	Loss of vegetation	This parcel of land has a low biodiversity value.
Previous objections by the Hopkins Court residents	Previous revocation for disposal on the open market was not approved	Hopkins Court residents have been consulted and will continue to during the drafting of the plan and Development Application. The residents are supportive of the disposal.
Access by the public	The land will not be available to be accessed by the public	If approved the land will be transferred to private ownership. Living Choice has offered access to the facilities to local residents. It is anticipated that this will be the subject of further discussions between Hopkins Court residents and Living Choice.
Vehicle access at the workshop (Men's Shed)	Living Choice residents advised vehicle access for maintenance is required at the workshop	Living Choice has confirmed vehicle maintenance is not endorsed at the current workshop and will not be included in the proposed facility.
Workshop opening hours	Potential for afterhours	Living Choice has advised the workshop operating hours are 9am to 5pm weekdays.

Attachment 3 - Summary of engagement feedback themes

Theme	Issue	Response
Pickleball Courts	Current residents of Living Choice use of Pickleball courts	Living Choice considers the provision of pickleball courts consistent with its focus on resident wellbeing, health and fitness and intends to expand provision across its villages. Living Choice advises its facility planning is informed by both current resident preferences and anticipated demand from future residents, supported by demographic and market trends Living Choice has installed Pickleball courts other of its facilities. It has advised that while to date it has only has limited operational data from these new facilities, industry trends and research indicate that pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports among people aged over 55.
Community facilities	Support for providing additional recreational and communal facilities for Living Choice residents	Noted
Amenity	Making better use of vacant land through landscaping	Noted
Financial	Concern about cost of development for Living Choice Residents	This feedback will be provided to Living Choice.

10.6 PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION OF ALLOTMENT 506 LURLINE BOULEVARD SELLICKS BEACH

Report contact	Meeting
Alicia Smith, Property Transactions Officer	Council
Manager	
Ian Hawkins, Manager Community Safety and Property	
Director	**Date**
Renee Mitchell, Director Planning Governance and Regulatory Services	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report provides information regarding a request from Renewal SA to relocate the existing Sellicks Beach Country Fire Service (CFS) Station from its site on council-owned land at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach, to an alternative council-owned parcel at Allotment 506, Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach to facilitate the construction of a larger three-bay Station.

The report also seeks Council's approval to declare the Reserve land at Lurline Boulevard surplus to requirements and suitable for revocation of its community land classification, with a view to disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services for the purpose of constructing a new CFS station.

2. Recommendations

That for the Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) 506 in Deposited Plan 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822 (the subject land) and bordered in red on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. **Declares that the community land is 'in principle' surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services for the construction of a new CFS Station.**
2. **Approves the commencement of the revocation process to revoke the community land classification, including undertaking public consultation in accordance with the provisions of subsection 194(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999.***
3. **Subject to a successful revocation process, approves the disposal method in accordance with Council's Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy under Section 49 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, at current market value, as assessed by an independent licenced land valuer, with all costs to be borne by the purchaser, and the net proceeds contributing towards the annual revenue target to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and Budget.**
4. **Requests that a further report be presented following completion of the public consultation process, incorporating a summary of submissions received and feedback provided, to enable Council to determine whether the revocation process should proceed or cease.**
5. **Approves that, as a condition of any eventual relocation from the existing Sellicks CFS station site at Fontaine Drive, the Minister for Emergency Services must, at its sole cost, undertake the demolition and removal of all buildings, structures, improvements, and associated infrastructure, and remediate the site to Council's satisfaction, including addressing any environmental contamination or other impacts arising from the use of the land. Such works must be completed immediately upon vacating the site, or within a timeframe approved by Council.**

3. Executive summary

Council has received a request from Renewal SA, on behalf of the SA Country Fire Service (SACFS) and the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM), to consider relocating the Sellicks Beach CFS Station. The existing station occupies Council-owned land at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach, under a longstanding occupancy arrangement. The proposed relocation is to an alternative council-owned reserve located at the corner of Lurline Boulevard and Sellicks Beach Road, Sellicks Beach, where a new station would be constructed subject to approval of the revocation and disposal of the land to the Minister.

Internal consultation identified that this parcel was suggested by the community as a potential site for the formalisation of unauthorised bike jumps located elsewhere in Sellicks Beach as is currently being considered by the council, however other sites that received stronger community support are being pursued.

There is also an existing Council stormwater drainage pipe that traverses the site, which would require either the establishment of a registered easement for protection or relocation by the purchaser at its own cost, if the disposal is approved.

There are Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) rising mains located within the verge adjoining the subject land. These assets will need to be considered as part of any future invert level or crossover applications. Should the land be disposed of the purchaser will also need to make provision for onsite wastewater management, as the CWMS rising main does not provide an available connection point for wastewater disposal.

The site is located near a watercourse (Sellicks Creek) however this watercourse is understood to be a historical agricultural realignment/channelisation of an ephemeral overland flow path. There is known Aboriginal cultural heritage value associated with the coastal areas at Sellicks Beach, including the creek outlet, however this is some distance away from the subject land parcel.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	*Local Government Act 1999* Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy Long-Term Financial Plan
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	**Internal Consultation** Comprehensive internal consultation was undertaken to ascertain any future requirements for the subject land. **Public Consultation** If approved by Council, public consultation will be undertaken to gather community feedback on the proposal to revoke the community land classification of the subject land to facilitate its disposal to Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Public consultation outcomes will be summarised into a report and presented to Council for a decision to proceed or cease the revocation of community land process.

In April 2021, staff met with representatives from the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) and the Country Fire Service (CFS) at the existing Sellicks Beach CFS Station, located on Council-owned reserve at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach (outlined in blue in Attachment 2). The land is described as Allotment (Reserve) 295 in Deposited Plan 6871, being portion of Certificate of Title Volume 2810 Folio 81. A portion of Allotment 295 is

classified as General Community Areas – Service and Social Facilities (Parcel 201), with the remaining area classified as Reserve – Developed (Parcel 1245).

The existing Sellicks Beach CFS Station is identified as not meeting current compliance requirements, leading SAFECOM and CFS to prepare several concept plans for a replacement facility prior to pausing redevelopment in April 2022 to undertake their own internal review.

In March 2023, Renewal SA, on behalf of SAFECOM and CFS, approached Council regarding the potential relocation of the station to a Council-owned reserve at the corner of Lurline Boulevard and Sellicks Beach Road, and sought confirmation as to whether the land was surplus to open space requirements.

An internal assessment confirmed there were no plans to develop the reserve for open space purposes. However, should the land be disposed of a 3-metre-wide easement would be required to accommodate existing stormwater infrastructure. SAFECOM proceeded to consider the suitability of the site, acknowledging the easement requirement. Subsequently, a request to acquire the site, together with a proposed site plan, was received on 22 July 2025.

With the proposed Sellicks Beach Growth Area being planned, SAFECOM were encouraged to explore private land parcels within this area. In February 2026 SAFECOM/SACFS provided a Risk and Capability Analysis Report evaluating potential station locations, together with proposed concept plans (Attachment 3) and a renewed request to commence the revocation process for the subject land at Lurline Boulevard.

The preliminary site concept plan has been prepared, incorporating a standard three-bay station design over the subject land. The concept has been developed with consideration of council's existing stormwater drainage infrastructure, which traverses the site. Should the subject land be disposed of a 3-metre-wide easement in favour of council will be required to protect and provide ongoing access to the stormwater drainage pipe.

5. Discussion

The subject land on Lurline Boulevard has an area of 3,790 square metres (outlined in red in Attachment 1). and was vested to Council as a reserve through Development Application 145/D559/03 as part of a staged development. A Land Management Agreement under the *Development Act 1993* is registered on the Certificate of Title (Attachment 4); however, it does not pertain to this allotment.

There are no registered easements affecting the title; however, the subject land is traversed by a council stormwater drainage pipe. A Before You Dig Australia enquiry confirmed that no additional service infrastructure is located within the site, including assets associated with NBN, SA Power Networks (SAPN), SA Water or Telstra.

The subject land is classified by Council as an 'Undeveloped Reserve' and, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, is not required to be included within a Community Land Management Plan.

Comprehensive internal consultation has identified the following key considerations:

1. The wider surrounds of the reserve include Sellicks Creek and the coast. The coastal zone, including the creek outlet is of known high Aboriginal cultural heritage value. A review of available Aboriginal cultural heritage reports indicates a low likelihood of Aboriginal heritage on the subject land parcel. As a precaution, future developers of the site will be reminded of their obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act), which protects all Aboriginal sites, objects and remains, whether previously recorded or not.
2. The potential relocation of the CFS Station to this site will need to be considered in the context of the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment (https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/sellicks-beach-growth), e.g. how it will integrate with the

proposed future road network, and how to manage any interface issues with new residential development. As Sellicks Beach Road is a higher-order road than Fontaine Drive (where the current CFS station is located), it is likely to be more appropriately located at its new proposed site.

3. The subject land is zoned Suburban Neighbourhood, which primarily supports low-density residential development along with some compatible non-residential and community uses. However, there is limited specific planning policy guidance relating to the establishment of a CFS facility. Any proposed CFS development would be classified as Crown development and assessed by the State Planning Commission, rather than council, although council may provide input. Public notification may be required in certain circumstances, and assessment may be undertaken by the State Commission Assessment Panel rather than under staff delegation. It is recommended that SAFECOM/SACFS seek preliminary planning advice from the State Planning Commission.

4. The Strategic Land Assessment is intended to provide a broader strategic context for Council owned land by considering the current and potential future role of each parcel within Council's land portfolio. The assessment framework is currently being developed and refined and detailed assessments have not yet been completed for all Council land holdings. Based on preliminary consideration, and due to the presence and location of the existing stormwater drainage pipe, this parcel of land has not been identified as a priority for strategic disposal. Notwithstanding, the land's coastal outlook and relatively level topography may make it attractive for residential development, subject to the relevant planning, infrastructure and service requirements.

   The relocation of the stormwater infrastructure could increase the developable area of the site and may enhance its subdivision potential and market value. Preliminary estimates indicate that the cost of relocating the infrastructure would be approximately $290,000 - $330,000 depending on various options. At this time, Council has no budgeted or forecast capital works projects to facilitate the relocation of the stormwater pipe.

   Residential development within Sellicks Beach is also influenced by infrastructure constraints, including the limited availability of offsite wastewater disposal i.e. sewer, which may affect the feasibility and intensity of future development.

5. The existing stormwater infrastructure will require the provision of a 3-metre-wide easement in favour of Council and cannot be built over with permanent structures. The council’s infrastructure needs to be made readily accessible for repairs and maintenance.

6. Infrastructure associated with the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) is located within the verge adjacent to the property and will need to be considered as part of any crossover application. The applicant will also need to make separate arrangements for wastewater disposal, as the CWMS infrastructure adjacent to the site does not provide a connection point for the property.

7. As a condition of any relocation from the existing Sellicks CFS station site at Fontaine Drive, SAFECOM/SACFS (on behalf of the relevant Minister) must, at its sole cost, undertake the demolition and removal of all buildings, structures, improvements and associated infrastructure, and remediate the site to council's satisfaction, including addressing any environmental contamination or other impacts arising from the use of the subject land. Such works must be completed immediately upon vacating the site, or within a timeframe approved by council.

8. The potential future uses for the Fontaine Drive site, should the revocation proceed and building be demolished, will need further staff investigation to determine if the open space is surplus to the community/council needs. The site sits within the Suburban Neighbourhood Zone, which calls for low density housing that is consistent with the existing local context and development pattern or services and community facilities that

contribute to making the neighbourhood a convenient place to live without compromising residential amenity and character.

6. Financial summary

Council's Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy requires that land be disposed of for no less than its market value, as determined by an independent Registered Valuer. Net proceeds from the disposal would contribute towards the annual revenue target for the sale of surplus assets identified within Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and Annual Budget.

Once the annual revenue target has been achieved, any additional net proceeds from the disposal of council-owned land will be allocated to the Future Investment Reserve (the Reserve).

Net proceeds assigned to the Reserve will be used for future strategic investment opportunities that support Council's long-term financial sustainability, while delivering future community benefit. While held in the Reserve, funds offset borrowings reducing interest costs.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Public Safety/Environment Development of the site as a CFS station will result in a change of use and the potential for an increase in noise and other nuisance. The resulting development will also remove the land from council's portfolio removing the option to utilise the site for future tree canopy coverage.	Change of use and development will require assessment which will consider measures to manage impact of the proposed use on surrounding residents. Any development proposal by the CFS as a state agency would be assessed by the Minister for Planning, although council staff will be invited to provide comments on the application. We have ascertained that there is no current or future use for the site identified in Council's strategic plans and confirm no upcoming infrastructure, facility, or services require the land. Easements will be required to protect the stormwater infrastructure within the land.
Reputation/community expectation *Community concerns over selling Council land* Disposing of public land can raise concerns from residents and community organisations that value access to open space and public amenities.	Undertake early and meaningful public consultation, supported by transparent explanations of the rationale for disposal.
Financial/business sustainability Highest and best use. While the subject land is surplus to the open space	Council's Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy requires disposal at no less than current market value for the subject land, as assessed by an independent licensed land valuer.

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
network, it may have alternative uses such as an activation site or obtain a higher value if the stormwater drain is relocated.	If this matter does not proceed, either as a result of this report or following community engagement, there is the potential to relocate the stormwater pipe and expand future options for the site which may generate a higher return. In this case the Strategic Land Assessment process, currently being refined, will provide a broader strategic context for all council owned land by considering its current and future role within council's land portfolio.
Compliance & Legal The *Local Government Act 1999* sets out the statutory revocation process for revoking community land. If this process is not followed any subsequent request for support of the Minister may be declined.	This report and recommendation are consistent with the statutory process set out under the Act. In particular, public consultation is the first step in the revocation of Community Land process.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
The subject land is declared surplus to requirements and is suitable for disposal.	Consistent with Council's approach to proposed revocations and land disposals, the subject land has been assessed against relevant strategic and operational criteria prior to being proposed as surplus to requirements.
Reduced Maintenance & Liability	Disposal of the subject land will remove ongoing holding and maintenance costs associated with its retention.
Asset Protection	Council will secure a drainage easement to be registered on the Certificate of Title to protect existing stormwater infrastructure.
Community Benefit	The proposed relocation also enables SAFECOM and the CFS to construct a larger, purpose-built station in a more central location with improved access to a main road, enhancing emergency response times.

8. Additional Information

Public Report pursuant to section 194(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*

Allotment (Reserve) 506 in DP 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title 5925 Folio 822, Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach (the subject Land) – Attachment 1.

i) Summary of the reasons for the proposal:

The proposed revocation responds to an application from Renewal SA to acquire the subject Land to develop a three bay Station for the Country Fire Service (CFS) - relocating from their current site at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach.

ii) **Statement of any dedication, reservation or trust to which the land is subject:**

The subject land is not subject to any dedication, reservation or trust.

iii) **Statement of whether revocation of the classification is proposed for sale or disposal of the land, details of any Government assistance given to acquire the land, and a statement as to how the council proposes to use the proceeds**

The proposal involves the revocation of the community land classification for the sale and transfer (subject to Council approval) of the reserve to the Applicant.

The subject Land is owned by the City of Onkaparinga.

No Government assistance was provided to acquire this land. It was vested to Council as part of a previous land division from a private developer.

Net proceeds from the sale of the subject Land (if approved by Council) will be contribute towards the annual revenue target to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and Budget. Once the annual revenue target has been achieved, any additional net proceeds from the disposal of council-owned land will be allocated to the Future Investment Reserve (the Reserve).

Net proceeds assigned to the Reserve will be used for future strategic investment opportunities that support council's long-term financial sustainability, while delivering future community benefit.

iv) **An assessment of how implementation of the proposal would affect the area and the local community:**

Renewal SA has identified it would like to relocate the Sellicks CFS station to the subject reserve land at Lurline Boulevard to support the future planning and expansion of CFS assets within a growing area.

The provision of a local CFS Station will provide essential emergency response capabilities within the township, improving community safety through rapid response to bushfires, structure fires, road accidents, and other emergencies. It also serves as a hub for volunteer training, community education, and disaster preparedness, helping to protect lives, property, and local infrastructure while strengthening community resilience.

9. Timelines and deadlines

While no specific statutory deadlines apply to the recommendations contained within this report, it is noted that the process for revoking the community land classification and progressing potential disposal is a formal and rigorous process, which may take up to two years to complete.

Accordingly, whilst there is no certainty as to the eventual outcome, the commencement of this process will provide Renewal SA with greater clarity regarding the potential future of the reserve at Lurline Boulevard, to inform their planning horizon for the future development of emergency service infrastructure within the Sellicks Beach area.

10. Next steps

A Communication and Engagement Plan (see Attachment 5) outlining all adjacent landowners and relevant community groups to be consulted, as well as the mandatory public consultation required for the revocation process under the *Local Government Act 1999*, will be implemented.

If approved by Council, a further report will be presented to Council following completion of the public consultation phase of the revocation process, summarising the outcomes of consultation and providing the information necessary for Council to determine whether the revocation and disposal process should proceed.

11. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Aerial of subject land (1 page)

Attachment 2 – Aerial of existing Sellicks Beach CFS Station (1 page)

Attachment 3 – CFS Proposal and Concept Plans (19 pages)

Attachment 4 – Certificate of Title and Deposited Plan (5 pages)

Attachment 5 – Community Engagement Plan (22 pages)

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Allotment 506, Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach
SELLICKS BEACH
Lurline Boulevard
Duncan Con Avenue
Plaza Avenue
Casino Boulevard
Casablanca Place
Sellicks Beach Road
Arcadia Crescent
Bluewater Boulevard
A506
A3000
A9
A901
A903
Allotment 506
Community Waste Water System Rising Main
Stormwater Pit
Stormwater Drain
Stormwater Culvert
Stormwater Sedimentation/Silt Trap
CITY OF ONKAPARINGA
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Allotment 295, Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach
SELLICKS BEACH
Jetty Road
Sellicks Beach Road
Country Road
Samarra Drive
Fontaine Drive
Lascelo Avenue
Savoy Place
Lucerno Crescent
Casino Boulevard
Monaco Boulevard
Sellicks Beach Road
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Attachment 3

PROPOSED

SELLICKS CFS STATION



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Briefing Note

To:	Chief Officer SACFS
Subject:	Land acquisition for new Sellicks Station - Onkaparinga Council Consultation
Date:	4 November 2025
Via	Cory Higgins - Director Infrastructure and Logistics
Author:	Astrid Gunner – Infrastructure Project Manager

PURPOSE

To brief the Chief Officer on recent communication from the City of Onkaparinga Council which suggests that the Lurline Blvd, Sellicks Beach site is not available to the CFS for acquisition and to recommend a meeting with the Council to discuss the option to acquire for the CFS in the area.

BACKGROUND

The Sellicks CFS brigade are currently located in a leased premises at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach which was deemed unsuitable for future use due to structural issues that are beyond repair. The Fontaine Drive site is too small to accommodate a new standard 3-bay station to meet their risk and capability. Renewal SA were engaged in February 2023 to identify suitable sites in the Sellicks Beach area for a new station.

In August 2023 a site currently owned by City of Onkaparinga Council on the northeastern corner of Lurline Boulevard and Sellicks Beach Road (Land Title CT5925/822), Sellicks Beach was identified as a possible new site for the CFS. Consultation with the Council regarding this site has been ongoing since that time. A preliminary site Concept Plan was prepared, overlaying a standard 3-bay station design onto the site and incorporating a 3-meter easement for an existing stormwater drain at Council's request. The Lurline Boulevard site is currently a reserve classed as 'community land' and needs to undergo a revocation of community land classification process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 prior to any potential acquisition by the SACFS. The process can take approximately 18 – 24 months. To commence this process, a letter of intent

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to acquire the site was sent to the Council in June 2025. Council then advised that CFS would also have to pay a fee for the revocation to commence, but CFS did not receive an invoice.

DISCUSSION

On 16 October 2025 Council advised CFS via an email to SAFECOM that concerns had been raised within Council about the suitability of Lurline Boulevard for a future CFS Station and it was Council's preference that Renewal SA start to investigate other parcels of land for purchase including two vacant sites owned by Hickinbotham.

Council did not rule out the CFS pursuing the site, however stated there was no guaranteed outcome. Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) is proposing to rezone about 134 hectares of land at Sellicks Beach, to deliver a new master-planned community for approximately 1,700 new homes. A Code Amendment to allow for this rezoning was initiated on 21 August 2025, with public consultation occurring 4 September – 16 October 2025. Unfortunately, CFS were not aware of this process and missed the opportunity to provide feedback.

The two sites recommended by the Council for Renewal SA to investigate further are both owned by Hickinbotham Homes. One of these sites sits within the land identified for re-zoning and the other is directly adjacent. Given the residential housing development potential of both these sites, the concern is that the cost to acquire them would be significantly more than what had been planned.

DHUD will prepare a Basic Infrastructure Scheme which relates to the provision of basic services such as water but also social infrastructure such as recreation and community facilities. CFS will liaise with DHUD to secure a dedicated parcel of land in the new neighbourhood zone if required, however, under the current *South Australian Housing Roadmap*, it is proposed that new development at Sellicks Beach be construction ready by December 2029, which would mean that the new station opening would be delayed until at least 2030.

Despite the ongoing urban expansion within parts of the Onkaparinga region, Sellicks Brigade should remain a critical operational unit within the SACFS. The brigade's location at the metropolitan–rural interface places it in a strategically important position. Sellicks Hill and its surrounds remain predominantly rural, with continued exposure to fire hazards. Sellicks Brigade's strong operational performance — including a 97.7% attendance reliability and consistent engagement across offensive and defensive operations — demonstrates its capacity to manage diverse incident types. The brigade also provides essential multi-agency support to the MFS, SES,

and SAPOL, in road crash rescue (RCR), urban response, and hazmat operations. Maintaining Sellicks Brigade's current capability ensures continued coverage of this high-risk peri-urban zone, strengthens regional interoperability and supports the state's broader emergency services framework (Appendix A – Risk and Capability Analysis Report).

In consultation with Manager Infrastructure, Director Infrastructure and Logistics (Jason Kleemann), and Director Regional Operations East it is recommend that the Chief Officer meet with City of Onkaparinga to discuss the need for a CFS presence in Sellicks Beach and the pressing timeframes, and whether the Council has other land opportunities available. Given the Lurline Boulevard site has been preferred by both Council and CFS since 2023.

RISKS:

Project Timeframes

Given the uncertainty of the negotiations with Council and the increasing likelihood that a new site will need to be identified, the project timeframes are difficult to estimate. Given the revocation process takes 18-24 months, building completion was not expected until late 2028 but this could potentially be delayed until 2030 if the land is secured through DHUD in the new neighbourhood zone.

Budget

If a preferred site is found to be owned privately, the anticipated purchase price will be at market rates. A long-term lease could be an option but given the development potential of the land, the market rate.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Brigade have not been advised of the recent advice from Council. The project has not progressed quickly, and news of further delays needs to be communicated with sensitivity. In consultation with Manager Infrastructure, Director Infrastructure and Logistics, and Director Regional Operations East it was agreed that the meeting between the Chief Officer and the Council will demonstrate a high level of commitment to a resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. NOTE – That the City of Onkaparinga have re-evaluated their previous advice regarding the Lurline Boulevard to suggest that the site is no longer available to the CFS for acquisition.
2. NOTE – The project risks including timeframes, budget, and stakeholder engagement.
3. APPROVE – For a meeting to be held between the Chief Officer, CFS and the appropriate City of Onkaparinga representative.

RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED

Signed: Name: Sandy Pope

Date: Position: Manager Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED

Signed: Name: Cory Higgins

Date: Position: Director Infrastructure and Logistics

FINANCIAL DELEGATION

Signed: Name: Avril Tajnikar

Date: Position: CFS Business Manager

FOR NOTING

Signed: Name: Mahen Fernando

Date: Position: Senior Program Manager CAPEX Delivery

RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED

Signed: Name: Brenton Hastie

Date: Position: A/Deputy Chief Officer and
Executive Director, Statewide Operations

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Signed: Name: Paul Seager

Date: Position: A/Chief Officer, CFS

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15 July 2025

Ms Dianne Catton
Property Officer Transactions, Community Safety and Property
City of Onkaparinga Council
PO Box 1
Noarlunga Centre SA 5168

Dear Ms Catton

RE: Allotment 506, Cnr Lurline Boulevard & Sellicks Beach Road, Sellicks Beach

The SA Country Fire Service (SACFS) would like to acquire the land on the northeastern corner of Lurline Boulevard & Sellicks Beach Road, Sellicks Beach, Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822, Allotment 506, Deposited Plan 65801, with the purpose of building a new SACFS Brigade station. It is anticipated over the next 40 years, the strategic importance of the Sellicks SACFS Station will continue to increase for the SACFS and the State as the local community, industry, and traffic flow grows. The current Sellicks SACFS Station has been deemed unsuitable for future use or expansion, therefore a new 3-bay station is proposed for the Lurline Blvd site to provide the Brigade and Region with the necessary infrastructure to meet capability requirements into the future.

To accommodate the required fleet, the proposed new Station will have 3 vehicle bays, as well as a concrete hardstand to the front, and 29 car park bays for volunteers, including 1 accessible car park. All new stations include modern amenities such as toilets and change rooms, kitchen, meeting room, and office space. It is proposed that the site will have a rainwater tank, septic system, and landscaping. The exterior will be clad in the SACFS standard Colourbond Pale Eucalyptus.

The planning of the proposed station takes into consideration the existing underground stormwater pipe which can be protected by way of a registered easement. The reserve at Lurline Boulevard is classed as 'community land' and SACFS acknowledge that the revocation of community land classification process in accordance with the *Local*

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Government Act 1999 will need to be undertaken prior to any potential disposal.

The Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services has engaged Renewal SA to pursue the acquisition of the land from the City of Onkaparinga Council as an appropriate site for a new station to be built in the Sellicks Beach area. SACFS respectfully request Council to formally initiate this process and please advise of any associated fees.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Seager
Acting Chief Officer

CC: Jarrod Githam (Renewal SA)
Evelyn Zwar (SAFECOM)

Renewal SA

Sellicks Beach – South Australia Country Fire Service Land Search

Introduction:

Renewal SA has been requested by the South Australia Fire and Emergency Commission (SAFECOM) on behalf the South Australia Country Fire Service (CFS) to identify potential land sites that could be suitable for the development of a regional fire brigade station within Sellicks Beach to replace an existing ageing facility.

This request was originally received in September 2022, and Renewal SA has undertaken various iterations of searches to date.

This report is intended to provide an overview of the searches that were relevant at the time and as a result now may have unknown limitations, i.e. are no longer viable options.

The Criteria:

The search parameters are defined as follows:

- Vacant land;
- Land area approximately 5,000m^2 ;
- Suitable complimentary zoning, i.e. strategic employment (Industrial);
- Serviced for required improvements, i.e. power, water and sewer; and
- Access to main roads.

Evaluation:

An acquisition confidence rating has been applied to each site identified as follows;

- Low – not very likely to result in a transaction
- Medium – possible but requires further investigation to facilitate a transaction
- High – a transaction is likely to be possible.

In considering the above rating the high level positive and negative site attributes have been assessed.

Results:

In undertaking this search Renewal SA has reviewed existing state government land holdings within the township of Sellicks Beach which may be considered surplus to requirements, land that is available for purchase on the open market and vacant land that remains undeveloped and privately owned.

Land on the market

There is currently no land available on the open market for purchase.

Renewal SA noted since SAFECOM's original instructions in 2022, there has been very few larger allotments made available for purchase within the Sellicks Beach area of which a majority do not meet the search criteria due to location or size. It's likely a majority of the land of scale has traded off-market on a speculative basis due to the Sellicks Beach code amendment.

Surplus Government land

There is currently no surplus government land within Sellicks Beach.

Renewal SA notes land has been acquired by Department for Transport and Infrastructure for the purpose of upgrading the Main South Rd Sellicks Beach Rd intersection. Any surplus land as a result of this project is unlikely to satisfy the search criteria in regard to land area or timing.

The Lurline Blvd site owned by the City of Onkaparinga has been of strong interest to the CFS throughout Renewal SA's involvement in this land search. The site is well located centrally within the township and has access to power, sewer and potable water making it an ideal site with fat topography. However, this site is not without constraint, it's currently a reserve and registered on the Council's Community Land Register which will require a lengthy revocation process (6 months) – strong community interest is likely. Although there is stormwater infrastructure on the site, recent building designs have proven this can remain on site and protected via an appropriate easement in favour of Council. Renewal SA has indicated a Medium acquisition rating for this site, albeit there is recent resistance from Council to sell the site.

There are two SA Water sites within Sellicks Beach which on face value would appear to be suitable based location, land area and access to services. However, neither of these sites are available because they are needed for infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the future growth in the area. As a result, these sites have a Low acquisition rating.

Private land holdings

There are several significant land holdings throughout the central Sellicks Beach area.

The site located at 22 Gulf View Rd Sellicks Beach is owned by the Shahin family and would appear to be strategically held for the residential growth in the township. Whilst this land is not located within the Selects Beach code amendment boundary, it's inevitable rezoning will occur in future. Thus, the Shahin family has only indicated at this stage a lease might be considered (without any guarantees) – CFS has indicated purchase is a preferable option. A lease in this location would only be a short-term solution for the CFS.

The adjacent land to the above located at Main South Rd Sellicks Beach has similar properties and would appear to be held for strategic purposes. However, a significant constraint for this land is the sloping topography which would make it challenging to develop for the intended CFS purpose.

The locations identified for both 22 Gulf View Rd and Main South Rd sites are to access the available power and potable water. Any other location within these parcels would require further investment to extend services.

A Low acquisition rating has been applied for both these parcels based on the highlighted constraints.

The significant land holdings at 12 Country Rd and 18 Sellicks Beach Rd are zoned Deferred Urban and currently contained within the Sellicks Beach Code Amendment boundary. This code amendment is advanced and is likely to proceed in the short term with a change of zoning to residential across much of the Hickinbotham Development land (Site 5) and the alternate (Site 7) which is earmarked for a commercial activity centre with a mass transit component.

It's important to note there is no services along Country Rd other than power which makes the area south of water course on the Hickinbotham Development difficult and more costly to develop.

Renewal SA's experience with Deferred Urban land under a pending code amendment generally results in a complex negation with limited success. This is due to PC114 requiring land to be acquired at market value at highest and best use under current zoning, i.e. deferred urban. The Vendors expectations are more aligned to a value which is aligned to the zoning of the future use which usually results in a price discrepancy which is difficult to overcome.

A Low acquisition rating has been applied for both these sites based on the highlighted constraints.

Summary:

Private land in Sellicks Beach continues to be tightly held and much of this is assumed to be a direct result of the pending Sellicks Beach Code Amendment which was superseded by a Joint Amendment under section 73(1) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.*

The Joint Amendment was approved 5th Jan 2026, which resulted in an approval to apply a Master Plan Neighbourhood (or similar zone) to the proposed area (to be determined). In addition, new policy to defer urban development until the land is suitable for the intended land uses, subject to the resolution of appropriate infrastructure delivery.

Renewal SA is not clear on the timeframe for completion of the infrastructure commitments to facilitate the development of this land. This would be at developers' discretion and subject to negotiations with various infrastructure providers.

There is no suitable land on the market to purchase.

The only government land suitable for CFS appears to be the Lurline Blvd site which is currently underutilised and owned by the City of Onkaparinga. Renewal SA is aware Council is recently reluctant to dispose of the land presumably because it's listed on the Community Land Register.

Prepared by: Renewal SA

Dated: 07/01/2026

Appendices: Appendix A Summary Search Sites

1. 22 Country Rd Sellicks Beach (SA Water)



Title: CT 5946/151
Area: Approx 5,000m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Rural
Current use: Partially vacant
Existing improvements: Water infrastructure
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: State Government owned. Adequate land area. Close access to Main South Rd. Potable water available with minor extension. Power available.

Negatives: Sewer not available - treatment on site required. Topography is not flat. Infrastructure on site consisting of telecommunications and water tanks – required infrastructure. SA Water likely to upgrade infrastructure to accommodate future residential growth in area – land not available until future requirements are assessed with unknown timing. Proposed use not aligned to zone. Requires a plan of division. Rural zone minimum dwelling allotment size 16ha – land division not possible without SCAP approval.

2. Gulf View Rd Sellicks Beach (FYKS No.1 PTY LTD – Shahin Family)



Title: CT6178/547
Area: Approx 5,000m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Rural
Current use: Vacant land
Existing improvements: NIL
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: Adequate land area. Close access to Main South Rd. Potable water available with minor extension. Power available. Sloping topography but suggested location at the high side may be suitable.

Negatives: Sewer not available - treatment on site required. Whilst not located within the area defined by the Sellicks Code Amendment, any further residential growth will expand in this area. Likely the land is being held for this purpose. In 2022 Shahin family indicated a lease option could be discussed. Sale is not an option. Development would be constrained by lease terms. Long term lease unlikely.

3. Main South Rd Sellicks Beach (St Vincents Pty Ltd)



Title: CT 6303/33
Area: Approx 5,000m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Rural
Current use: Vacant land
Existing improvements: NIL
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: Adequate land area. Close access to Main South Rd. Potable water available with minor extension. Power available.

Negatives: Sewer not available - treatment on site required. Whilst not located within the area defined by the Sellicks Code Amendment, any further residential growth will expand in this area. Likely the land is being held for this purpose. Power and potable water available in this location where topography is heavily sloping and not ideal for development – site has previously been dismissed by CFS. Proposed use not aligned to zone. Requires a plan of division. Rural zone minimum dwelling allotment size 16ha – land division not possible without SCAP approval.

4. Lurline Blvd Sellicks Beach (City of Onkaparinga)



Title: CT 5925/822
Area: Approx 3,790m2~
Zoning: Suburban Neighbourhood
Current use: Vacant land
Existing improvements: NIL
Acquisition confidence: Medium

Positives: Central location in close proximity to proposed commercial centre as defined by code amendment concept plan. Good access to all of catchment area via Sellicks Beach Rd. Sewer, Potable water and Power available on site. Adequate land area. Flat topography.

Negatives: Underground storm water infrastructure on site – this can be incorporated under hard stand area of site and protected via easement. Site is listed on the community land register and would need to be revoked. Land Management Agreement registered on the land which indicates land to be used as open space, however Council previously indicated this is unlikely to be a constraint. May be community interest to retain the site as a reserve.

5. 12 Country Rd Sellicks Beach (Hickinbotham Developments Pty Ltd)



Title: CT 5749/461 & CT 6178/548
Area: Approx 5,000m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Deferred Urban
Current use: Vacant land.
Existing improvements: Nil
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: Central location. The area situated fronting along Sellicks Beach Rd is serviced by water, sewer and power. Topography relatively flat.

Negatives: The area south of the water course is not serviced – thus not suitable. Land is included within the Sellicks Beach code amendment – this presents complex negotiations as the site will be subject to concept master planning as per the code amendment and Vendor expectation would residential or as proposed zoned rates. Deferred Urban rates are only applicable under PC114, as per market value at highest and best use under current zoning. Land division not possible under deferred urban zone without SCAP approval.

6. Sellicks Beach Rd Sellicks Beach (SA Water)



Title: CT 6110/924
Area: Approx 6,750m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Deferred Urban
Current use: Vacant land.
Existing improvements: Nil
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: State Government owned. Central location. The area situated fronting along Sellicks Beach Rd is serviced by water, sewer and power. Topography relatively flat.

Negatives: The land is required for future water infrastructure to service the residential growth in the township – the land is not available for acquisition.

7. 18 Sellicks Beach Rd Sellicks Beach (Aussie Select Investments Pty Ltd, Liapis, Nikilopoulos & Chrysostomou)

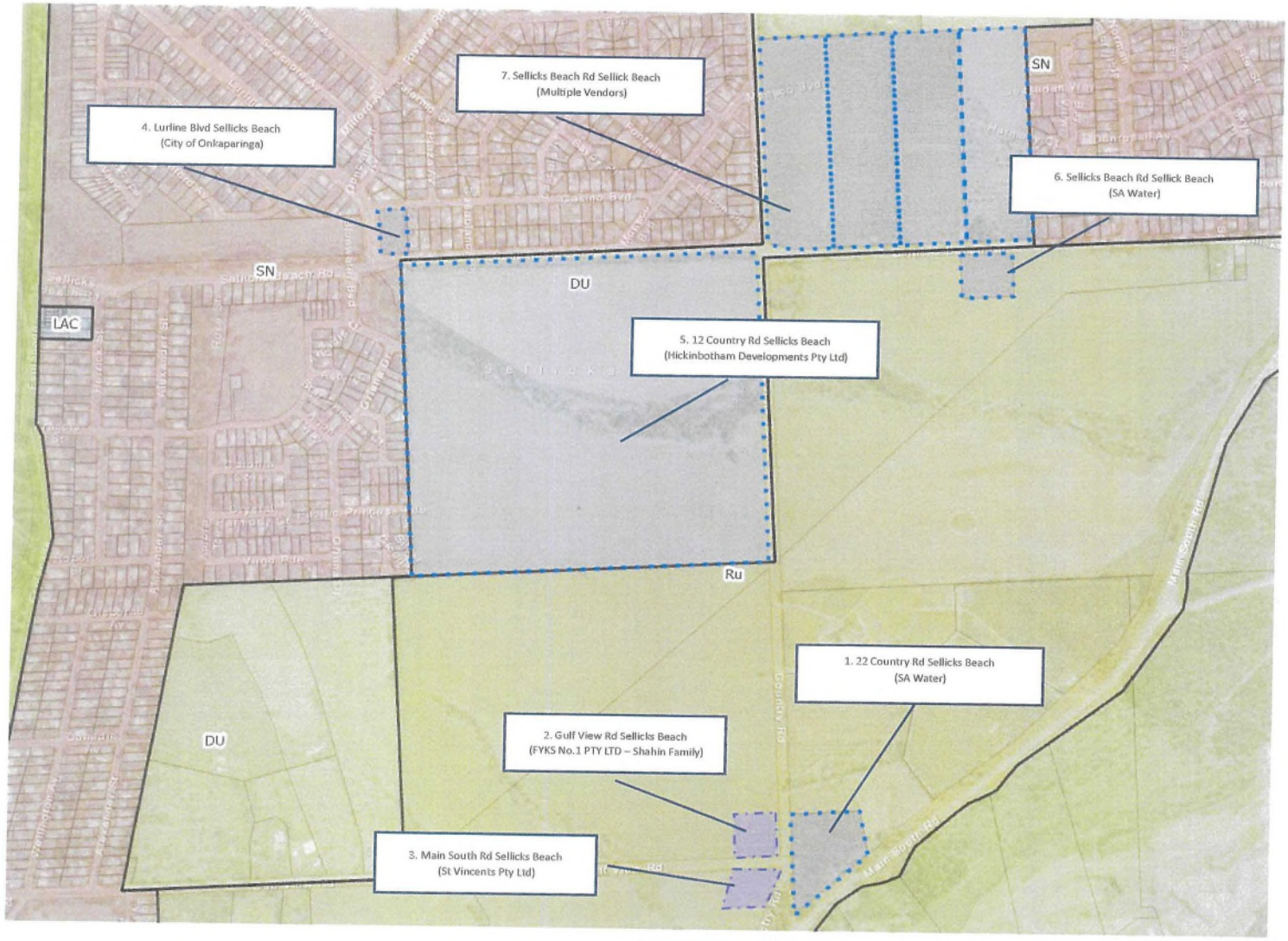


Title: CT 5149/87
Area: Approx 5,000m2~ (Portion)
Zoning: Deferred Urban
Current use: Vacant land.
Existing improvements: Nil
Acquisition confidence: Low

Positives: State Government owned. Central location. The area situated fronting along Sellicks Beach Rd is serviced by water, sewer and power. Topography relatively flat.

Negatives: This area is subject to a current code amendment – this presents complex negotiations as the site will be subject to concept master planning as per the code amendment and Vendor expectation would residential or as proposed zoned rates. Deferred Urban rates are only applicable under PC114, as per market value at highest and best use under current zoning. Under the PDC concept the land is earmarked for intersection upgrade commercial activity centre and mass transit. The land is being held for commercial investment subject to outcome of code amendment – unlikely negotiations will yield an acquisition. Land division not possible under deferred urban zone without SCAP approval.

Appendix A: Summary Search Sites

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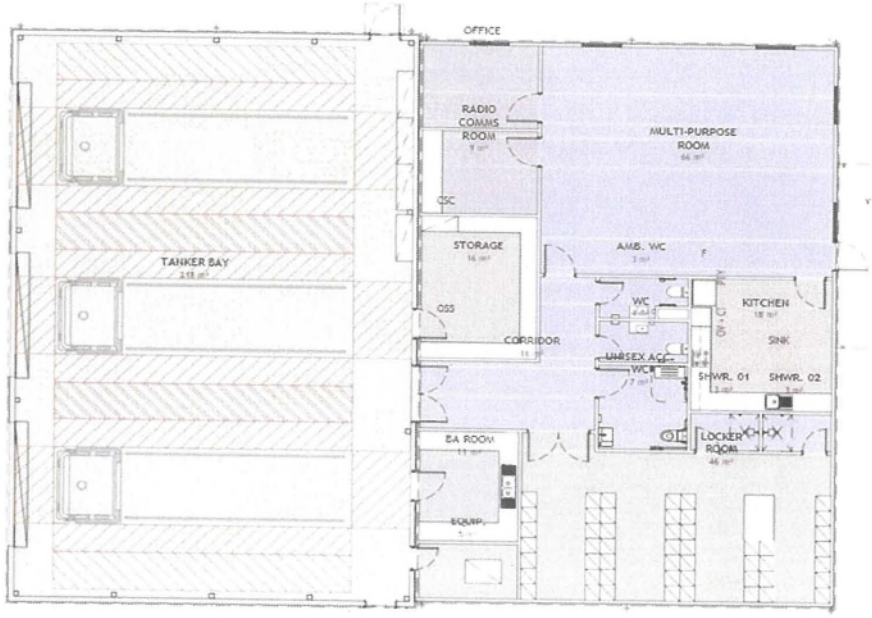









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Aberdeen Street
Bay View
Norman Victory Parade
Seascape View
Maritime Avenue
Seashore Avenue
Lurline Boulevard
Shoreline Avenue
Milford Avenue
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Plaza Avenue
Capri Crescent
Fontaine Drive
Monaco Boulevard
Casino Boulevard
Sellicks Beach Road
Herrick Street
Francis Street
Arcadia Crescent
Oriana Drive
Aurora Terrace
Virgo Parade
Alexander Street
Country Road
Dunedin Avenue
Esplanade
Gulf View Road
Napier Avenue
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Sellicks Beach Land Use

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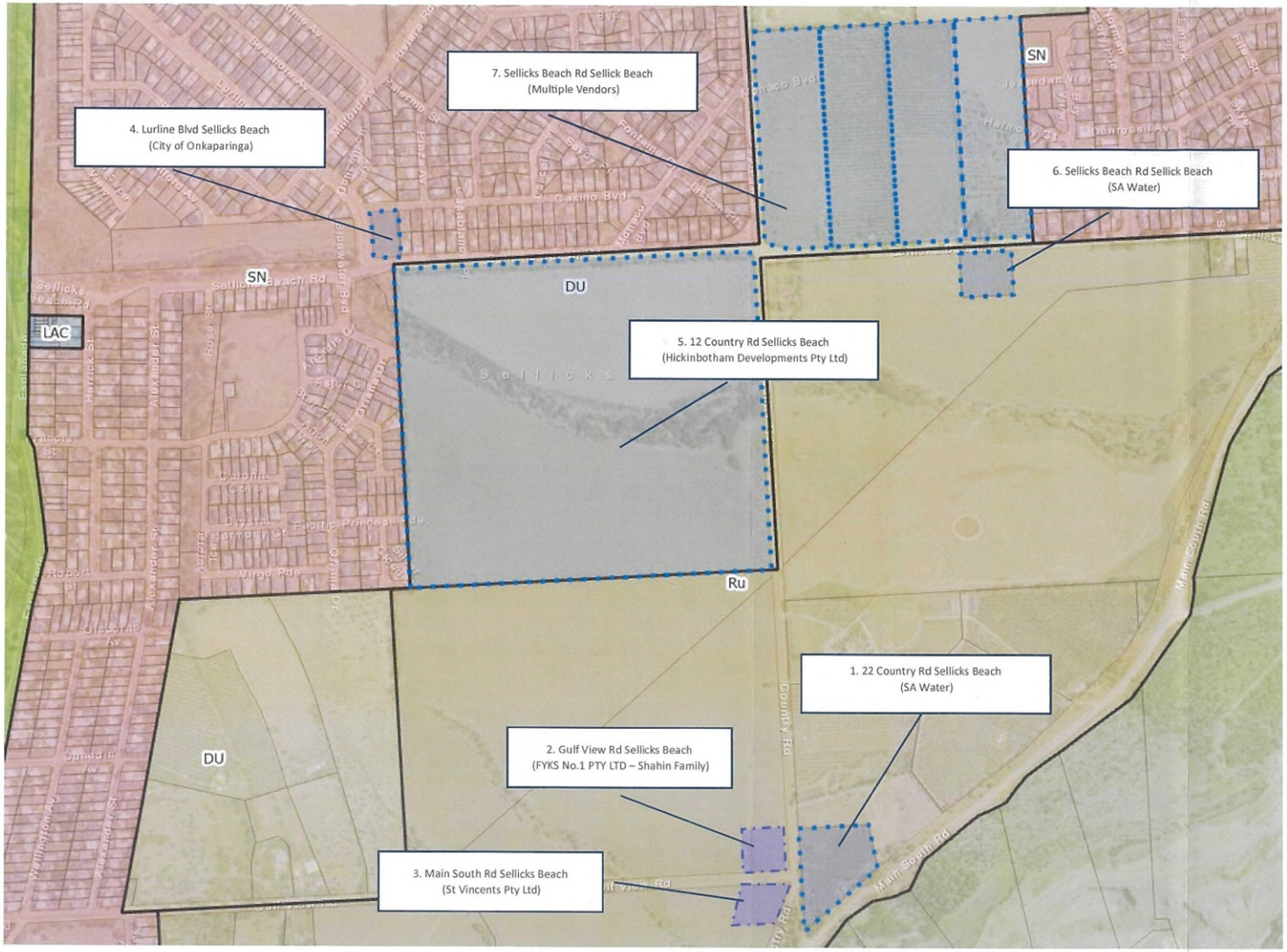

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FEE SIMPLE (RESERVE)

Registered Proprietor

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA
OF PO BOX 1 NOARLUNGA CENTRE SA 5168

Description of Land

ALLOTMENT (RESERVE) 506 DEPOSITED PLAN 65801
IN THE AREA NAMED SELLICKS BEACH
HUNDRED OF WILLUNGA

BEING A RESERVE

Easements

NIL

Schedule of Dealings

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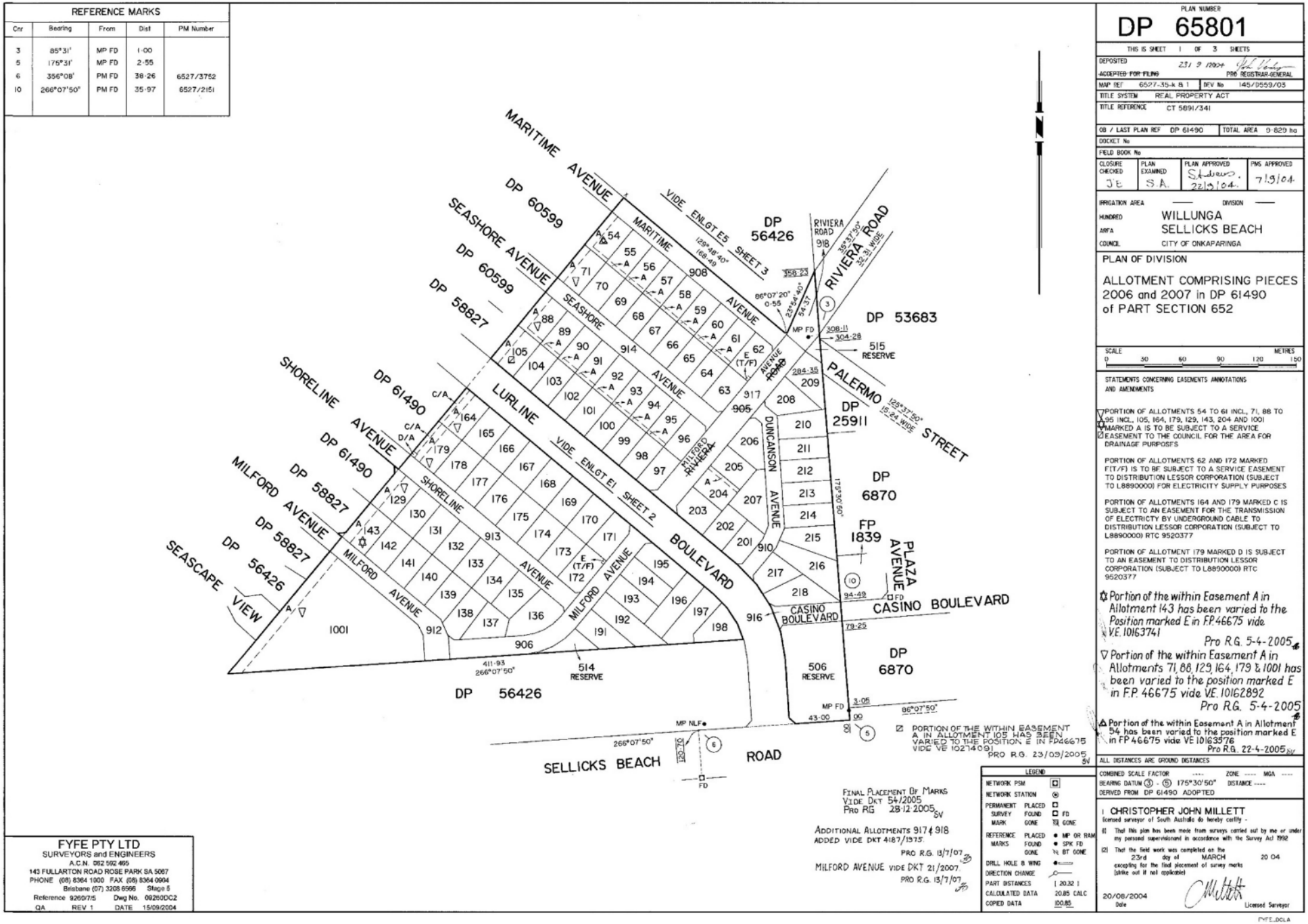
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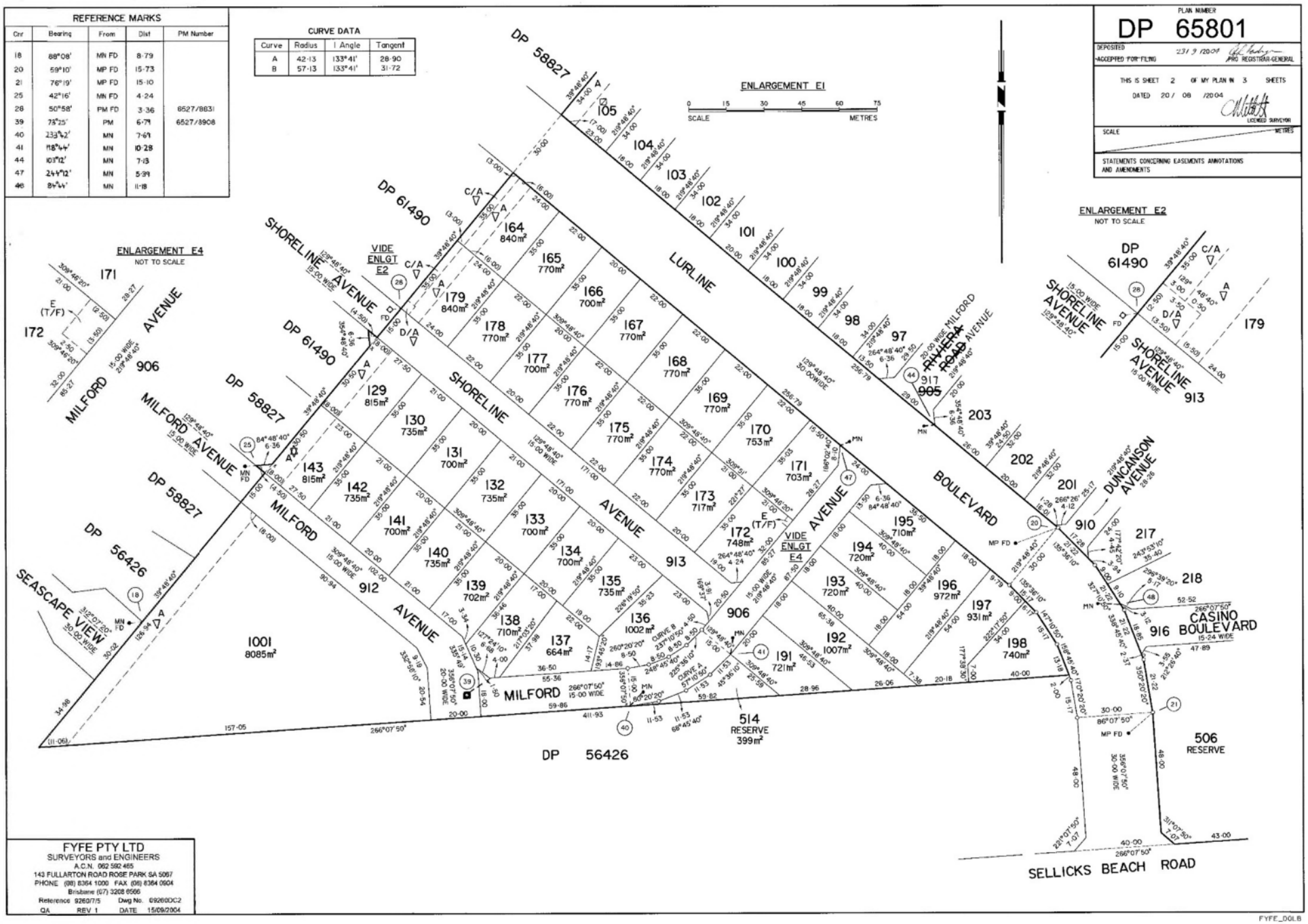
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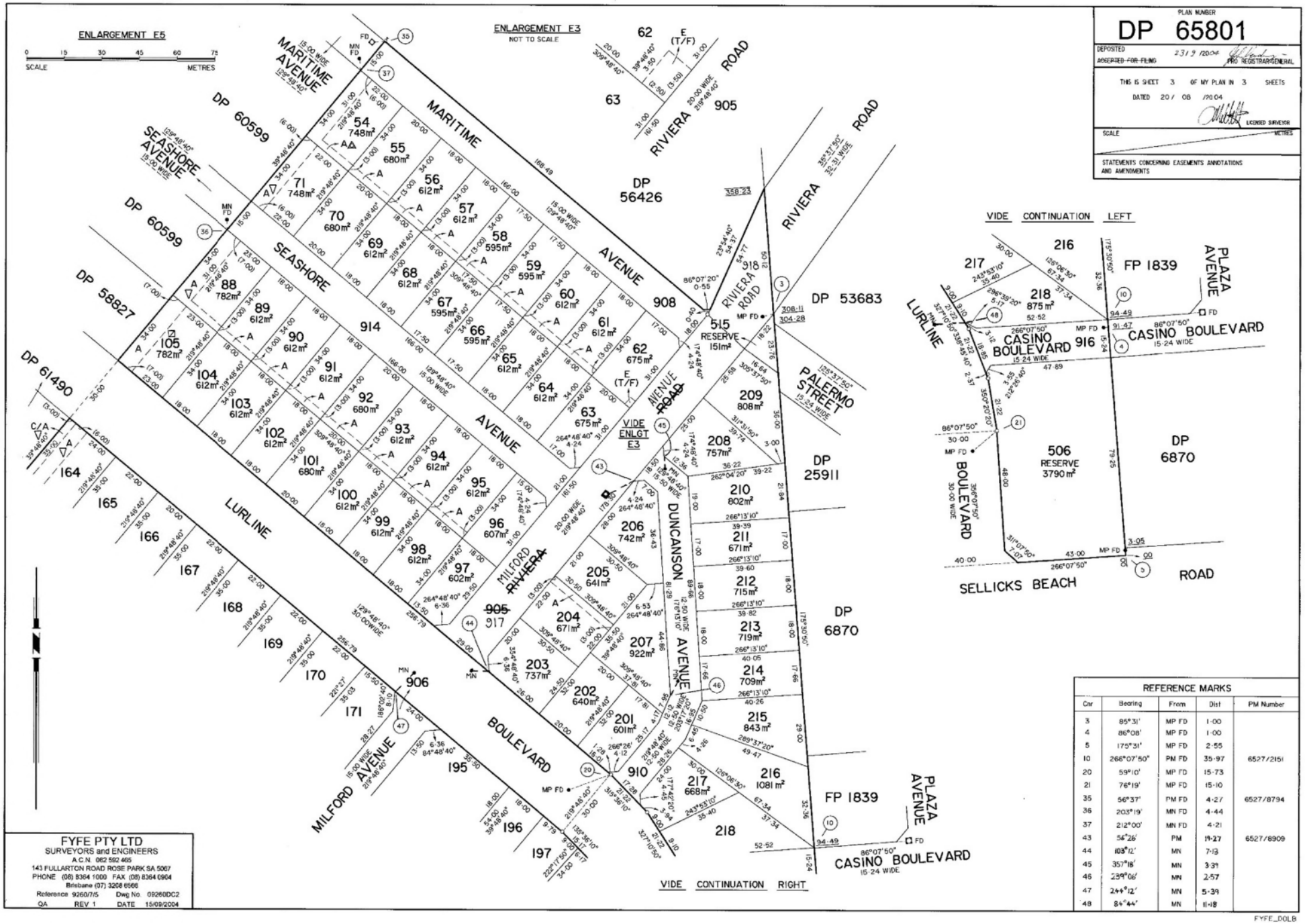
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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Proposed revocation of community land classification for Allotment 506 (Reserve) Lurline Boulevard Sellicks Beach

13 August 2026 to 3 September 2026

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Community engagement level and method

This project has been determined to be a Level 2 engagement based on the following:

ENGAGEMENT LEVELS RISK MATRIX

Risk	low	medium	high	Explanation
Level of interest:			X	The proposal is for the disposal of the land to Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services for the purpose of constructing a new CFS station. Local community interest is anticipated. As with all land revocations, there is potential for media interest. The level of interest will be high due to this occurring in Sellicks Beach. Members of this community have mentioned this land parcel through the engagement on the Sellicks Beach Foreshore Protection and bike jump relocation project.
Impact:		X		Impact to the community is that the neighbouring properties adjoining the reserve currently may lose views overlooking the current reserve.
Risk:			X	Land revocations pose a risk to reputation due to: • Public perception of council selling community land. • Decisions being made to progress the revocation regardless of community opposition. • Loss of trust regarding the engagement process when decisions made goes against what we heard during the engagement stage.
Cross division:		Yes		Reviewed by CLAG and DG and recommended to progress to Council for decision

Influence and Engagement Methods

Negotiables – what stakeholders can influence	**Comments/reasoning** Stakeholders can provide feedback which could influence the decision on whether Council decide to proceed with the revocation process.
Non-negotiables – what stakeholders cannot influence	**Comments/reasoning** Council must comply with the *Local Government Act* 1999 and Minister of Local Government's approval of the revocation process. Stakeholders cannot override these requirements.

Method	Our commitment to the community	Select
Inform The community cannot influence any aspect of the project.	We will keep you informed.	☒
Consult The community can influence some aspects of the project, and feedback will be considered when making a final decision.	We will listen to your concerns and aspirations and provide feedback on how your input influenced the decision(s).	☒
Active participation The community can have a strong influence and are actively involved from the early stages of the project.	We will work with you to ensure that what we've heard is directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how your input influenced the decision(s).	☒

Background information / project scope

- The Communication and Engagement Plan is prepared in relation to the proposal to commence the revocation of community land classification process for Council reserve located at Allotment 506 Lurline Boulevard for disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services.

- The subject land parcel/s is legally described as:
  Allotment (Reserve) 506 in Deposited Plan 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822 with a total area of approximately 3790m2.

- The land is classified by Council as an 'Undeveloped Reserve' and, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, is not required to be included within a Community Land Management Plan.

- Council has received a request from Renewal SA, on behalf of the SA Country Fire Service (SACFS) and the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM), to consider relocating the Sellicks Beach CFS Station from its current position on Council-owned reserve at 9 Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach, to an alternative Council-owned reserve located at the corner of Lurline Boulevard and Sellicks Beach Road, Sellicks Beach.

- Internal consultation identified this parcel as not required by the open space network. It also noted the presence of an existing Council stormwater drainage pipe that traverses the site, which would require either the establishment of a 3-metre-wide registered easement for protection or relocation prior to any change in land use.

- The proposal was discussed at the Council Land Assessment Group (CLAG) Meeting on 26 May 2026. CLAG supported a report to the Directors Group and then Council for community land revocation and disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services for market value.

- The Directors Group discussed the report at its meeting on 15 July 2026 and supported a report to Council for community land revocation and disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services for market value.

- Council will follow the relevant steps in its public consultation procedure in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999*, to provide interested persons with a reasonable opportunity to make submissions in relation to the matter.

- Council approval to commence the revocation of community land classification for the subject land is required by legislation prior to disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services.

- The Sellicks Beach community have recently been engaged on the protection of the foreshore and relocation of the current bike jumps. This parcel of land was mentioned in this engagement and the community will be notified of the engagement outcomes prior to the proposed revocation at Lurline Boulevard.

Communication and engagement purpose

Stage 1: The purpose of engagement is to ensure:

- Stakeholders are provided with clear and accurate information about the project.
- legislative requirements are met, and engagement goes above these requirements as appropriate, to ensure transparency.
- Adjacent landowners are informed of the project, understand how it might impact them and know how to get in touch and provide feedback.
- Stakeholders are provided with a range of techniques to promote the engagement with multiple avenues for them to provide feedback.

Stage 2: The purpose of this stage is to invite those who participated in the engagement to the upcoming council meeting to talk to their feedback.

Stage 3: The purpose of closing the loop is to ensure stakeholders and interested community members re informed about:

- The outcomes of the engagement, including the engagement feedback report and council decision to progress the revocation or not.
- The next steps.

Stage 4: The purpose of this engagement is to ensure stakeholders and the community:

- are informed about the final outcomes and final Council decision.

Key messages for stakeholders

Stage 1: Engagement open:

- Council will consider all feedback before progressing the revocation application for Minister consideration.
- No decision has been made.

Stage 2: Upcoming council meeting:

- Participants who engaged are notified of the meeting where this will be discussed and have an opportunity to speak to their feedback

Stage 3: Engagement outcomes/closing the loop:

- Council will consider all feedback and provide the outcomes of the engagement, including the engagement feedback report and council decision to progress the revocation or not to the community.

Stage 4: Final approvals:

- Council approval has been granted.
- Minister approval has been received.

Project considerations

Consideration	Y / N	Details
Legislative requirements regarding engagement for this project	Y	Section 194 - Revocation of classification of land as community land, *Local Government Act 1999.*
Any previous community engagement on this matter	N	
External funding (e.g. from state or federal government)	N	
Engage Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	Y	Seek to have conversations with Kaurna traditional owners in association with our ongoing collaboration around the Sellicks Beach Foreshore Protection and bike jump relocation
Other projects in the area	Y	Sellicks Beach Foreshore Protection and bike jump relocation

Regarding the other project in the area:

- The whole community has been engaged with recently on the Sellicks Beach Foreshore and bike jump project; the community suggested this land as a potential site for the bike jumps to be located.

Geographic boundaries

The subject land is located at Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach.

We will engage with residents within proximity of the subject land, those residing in Sellicks Beach and those with an interest in Council land. A public notice will ensure the whole City of Onkaparinga is made aware of this project.

Maps showing the location of the project/land parcel and letterbox drop zone and door knocking zone can be found in Appendix 2 - Maps.

Stage 1: The following techniques will be used to drive engagement and participation:

- Elected member **email**.
- **Door knocking letter**
- **Letter** to residents identified in Appendix 2 maps.
- **Your Say project page** with project information, council report, revocation process/FAQ, timeline, feedback tool, location and land parcel map/s.
- **Email** to Your Say members with an interest in Council Land and Sellicks Beach
- **Email** to any key stakeholders listed in the stakeholder analysis.
- **Onsite signage**
- **Public notice** (via The Advertiser)

Stage 2: The following techniques will be used to inform relevant stakeholders of the council meeting when the project outcomes will be considered:

- Email to engaged participants

Stage 3: The following techniques will be used to inform relevant stakeholders of the engagement outcomes:

- Update to the Your Say project page.
- Email to Your Say project followers.
- Email to any key stakeholders listed in the engagement plan. (MP's/other)
- Email to participants who engaged

Stage 4: The following techniques will be used once the final outcomes are known:

- Update to the Your Say project page.
- Email to Your Say project followers.
- Email to any key stakeholders listed in the engagement plan. (MP's/other)
- Email to engaged participants

Evaluation of engagement

Reach and awareness		
Measure	**Target**	**Data source**
<e.g. Your Say page visitors>	<e.g. 200 visitors>	<e.g. Your Say report>
<e.g. Social media post interactions (likes, comments and shares)		<e.g. Social Media Advisor>

Participation		
Measure	**Target**	**Data source**
<e.g. Contributions to Your Say survey>	<e.g. 30 surveys>	<e.g. Your Say report>
<e.g. Contributions from Sellicks Beach residents>	<e.g. 70% of surveys>	<e.g. Your Say report>

Feedback quality		
Measure	**Target**	**Data source**
<e.g. Percentage of feedback comments directly related to the project>	<e.g. 80%>	<e.g. Project lead>

Process		
Measure	**Target**	**Data source**
Percentage of engagement evaluation survey respondents reporting it was easy to provide feedback.	80% of respondents	Engagement evaluation survey Your Say report
Percentage of engagement evaluation survey respondents reporting it was easy to find what they were looking for.	80% of respondents	Engagement evaluation survey Your Say report
Percentage of engagement evaluation survey respondents reporting the information was clear and easy to understand.	80% of respondents	Engagement evaluation survey Your Say report
Percentage of engagement evaluation survey respondents reporting there was enough time to find out more and provide feedback.	80% of respondents	Engagement evaluation survey Your Say report

Further documentation/additional information:

Appendix 1 - Key stakeholder analysis

Appendix 2 - Maps

Appendix 3 – Communications package

Sign-off

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Date:	

Approved by

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Position title:	Manager Community Safety and Property
Date:	

Appendix 1 – Stakeholder analysis

Stakeholder	**Level of impact /interest in the project** (high /medium / low)	**Level of influence** (high / medium / low)	**Engagement method** (inform / consult active participation)	**When they will be communicated with** (stages of the engagement)	**Engagement / communication techniques**
Decision-makers Consider internal and external decision-makers such as state departments we need approval from and external funders.					
Elected members and Mayor	Medium	Medium	Participation	Prior to Stage 1	EM update email
Minister for Local Government	Medium	Medium	Participation	Stage 3	Email
Internal stakeholders					
Customer Relations team	Medium	Low	Inform	Stage 1 – engagement (1 day prior to engagement opening)	Email
Marketing and Communications team – Social Media Advisor	Medium	Low	Participation	Stage 1 – engagement (2 weeks prior to engagement opening)	Social media post booking
Sign shop	Medium	Low	Participation	Stage 1 – engagement (2 weeks prior to engagement opening)	Sign shop booking

Directly affected stakeholders					
Residents living immediately adjacent to the proposed land parcel (see door knocking map in Appendix 2)	Medium	Medium	Consult	All engagement stages	Door knocking letter
Residents/Business living within the vicinity of the proposed land parcel. (see letter drop map in Appendix 2)	Medium	Medium	Consult	Stage 1 – engagement	Letter
Sellicks Beach CFS	High	High	Consult	All engagement stages	Email/Phone call
Indirectly affected stakeholders Consider the wider community, such as visitors to the project area.					
Kaurna traditional owners	Medium	Medium	Consult	Stage 1 – engagement	Email/Phone call
Residents not identified in the maps.	Medium	High	Consult	All engagement stages	On-site signage
Sellicks Area Residents Association (SARA)	High	High	Consult	All engagement stages	Stakeholder email
Any visitors/users of the land parcel.	High	High	Inform	Stage 1 - engagement	On-site signage Public notice
Government Organisations					
Renewal SA				All engagement stages	
State / federal Member of Parliament					

N/A					
Emergency Services All projects that could potentially disrupt/interfere with emergency services should be notified.					
N/A				All engagement stages	
Non-government organisations (NGOs), peak bodies, industry groups					
N/A					
Your Say Registered members					
Registered Your Say members with an interest in: - Council Land (leases, permits, land revocations, code amendments) - Parks, play spaces and reserves And / or an interest in Sellicks Beach, Sellicks Hill	Medium	Medium	Consult	Stage 1 - engagement	Your Say new project notification email
Your Say project followers	Medium	Medium	Inform	Stage 2 – close the loop Stage 3 – final project outcomes	Your Say follower notification email
Media For Marketing and Communications to complete if required					

Appendix 2 - Maps

Project location



Door knocking map

8 homes have been identified for door knocking who may be directly impacted.



Letterbox drop map

Letters will be distributed to the properties outlined in the map below which are within proximity of the project location, an estimate of 880 properties.



Appendix 3 – Communications package

Public Notice

Have Your Say

Proposed revocation of community land classification for

Allotment 506 (Reserve) Lurline Boulevard Sellicks Beach

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 194(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* that the City of Onkaparinga proposes to revoke the community land classification of Allotment 506 (Reserve) Lurline Boulevard Sellicks Beach for disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services To enable the relocation of the Sellicks Beach CFS from Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach and construction of new 3-bay station at this location.

The subject land is legally described as:

Allotment 506 in Deposited Plan 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822.

We are now welcoming all feedback on this proposal. To have your say and for more information, please visit www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay where you can enter or upload your feedback online.

Written feedback, marked to the attention of Property Transactions, can also be sent via the below methods:

Online:	www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay
E-mail:	mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au
Post:	City of Onkaparinga, PO Box 1, Noarlunga Centre, SA 5168

Consultation is open until 3 September 2026

Enquiries can be directed to Alicia Smith, Property Transactions Officer on 8384 0666 or mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

S Mason, Chief Executive Officer

Email to Mayor and Elected Members

Subject: Proposed revocation of community land classification for disposal

Dear Mayor Were AM and Elected Members

At the 21 July 2026 Council Meeting, the council reserve located at Allotment 506 Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach was declared surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services to enable the relocation of the Sellicks Beach CFS from Fontaine Drive, Sellicks Beach and construction of new 3-bay station at this location. As part of this process, approval was granted to commence the revocation of their Community Land classification, including undertaking public consultation.

Public consultation will commence today 13 August 2026 and conclude on 3 September 2026. The outcome of the engagement will be presented in a report to Council in the coming months.

As part of the engagement, we will be undertaking door knocking of adjacent residents.

If you require further information on this engagement, please visit the Your Say pages at www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay, or you are welcome to contact me at alicia.smith@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Regards



Alicia Smith
Property Transactions Officer

Door knocking letter

Dear resident

Proposed community land revocation to enable the construction of a new CFS station.

We are writing to advise we will be visiting your home to chat about a new project.

The purpose of the visit is to discuss the proposal, understand if you have any concerns, and answer any questions you may have.

About the project

Council is proposing to revoke the Community Land classification of a reserve at Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach to enable the land to be transferred to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services for the construction of a new Country Fire Service (CFS) station.

The Sellicks Beach CFS station is currently located on Fontaine Drive and was deemed unsuitable for future use due to structural issues that are beyond repair. This location is now too small to accommodate a new standard 3-bay station to meet risk and capability.

The council reserve at Lurline Boulevard was declared surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal and construction of the new CFS station. Council recently approved the commencement of the Community Land revocation process, including undertaking public consultation to seek community feedback on the proposal.

The portion of land is bordered in red overleaf.

We have scheduled a visit to your property on Tuesday 18 August between 4pm - 5pm.

We understand that people may unavailable during this time. If this is the case for you, we would still like to visit or discuss the proposal over the phone.

Please inform us of a more convenient date and time by emailing us at yoursay@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or calling us on 8384 0666.

If you do not want us to visit your property, please kindly let us know prior to the proposed dates.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, visits may be postponed and a new date advised.

You can find out more and also provide feedback online at www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay.

Engagement is open until 3 September 2026.

We look forward to speaking with you.

Yours sincerely



Alicia Smith
Property Officer Transactions

Enclosed: Aerial image


Allotment 506, Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach
Lurline Boulevard
Justs Road
Sellicks Beach Road
Causeway Road
Esplanade
SELLICKS BEACH
Lurline Boulevard
Duncanson Avenue
Plaza Avenue
Capri Crescent
Casino Boulevard
Casablanca Place
Sellicks Beach Road
Arcadia Crescent
Bluewater Boulevard
A506
A3000
A9
A901
A903
Allotment 506
Community Waste Water System Rising Main
Stormwater Pit
Stormwater Drain
Stormwater Culvert
Stormwater Sedimentation/Silt Trap
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Letter to Residents

To The Occupant

Have Your Say – Community Land revocation proposal – Allotment 506 Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach

Council is proposing to revoke the Community Land classification of a reserve at Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach to enable the land to be transferred to the Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services for the construction of a new Country Fire Service (CFS) station.

The Sellicks Beach CFS station is currently located on Fontaine Drive and was deemed unsuitable for future use due to structural issues that are beyond repair. This location is now too small to accommodate a new standard 3-bay station to meet risk and capability.

The council reserve at Lurline Boulevard was declared surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal and construction of the new station. Council recently approved the commencement of the Community Land revocation process, including undertaking public consultation to seek community feedback on the proposal.

The land parcel affected is bordered in red as shown overleaf:

- Allotment 506 in Deposited Plan 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822.

A report on the proposal, as required by section 194(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, and further information can be obtained at www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay

We are now welcoming all feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback please use one of the methods listed below:

Online:	www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay
E-mail:	mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au
Post:	City of Onkaparinga, PO Box 1, Noarlunga Centre, SA 5168
Personal Delivery:	Customer Services Centres at:
	Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre

Please address all written feedback for the attention of Alicia Smith, Property Officer.

Council will review and consider all feedback received before making a decision on the proposal.

Engagement is open until **3 September 2026.**

If you have any queries, please contact me on 8384 0666.

Yours sincerely



Alicia Smith
Property Officer Transactions

Enclosed: Aerial image



Indicative only, not to scale

On site signage

Proposed Revocation of Community Land for a new CFS Station

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to revoke the Community Land classification of this reserve at Lurline Boulevard, Sellicks Beach.

Find out more and have your say by visiting www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay or scanning the QR code.

Engagement is open until 3 September 2026

(Sign shop to add Your Say Homepage QR code to sign)

Sign Example:





Your Say Page

Preview Link

10.7 CLUB ENQUIRY PROCESS TRIAL UPDATE

Report contacts	Meeting
Kat McAteer, Operational Excellence Business Partner Ali Alexander, Operational Excellence Business Partner	Council
Manager	
Stuart Purves, Manager Libraries, Customer Relations and Recreation	
Director	**Date**
Jani Baker, Director Community	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the completed Club Enquiry Process trial, following the Council report presented in November 2025. The report summarises trial outcomes, customer experience improvements, implementation of a permanent system and ongoing continuous improvement opportunities.

2. Recommendations

That Council notes:

1. **The Club Enquiry Process trial has been completed with the following outcomes:**
   - **Improved customer experience for sporting clubs through clearer information, improved self-service and a more consistent enquiry pathway.**
   - **Positive feedback from sporting clubs and Elected Members.**
   - **Elected Member enquiries on behalf of sporting clubs have reduced and sporting club enquiries self-serve has increased.**
2. **That next steps will involve implementation of a permanent solution with no external process change for sporting clubs.**

3. Executive summary

Council was advised in November 2025 that a trial would be undertaken to improve the handling of sporting club enquiries and test a more structured Club Enquiry Process (CEP). The trial has now been completed.

The trial has been successful. It has provided a clearer pathway for sporting club enquiries that do not fit within existing request types, while retaining existing request pathways for standard matters such as maintenance, signage, graffiti removal and landowner consent. This has reduced the risk of enquiries being managed outside the system through email or phone calls.

Customer experience has improved. The updated webpage has made it easier for sporting clubs and Elected Members to find information, identify the right request pathway and self-serve where possible. Feedback received from sporting clubs and Elected Members has been positive, and enquiries on behalf of sporting clubs have reduced in both volume and complexity.

Elected Members support was an important part of the trial's success. By promoting the new process, encouraging use of the updated pathway and providing feedback during the trial, Elected Members helped support positive uptake and promoted the self-service functions for sporting clubs via the dedicated website.

The new process has helped manage enquiries more consistently and has reduced the need for urgent follow-up on matters that can now be logged, triaged, allocated and tracked through OneCouncil. The process provides clearer ownership, escalation and visibility of complex and sensitive matters

Data collected during the trial shows increased use of the webpage and the CEP pathway. Sporting club related enquiries also continue to be submitted through existing request pathways, as the new request type does not negate the established request types.

To date, we have received:

- 44 Sporting Club Enquiries
- 26 Elected Member sporting club enquiries
- 28 enquiries redirected to existing pathways.

The sporting club enquiry webpage has had:

- 2,198 webpage views from 236 users
- 105 customer requests submitted through the site
- 3,556 click-throughs to related information and resources.

The trial confirmed the value of a knowledge-led ownership model, where the relevant team or subject matter expert is best placed to own the customer experience and response. This approach better reflects where the relevant knowledge and accountability sits.

The transition to the permanent solution involves internal process changes only and will not affect how sporting clubs or Elected Members submit or manage requests. Ongoing improvement opportunities will continue to be identified and prioritised through standard review processes, with a focus on customer experience, demand trends, data quality, reporting, and service performance.

4. Background

At the 19 August 2025 Council meeting, a Notice of Motion was carried requesting a report on the outcomes of staff planning sessions regarding how sporting clubs can effectively contact the correct council department when support is required.

The November 2025 Council report outlined the outcomes of internal workshops and confirmed that a system-based triage model would be introduced. The report also noted that a further update would be provided to Council in July 2026.

The CEP trial commenced in February 2026. The trial tested a structured enquiry pathway using existing systems, an updated external webpage, front-end triage and internal guidance. The trial also collected data and stakeholder feedback to inform final implementation of a permanent solution.

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Internal stakeholders included directors, managers, team leaders, Operational Excellence, Customer Relations, Sports Development, Community Assets, Property, Maintenance, Business Support, Information Management, Civic Governance, Elected Member Liaison Officers, WHS, IT and subject matter experts. External stakeholders included sporting clubs.

5. Discussion

A summary of trial outcomes and areas of continuous improvement are highlighted in Attachment 1.

6. Financial implications

At this stage there are no known, additional financial implications.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Reputation/community expectation	The improved webpage, self-service information and defined request pathways provide greater clarity for sporting clubs and Elected Members on service expectations and next steps.
Political sensitivity	The internal processes established clear escalation pathways for high-risk, politically sensitive or complex matters.
Service delivery consistency	The roles, handover points, acknowledgement expectations and reporting arrangements established support more consistent customer request handling.
Data quality	The OneCouncil improvements and monitoring arrangements implemented improve visibility, reduce duplicated handling and support more reliable reporting.
Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Customer experience	The improved webpage, self-service information and clearer request pathways provide a more consistent and transparent customer experience.
System improvement	The trial learnings captured provide a foundation for ongoing refinement of customer request handling through normal improvement cycles.
Data and reporting	The trial data collected provides improved insight into demand, support needs, ward trends, request types and service area involvement.
Continuous improvement	The monitoring arrangements provide mechanism for identifying and implementing future improvement opportunities.

8. Next steps

- Finalise transition to the permanent solution.
- Continued implementation of areas of continuous improvement as highlighted in Attachment 1.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Club Enquiry Process Trial Update (1 page)

END OF REPORT

Attachment 1 – Council Report 21 July 2026 - CLUB ENQUIRY PROCESS TRIAL UPDATE

Area	Trial outcome	Ongoing focus
Customer experience	The updated webpage has made it easier for sporting clubs and Elected Members to find information and access relevant request pathways.	Clear online information and self-service options that support a consistent customer experience.
Enquiry pathway	CEP provides a clear pathway for sporting club enquiries that do not fit within existing request types. Existing request types continue to be used where appropriate.	Well-defined pathway guidance that supports accurate enquiry routing and ownership.
Visibility and tracking	Enquiries are less likely to sit outside the system as emails or phone calls. They can be logged, allocated, updated with notes and tracked through OneCouncil.	Enhanced reporting, dashboards and visibility of enquiry status and performance.
Elected Member enquiries	EM enquiries on behalf of sporting clubs have reduced in volume and intensity. Feedback received has been positive, and EMs supported the trial by promoting the new process and encouraging use of the updated pathway.	Ongoing awareness of the established process and request pathways for Elected Members and sporting clubs.
Internal coordination	Front-end triage and clearer ownership have improved consistency. The relevant team or subject matter expert owns the response once an enquiry is allocated.	Clear role accountability, escalation pathways and service expectations across involved teams.
System implementation	OneCouncil enhancements have moved into the live production environment. The changes are behind the scenes and do not change the external process.	Performance monitoring and workflow refinement through normal continuous improvement cycles.
Broader improvement	The trial has provided useful insights into customer request handling, including triage, ownership, acknowledgement and reporting.	Application of trial learnings to future service improvements where opportunities are identified.
Data and reporting	The trial improved visibility of enquiry demand and how sporting club-related enquiries move through request pathways.	Use of demand and customer data to inform service planning, customer experience improvements and service-level opportunities.

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10.8 2025-26 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW OUTCOMES

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1. Purpose

To present the outcomes of the 2025–26 Community Engagement Review for Council's consideration and approval, and address the Council resolutions of 16 September 2025 and 17 February 2026 (in part).

2. Recommendations

That Council:

1. **Notes the feedback received through the Community Engagement Review engagement process as detailed in the Engagement Feedback Report – refer Attachment 1 to the agenda report.**
2. **Approves the draft Community Engagement Policy – refer Attachment 2 to the agenda report.**
3. **Approves the draft Community Engagement Framework – refer Attachment 3 to the agenda report.**
4. **Notes that implementation of the Community Engagement Framework outcomes will occur through supporting procedures, tools, templates and continuous improvement initiatives.**

3. Executive summary

The 2025–26 Community Engagement Review was undertaken to ensure the City of Onkaparinga's community engagement approach remains contemporary, effective and aligned with legislative requirements, including the Minister for Local Government's new Community Engagement Charter, as well as the Council resolutions of 16 September 2025 and 17 February 2026.

The review included benchmarking against relevant state government frameworks, national engagement principles, industry guidance and comparable councils, together with two stages of engagement involving elected members, community members and staff (refer Attachment 1 for details).

The review confirmed that council's community engagement approach is well structured, strongly aligned with legislative requirements and recognised best practice, and supported by practical tools, templates and processes. No significant gaps were found, however a range of improvement opportunities were identified.

Importantly, the review determined that the greatest opportunities for improvement lie not in policy settings, but in how engagement is delivered in practice.

Feedback consistently showed that stakeholders were less interested in policy wording and more interested in practical engagement delivery. Key themes included engaging earlier, improving communication and awareness, providing clearer information about what can and

cannot be influenced, improving accessibility and inclusion, and strengthening transparency regarding outcomes.

The review reaffirmed that participation is primarily driven by perceived relevance and impact, with community members most likely to engage when they believe a matter will directly affect them.

The review identified opportunities to further strengthen engagement practice through earlier engagement, expanded digital engagement options, stronger engagement with First Nations communities, improved business engagement, greater transparency and stronger connections with community development.

The key outcomes of the review are a:

- draft Community Engagement Policy for Council's approval (Attachment 2)
- draft Community Engagement Framework for Council's approval (Attachment 3)
- draft Community Engagement Procedure, which will continue to be refined with staff
- range of continuous improvement initiatives to strengthen engagement practice.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	*Local Government Act 1999* Minister for Local Government's Community Engagement Charter *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 section 13A*
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Benchmarking • Federal and state government organisations • Engagement Institute (IAP2) • Other councils Stage 1 engagement • Elected Members (27 January 2026 Elected Member session) • Community (engagement from 6 February to 15 March 2026) • Staff (survey, workshop, meetings and discussions) Stage 2 engagement • Elected Members (12 May 2026 Elected Member session) • Community (engagement from 12-28 June 2026 including a workshop with Leadership Onkaparinga) • Staff

5. Discussion

Review background

Council commenced a review of its Community Engagement Policy and Community Engagement Framework in 2025 to ensure its approach to engagement remains contemporary, effective and aligned with legislative requirements and community expectations.

The review was designed to assess council's existing engagement approach, identify opportunities for improvement and establish a clear direction for future community engagement practice.

The review included:

- research and benchmarking against state government frameworks, national and industry guidance, and comparable councils

- analysis of current engagement practices, tools and processes
- engagement with elected members, community members and staff
- testing of proposed policy and framework documents through 2 stages of engagement.

Benchmarking and research

Benchmarking and research formed a significant component of the review process.

Council's approach was compared against relevant state government frameworks, national engagement principles, industry guidance and the practices of comparable councils, including:

- State government frameworks in SA, NSW, QLD, VIC and WA
- Australian Public Service Engagement and Participation Framework
- IAP2 / Engagement Institute
- First Nations Community Engagement Industry Guide
- Inclusive SA Toolkit engagement
- local government comparators: Marion, Playford, Port Adelaide Enfield (SA) and Canada Bay (NSW).

The benchmarking found that council's existing Community Engagement Framework and overall approach is well structured, aligns strongly with legislative requirements and recognised best practice, and is supported by practical tools, templates and processes.

The review also identified strong alignment in key areas including:

- Inclusion and accessibility
- Transparency and reporting
- Proportionate engagement approaches
- Stakeholder participation
- Continuous improvement.

Overall, the findings confirmed that the City of Onkaparinga already demonstrates a high level of maturity in its engagement practice. While no significant gaps were identified, the review highlighted a range of opportunities to further strengthen engagement outcomes and continue evolving council's approach over time.

Community engagement process

The review included 2 stages of engagement with elected members, community members and staff, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Stage 1

The first engagement stage focused on testing the draft Community Engagement Policy and seeking feedback on council's overall engagement approach.

Participants were asked to consider how council currently engages with stakeholders and identify opportunities for improvement.

A consistent message emerged that stakeholders were less interested in policy wording and more interested in how engagement is undertaken in practice.

Key themes included:

- Information should be clear, concise and easy to understand
- Surveys should be shorter and simpler
- Engagement opportunities require stronger promotion and communication

- Communities want to be engaged earlier in decision-making processes
- Stakeholders want a clearer understanding of what aspects of a project can and cannot be influenced.

Stage 2

The second stage focused on testing the revised Community Engagement Framework, which outlines council's proposed engagement approach and how success will be measured.

Feedback demonstrated general support for the proposed direction and the revised Framework.

No changes to the draft Community Engagement Framework are proposed as a result of Stage 2 engagement, as feedback confirms the overall direction of the Framework.

Stakeholders also sought additional detail regarding how council will engage on specific project types and provided other opportunities for further improvement. This operational guidance will be incorporated into supporting procedures and staff resources, rather than the Framework itself.

Refer to Attachment 1 for more detail.

Key findings

The Community Engagement Review reinforced several themes that have consistently emerged through council's engagement activities.

Stakeholders expect engagement to occur earlier, before options or preferred solutions have already been developed. There is also a strong desire for engagement activities to be simple, accessible and easy to participate in.

The review highlighted the importance of awareness and communication. Many community members indicated they are unaware of engagement opportunities unless they relate directly to matters that affect them.

The review also reinforced that participation is often driven by relevance. Community members are most likely to participate when they perceive a proposal will affect them personally, their neighbourhood or an issue they care about.

Feedback also demonstrated the importance of transparency. Stakeholders want to understand how their feedback was considered, what decisions were made, what changed as a result of engagement and why.

Staff feedback aligned strongly with community feedback. Staff expressed support for earlier engagement, proportionate engagement approaches and clearer guidance regarding engagement requirements for different project types.

Staff also identified opportunities to simplify processes and provide clearer tools, templates and procedures to support consistent engagement practice across the organisation.

Opportunities for improvement

While the review found council's engagement approach is strongly aligned with best practice, a number of opportunities for improvement were identified.

These include:

- Involve people early based on how much they can influence the decision and explore more co-design opportunities
- Expand interactive digital engagement opportunities
- Strengthen engagement with First Nations communities
- Improve inclusion and accessibility outcomes

- Strengthen engagement with businesses
- Improve transparency and reporting
- Strengthen connections between community engagement and community development practices
- Improve engagement and transparency relating to council's strategic planning and budget processes.

Many of these opportunities will be progressed as future improvement initiatives following completion of the review.

Delivering engagement in practice

The review highlighted that the greatest opportunity for improvement lies not in policy settings, but in how engagement is delivered in practice.

Council will continue to provide a range of engagement opportunities that are appropriate to the scale, complexity and impact of individual projects.

This includes maintaining a mix of online and face-to-face engagement methods, recognising that different approaches are effective for different projects and stakeholder groups.

Face-to-face engagement remains an important tool, particularly where projects are complex, high impact, sensitive or attract significant community interest. However, face-to-face engagement is also one of the most resource-intensive engagement methods and should be applied proportionately.

The draft Community Engagement Procedure provides clearer guidance for staff regarding the selection of engagement methods, including circumstances where face-to-face engagement and door knocking are required. The draft Procedure is currently out for consultation with staff and will continue to be refined to ensure it provides guidance for a broad range of projects and scenarios.

The review also identified opportunities to strengthen collaboration between community engagement and community development functions. Greater integration of these activities has the potential to improve participation, strengthen relationships with communities and support more inclusive and representative engagement outcomes.

Proposed Policy and Framework

The draft Community Engagement Policy and draft Community Engagement Framework presented as Attachments 2 and 3 reflect the outcomes of the review, benchmarking and engagement process.

Together, the documents establish council's commitment to meaningful community engagement, provide clear guidelines for engagement practice and support continuous improvement over time.

The Framework also introduces a stronger focus on measuring success and evaluating engagement outcomes to ensure council continues to learn from experience and improve its approach.

September 2025 Council resolution

At the 16 September 2025 Council meeting a Notice of Motion regarding face-to-face engagement resulted in Council resolving:

> *That a report be brought back to Council on options to amend Council's Public Consultation Policy to require that, for consultations involving land revocations, land use changes, or changes to local amenities, face-to-face engagement (including but not limited to doorknocking of directly impacted properties) forms part of the consultation process.*

This resolution has been specifically addressed in the draft Procedure, under the section Minimum engagement requirements, relating to undertaking land revocation and community land matters, staff are required:

- 'to undertake in-person engagement (such as door knocking) with directly affected stakeholders in the vicinity of the proposed location', in addition to any legislated engagement requirements.

  Additionally, there is general guidance within the draft Procedure under the section Minimum engagement requirements, relating to high impact activities:

- 'Where council is undertaking activities that will have a high impact on communities, staff are strongly encouraged to undertake in-person engagement (such as door knocking) with directly affected stakeholders'

February 2026 Council resolution

At a Special Council Meeting on 17 February 2026 a Notice of Motion regarding the Beachside Food and Wine Festival resulted in Council resolving in part:

2. *A policy review of engagement, noting that the Engagement Policy is currently under review, but requiring:*
   - *The inclusion of a separate and clearly defined section within the Engagement Policy for business engagement, including proactive and direct contact methods such as door knocking or direct communication where events impact business operations or access*
   - *Clear engagement approaches for residents affected by Council-led events*
   - *The learnings from the Food and Wine event that informs the revised engagement framework.*

As a result of the evaluation of the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival – refer Item 10.9 on tonight's Council agenda – a Communication and Engagement Plan will be developed for each of council's major events to support early and proactive engagement with local businesses and residents. This requirement has been included in the draft Community Engagement Procedure, as information at this level is not appropriate in the Community Engagement Policy or Framework. Specifically, the draft Procedure includes a section, Minimum engagement requirements, relating to council run events where the event may impact business operations or access. The procedure mandates that:

- '...staff will complete a Communications and Engagement Plan for each major event, and are encouraged to undertake proactive and direct contact methods with directly affected stakeholders in the vicinity of the proposed location, such as door knocking and/or direct communication. Where applicable, Business and Tourism Associations should also be directly contacted and provided the opportunity to meet and discuss any opportunities and concerns.'

Previous council resolutions

The draft Procedure also addresses prior resolutions of Council including, 8 November 2022, Council endorsed including a brief financial impact statement in engagement materials for relevant projects, covering project cost, and any impact on debt and rates. The draft Procedure states.

- 'For capital projects, a project costing statement must be included to help the community understand the scale and nature of the investment. Costing information will:
  - relate to the capital works budget only
  - use plain, high-level expenditure descriptions (for example "This project is funded through council's capital works program and external grant funding where applicable").'

Elected Member feedback incorporated into the draft Procedure.

The draft Procedure has been developed to provide a guide for staff to design engagement that is proportionate, inclusive, and aligned to legislative obligations and the expectations of elected members and the community.

It also incorporates feedback from Elected Members including:

- Early engagement
- Proportional engagement and avoiding over engagement
- Designing for inclusion and accessibility – including drawing on externally developed guides and toolkits such as:
    - First Nations Community Engagement Industry Guide Phase 1
    - Inclusive SA Toolkit: Engagement and Consultation with People Living with Disability
    - Voice of the Child Toolkit.
- Minimum engagement requirements, specifically as detailed above
- How unsolicited feedback should be managed – such as Facebook comments
- Considering the broader community benefit in decision making.

6. Financial implications

Implementation of the Community Engagement Policy and Community Engagement Framework will primarily be undertaken using existing operational resources, project budgets and established engagement tools and systems.

Community engagement activities will continue to be planned and delivered using a proportionate approach, with the level of engagement and associated resourcing determined by the scale, complexity, impact and risk of individual projects.

Resourcing to enable increased face-to-face engagement will be offset through this proportionate approach, with engagement resourcing redirected from lower impact projects so that we can undertake face-to-face engagement for higher impact projects.

In addition to face-to-face engagement the review has identified a range of opportunities to further strengthen engagement practices, including increased early engagement, expanded digital engagement options, improved inclusion and accessibility, stronger First Nations engagement and enhanced business engagement. These opportunities will be considered and prioritised through future business planning processes and, where required, may be delivered through existing operational budgets or future budget considerations.

While effective community engagement requires an investment of time and resources, early and meaningful engagement can reduce project risks, improve decision-making, increase stakeholder understanding and support smoother project delivery outcomes.

Financial summary

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. Future improvement initiatives identified through the review will be considered and prioritised through future business planning processes and, where required, may be delivered through existing operational budgets or future budget considerations.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Reputation/community expectation	Failure to maintain contemporary and effective community engagement practices may result in reduced community trust and confidence in council decision-making. This is mitigated through an updated Policy and Framework incorporating the feedback obtained through engagement with stakeholders throughout the review process. Poorly planned or insufficient engagement can increase project delays, complaints and stakeholder dissatisfaction. The introduction of a Community Engagement Policy, Framework and Procedure will provide staff with clear guidance for planning and delivering engagements to mitigate this risk.
Financial/business sustainability	Resourcing for additional face-to-face engagement will be off-set by focussing engagement efforts on higher impact projects.
Compliance/legal	The Community Engagement Policy meets the legislative requirements that were introduced with the State Government's new Community Engagement Charter.
Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
The review identified a range of opportunities to further strengthen council's engagement practices and improve community outcomes. Collectively, these opportunities have the potential to improve participation, strengthen community trust, support more informed decision-making and deliver better outcomes for council and the community.	Involve people early based on how much they can influence the decision and explore more co-design opportunities. More interactive digital options - Pilot online forums, information sessions and community Q&A opportunities. Stronger First Nations engagement - Support development of guiding principles and a shared understanding of cultural safety Better inclusion for people with disability - Improve how we hear from people with disability through targeted actions and partnerships. More inclusive decision-making - Apply learnings from accessibility reviews to improve engagement design Improved business engagement - Establish a coordinated approach to business communication and insights. Greater transparency - Provide full feedback reports for all Your Say consultations. Improved community connections - Improve the interconnection between community engagement and community development. Improved engagement on council's strategic planning, Long Term Financial Plan, Annual Business Plan and Budget.

8. Next steps

Subject to Council endorsement, the draft Community Engagement Policy and Framework will be implemented across the organisation.

Supporting procedures, templates, tools and guidance materials will be updated to align with the Policy and revised Framework and provide clear operational direction for staff.

The identified improvement opportunities will be incorporated into future work programs and progressively implemented through collaboration across the organisation.

Council will continue to monitor, evaluate and refine its engagement practices to ensure they remain effective, inclusive and aligned with community expectations.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Community Engagement Review Engagement Feedback Report (21 pages)

Attachment 2 – Draft Community Engagement Policy (6 pages)

Attachment 3 – Draft Community Engagement Framework (8 pages)

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

A Better way Part 1: Community Engagement Review - Stage 2

'A better way to have your say'

June 2026

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Executive Summary

The City of Onkaparinga is reviewing how it involves the community in decisions and communicates opportunities for people to have their say. Stage 2 of the Community Engagement Review was undertaken in June 2026 to test whether the draft Community Engagement Framework reflected the priorities raised during Stage 1 engagement.

A total of 45 contributions were received through an online survey, quick poll, written feedback, staff feedback and an in-person Leadership Onkaparinga workshop. The Your Say Onkaparinga project page received 234 visitors, with over 50% accessing the page for the first time.

The Leadership Onkaparinga workshop was attended by 14 participants and provided an opportunity to explore the draft Framework in greater depth.

Feedback across all channels showed mixed but generally constructive views about the draft Framework. Of the 22 online survey contributors, 12 contributors (54.5%) indicated that the Framework met their expectations. A further five contributors selected neutral, three were unsure and two indicated that it did not meet their expectations. Of the seven contributors to the quick poll, four indicated that Council was on the right track, two were unsure and one indicated that Council was not on the right track.

Feedback generally reinforced the direction, commitments and principles already included in the draft Community Engagement Framework. Contributors and workshop participants referred to the importance of involving people early, clearly explaining what can and cannot be influenced, providing plain-language and accessible information, using a range of engagement methods, and reporting back on what was heard and how feedback influenced decisions.

The key areas identified for further attention were:

- applying early engagement commitments consistently before designs, concept plans or key decisions are substantially developed
- providing clearer information about project timing, available influence, budgets, constraints, legislation and decision-making responsibilities
- reaching people who may face barriers to participation through targeted, accessible and inclusive methods
- clearly distinguishing between genuine engagement, community notification and project updates
- reporting back on what changed, what did not change and why, including the constraints and competing considerations that informed decisions.

Staff feedback also highlighted the need for practical guidance to help staff determine when engagement is appropriate, when notification is more suitable and how project information should be communicated through Your Say Onkaparinga.

Some feedback related to individual service requests, facilities, local events, staffing matters, elected members and broader governance matters. While these issues are outside the direct scope of the draft Community Engagement Framework, they provide useful context about community expectations for clear communication, respectful responses and transparent follow-up. Relevant feedback will also be considered as part of A better way Part 3: A better way to connect with council – Customer Experience Program Review.

No changes to the draft Community Engagement Framework are proposed as a result of Stage 2 engagement. The feedback confirms the overall direction of the Framework and will be considered

through the development and implementation of supporting procedures, templates, tools and guidance for staff.

This may include clearer guidance about when to engage, inform or provide project updates; how to explain what can and cannot be influenced; how to select inclusive and accessible engagement methods; and how to report back on what was heard, what changed and what happened next.

Background

The City of Onkaparinga is reviewing how it involves the community in decisions and communicates opportunities for people to have their say.

Earlier in 2026, the community was invited to share feedback on the draft Community Engagement Policy and how council could improve the way people participate in decisions that affect them. Feedback from Stage 1 showed that people want engagement to happen earlier, be easier to understand and find, provide different ways to participate, be more inclusive, and be clearer about how feedback influences decisions.

Using this feedback, Council developed a draft Community Engagement Framework to guide how it will engage with the community in the future.

Stage 2 engagement was undertaken to seek feedback on the draft Framework and check whether it reflects what the community told us during Stage 1.

Engagement was open from 12 to 28 June 2026.

Community members were invited to provide feedback through an online survey and quick poll hosted on the project's Your Say Onkaparinga page. Feedback could also be provided by phone, in person at Council offices, by email or by post.

An in-person workshop was also held with participants in the 2026 Leadership Onkaparinga program on 26 June 2026. The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss the draft Community Engagement Framework in more detail and identify any gaps, opportunities or areas needing further clarification.

This report summarises what we heard during Stage 2 engagement and how feedback will be considered before the Framework is presented to Council.

Elected Member input before Stage 2 engagement

Before Stage 2 engagement opened, an Elected Member session was held to share key findings from Stage 1 engagement, relevant benchmarking and the proposed changes to the Community Engagement Policy and Framework. The session provided Elected Members with an opportunity to discuss the draft approach and provide feedback before it was tested with staff and the community.

Feedback highlighted the need for a flexible, proportionate and project-specific approach; earlier engagement where there is genuine opportunity to influence; clear distinction between engagement, planning matters and notification; inclusion of younger people and children; accessible information; targeted communication with affected stakeholders; and practical guidance for staff on costs, timing, methods and when engagement is required.

Community engagement purpose

The purpose of this engagement was to seek feedback on the draft Community Engagement Framework and understand whether it reflects what the community told council during Stage 1 engagement.

The engagement also sought to identify whether any further changes were needed before the Framework is finalised and presented to Council.

Engagement objectives

The objectives of the engagement were to:

- provide clear and accessible information about the proposed Community Engagement Framework
- explain how Stage 1 feedback has influenced the draft Framework
- give community members an opportunity to comment on whether council is on the right track
- identify any remaining gaps, concerns or suggested improvements
- seek feedback that can help refine the Framework before it is presented to Council for approval
- provide a range of ways for people to access information and provide feedback.

What the community could influence

Community feedback could help inform:

- whether the draft Community Engagement Framework reflects the priorities and expectations raised during Stage 1 engagement
- the clarity and accessibility of the Framework
- how council explains what people can and cannot influence
- how council communicates opportunities to have a say
- the range of ways people can participate in engagement activities
- how council supports inclusive and accessible engagement
- how council reports back on what it heard and how feedback influenced decisions
- final refinements to the draft Community Engagement Framework before it is presented to Council.

What the community could not influence

Community feedback could not influence:

- Council's legal obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 and the Community Engagement Charter
- requirements that council must meet when making decisions
- matters already determined by legislation, regulation or Council policy
- the requirement for the Community Engagement Framework and draft Community Engagement Policy to be considered by Council

- Council's available budget, staffing and resources, although feedback may help inform future priorities.

Engagement techniques

Stage 2 engagement was open from **12 to 28 June 2026**. A range of communication and engagement techniques were used to raise awareness and encourage participation.

The following techniques were used to promote the engagement and provide opportunities for people to participate:

Technique	Purpose
Elected Member workshop	Provided Elected Members with an opportunity to review Stage 1 findings, benchmarking and the proposed draft Community Engagement Framework before Stage 2 staff and community engagement.
Your Say Onkaparinga project page	Provided background information, the draft Framework, draft Policy and opportunities to provide feedback.
Online survey	Collected detailed feedback on the draft Community Engagement Framework.
Quick poll	Provided a simple option for people to indicate whether they believed Council was on the right track.
Leadership Onkaparinga workshop	An in-person workshop was held on 26 June 2026 with participants in the 2026 Leadership Onkaparinga program. The workshop explored the draft Framework, tested whether it reflected community expectations and gathered feedback on areas for improvement.
Phone feedback	Allowed people to contact the Your Say Onkaparinga team to ask questions or provide feedback.
In-person feedback	People could speak with staff at Council offices in Noarlunga, Aberfoyle Park, Aldinga, Willunga and Woodcroft.
Email and post	Provided alternative ways for people to submit feedback.
Email to Elected members	Informed Elected Members about the Stage 2 engagement and provided information they could share with their networks.
Email to all survey contributors from Stage 1 and project followers	Notified people who had previously participated in Stage 1 engagement, and people following the project, about the opportunity to review the draft Framework and provide further feedback.
Sitewide Your Say Onkaparinga newsletter	Promoted the Stage 2 engagement to Your Say Onkaparinga members and invited them to review the draft Framework and provide feedback.
Email to staff	Promoted the engagement internally and encouraged staff to share the opportunity with relevant networks and community contacts.

Summary of community engagement outcomes

Participation Overview

Stage 2 engagement invited the community to review the draft Community Engagement Framework and provide feedback on whether it reflected the priorities raised during Stage 1 of the Community Engagement Review.

Two online feedback tools were available through the Your Say page:

- an online survey seeking detailed feedback on the draft Community Engagement Framework
- a quick poll asking whether participants believed Council was on the right track.

Supporting information was also available on the Your Say page, including the draft Community Engagement Framework and draft Community Engagement Policy. During the engagement period, 3 documents were available for download, with a total of 108 downloads recorded.

- 64 downloads Draft Community Engagement Framework 2026-36
- 22 downloads Draft Community Engagement Policy V2
- 12 downloads Draft Community Engagement Policy V1
- 10 downloads Feedback Report A better way Part 1: Community Engagement Review Stage 1

Feedback was also collected through an in-person workshop with the 2026 Leadership Onkaparinga cohort on 26 June 2026. The workshop provided an opportunity for participants to discuss the draft Framework in more detail, consider how it may work in practice and identify any gaps, opportunities or areas requiring further clarification. The workshop was attended by 14 participants.

A total of 45 contributions were received during the engagement period, noting that some people may have contributed through more than one channel. Contributions were received through:

- 22 online survey responses
- 7 quick poll responses
- 1 written submission received by email or post
- 1 staff member contribution to the staff survey
- 14 contributions recorded through the Leadership Onkaparinga workshop.

Demographic information was collected during Stage 1 engagement to help council understand who participated in the broader review and whether feedback was received from a range of community members across the city.

Demographic information was not collected during Stage 2. This stage focused on testing the draft Community Engagement Framework, identifying any final gaps or improvements, and gathering feedback through a mix of online and facilitated engagement methods.

Overall sentiment

Feedback across all engagement channels showed mixed but generally constructive views about the draft Community Engagement Framework.

Some contributors considered the Framework clear, well-structured and responsive to the issues raised during Stage 1 engagement. Feedback referred to earlier involvement, plain language, more inclusive participation methods and clearer reporting on how feedback is used.

Other contributors identified areas requiring further clarity, practical examples or stronger implementation. These comments focused on how and when engagement will occur, what people can influence, how contributors will be notified, and how council will demonstrate that feedback has resulted in action.

A small number of comments related to specific services, projects, complaints, elected members or wider council matters outside the direct scope of the Framework.

Key themes across all feedback channels

The main themes raised across the online survey, quick poll, Leadership Onkaparinga workshop, staff feedback and other feedback channels were:

1. Earlier, clearer and more meaningful involvement

Feedback referred to involvement before designs, concept plans or key decisions are substantially developed. Contributors also sought clearer information about engagement timing, project stages, who will be notified and what can be influenced.

2. Building trust through follow-up and accountability

Feedback referred to reporting back on what was heard, how feedback was used, what decisions were made and what happened next. Some contributors questioned whether the commitments in the Framework would lead to consistent changes in practice.

3. More inclusive and accessible ways to participate

Feedback referred to reaching people with different backgrounds, abilities and levels of digital access. This included references to children and young people, migrant communities, people living with disability, people who may need hardcopy options and community groups that may not usually participate.

4. Clearer guidance, practical examples and easier access to information

Feedback referred to plain language, clearer explanations, practical examples for different project types and easier access to supporting information. Contributors also referred to a clearer distinction between engagement, notification and project updates, and a more prominent central location for engagement opportunities.

5. Stronger communication, responsiveness and community confidence

Feedback referred to uneven notification, difficulty receiving responses, complaint handling, staff communication and concerns about feeling unheard. These comments pointed to the importance of respectful communication, consistent processes and clear explanations of council's role, constraints and decisions.

Issues, concerns and opportunities for improvement

Feedback received across all engagement channels reinforced the overall direction of the draft Community Engagement Framework and identified areas where clearer guidance, stronger implementation and more consistent communication may be needed.

Issue or opportunity	Summary of feedback	Council response
Earlier involvement and genuine opportunity to influence	Feedback referred to engagement occurring after designs, concept plans or decisions were substantially developed. Contributors and workshop participants asked for clearer information about when engagement will occur, what can genuinely be influenced and how feedback may shape decisions before outcomes are finalised.	The draft Framework already includes a commitment to seek opportunities to involve the community earlier in decisions. Feedback received through Stage 2 reinforces the importance of applying this commitment consistently in practice, particularly before concept plans or key decisions are substantially developed. Supporting procedures, templates and guidance will help staff identify appropriate engagement points during project planning and clearly explain what is open to influence.
Clear, practical and accessible information	Feedback referred to the need for plain language, less jargon, clearer explanations of project timing, available influence, budget, constraints, legislation and decision-making responsibilities. Contributors requested practical examples showing how the Framework may apply to different project types. Workshop participants also referred to the importance of accurate, balanced and transparent information, including explaining how council resources are allocated and how decisions are made.	The Framework includes commitments to provide clear, accessible and transparent information. Supporting procedures, templates and guidance will help staff explain the purpose of engagement, the project context, available influence, key constraints and decision-making process in ways suited to the project and intended audience. Practical examples will be included to support staff in selecting appropriate engagement approaches.
Inclusive participation, accessible methods and targeted reach	Feedback referred to reaching people who may not usually participate, including children and young people, migrant communities, First Nations people, people living with disability, people experiencing homelessness, LGBTQIA+ people, people with literacy barriers, people who are digitally excluded and people who experience barriers to leaving home. Contributors also referred to hardcopy options, direct mail, email or text notifications, and more targeted promotion where	The Framework supports the use of accessible and inclusive engagement methods. Supporting procedures, templates and guidance will help staff consider who may be affected, who may face barriers to participation, and which methods may be appropriate for the project and community. There is already a section within the procedure referring to adherence of best practice guidelines including but not limited to : • First Nations Community Engagement Industry Guide • Inclusive SA Toolkit Engagement and Consultation with People Living with Disability

Issue or opportunity	Summary of feedback	Council response
	people may be directly affected.	• Voice of the Child Promotion and notification approaches will be selected according to the nature of the project, likely impacts, location and the people most likely to be affected.
Reporting back, evaluation and accountability	Feedback referred to the need to clearly explain what was heard, how feedback was used, what changed, what did not change and why. Contributors and workshop participants also referred to feedback reports that explain competing views, constraints and the reasons particular requests could not be adopted. Feedback also asked whether council would seek feedback on the engagement process after a project or engagement stage is complete.	The Framework includes a commitment to report back on what was heard, how feedback was used and what happened next. Supporting procedures and templates will provide clearer expectations for reporting engagement outcomes, including explaining decisions, constraints and changes made where appropriate. Evaluation guidance will also support staff to review engagement activities and identify opportunities for improvement.
Clear distinction between engagement, notification and project updates	Staff and community feedback referred to confusion when confirmed projects or upcoming works are promoted through the same channels used for genuine engagement. Feedback highlighted the need to clearly distinguish between opportunities to influence a decision and information or notifications about decisions that have already been made.	The draft Community Engagement Procedure and supporting tools will provide clearer guidance on the difference between engagement, notification and project updates. This will help staff select the most appropriate approach and clearly communicate whether contributors can influence a decision or are being informed about a confirmed outcome.
Access to information and online engagement tools	Feedback referred to easier access to supporting information, local context, potential impacts and different perspectives before people provide feedback. Suggestions included a prominent central location for engagement opportunities, more interactive online tools and clear working links to supporting documents.	The project team will consider feedback about online information, document access and supporting project content. The Framework and supporting guidance will promote clear, accessible information so contributors can understand the proposal and available opportunities for influence before providing feedback.

Issue or opportunity	Summary of feedback	Council response
Ongoing feedback outside active engagement projects	One contributor asked whether there would be a mechanism for council to gather ongoing feedback about issues that are not currently under active review.	The Framework is intended to guide engagement for identified projects, plans and decisions. It does not replace existing pathways for people to raise service requests, complaints, ideas or broader issues. Supporting information will help clarify the appropriate pathway for matters that sit outside an active engagement process.
Trust, responsiveness and community confidence	Feedback included concerns about feeling unheard, difficulty receiving responses or explanations, uneven notification, complaint handling and the tone of some interactions with council. Some comments questioned whether commitments in the Framework would lead to practical change.	The Framework cannot resolve individual service requests, complaints or matters outside the scope of a specific engagement. However, its commitments to clear information, transparent decision-making, early involvement and reporting back are intended to support more consistent communication and clearer expectations across council engagement activities. Individual service and complaint matters will continue to be managed through the relevant council processes. In addition this information will be included for the A better way Part 3: A better way to connect with council - Customer Experience Program Review

Council has considered the suggestions raised through Stage 2 engagement alongside feedback received during Stage 1. The feedback generally reinforces the commitments already included in the draft Community Engagement Framework, particularly the need to involve the community earlier where there is a genuine opportunity to influence decisions, clearly explain what people can and cannot influence, provide accessible ways to participate and report back on outcomes.

The feedback will inform final refinements to the Framework, draft Community Engagement Procedure and supporting tools and guidance for staff. This will focus on helping council apply the Framework consistently in practice, including selecting appropriate engagement and notification approaches, reaching people who may face barriers to participation, and providing clear information before, during and after engagement activities.

Matters outside the scope of this engagement

Some feedback related to matters outside the direct scope of the draft Community Engagement Framework. These included:

- requests for specific projects, facilities or services, such as BMX facilities, playground maintenance, cat management and street lighting
- concerns about council events, service levels or investment in particular suburbs or areas
- individual complaints or service requests
- staff employment conditions, wages, leave arrangements and workforce matters

- concerns about elected members, political representation or governance matters
- matters that may be the responsibility of state government or other agencies.

While these matters are outside the scope of the Framework, they provide context about expectations for clear communication, accessible information, respectful responses and transparent follow-up across council activities.

Evaluation

The engagement met its objectives and purpose by:

- Providing clear, easy to read information on the Your Say page to ensure stakeholders, residents, and the community have a good understanding on what they could influence.

Throughout the engagement, there were:

- 234 visitors to the Your Say Onkaparinga engagement platform during the open period.
- A total of 45 contributions received online, paper-based surveys and emails.
- 16 online survey respondents went on to provide feedback about our engagement process:
  - 87.5% told us it was easy to provide feedback
  - 56.25% told us it was easy to find what they were looking for
  - 75% told us information was clear and easy to understand
  - 56.25% told us they understood what they could influence about the project
  - 81.25% told us they knew how to contact the Your Say Onkaparinga team if required
  - 87.5% told us there was enough time to find out more information and provide feedback

Appendices

1. Data Analysis
2. Feedback Report A better way Part 1: Community Engagement Review Stage 1

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Appendix 1 Data Analysis

Elected Member workshop

An Elected Member session was held on 12 May 2026 with the Mayor, Elected Members and relevant council staff before Stage 2 engagement commenced. The session shared Stage 1 community, staff and benchmarking findings, and discussed the draft Community Engagement Policy and Framework, with key themes including:

- flexible, proportionate and project-specific approach
- earlier engagement where there is genuine opportunity to influence
- clear distinction between engagement, planning matters and notification
- inclusion of younger people and children
- accessible information
- targeted communication with affected stakeholders
- practical guidance for staff on costs, timing, methods and when engagement is required.

Online survey feedback

A total of 22 responses were received through the online survey.

The survey asked participants to review the draft Community Engagement Framework and provide feedback on whether it reflected the priorities raised during Stage 1 engagement.

DOES THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK MEET EXPECTATIONS?

Survey participants were asked whether the draft Community Engagement Framework met their expectations.

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	12	54.55%
Neutral	5	22.73%
No	2	9.09%
Unsure	3	13.64%
Total	**22**	**100%**

Over half of survey participants indicated that the draft Framework met their expectations. A further 22.73% selected neutral and 13.64% were unsure. Two participants indicated that the draft Framework did not meet their expectations.

The results suggest general support for the proposed direction, while also indicating that some participants wanted further clarity, reassurance or practical examples of how the Framework would be applied.

What contributors thought council got right

Contributors most recognised that the draft Community Engagement Framework responds to key issues raised during Stage 1 engagement.

Positive feedback focused on the Framework's commitment to involve people earlier, communicate more clearly, provide a range of ways to participate and better explain how feedback influences decisions. Some contributors also welcomed the focus on improving awareness of engagement opportunities, allowing reasonable time to provide feedback and using direct notification methods such as email or text messages.

Several contributors specifically welcomed the commitment to engage earlier, before designs or decisions are substantially developed. One contributor reflected on a previous local park project where feedback was sought only after a plan had been developed and noted that earlier involvement would have felt more meaningful.

Other contributors described the Framework as simple, well explained and focused on collaborative engagement. A small number of contributors raised concerns that commitments in the Framework would need to be supported by consistent action and evidence of change in future projects.

A small number of comments related to broader council services, such as maintenance of playgrounds, parks and footpaths, rather than the draft Framework itself.

Theme	Summary of feedback
Earlier and more meaningful involvement	Feedback referred to involving people earlier, before designs, concept plans or decisions are substantially developed. One contributor said, "I like that you are engaging earlier. Our local park was designed, and we only got to provide feedback on a plan. It felt like council had already decided what was going to happen." Another referred to "The need to engage earlier, BEFORE concept plans are tested with the community." Feedback also referred to awareness of engagement opportunities and adequate time to respond: "Improving awareness of issues and providing reasonable time for feedback is great."
Clearer, simpler communication	Feedback referred to plain language, straightforward explanations and easy-to-understand information. Comments included "I think it's very simple and effective", "Straightforward explanations, answers" and "communicate more simply and clearly, using plain language". One contributor described the Framework as "Well explained" but "Information dense", suggesting that "Infographics are always helpful" and that the font could be larger.
More inclusive and varied ways to participate	Feedback referred to online, face-to-face, survey, direct mail and direct notification methods. One contributor referred to continuing to seek input "in a variety of ways, including online, face to face, surveys and direct mail". Another stated, "A more inclusive community consultation to allow people from different backgrounds to contribute in a way that suits them." Email or text notification was also identified as a useful addition.
Demonstrating that feedback has been heard and used	Feedback referred to the connection between Stage 1 feedback and the draft Framework. One contributor said, "You clearly explained what you heard from the previous community engagement and then addressed how you have incorporated the feedback in the framework." Other comments included "You have listened to and responded to concerns of the community" and "giving residents a say in their community and taking their opinions seriously". Feedback also referred to making it clearer how feedback affects future decisions.

Confidence or lack of that commitments will lead to real change	Feedback included comments that council was "on the right track" and that "The draft is seeking an improved approach." Other comments questioned whether the commitments would result in practical change, including "There is a lot of what we will do but actions speak louder than words", "It is hard to see there will be any difference" and "It doesn't sound substantiated."

What contributors said was missing or needed improvement

Feedback identified areas where contributors considered the draft Community Engagement Framework could provide more detail, clearer guidance or stronger commitments in practice.

The main themes related to reporting back after engagement, clearer information about how engagement will work, more inclusive participation, better access to information and opportunities, and stronger confidence that council will respond consistently.

Theme	Summary of feedback and examples
Clearer follow-up, outcomes and ongoing feedback	Feedback referred to the need for clearer information after engagement has closed, including what was heard, how feedback was used and what happened next. One contributor referred to "a greater emphasis on the role of information sharing once the engagement is complete". Another stated, "You need to explain WHAT THE OUTCOME was/is". Feedback also asked whether council would seek feedback on the engagement process once a stage or project was completed. One contributor asked, "Will there be a mechanism for Council to gather ongoing feedback for issues that are not under active review?"
Clearer information about timing, influence and decision-making	Feedback referred to limited information about when engagement would occur, how people could take part and what could be influenced. Comments included, "Nothing about timing or ways that engagement will happen" and "What avenues are available that can affect outcome." One contributor requested "Some examples of what will be different in certain case types", while another asked for "List of projects that will use codesign over the next 12mths". Feedback also referred to being able to speak with "the person who makes decisions."
More inclusive participation and broader reach	Feedback referred to reaching people who may not usually participate and using a wider range of methods. One contributor referred to "increasing engagement in the minority groups esp migrant groups and untapped service clubs". Another asked "how we will amplify the voices of children and young people in engagement and decision making." Feedback also questioned whether engagement was reaching enough people and suggested mailed newsletters and survey forms as additional options.
Better access to information and online engagement tools	Feedback referred to easier access to information before providing feedback, including local context, likely impacts and other perspectives. One contributor suggested "a discussion board or a way to see the community's feedback" before an engagement closes. Another asked, "How can I vote without knowing all the facts?" Feedback also referred to "a really good, prominent and well known online one stop shop to share ideas and constructive views." One contributor identified that the draft Policy link was not working.

Theme	Summary of feedback and examples
Trust, responsiveness and consistent practice	Feedback referred to concerns about whether council would apply the Framework consistently and respond clearly to community concerns. Comments included "Residents cant get councillors to respond to them. That alone says this isn't working" and "How to reduce costs and truly listen to the residents struggling out there". One contributor described concerns about complaint handling and stated that staff should use "non combative responses." Other feedback expressed broader dissatisfaction with council and elected members.

Other feedback received

Additional feedback referred to accessible participation, notification methods, reporting back on outcomes, the inclusion of children and young people, and clearer explanations of council's role and influence.

Theme	Summary of feedback and examples
Inclusive and accessible participation	Feedback referred to reaching people with different backgrounds, abilities and levels of confidence using online tools. One contributor said, "reach more people and communicate better with people with varying backgrounds and abilities". Another noted, "There is an assumption people can easily navigate devices in order to fill this survey out" and asked whether community houses or council offices could provide hard copies for people who are "not so technically able".
Clearer notification and engagement reach	Feedback referred to how council determines who receives direct notification about proposals. One contributor described examples of different numbers of letterbox drops for separate revocation proposals and asked, "I'm curious of how the decision is made of how many people in the area will receive notification of council proposals, because that seemed very uneven."
Closing the loop and clear outcomes	Feedback referred to reporting back after engagement and explaining outcomes from service requests or complaints. One contributor referred to "Closing the loop - we report back on what we heard, how feedback was used and what happened next." The same contributor stated, "You need to explain WHAT THE OUTCOME was/is".
Children and young people	Feedback referred to the absence of a specific focus on children and young people. One contributor stated, "I believe amplifying the voices of children and young people is missing. This requires dedicated efforts."
Trust, plain language and confidence that change will occur	Feedback included both positive and critical comments about how council communicates and responds. Positive feedback included, "Good to see council listening and acting on the feedback. Thank you" and "Looks good. Easy to read and understand. Seems like a sensible approach." Other comments described the Framework as "just a bureaucratic statement" and referred to concerns about "sales and deception techniques".

Other feedback referred to staff communication and complaint handling, including a request for "non combative responses". One contributor requested "A clear explanation of what Local Gov. can influence", including clearer explanations where a matter is the responsibility of another level of government. A small number of comments related to specific services, facilities, animal management, staffing, elected members and political views. These matters are outside the direct

scope of the draft Community Engagement Framework but provide context about expectations for clear communication, respectful interactions and transparent follow-up across council activities.

Online quick poll

A total of 7 contributions were made to the online quick poll.

Participants were asked whether they believed Council was on the right track with the draft Community Engagement Framework.

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	4	57.14%
Neutral	0	0%
No	1	14.29%
Unsure	2	28.57%

The quick poll provided a simple indication of overall sentiment towards the draft Framework. It did not include an option for participants to provide further comments.

Leadership Onkaparinga workshop

An in-person workshop was held with 14 participants in the 2026 Leadership Onkaparinga program on 26 June 2026.

Leadership Onkaparinga is a City of Onkaparinga program for people who live or work locally. The program supports participants to build their understanding of democracy, active citizenship and community leadership, while exploring local issues, opportunities and challenges.

Through a series of facilitated sessions, participants learn more about how local government works, how decisions are made and how they can contribute to positive change in their community. The program is grounded in local experiences and encourages participants to explore practical ways to work with others on issues affecting the Onkaparinga community.

The workshop on Community Engagement included two activities. The first explored what good engagement looks like across the full engagement process. The second invited participants to consider four key commitments in the draft Community Engagement Framework and identify how these could be applied in practice.

Activity 1: What good engagement looks like

Using a local reserve example discussed earlier in the session, participants were asked what good engagement would look like from the first idea through to the final decision.

Participants identified the following considerations across each stage of engagement:

Engagement stage	What participants identified
Before engagement starts	Clearly explain what can and cannot change, what people can influence, the available budget and the overall proposal or plan.
During engagement	Listen to feedback and acknowledge the views, concerns and experiences shared.
Making the decision	Explain how feedback was involved in the decision-making process.
Reporting back afterwards	Explain the key themes and requests raised through submissions, what happened, what was taken into account and why some community requests could not be met.

Activity 2: Discussion of draft Framework commitments

Participants then worked in four table groups. Each group considered one key theme from the draft Community Engagement Framework and responded to a prompting question.

Table 1: Trust and clear information

Prompting question:
What would help people trust that they are getting accurate, balanced and understandable information?

Participants referred to the importance of transparent information about how council resources are used and how decisions are made. This included:

- clear information about how council money is spent and how resources are allocated
- explaining changes to policy and leadership where relevant
- showing that decisions consider the broader community and the common good, rather than only those who may benefit directly
- clear, honest and transparent communication
- clearly disclosing the purpose and intentions of engagement activities.

Table 2: Earlier involvement and real influence

Prompting question:
How early should people be involved, and how should council explain what can genuinely be influenced?

Participants identified that engagement should happen early, as “one of the first things” considered in a project or decision.

Participants also referred to:

- using a range of methods, including going into the community and holding regular community conversations
- promoting engagement opportunities through libraries, workplaces, community centres, sporting groups and schools
- using clear explanations that break down terms such as legislation and explain what they mean in practice

- providing information through online, in-person, verbal and video formats
- using clear and transparent language and avoiding jargon.

Table 3: Inclusion and hearing different voices

Prompting question:
Whose voices might be missed, and how could council better hear from them?

Participants identified a range of people and communities who may be less likely to participate or may face barriers to engagement. These included:

- children
- people who are not digitally connected
- people with literacy barriers
- people who feel disconnected from their community
- people living with disability, recognising that access needs vary between individuals
- people from culturally and racially diverse communities
- disengaged young people
- people experiencing homelessness
- LGBTQIA+ people
- First Nations people
- people who experience barriers to leaving home.

The discussion highlighted the importance of considering who may be affected by a project but may not be reached through standard engagement methods.

Table 4: Showing what happened with feedback

Prompting question:
What would make people feel that their input was genuinely considered?

Participants identified that reporting back should clearly explain what did and did not happen, and why.

Key points included:

- summarising the main themes from feedback, rather than only providing a broad statement that feedback was considered
- providing opportunities for people or groups to add further information, input or context where needed
- explaining the reasons a suggestion could not be adopted, including relevant legislation, budget limitations, planning requirements, resource constraints or other factors
- providing a summary with enough detail to explain the outcome
- being upfront about constraints and competing priorities before decisions are made
- avoiding “box-ticking” by clearly explaining what people or groups requested and what could or could not be done in response

- explaining the different interests, views and needs that were considered and balanced in reaching a decision.

Participants noted that not everyone will agree with a final decision. However, clear explanations about what was considered, what was learned and why a particular outcome was reached may help more people understand the decision.

Workshop findings

Across both activities, participants referred to:

- early involvement before decisions or designs are substantially developed
- clear information about the proposal, budget, constraints, available influence and decision-making process
- a range of inclusive engagement methods that reach people beyond standard online channels
- plain language, transparent communication and information presented in formats that suit different audiences
- clear reporting after engagement, including what was heard, what changed, what did not change and why.

Staff feedback

In addition to community engagement, council staff were invited to provide feedback as part of Stage 2 of the Community Engagement Review.

Staff were invited to comment on the draft Community Engagement Framework and draft Community Engagement Procedure. They were also invited to identify opportunities to improve internal processes, guidance and support for staff involved in engagement activities.

Staff could participate through two methods:

- an online staff survey available through the Your Say Onkaparinga engagement platform
- the online community survey available through the Your Say Onkaparinga engagement platform, where staff wished to participate as community members.

Staff feedback focused on how the draft Framework and supporting guidance could be applied in practice across council projects and services.

One staff member provided feedback about the need to clearly distinguish between genuine community engagement and community notification. The feedback noted that projects with limited or no opportunity for community influence can sometimes be promoted through the same channels used for engagement, which may create confusion about whether people can influence the outcome.

The feedback also highlighted that where designs are finalised or projects are close to delivery, community members may feel frustrated or disengaged if they believe they are being invited to influence decisions that cannot change.

Insights from staff will be considered alongside community feedback to inform updates to the draft Community Engagement Framework, draft Community Engagement Procedure and supporting tools and guidance for staff.

The key themes raised by staff included:

- the need for clearer distinction between engagement and notification
- the importance of clearly explaining what people can and cannot influence
- the need for practical guidance to help staff select the most appropriate approach for each project.

Staff also identified practical considerations relating to:

Topic	Summary of feedback
Engagement compared with notification	Provide clearer guidance about when a project requires genuine engagement and when information or project updates are more appropriate.
Managing expectations	Clearly explain what community members can and cannot influence, particularly where designs are finalised or delivery is approaching.
Use of Your Say Onkaparinga	Ensure project pages clearly communicate whether people are being asked to provide feedback, or are being notified about a confirmed decision, design or upcoming works.

Other feedback channels

Additional feedback was received via the Your Say Onkaparinga email, 1 contribution was received through this channel. The response confirmed they believed we are on the right track "I think what you are doing is good."

Appendices

- Appendix A – Your Say Onkaparinga survey report including verbatim comments
- Appendix B – Submissions and correspondence
- Appendix C – Leadership Onkaparinga workshop raw data
- Appendix D – Staff Feedback Report Stage 2

Appendix 2 Feedback Report A better way Part 1: Community Engagement Review Stage 1

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POLICY– COUNCIL

Community Engagement Policy

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2. Preamble

The contents of and the commitments that council makes in this policy are not intended to be and should not be interpreted to be any more than a statement of council's general position in relation to community engagement (public consultation) as required under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The contents of this policy reflect council's approach to meeting its legislative responsibilities for providing opportunities for community input.

3. Policy purpose

The purpose of this policy is to fulfil council's statutory obligations under section 50 and 50A of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the Minister for Local Government's Community Engagement Charter (the Charter) published in the South Australia Government Gazette on 11 December 2025. This policy does not apply to public consultation or notification requirements of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) requires council in certain cases, to follow specific steps by way of public consultation, also known as community engagement.

It is acknowledged that any legislative requirement which affects council will take precedence over council's policies and procedures.

4. Scope

This policy applies to all legislated community engagement undertaken by council outlined in the Act and the Charter.

This policy is intended for use by all council employees, elected members, contractors and volunteers involved in the design, delivery, or evaluation of community engagement.

This policy excludes:

- non-legislated community engagement
- internal engagement with staff, which is managed through separate organisational policies and processes.

5. Definitions

Act	*Local Government Act 1999* (SA)
Community	People who live, work, study, visit or do business in the City of Onkaparinga, and any stakeholders that may be affected by council decisions.
Community engagement	The process of seeking input or feedback from the community regarding a decision that may affect them. This includes any activity where council provides information on a decision or invites comment on a matter. For the purpose of this policy, community engagement and public consultation are one and the same.
Charter	The Minister for Local Government's Community Engagement Charter published in the South Australia Government Gazette on 11 December 2025.
Community Engagement Policy	A policy required under section 50 of the Act, which sets out how council must engage with the community when required by legislation.
Public consultation	See Community engagement.

6. Strategic context

Council is committed to supporting well-informed communities who are able to participate in council's democratic processes.

This policy supports council's legal responsibilities under sections 50 and 50A of the Act which require councils to have a Community Engagement Policy and consult with the community in certain situations.

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7. Policy

This policy meets the requirements of the Act and the Charter, which requires councils to have a Community Engagement Policy and to follow it in certain circumstances.

The Act requires council in certain cases, as set out below, to follow specific steps by way of public consultation:

Significant—Annual Business Plan and rating policy

- Council's Annual Business Plan (section 123)
- Changing or amending council's rating policy (section 151)

Significant

- Representation reviews (section 12)
- Considering a change of status of council or name change (section 13)
- Strategic Management Plans (section 122)
- Differential rating and special adjustments (section 156)
- Revocation of classification of land as community land (sections 193 and 194)
- Community Land Management Plans - adoption (section 197)
- Community Land Management Plans – significant amendments (section 198)
- Alienation of community land by lease or license (section 202)
- Making bylaws (section 249)

Standard

- Substantial changes to the opening hours and place of council's principal office (section 45)
- Community Engagement Policy (section 50A)
- Council behaviour support policies (section 75F)
- Access to meetings and documents (section 92)
- Power to make orders (section 259)

Local

- Carrying out commercial activities - Prudential Arrangements (section 48)
- Council is proposing a permit or authorisation for alteration of a road or use of a road for business purposes – for more than 48 hours (with a detour in place) or where no detour will be available (section 223)
- Consultation on proposed planting of vegetation on a road – significant impact (section 232)

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Inform

- Minor changes to opening hours and place of council's principal office (section 45)
- Council is proposing a permit or authorisation for alteration of a road or use of roads for business purposes - for less than 48 hours and the council ensures that a detour is in place (section 223)
- Election information (Section 13A of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*)

When council is required to consult the community, we will comply with the mandatory requirements as detailed within the Act and the Charter.

Council may, in its absolute discretion, determine in relation to a matter for which it is required by the Act and/or the Charter to follow its community engagement policy, to undertake a step or steps in addition to those set out in this policy.

However, council is not required to consider and/or determine whether or not to undertake any additional step or steps in relation to such a matter before taking any action or making any decision in relation to such a matter.

8. Roles

ELECTED MEMBERS

Encourage participation

Support the promotion of engagement opportunities and encourage community members to actively participate in council's decision-making processes.

Consider feedback

Consider community feedback provided through official engagement processes alongside other influences on decision making (e.g. legislation, policy, resources, expert advice, previous decisions).

ADMINISTRATION

Plan and deliver engagements

Ensure engagement activities align with legislation and this policy.

Present feedback

Provide decision makers with clear, unbiased summaries of engagement outcomes, outlining how community views have informed any recommendation(s).

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Participate in the engagement process

Participate in engagement opportunities in ways that suit their needs, noting that community views are one of several influences considered in council's decision making.

Provide local knowledge and lived experience

Relevant to council's decision-making process:

- Share local insights, experiences, stories and perspectives to support shared understanding.
- Provide feedback, ideas, support or sentiment to inform council's consideration of options, impacts and potential outcomes.

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9. Relevant legislation and references

Local Government Act 1999

Minister for Local Government's Community Engagement Charter

Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 section 13A

10. Further information

This policy is available for inspection, downloading or printing from our website www.onkaparingacity.com

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Community Engagement Framework 2026-36 Draft

Working with you to shape decisions for our community



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Kaurna Nation and its people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land in the ancient area that has only recently become known as the City of Onkaparinga.

We recognise that this local living culture has developed over tens of thousands of years and that in today's contemporary context, Kaurna and other Aboriginal people are actively engaged in community life and bring their rich cultural heritage to the connected community and sustainable future to which we aspire.

We are mindful of Kaurna people's spiritual relationship with country when we make decisions about this region and that protecting places of importance to Kaurna culture has an impact on the wellbeing and prosperity of Kaurna and other Aboriginal people.

Mayor's foreword

Community engagement is an important part of local democracy and helps shape the future of our city.

At the City of Onkaparinga, we want our communities to feel informed, included and heard on the decisions that affect them.

Your input helps council better understand local priorities, lived experiences and aspirations, leading to more informed decisions and better outcomes for our city.

Our Community Vision 2034 – Connected community, sustainable future – reflects the aspirations of our community and guides council's work and decision-making. Ongoing community engagement plays an important role in helping us deliver that shared vision for the future.

This Community Engagement Framework includes an adaptation of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation, and explains how council will work with the community, what you can expect from us, and how you can participate in decisions, plans and projects.

We are committed to engagement that is clear, inclusive, respectful and transparent, and to continually improve how we work with our communities.

I am passionate about including community voices in the work of council, and encourage you to get involved, share your views and help shape the future of Onkaparinga.

Moira Were AM
Mayor, City of Onkaparinga



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What is community engagement?

Community engagement is the process of informing you about decisions that affect you and, where possible, inviting your input to help shape and improve those decisions.

Not every decision requires community engagement. Whether we seek your input depends on factors such as the level of community impact or interest, legal requirements, available resources, and whether there is an opportunity for the community to meaningfully influence the outcome.

The value of community engagement

The City of Onkaparinga is a diverse and growing community, rich in local knowledge, lived experience and ideas.

Our Community Vision 2034 — Connected community, sustainable future — sets the long-term direction for our city and guides council's work and decision-making. Developed through broad community input, the vision reflects the aspirations of our community and the future we want to create together.

Active citizenship is an important part of good decision-making. Through community engagement and your participation, we learn from local experiences, hear a diverse range of views and better understand the needs, priorities and aspirations of our community.

People who are informed and get involved can help shape decisions that affect their lives, neighbourhoods and future. Meaningful engagement also helps strengthen civic participation, community connection and pride in our city.

By listening to community perspectives and drawing on local knowledge and experience, council can make more informed decisions and deliver better outcomes for our community.

We are committed to engaging with transparency, accountability and respect to support good governance, strengthen trust, and help deliver the shared aspirations of the Community Vision 2034.





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Our guiding principles

What guides our engagement

The following legislation and policies guide our engagement approach.

State Government

- Local Government Act 1999
- Community Engagement Charter

Council

- Community Engagement Policy
- Community Engagement Framework (this document)
- Community Engagement Procedure



Our promise to you

We're committed to working with you to create a city that you're proud of.

Our guiding principles

Along with the principles in the State Government's Community Engagement Charter our approach is guided by 5 principles:

- Clear and honest - we explain the purpose of the project, what can and cannot change, and how decisions will be made.
- Inclusive and accessible - we aim to remove barriers, use plain language and provide different ways for people to take part.
- Proportionate and well planned - we match the level of engagement to the level of impact and plan engagement early where possible.
- Closing the loop - we report back on what we heard, how feedback was used and what happened next.
- Accountable and improving - we review our engagement activities and use what we learn to keep improving how we engage with the community.



Inform

We share information when there is no opportunity to influence a decision.



Consult

We ask for your input to help shape decisions or test options.



Active participation

We work closely with you on complex or high-interest matters.

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How we engage



How decisions are made

Community engagement is one important part of decision-making, but it is not the only factor.

Along with community feedback and local knowledge, decision-makers may also consider:

- legislation and council policies
- budget and available resources
- safety, technical and environmental factors
- strategic plans and previous decisions
- research, analysis and expert advice
- the needs of the broader community, both now and into the future.

How you can help shape decisions

Not every project is the same, so the way you can participate will vary. We match our approach to the size and impact of the project.

How we engage depends on:

- how many people are impacted
- the level of community interest
- legal requirements
- complexity of the project and available resources.

For every project, we will clearly explain:

- what stage the project is at
- what you can influence
- what has already been decided.

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Our engagement process

Community engagement is one important part of decision- making, but it is not the only factor.

Balancing different community needs

Sometimes the views of people directly affected by a project may differ from the needs of the wider community.

When this happens, decision-makers must balance local impacts with broader community benefit.



Your participation

We're committed to letting you know about engagement opportunities that may affect you.

We know you are more likely to participate when you feel strongly about an issue or believe it will significantly impact you. While not everyone will choose to participate, all community members are encouraged to have their say.

When limited feedback is received, we may proceed on the understanding that the level of community concern or interest is low.

Who makes the decision

Councillors are elected to represent your interests and it is their responsibility to make decisions.

Your input through community engagement is critical, providing Council with valuable information and feedback to support and help shape their decisions.



What happens after you provide feedback?

We:

- prepare an Engagement Feedback Report collating and analysing the data
- share what we heard with you
- provide all of the information to decision-makers
- communicate the decision with you and explain what changed (and what didn't)
- outline the next steps.

We aim to get back to you within 6 weeks of engagement closing and within 4 weeks of a decision being made.

Your role

Your input helps council better understand community views, local knowledge and lived experience:

- read the information provided
- take part in a way that suits you
- tell us what matters
- share your views respectfully
- stay informed.

What we heard and what we will do

The 2026 engagement review survey revealed that you want to participate in engagements through these channels:

Note: Participants could select more than one option, hence the percentages add up to more than 100%.



What you told us

1. Focus on practice, not policy

You are more interested in how engagement works in practice than the wording of the policy itself.

2. Clarity and simplicity

You prefer plain language, shorter surveys and easy-to-understand information.

3. Visibility and awareness

The biggest barrier to participation is not knowing engagement is happening. Improved promotion and clearer communication are needed.

4. Timing and influence

You want earlier engagement and a clear explanation of what you can influence.

5. Trust and transparency

You expect council to show what was heard, what changed, and why.

What we will focus on

Earlier involvement

Involve people early based on how much they can influence the decision and explore more co-design opportunities.

More interactive digital options

Pilot online forums, information sessions and community Q&A opportunities.

Stronger First Nations engagement

Support development of guiding principles and a shared understanding of cultural safety.

Better inclusion for people with disability

Improve how we hear from people with disability through targeted actions and partnerships.

More inclusive decision-making

Apply learnings from accessibility reviews to improve engagement design.

Improved business engagement

Establish a coordinated approach to business communication and insights.

Greater transparency

Provide full feedback reports for all Your Say Onkaparinga consultations.

Improved community connections

Improve the interconnection between community engagement and community development.

Improved engagement on council's budget

Improve how we hear from you on council's Long Term Financial Plan, Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Measuring what good looks like

Goal	Measure
Adoption of the Framework across the organisation to ensure a consistent engagement planning approach	100% of engagements comply with the Policy and align with the Framework and Procedure
Increased transparency through consistent use of feedback reporting and sharing engagement outcomes with participants	100% of engagement feedback reports for all Your Say Onkaparinga consultations are shared with engagement participants
Growth and diversity of participation in engagement activities, including First Nations and other communities	Year-on-year increase in participation of targeted demographics
Improved community understanding of what they can influence	80% of engagement participants indicate it was clear what they could influence
Positive shifts in community sentiment an trust indicators over time	Year-on-year increase in community sentiment and trust indicators
Internal feedback on improved clarity, consistency and ease of working with engagement processes	Year-on-year increase in staff feedback for key indicators

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10.9 2026 BEACHSIDE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL EVENT EVALUATION

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1. Purpose

To address the 19 February 2026 Council resolution requiring a Council report to provide a detailed analysis of the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival.

2. Recommendations

That Council:

1. **Notes the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival Post Event Evaluation Report outlined in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.**
2. **Approves that the future event delivery options for the Beachside Food and Wine Festival will be to:**
   a. **continue delivering the event with a similar footprint to 2025 within the existing budget allocation ($56,073 in 2026-27 and indexed annually in line with the Long Term Financial Plan indexation assumptions), unless external funding can be sourced to allow for expanded event options.**

   OR

   b. **increase the event budget allocation to $100,313 in 2026-27 (and indexed annually in line with the LTFP indexation assumptions) and adjust the Long Term Financial Plan accordingly, to support continuation of the expanded event footprint used in 2026 and associated operational requirements.**

3. Executive summary

The 2026 annual Beachside Food and Wine Festival (BFWF) was delivered on 7 February 2026 and attracted more than 8,000 attendees, representing the largest BFWF delivered to date.

The 2026 BFWF included a trial expansion of the event footprint extending east along Beach Road to Roy Terrace. The expanded footprint enabled increased participation from local businesses and vendors, additional entertainment and activation areas, and improved patron distribution across the site.

The event delivered positive economic and tourism outcomes and increased expenditure within the precinct compared with surrounding weekends and the previous event year. A record 77 businesses and vendors participated in the 2026 event.

A total of $53,454 was allocated for the 2026 event. Supplementary revenue was generated through stallholder fees ($16,225) and the introduction of the eCup initiative ($12,466), supporting overall event delivery.

An additional $15,000 was secured through the Government of South Australia via the Algal Bloom Event Support Grant, increasing the total available budget to $97,145. This funding enabled the expansion of the event footprint and program, including additional stages, entertainment, and infrastructure.

The total cost to deliver the 2026 event was $106,727.

While the event was broadly successful and generated significant positive feedback from patrons, participating vendors and stakeholders, feedback from some local businesses identified opportunities to improve early engagement, communication, access and integration of surrounding businesses into the event experience.

Following the event, council staff engaged with businesses within and surrounding the event area to inform the post-event evaluation and future event planning – refer Attachment 1.

This report addresses the Council resolution of 19 February 2026 to provide a 'full and detailed analysis of the event'. The report recommends Council notes the evaluation findings and approve whether the future BFWF events should continue with the expanded footprint supported by an increased budget allocation and adjustments to the LTFP or revert to the previous footprint within the existing budget allocation.

We will increase the focus on sponsorship to diversify revenue streams and support long-term growth of the event and continue to pursue grant funding opportunities to support enhanced programming and expanded site delivery, while recognising this funding is not guaranteed year-to-year.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	N/A
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Christies Beach Business and Tourism Association Christies Beach businesses within and surrounding the expended event area - 96 Stallholders Mid Coast Ward councillors Unsolicited feedback was also received from event attendees

5. Discussion

Background

At their meeting on 19 February 2026 Council resolved:

That Council provide a report on the 2026 Food and Wine beachside event, including the following:

1. *A full and detailed analysis of the event, including:*
    - *planning, delivery, and operational decisions regarding local businesses within and around the event zone*
    - *key learnings identified by Council staff, including what worked well, what did not work well and opportunities for improvement*
    - *event operations and access considerations, including entry and exit points, traffic, pedestrian, and service access management*

- *event engagement with local businesses including outlining engagement and communication with businesses leading into the event, communication to patrons about local Beach Road businesses during the event, and communication and follow-up to after the event*
- *engagement principles that were applied with residents, and the broader community, and an assessment of alignment with Council's Engagement Policy.*

2. *A policy review of engagement, noting that the Engagement Policy is currently under review, but requiring:*
    - *the inclusion of a separate and clearly defined section within the Engagement Policy for business engagement, including proactive and direct contact methods such as door knocking or direct communication where events impact business operations or access*
    - *clear engagement approaches for residents affected by Council-led events*
    - *the learnings from the Food and Wine event that informs the revised engagement framework.*

This report addresses the planning, delivery and event analysis/evaluation elements of the Council resolution.

The community engagement elements of the Council resolution have been partially addressed through the requirement for a Communications and Engagement Plan for all future major council events, and other elements have been addressed through the Community Engagement Review outcomes report – Item 8 on this Council agenda.

Event planning

Planning for the BFWF commences approximately nine months prior to the event and follows council's established event management processes.

Planning activities are informed by the previous year's post-event evaluation and stakeholder feedback, with lessons learnt incorporated into future event design, operations and risk management. This continuous improvement approach has contributed to the ongoing growth and success of the event over a number of years.

Event planning includes the preparation and review of a range of operational documents, including an Event Management Plan, Risk Assessment, site maps, traffic management plans, contractor and supplier management, liquor licensing requirements, stakeholder communications, and operational procedures.

Planning also involves consultation with internal teams, external agencies, contractors and event stakeholders.

The early commencement of planning allows sufficient time to identify and manage risks, implement improvements, secure required approvals and resources, and maximise opportunities to enhance the event experience.

This structured planning process provides the foundation for the safe and successful delivery of the event each year.

Planning for the 2026 BFWF followed these usual processes.

Event overview and outcomes

The BFWF continues to be one of council's premier annual major events, showcasing local food and drink offerings while activating the Christies Beach precinct.

The 2026 event delivered:

- increased attendance exceeding 8,000 patrons (up from 6,287 in 2025)
- increased participation with 77 businesses and vendors (up from 47 in 2025)

- expanded entertainment and activation zones
- increased tourism and visitor expenditure (compared with all the previous events)
- strong patron and vendor feedback
- improved waste diversion and sustainability outcomes through the introduction of the eCups initiative.

The event also continued to align with Community Vision 2034 objectives relating to economic activation, tourism, community connection and activation of public spaces.

Expenditure data provided through CommBank's Council IQ platform identified the following economic outcomes associated with the event, including:

- an 11 per cent increase in total spend compared with the 2025 event
- a 22.4 per cent increase in visitor spend compared with the 2025 event
- a 23.7 per cent increase in tourism and entertainment-related expenditure compared with the 2025 event.

The 2026 event also delivered the highest waste diversion rate achieved for the event to date, with approximately 94.4 per cent of waste diverted from landfill.

Expanded event footprint trial

The expanded event footprint implemented in 2026 was undertaken as a trial to increase attendance demand, support event growth and requests for additional vendor participation opportunities.

The revised footprint extended the event east along Beach Road to Roy Terrace and enabled:

- additional local business participation
- increased vendor capacity
- improved patron distribution across the site
- additional activation areas and a broader variety of entertainment
- greater integration of the southern Esplanade area.

The expanded footprint also enabled participation of more than 30 additional vendors compared with previous years.

Historically, council has not received significant concerns from local businesses regarding delivery of the BFWF, and similar processes were followed for the 2026 event regarding business participation opportunities and event planning.

While the expanded footprint achieved positive activation and attendance outcomes, the trial also introduced increased operational complexity and additional resourcing requirements including:

- increased traffic management requirements
- extended road closure times
- additional electrical infrastructure
- increased security requirements
- increased staffing and volunteer demands
- more complex crowd and liquor licence management.

The evaluation identified that the current staffing model is insufficient should the expanded footprint continue in future years.

Business engagement and stakeholder feedback

In the lead up to the 2026 event, council staff undertook communication and engagement activities with local businesses and residents regarding the upcoming BFWF event. This commenced in August 2025 and continued up to the event day on 7 February 2026, and included:

- direct communication with the Christies Beach Business and Tourism Association
- direct communication with businesses within and surrounding the proposed expanded event area, seeking input and interest in participating
- social media promotion and broader expressions of interest for participation
- direct meetings, phone calls and email correspondence with businesses impacted by the expanded footprint
- notification letters regarding road closures and event impacts.

A total of 2,447 surrounding properties were notified regarding the event and associated road closures.

Several businesses within and surrounding the event area were also offered opportunities to directly participate in the event through activations, entertainment or vendor involvement.

Of the participating vendors the feedback was positive, with areas for improvement identified around bump-in and eCup processes. While feedback from businesses outside of the event zone was largely positive, some businesses raised concerns regarding:

- communication clarity and timing
- pedestrian access
- event visibility
- fencing arrangements
- impacts associated with road closures and operational requirements.

While early stakeholder engagement was undertaken as per our usual event planning processes, the post-event evaluation – refer Attachment 1 – identified opportunities to increase proactive engagement with businesses both directly and indirectly impacted by the event to support understanding of event boundaries and operational requirements, particularly where event footprints expand or operational impacts change from previous years.

Following the 2026 event, council staff undertook business engagement from May-June 2026 to seek feedback and inform the post-event evaluation.

This included letters sent via registered mail to 96 local businesses seeking feedback, and follow up actions including:

- telephone calls to 76 businesses (many were contacted more than once)
- emails to 6 businesses
- in-person visits to 64 businesses.

Businesses were invited to provide feedback through an online survey, in-person or phone discussion, or via email.

The majority of business we spoke with were happy with the level of engagement and the letter advising the road closures.

Anecdotal feedback from the face-to-face follow up conversations indicated that businesses were generally supportive of the BFWF and had no significant feedback about the 2026 event.

The level of follow-up undertaken reflects council's commitment to obtaining meaningful feedback to inform future event planning and continuous improvement.

Improvement opportunities identified through feedback obtained in the post-event engagement are detailed in Attachment 1.

Event operations and access considerations

The event is delivered as per the event management plan. The plan guides/details event operations including traffic management, access considerations including entry and exit points, pedestrian and service access for local businesses outside the event zone.

The plan and maps etc are updated and refined annually based on feedback and observations to ensure we continually improve the experience for all stakeholders.

With the expanded event footprint and access changes following feedback from the 2025 event, a new event site map was created identifying three entry points.

Where possible, placement of event fencing was designed to ensure pedestrians outside of the event zone could still access local businesses.

Following feedback from a small number of businesses one week prior to the event, a Special Council Meeting was held on 29 January 2026 resulting in the introduction of a fourth entry point at Clement Terrace:

That Council:

1. *Acknowledges concerns raised by local businesses and residents about access arrangements within the temporary festival zone.*
2. *Urgently and actively seeks to amend the liquor licence for the Beachside Food and Wine Festival to include an access point on Clement Terrace.*
3. *Notes that this access point will allow the public to safely travel to and from the festival site, on footpaths, to businesses, that will remain open during the event.*

This additional entry point increased operational complexity and costs (such as the need to update traffic management plans, fencing and security requirements), and created additional challenges regarding patron counting, crowd management and liquor licence compliance.

The event operates within a licensed area with defined patron limits and maintaining accurate crowd monitoring is critical to ensuring compliance and public safety.

The evaluation report – Attachment 1 – concluded that limiting future events to a maximum of three fully resourced entry points would reduce operational risk and improve:

- patron monitoring
- crowd management
- security oversight
- liquor licence compliance
- entry and exit flow management
- the overall event site plan.

This finding aligns with advice from the security provider following the 2025 BFWF event where less entrances were recommended.

Additional operational learnings identified through the evaluation included opportunities to:

- improve entry and exit lane delineation
- strengthen perimeter security
- improve wayfinding signage
- refine bump-in and pack-down sequencing
- increase staffing resources for larger event footprints
- strengthen security and liquor licencing oversight
- improve infrastructure and contractor coordination.

The post-event evaluation identified several operational learnings associated with the expanded footprint.

Early communications with businesses associations and local businesses can be improved to avoid confusion and ensure the ability to participate in the event is highlighted.

Economic impact

Based on Council IQ data which captures actual spend, the event day demonstrated an uplift in overall and visitor expenditure compared to surrounding weekends and the previous year.

The strongest gains were observed in tourism and entertainment-related spending, aligning with the event's purpose and confirming its value as a driver of local visitation, activation, and economic benefit.

Refer to Attachment 1 for more information.

Financial implications and future considerations

Council allocated an operational budget of $53,454 for the 2026 event.

Additional revenue and funding secured included:

- stallholder fees of $16,225
- eCup revenue of $12,466
- a $15,000 Algal Bloom Event Support Grant from the State Government (administered by the South Australian Tourism Commission).

This resulted in total available funding of $97,145 for the event.

The traffic management provider contributed $2,000 in-kind support for the event through a reduction in their costs invoiced to council.

The total cost to deliver the expanded 2026 event footprint was $106,727, with the shortfall offset by savings achieved in other major event budgets.

The increased costs were primarily associated with:

- additional electrical infrastructure requirements
- increased traffic management requirements
- additional staging and infrastructure
- increased staffing and operational demands
- longer pack-down processes resulting in extended road closure periods.

The expanded footprint was made possible through the additional funding secured in 2026. However, external grant funding and sponsorship opportunities cannot be guaranteed in future years.

The Events team have commenced an increased focus on sponsorship development to diversify revenue streams and support long-term growth and will continue to pursue grant funding opportunities to support enhanced programming and expanded site delivery, while recognising this funding is not guaranteed year-to-year.

If additional sponsorship or grants aren't achieved, should Council wish to continue the expanded footprint in future years, an increased operational budget allocation will be required.

Based on the 2026 delivery costs and projected future revenue, the estimated required budget allocation to continue the expanded footprint in 2027 is $100,313.

This estimate reflects:

- total 2026 delivery costs
- additional costs identified to address shortfalls in traffic management, audio visual, security, event staff and electrical
- estimated stallholder revenue
- reduced projected eCup revenue following refinement of the initiative
- uncertainty regarding
    - future grant funding availability
    - future sponsorship opportunities.

While staff will work actively to secure sponsorship and grants to reduce the need to utilise the full budget allocation, the full budget allocation of $100,313 is required to ensure the BFWF can be successfully delivered with the expanded event footprint in 2027 and beyond.

The previous 2025 smaller event footprint operated successfully within lower operational requirements and the existing budget allocation, but has a reduced capacity for increased business participation, activation and attendance growth.

Continuous improvement and key learnings

The post event evaluation identified several opportunities to support future event delivery and continuous improvement. A key improvement initiative will be the development of an updated Communications and Engagement Plan for all future council-delivered major events.

This will support:

- earlier stakeholder engagement
- clearer communication pathways
- improved business and resident engagement
- more consistent event communication practices

The evaluation also identified the need for:

- increased staffing resources for larger events
- stronger security and crowd management systems
- improved digital patron counting systems
- clearer event access arrangements
- refined operational planning for expanded footprints.

The findings of the evaluation will inform planning for future BFWF events and other major council events.

6. Financial implications

Should Council wish to continue the expanded footprint in future years, an increased operational budget allocation of $100,313 will be required in 2026-27 (and indexed annually in line with the LTFP indexation assumptions).

Staff will seek sponsorship and grant funding to reduce the need for the full budget however this is not guaranteed.

Alternatively, Council may choose to revert to an event footprint similar to 2025 and retain the existing budget allocation of $56,073 in 2026-27 (and indexed annually in line with the LTFP indexation assumptions).

7. Financial summary

Item	Capital	Operating	Comment
Budget			
Current budget allocation		$56,073	As per 2026-27 approved budget
Additional funding required		$44,240	Optional – only required if extended event footprint is to continue
Funding source and amount		$44,240	As the 2026-27 budget has been adopted, any increase in the current year, not offset by savings identified elsewhere, will result in an increase to borrowings.
Budget impact		$44,240	Based on the current approved budget, an increase to expenditure will result in a forecast operating deficit.
Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)			
In current LTFP?	Partially		
LTFP category	Operating		
Timing in LTFP	Existing budget of $56,073 currently in LTFP		
Additional debt		$44,240	For 2026-27 financial year
Rates funded amount		$44.240	For years 2027-28 and beyond
Ongoing rate impact		0.024%	From year 2027-28
Operating Position impact		($4,936)	Inclusion of the additional budget would result in a forecast operating deficit of $4,936 (assuming no other favourable budget adjustments occurred)

8. Risk and opportunity management

Criteria	Option 1 – smaller footprint	Option 2 – maintain 2026 footprint
Event format	Return to pre-2026 layout (Rotary Park, Esplanade, partial Beach Rd	Maintain 2026 extended footprint (Rotary Park, Esplanade, Beach Rd up to Roy Tce)
Capacity	3,500 max at any one time	6,500 max at any one time
Estimated attendance	~6,300	~8,000
Estimated total cost for 2026-27	$72,843	$122,771
Budget required for 2026-27	$56,073	$100,313
Funding gap	Nil (budget + stallholder fees + eCup income is sufficient)	$44,240
Key advantages	Can be delivered within existing budget Lower operational complexity Manageable within current staffing capacity	Maintains 2026 event scale and success Supports higher attendance and vendor participation Aligns with community expectations Demonstrates continued event growth
Key risks / challenges	Reduced capacity leading to patrons queuing at entrances/ congestion outside of the event footprint Reduced vendor participation and associated revenue Exclusion of some previously included businesses Potential negative community perception due to reduced scale	Requires additional funding to deliver, impacting the LTFP Increased operational requirements (staffing, security, AV, traffic management) Greater planning complexity and resourcing pressures Extended road closures impacting community and businesses
Traffic and community impact	Moderate	High (extended road closures and detours)
Staffing requirements	Within existing capacity	Increased (would require external support on event day)

9. Next steps

Should Council approve the expanded event footprint, administration will incorporate the increased operational and budget requirements into future event planning and budget processes.

Should Council determine to approve BSFW 2027 event be delivered within the existing budget with a footprint similar to 2025, future event planning will be adjusted to align with the existing operational budget allocation and reduced operational scope.

Noting that if grants and/or sponsorship funding can be achieved this may allow for expanded event options.

Regardless of the option selected by Council, administration will implement the operational and engagement improvements identified through the 2026 post-event evaluation process, including development of a Communications and Engagement Plan for all future major events delivered by council.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival post-event evaluation (55 pages)

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1 THE EVENT

1.1 Event overview

The Beachside Food and Wine Festival (BFWF) is a licensed event that proudly celebrates regional food, wine, and locally made products, with a strong emphasis on showcasing Onkaparinga region. The event offers a relaxed and engaging atmosphere, brought to life through live music, roving entertainment, and cooking demonstrations.

In response to the growing the popularity of the event an expanded footprint was trialled, which supported additional vendor participation opportunities. This included introducing a seafood cooking demonstration stage and implementing a reusable cup system.

These initiatives were successfully delivered and contributed to the continued growth and positive evolution of the festival.

1.2 Major objectives

The festival aligns with the following key objectives of the Community Plan 2034:

1. An active, creative and learning city (People)
5. A liveable and connected city with a rich mix of destinations, activities and experiences (Place)
6. A fun, safe and inclusive city that is attractive to live in, work in and visit (Place).

The delivery of the 2026 event demonstrated strong alignment with these objectives through increased participation, expanded programming, and enhanced visitor experience.

The following objectives were also achieved:

- showcase and promote our city through local activation
- attract repeat visitors to the area
- showcase and promote food and beverages local to our region
- encourage patronage of local businesses
- provide community benefit, including a free event.

1.3 Budget

A total operational budget of $53,454 was allocated for the 2026 event. Supplementary revenue was generated through stallholder fees ($16,225) and the introduction of the eCup initiative ($12,466), supporting overall event delivery.

An additional $15,000 was secured through the Government of South Australia via the Algal Bloom Event Support Grant, increasing the total available budget to $97,145. This funding enabled the expansion of the event footprint and program, including additional stages, entertainment, and infrastructure. Additional budget will need to be secured if the same footprint is to be achieved in future years.

The cost to deliver the 2026 event was $106,727.

Budget pressures arose from additional electrical requirements, and extended pack-down processes requiring longer road closures to ensure safety. The full income potential of the eCup initiative was not achieved, as a partial refund was provided to event patrons to support participation in the trial.

Recommendations:

- *Deliver the event similar to the 2025 footprint format, unless funding, income and sponsorship amounts allow for an expanded event option.*
- *Should an expanded footprint continue similar to 2026, ensure the base budget allocation adequately supports the ongoing delivery of the event at its current standard, noting additional costs across audiovisual services, traffic management, security, and staffing.*
- *Increase focus on sponsorship development to diversify revenue streams and support long-term growth, and continue to pursue grant funding opportunities to support enhanced programming and expanded site delivery, while recognising this funding is not guaranteed year-to-year.*
- *Continue the use of eCups, but without the option for a refund.*

1.4 Sponsorship

Fast Lane Traffic Management contributed $2,000 in-kind support for traffic management services for the event through a reduction in their costs invoiced to council.

Revising and refocussing our flexible and proactive sponsorship approach will support the event's continued growth and reduce reliance on operational budgets and grant funding.

Recommendations:

- *Update and amplify our flexible sponsorship approach aligned to:*
  - *event objectives*
  - *the targeted sponsors contribution objectives*
  - *audience profile.*
- *Increase proactive engagement with potential sponsors to secure both financial and in-kind contributions.*
- *Position the event as a platform for local business engagement and community connection to enhance sponsor value.*

1.5 Tourism and economic impact

The event delivered positive tourism and local economic outcomes, as a result of increased visitation and expenditure within the Christies Beach precinct.

Expenditure data provided through CommBank's Council IQ platform identified a clear uplift in overall and visitor expenditure compared to surrounding weekends and the previous year.

While the data does not capture spending by market stallholders – representing a known limitation, as some vendors are not local – it nonetheless provides a reliable indicator of broader economic activity. Using actual spend data, average expenditure is estimated at approximately $52.23 per attendee, which is considered a reasonable benchmark given attendance levels and the nature of the event. The strongest gains were observed in tourism and entertainment-related spending, aligning with the event's purpose and confirming its value as a driver of local visitation, activation, and economic benefit.

Economic activity comparison[1]

Header	7 February 2026 (event day)	15 February 2025 (previous event)	31 January 2026 (Saturday prior)	14 February 2026 – Valentine's Day (Saturday after)
Total spend	$444,000	$400,000	$385,000	$440,000
Estimated average spend per attendee	$52.23 (based on 8,500 attendees)	$63.62 (based on 6,287 attendees)	N/A	N/A
Visitor spend	$104,000	$85,000	$101,000	$93,300
Tourism and entertainment spend	$115,000	$93,000	$53,000	$69,000

2026 event day comparison to other dates[1]

Measure	15 February 2025 (previous event)	31 January 2026 (Saturday prior)	14 February 2026 – Valentine's Day (Saturday after)
Total spend	+11.0%	+15.3%	+0.9%
Visitor spend	+22.4%	+3.0%	-10.3%
Tourism and entertainment spend	+23.7%	+117.0%	+66.7%

2 THE EVENT SITE

2.1 The site

In 2026, a revised event layout was trialled, extending the event footprint east to Roy Terrace in response to the enevents growing popularity. The event zone stopped near Witton Road in previous years. The expanded footprint enabled the festival to grow in scale and experience and created additional opportunities for local businesses, vendors, and entertainment.

As part of this expansion, vehicle mitigation measures were reviewed, and an updated Traffic Management Plan was implemented for patron safety. Traffic barriers were installed at the Roy Terrace traffic lights, with event fencing commencing approximately 50 metres west of this location, near American Candy. Fencing was installed throughout the site to define the event boundary and ensure compliance with liquor licensing requirements.

The expanded footprint enabled the inclusion of more than 30 additional vendors, including several local businesses that had not previously participated. The additional space also supported an increase in local artists and entertainers, with multiple activation points and stages introduced across the site.

Markets near the southwestern entry point on the Esplanade activated an area that previously experienced lower patron engagement. Combined with food vendors along

[1] *Based on CouncilIQ expenditure (actual spend)*

Grundy Terrace, this contributed to improved distribution of patrons across the event footprint. Vendors were mixed throughout the site to encourage movement and maximise exposure.

While the expanded layout delivered strong outcomes in terms of activation, capacity, and audience experience, it introduced increased operational demands including higher costs for traffic management, extended road closures, security, infrastructure, staging, and entertainment. Feedback indicates that the expanded footprint also introduced access and parking challenges for some businesses just outside the event zone.

A larger site increases risks that must be managed through a stronger security presence, additional staff and volunteers, and more robust communication and response processes across the event. The expanded licensed area also increased the complexity of crowd and alcohol management, requiring enhanced monitoring to maintain compliance with liquor licensing conditions and responsible service of alcohol.

With attendance continuing to grow and staffing levels approaching capacity, the 2026 trial provided valuable insights to inform future planning. To sustain the quality, safety, and operational excellence of the event, consideration needs to be given to increased resourcing, increased business engagement and further refinement of the site layout to cater for the ongoing growth of the festival, within its current budget.

Recommendations:

- *Undertake strategic planning to define the long-term direction, scale, and resourcing model for the event.*
- *Undertake a review of the expanded event footprint to assess long-term sustainability with consideration of current resourcing.*
- *If an extended layout is retained:*
    - *additional budget is required through either a budget pressure, or securing external grant funding and/or sponsorship*
    - *increase staffing levels to ensure adequate supervision across the event and to support operations, patron safety, and incident response*
    - *undertake early engagement with affected businesses.*
- *Provide additional Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) oversight, including a dedicated RSA marshal, particularly where licensed boundaries are extended, or high-density areas are present.*

General event feedback

- *"What a great day it was.*
  Thank you so much for having us. We had a lot of fun, and it was fantastic to see it so busy.
  It also had a really good atmosphere. Extending it to be a larger size and include the business on beach road I think was a great idea." – [redacted] *Beer no Evil*

2.2 Event entry and exit points

Council has a duty of care to deliver events safety for the whole community. During the 2025 event, events staff and security personnel raised concerns that operating with five entry points increased the risk of liquor licence non-compliance and had the potential to create safety issues. This was partly due to the reliance on manual patron counting across so many access points. In line with advice from our security contractor, the 2026 event design deliberately reduced the number of entry points from five to three. This change was a

proactive safety and compliance measure intended to protect patrons, staff, volunteers, businesses and council, and to ensure the ongoing viability of the event.

The three entry and exit points to the event were equipped with a marquee, table, Conditions of Entry signage, "No alcohol to be served to under 18s" signage, event programs, and dedicated security officers.

The main entry points were:

- Gate 1 – Beach Road (primary and most utilised entry)
- Gate 2 – Esplanade North
- Gate 3 – Esplanade South

Following a Special Council Meeting held one week prior to the event, an additional entry point was introduced at Clement Terrace (Gate 4).

This gate included security presence and liquor licensing signage however, it did not have the same level of infrastructure as the primary gates. This approach aligned with minor entry points installed in 2025, which were designed with minimal infrastructure.

All entry points were communicated to the public via social media and the online event site plan.

As the event operates within a licensed area, defined patron capacity entry points must remain controlled to support accurate monitoring of patron numbers to ensure compliance with liquor licensing conditions.

Increasing the number of access points above three reduced the ability to effectively manage patron flow and monitor the event perimeter, resulting in an increased security risk around accuracy of crowd counting. This reinforced previously identified risks associated with multiple access points across a large, licensed site.

Following the event, a local business raised concerns regarding the placement of road closure signage at the Clement Terrace entry, indicating pedestrian access had been restricted. Upon review, it was confirmed that the Traffic Management team implemented the closure in accordance with the approved Traffic Management Plan and relevant legislative requirements under the Road Traffic Act 1961 and AS 1742.3, specifically:

"A 'Road Closed' sign is a vehicular traffic control device under the Road Traffic Act 1961 and AS 1742.3. It applies to motor vehicles and drivers only. Pedestrians are not prohibited unless pedestrian-specific signage, barriers, or controls are shown in the approved Traffic Management Plan."

During the event, it was identified that clearer delineation of entry and exit lanes at each gate would improve crowd movement and support more accurate patron tracking. Security personnel reported challenges in consistently monitoring patron numbers across four access points, further reinforcing the need to review and limit the number of entry locations, and reconsider the way each entrance is structured.

Recommendations:

- *Consider maintaining a limited number of clearly defined and fully resourced entry points – ideally three – to support effective patron monitoring, crowd management, and liquor licensing compliance, and to minimise overall operational risk.*
- *Introduce a one-lane entry and one-lane exit system at key gates to improve flow and assist security with monitoring patron numbers.*
- *Investigate digital counting systems to improve the accuracy and consistency of patron capacity tracking.*

- *Ensure dedicated security is present at each entry point, with clear processes in place for consistent and accurate recording of patron numbers.*

2.3 Infrastructure and furniture

Multiple contractors were engaged to support event delivery and provide essential infrastructure and equipment. Key suppliers included Olympic Party Hire, Boltz Electrical, Vanity Toilet Hire, and SA Water. These contractors delivered core infrastructure elements including staging, toilets, power supply, furniture, and additional equipment such as the SA Water Quench Bench.

Event infrastructure included:

- three stages
- event furniture
- temporary toilet facilities
- power supply and distribution.

Event infrastructure and furniture

All furniture and event equipment was supplied by Olympic Party Hire.

In 2026, four themed zones were introduced to enrich the overall event atmosphere while encouraging patrons to utilise and move through different areas of the site.

- **Zone 1** – Northern Beach Road Area: Coloured pallet lounges, picnic lounges, wine barrels, and giant lawn games
- **Zone 2** – Witton Road Area: White pallet lounges, white wine barrels with stools, and white Tolix tables and chairs
- **Zone 3** – Rotary Park Area: An interactive, family-friendly space featuring Bavarian picnic tables, colourful umbrellas, and giant lawn games
- **Zone 4** – Esplanade Area: Pallet lounges, wine barrels with stools, and Tolix tables and chairs in a natural wood and black colour scheme

The introduction of these zones successfully enhanced patron comfort and contributed to stronger activation across multiple delineated areas of the event site.

2.4 Bump in and installation

Bump-in commenced from 7:30am, with staging and furniture installation in Rotary Park prioritised ahead of road closures. This sequencing supported efficient installation of key infrastructure while maintaining access for early site activity.

Following road closures, furniture was distributed across the event site in line with detailed layout plans. Once vendors were in place, furniture was installed within each zone.

This staged approach continues to be critical to the success of bump-in, with multiple contractors and operational elements requiring careful coordination. The early completion of staging and furniture installation within Rotary Park positively contributed to overall site readiness.

Recommendations:

- *Continue implementing zoned, themed seating areas across the event footprint to support site activation and enhance patron comfort.*
- *Maintain current stage sizing and placement, which effectively supported programming and audience engagement.*

- *Continue providing detailed site plans and documentation to contractors, with a dedicated staff member overseeing installation to ensure timelines and site requirements are met.*

2.5 Fencing

Picket fencing was installed to define the event boundary and ensure compliance with liquor licensing requirements. This fencing formed the primary event perimeter, with additional temporary (cyclone) fencing installed on Taunton Parade to secure the rear of the stage, and along Witton Road to provide screening and privacy for the toilet facilities.

All fencing was installed prior to the event and removed after its conclusion. Installation at the Clement Terrace entry point was intentionally delayed and completed at approximately 3:45pm, to support continued pedestrian access to surrounding businesses, in line with the outcome of the Special Council Meeting.

Fencing along Witton Road was positioned to balance privacy requirements for toilet facilities with the continued operation and access needs of Kora 24hr Pilates. While this approach maintained business access, it presented some operational and security challenges for the event.

Security personnel regularly patrolled the fencing perimeter to monitor for movement, breaches, or tampering. However, at three separate locations patrons were observed attempting to climb over or move perimeter fencing to enter the event inappropriately. Patrons were also observed smoking within the Witton Road toilet area (the event is a smoke and vape free event).

In planning the event layout, consideration was given to ensuring businesses located outside the event zone remained accessible to the broader public throughout the event. Event fencing was positioned on the road (in the gutter) to maintain direct pedestrian access along the footpath, enabling patrons and members of the public to visit local businesses without entering the event.

The Events team continued working with local businesses in the lead up to the event to address their questions and concerns. An on-site meeting was conducted with one business owner the day prior to the event to walk through the fencing arrangements and explain the liquor licensing requirements.

Proactive engagement and clear, early communication with surrounding businesses is important to ensure alignment and minimise disruption to event operations.

Recommendations:

- *Continue using picket fencing to clearly define the licensed event area and maintain a consistent visual presentation.*
- *Continue regular security patrols of the event perimeter to monitor for movement, breaches, or tampering.*
- *Review and strengthen fencing in high-risk areas where unauthorised access was attempted, including potential repositioning or reinforcement.*
- *Implement additional signage in back-of-house and restricted areas, including "No Entry" and "No Smoking" messaging.*
- *Increase proactive engagement with businesses both directly and indirectly impacted by the event to support understanding of event boundaries and operational requirements.*
- *Introduce a specific Communication and Engagement Plan for each of council's major events as part of our standard event planning documentation.*

3 ENTERTAINMENT

3.1 Entertainment

A local business owner was engaged as MC for the 2026 event. Incorporating a recognised local identity contributed positively to the community connection and character of the event.

The event also highlighted the importance of aligning MC appointments with specific requirements of the role, including experience in managing event flow, maintaining audience engagement, and delivering key messaging across a large-scale event.

The 2026 event included live music from Woodfolk Music, and performances from Troi Tyrell, Rowdy Line Dancing, and Lucas Day and Band, and the Flaming Sambucas.

A new interactive line dancing element was introduced and contributed positively to the overall energy of the event.

The Algal Bloom Grant funding enabled the event to expand entertainment with the introduction of two additional stages, one at the eastern end of Beach Road (Stage 2), and a second on the Esplanade (Stage 3) hosted cooking demonstrations. These additional activation points supported improved patron distribution and enhanced site activation.

Stage 2 featured performances from Frankie and Savva, Troi Tyrell, and DJ Little Man. Programming for this stage incorporated input from local businesses including Boomers and Portal 58.

Stage 3 delivered cooking demonstrations and entertainment. Meez on Plus presented two sessions focused on South Australian seafood which were well attended and provided an engaging and educational experience, supporting broader objectives to promote the South Australian seafood industry.

The grant also enabled the inclusion of additional entertainment providing varied experiences throughout the site.

This included:

- Break the Ice Entertainment – Rolly Polly Chef Duo and Cath and Kym Duo
- One of Many Productions – breakdancers
- Kaleidoskope Arts – fire twirlers
- Leon Caricature – live caricature artist
- silent disco.

Recommendations:

- *Strengthen pre-event briefing processes to ensure key event messages, sponsor acknowledgements and program information are communicated consistently throughout the event.*
- *Continue to explore and incorporate unique and interactive entertainment offerings to enhance patron engagement and diversify the program.*

Entertainers feedback

- *"Thank you so much for having us again at the Beachside Food & Wine event - we had an absolute ball! Congrats on another hugely successful event - even bigger than last year!" –* [redacted]*, Break the Ice Entertainment*

- *"Hiya, Thank you for a wonderful evening at your fantastic event! Performers had a great time interacting with the community and we had a great experience working with the whole events team!" –* [redacted] *One of Many Productions*

4 VENDORS

4.1 Stallholder applications

Early engagement was undertaken with the Christies Beach Business and Tourism Association in August 2025 to confirm the event date and encourage promotion through their networks. This was followed by targeted email correspondence requesting contact details for businesses potentially impacted by the expanded event footprint to support our engagement approach.

Stallholder applications opened on 29 September 2025, earlier than in previous years to maximise exposure and attract a broader range of applicants. This coincided with a social media Expression of Interest campaign was launched, promoting opportunities for business participation and reaching council's audience of over 35,000 followers.

A total of 135 stallholder applications were received. A thorough assessment process was undertaken, with priority given to local providers where possible.

4.2 Food vendors

A revised catering layout was introduced to improve patron flow and strengthen site activation. A total of 27 food vendors participated, with strategic distribution across key areas of the site.

This distribution supported improved movement, activation, and diversity across the event footprint.

4.3 Alcohol vendors

Due to the high volume of applications, a detailed selection process was undertaken to ensure a balanced and diverse offering. Priority was given to local vendors, with consideration of geographic representation and product variety.

A total of 31 alcohol vendors were selected, offering a broad mix of beer, wine, and spirits.

In line with liquor licensing requirements, all vendors were required to provide evidence of current Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certification and nominate a responsible person for the duration of the event. While the majority of vendors complied within required timeframes, some delays were experienced in receiving documentation from a small number of operators, highlighting an opportunity to strengthen pre-event compliance processes and timelines.

4.4 Market stalls

For previous BFWF events, market stalls were located along Grundy Terrace, which performed well; however, the southern Esplanade has experienced lower patron engagement, impacting vendor outcomes in that area.

In 2026, a revised layout was trialled to increase activation and pedestrian flow to the southern Esplanade. This also created an opportunity to expand the retail offering and increase overall revenue potential.

A total of 16 market stalls were positioned along the southern Esplanade which improved visibility and better integrated the market stalls into the broader event footprint.

Vendor feedback was extremely positive, with many reporting increased sales and improved exposure compared to previous years, indicating strong support for the revised layout.

Recommendations:

- *Continue opening stallholder applications in September to maximise participation and support planning efficiency.*
- *Introduce a structured post-event vendor feedback process to capture insights and inform continuous improvement.*
- *Review bump-in scheduling and sequencing to further minimise congestion at single-entry access points.*
- *Strengthen pre-event vendor verification processes, including confirmation of site footprint and operational requirements.*
- *Review the southern Esplanade layout to assess patron engagement and commercial outcomes.*
- *Consider maintaining the expanded market footprint, subject to available resourcing, operational feasibility and site constraints.*
- *Implement contingency planning for late vendor withdrawals to support efficient site adjustments.*

Vendor feedback

- *"thanks so much for another successful Beachside! I thought the event was well run in previous years but I thought communication and organisation levels were the highest they have been this year. We were worried how the reusable cup system would work, but have no complaints. The volunteers were very attentive so we never ran out of clean cups, or had too many dirty ones.*
- *In my opinion the live music was of a higher quality than previous years (we wanted them to keep playing, which we haven't necessarily thought much before). Such a great turn out on the day, and people stayed late as it was nice and warm. We were so lucky with the weather. Hot but cloudy, so people weren't trying to hide from the sun. Only a light breeze.*
- *If we could arrange that again for next year that would be awesome 🤓" -* [redacted] *Dog Ridge*
- *"Hi, We had a great day and there was a lot of people! Well organised event and I always love participating event with city of Onkaparinga! Just my suggestion is if you can organise this event more often like twice a year?*
- *It was great front of beach and event like this! people loved event! -* [redacted] *K Foodie*

4.5 Vendor bump-in and site allocation

Bump-in commenced at 7:30am with Olympic Party Hire installing the three stages, in line with the pre-approved site map and sequencing. This approach ensured critical infrastructure was established early, allowing other suppliers to work around these key elements.

Traffic and access management measures were implemented concurrently. Fast Lane Traffic installed reserved and accessible parking in designated areas to support both event operations and patron accessibility. Temporary fencing was erected along Witton Road and Taunton Parade to secure the site, while planter boxes were installed along the roadside to enhance safety and define event boundaries.

Bump-in activities progressed as planned, including site infrastructure installation, contractor coordination, road closures, staff briefings, and the setup of event operations, amenities, communications, and wayfinding infrastructure. Staffing arrangements were

adapted throughout bump-in to respond to operational demands, with additional onsite support and a split-site staffing model improving coverage, responsiveness, and vendor support across the event footprint.

Vendor bump-in was largely successful, with staggered arrivals and adaptive traffic management supporting site access, although some delays and congestion highlighted opportunities to improve vendor scheduling, site numbering consistency, and access coordination for future events.

Recommendations:

- *Enforce stricter adherence to allocated bump-in time slots to minimise congestion and improve site access.*
- *Implement a clear and consistent site numbering system to improve communication and reduce confusion (e.g. structured numbering or colour-coded zones).*
- *Consider allocating vendors to broader sections with flexible placement onsite or increase site dimensions to allow improved access and manoeuvrability.*
- *Continue utilising a designated holding lane near the main entrance, with contingency space identified for overflow where required.*

4.6 Alcohol management

A Short-Term Liquor Licence was obtained through Consumer and Business Services for the event, starting at 3:45pm to provide flexibility for an early opening, ensuring all alcohol service remained compliant from the outset.

This approach streamlined compliance oversight and enabled consistent application of licence conditions across temporary stallholders and participating brick-and-mortar businesses within the licensed footprint.

The event continued the implementation of a dedicated Liquor Licence Monitor role who oversaw vendor compliance, including RSA practices, trading times, and adherence to licence conditions. The role was effective in strengthening compliance.

Security and compliance arrangements played an important role in supporting patron safety and liquor licensing requirements throughout the event. Opportunities were identified to strengthen enforcement of entry conditions, improve role clarity between security and the Liquor Licence Monitor, and enhance pre-event communication to ensure licence conditions are consistently understood and applied by all vendors.

As the event footprint and attendance has continued to grow, a review of compliance resourcing is required, including consideration of additional Liquor Licence Monitor coverage, and stronger coordination with participating brick-and-mortar venues. This will support effective alcohol management, venue capacity oversight, and shared operational responsibilities.

Recommendations:

- *Provide a comprehensive pre-event briefing to the Liquor Licence Monitor to ensure a clear and thorough understanding of all licence terms and conditions.*
- *Work closely with the liquor licensing authority to ensure licence conditions are clearly articulated, including clarification of "pour" versus "service" timeframes.*
- *Provide clear written guidance to vendors regarding the sale of unopened "take-home" alcohol after 9pm.*
- *Consider appointing two Liquor Licence Monitors for larger event footprints to ensure adequate coverage and consistent compliance oversight.*

- *Consider a coordinated approach to increased security allocated to bricks-and-mortar businesses to ensure suitable venue management and licencing compliance.*

5 SUSTAINABILITY

5.1 eCups

In 2026, the reusable eCup initiative was introduced as a commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing single-use waste. The initiative aimed to replace disposable drinkware with a reusable, locally produced alternative, delivering a significant reduction in waste across the event site.

The event partnered with eCup Reusable Cups & Systems, an Adelaide-based supplier specialising in locally designed and manufactured reusable cups. This partnership supported sustainability objectives.

A key component of the initiative was the development of event-specific branded eCups, as a promotional tool, enhancing the event experience while reinforcing sustainability messaging. Clear communication was provided to patrons outlining how the system operated.

Overall, the eCup initiative was well received and delivered positive environmental outcomes, with opportunities identified to further strengthen staffing, infrastructure, operational efficiency, vendor compliance, and patron experience during peak periods. Additional staff and volunteer training would be beneficial.

The primary eCup tent would benefit from repositioning closer to the southern Esplanade entry to improve accessibility, reduce congestion, and create additional vendor space in high-demand areas. Peak-period queuing and some confusion around purchasing points highlighted opportunities to strengthen operational processes, vendor communication, and customer wayfinding. Further refinements to cup design and service processes are also recommended to support efficient operations and ongoing compliance requirements.

A purpose-built dishwashing trailer provided an efficient back of house cleaning and storage solution supporting cleaning, sanitising and redistribution of cups throughout the event.

This model proved largely effective, with staffing increased from four to six during peak periods to meet demand. A review is recommended to ensure adequate staffing during high-volume trading periods.

5.2 eCup financial and payment considerations

The initial model priced eCups at $5, with this promoted in advance. The introduction of refunds for the first year created additional operational complexity and highlighted the need for a simpler, more scalable financial model.

Future events would benefit from a streamlined non-refundable cup system and the introduction of digital purchasing options to improve efficiency, reduce queues, and enhance the overall patron experience.

Revenue of $12,466 was generated from the eCup initiative, however this would have been far greater had refunds not been offered.

Recommendations:

- *Increase eCup staffing levels and consider additional or mobile service points to better meet peak demand.*
- *Relocate the main eCup tent closer to high-traffic entry points to improve accessibility and reduce congestion.*

- *Ensure all cup sizes include accurate measurement markers and reinforce correct use with both vendors and staff.*
- *Provide appropriate infrastructure for eCup collection and storage.*
- *Consider enabling vendors to sell eCups directly and/or introduce roaming staff to support on-the-spot sales and reduce queuing.*
- *Simplify the financial model by implementing a $5 non-refundable eCup and introducing digital payment options (QR code or EFTPOS solutions).*
- *Maintain clear systems for eCup return, recycling, and separation of clean and used stock.*

5.3 Waste management

The Events team collaborated with the Waste team to deliver environmentally sustainable waste practices across the event. A three-stream waste system was implemented to separate general waste, organics, and bottles/cans, supporting improved waste diversion and sustainability outcomes.

Six bin stations were positioned throughout the event site, with each station supported by a dedicated "bin buddy", responsible for guiding attendees on responsible disposal behaviours.

Each bin station included:

- 1 x organics bin
- 1 x general waste bin
- 1 x bottles and cans bin.

Waste collection outcomes:

- 28 compostable/organics bins collected
- 3,856 bottles and cans collected, representing a significant increase on the previous year
- 2 bins of consolidated waste from bin stations
- 4 additional bins containing vendor and post-event waste.

Approximately 8,064 litres of material were diverted from landfill, equating to a diversion rate of 94.4 per cent of waste generated by event attendees. This is the highest diversion rate for the event to date and reflects the effectiveness of the waste management system and high levels of patron engagement.

Stallholders were responsible for managing their own waste and were clearly informed that disposal of oils, water, or other liquid waste onsite was not permitted, supporting environmental protection and site compliance.

Additional waste management initiatives

The Seaford Scouts operated a recycling trailer on Grundy Terrace. This was a positive inclusion, with the group collecting cans and bottles, supporting strong waste diversion outcomes while providing a fundraising opportunity for their organisation.

The Waste team provided strongly positive feedback on the integration of the eCup initiative, noting:

"The eCups were fantastic – honestly, without them we would have run out of bin space halfway through."

This reinforces the effectiveness of aligning waste management strategies with broader sustainability initiatives.

Recommendations:

- *Consider installing smaller bin stations at key exit points, or at a minimum, provide clearly marked bottle and can collection tubs to support waste disposal as patrons leave the event.*
- *Explore the introduction of supervised recycling stations for vendors to better manage cardboard and plastic waste.*
- *Investigate offering an opt-in food waste collection service for vendors, subject to correct waste separation and use of certified compostable materials.*
- *Further feedback from vendors and attendees should be captured in future to provide a more comprehensive understanding of system performance and identify additional opportunities for improvement.*

5.4 Water management

All vendors were advised prior to the event that no onsite water supply would be available and were required to provide their own water. Stallholders using marquees also supplied pre-filled water weights in line with site requirements, as pegging is not permitted within Rotary Park.

For patrons, the SA Water Quench Bench was installed and connected to mains water, providing a free and accessible hydration point throughout the event.

A small number of patrons provided feedback regarding water taste during the event; however, this did not present a significant operational issue, and the station remained well utilised. Post-event data from SA Water indicated the Quench Bench dispensed approximately 275 litres of water, equivalent to around 458 standard 600ml bottles, demonstrating strong patron uptake and the value of accessible hydration infrastructure.

Recommendations:

- *Continue the use of the SA Water Quench Bench to support patron hydration and reduce reliance on single-use bottled water.*
- *Liaise with SA Water prior to the event to confirm water quality expectations and any servicing requirements.*
- *Ensure the Quench Bench is cleaned and checked prior to event commencement to support patron confidence and usability.*

6 OPERATIONS

6.1 Power

Boltz Electrical managed vendor power distribution and festoon lighting across the event site. The centralised power model successfully reduced reliance on individual generators and supported the event's sustainability objectives. Despite delays caused by an unforeseen forklift breakdown during installation, interim power solutions minimised disruption and vendor feedback remained largely positive.

6.2 Lighting

Festoon lighting was installed along Beach Road in front of Rotary Park the night prior to the event. This lighting contributed to the event atmosphere and provided appropriate illumination for the main activation areas.

Additional functional lighting, including flood lighting for bump-out and pack-down, supported safe operations following the event.

There is an opportunity to extend festoon lighting further along the site to enhance visual consistency and atmosphere. This would be subject to budget considerations.

6.3 Electrical considerations

The expanded event footprint increased electrical and traffic management requirements, highlighting opportunities to formalise temporary traffic control measures, improve infrastructure sequencing and access during bump-out, and allow for extended road closure timeframes to support safe and compliant operations. These increased operational requirements should also be considered in future event planning and budgeting.

Recommendations:

- *Ensure formal traffic control measures are implemented during bump-in and bump-out to support safe installation and removal of electrical infrastructure.*
- *Review road closure timings to allow sufficient access for electrical setup and pack-down.*
- *Position generators in secured or back-of-house locations to reduce the risk of public access and interference.*
- *Maintain a dedicated onsite electrician for the duration of the event to support operations and respond to issues.*
- *Consider extending festoon lighting across a broader area of the event site, subject to budget, to enhance overall presentation and consistency.*

6.4 Pack-down

Field Operations staff commenced early signage pack-down at 9pm, enabling a smooth transition into full bump-out from around 9:30pm and supporting efficient clearance of key access points. Coordinated team efforts, supported by clear vendor communication and controlled vehicle movements, ensured a well-managed and orderly exit process.

Bump-out was effectively delivered across all areas, including infrastructure removal, waste management, and final site clearing. Boltz Electrical managed safe removal of generators and truss structures, with road reopening delayed to allow for safe dismantling. While the extended footprint increased pack-down time, impacts were minimal and the process highlighted opportunities to better align infrastructure removal and road reopening timelines in future events.

Recommendations:

- *Continue engaging Field Operations staff to support bump-out activities, noting their contribution to efficient site clearance.*
- *Maintain a staggered bump-out approach to support safe and controlled vendor departure.*
- *Review road closure timings to ensure sufficient access for the removal of large infrastructure such as trussing and generators.*
- *Work with electrical supplier to refine installation and pack-down sequencing, including consideration of installing truss structures later to support more efficient removal.*

6.5 Audio visual

Amuse Audio and Sound delivered technical production across all event stages, supporting the core program requirements, with opportunities identified to further enhance coordination

and responsiveness, as the event continues to grow in scale and complexity. Installation timing had some flow-on impacts to the stage schedule, including a delayed opening performance and reduced set time, with adjustments made during the event to support program delivery.

As the event progressed, opportunities were identified to strengthen real-time technical coverage across all stages, particularly during peak program periods, to support timely responsiveness and consistency of delivery. Sound levels and equipment performance were actively managed and adjusted throughout the event, highlighting the value of continued focus on monitoring and oversight across multiple stages. Overall, the expansion of the event reinforced the importance of ensuring technical production resourcing and capability continues to align with the growing scale and expectations of the program, which may be reflected in future delivery requirements and associated investment.

Recommendations:

- *Undertake a review of audio-visual requirements to ensure alignment with the scale and complexity of the event.*
- *Ensure a dedicated sound technician is assigned to each active stage for the full duration of programming to manage any technical issues.*
- *Build additional contingency time into stage schedules to mitigate flow-on impacts from any technical delays.*

6.6 Noise management

Amuse Audio and Sound managed event noise in line with approved residential area restrictions, with active monitoring throughout the program to ensure compliance. No noise complaints were received, demonstrating effective noise control and appropriate balance between event atmosphere and community impact.

Recommendations:

- *Ensure a dedicated sound technician is assigned to each active stage for the full duration of programming to maintain consistent monitoring and control of sound levels.*

6.7 Security and crowd management

Security operations maintained safe event delivery overall, with crowd management and compliance measures supporting strong attendance of more than 8,000 patrons across the event period and ensuring operations remained within the licensed capacity framework. An operational patron cap and temporary entry closures were implemented at peak times to support safe crowd levels and ensure compliance, reflecting effective real-time event management.

As attendance increased, opportunities were identified to further strengthen coordination, consistency of monitoring, and escalation processes across entry points and high-traffic areas, particularly in relation to capacity tracking, perimeter management, and incident response. These insights will inform future planning to support continued growth of the event, including refinement of entry point design, communication protocols, and resourcing to enhance oversight and operational clarity.

SAPOL has historically been a key stakeholder in the delivery of this event, contributing to overall risk management and providing operational support.

As the event continues to grow, a stronger SAPOL presence would provide an additional layer of risk mitigation, particularly in relation to crowd management, compliance, and incident response.

Strengthening the SAPOL relationship through early, proactive, and formalised engagement will be important in supporting future event delivery and managing risk at scale.

Recommendations:

- *Undertake a full review of security resourcing and provider capability to ensure the event is supported by a suitably experienced and resourced event security team aligned to its size and risk profile.*
- *Review the current security provider and consider engaging a specialist provider with demonstrated experience in large-scale, licensed events.*
- *Continue detailed pre-event briefings with the security team and/or security lead, clearly outlining roles, responsibilities, escalation protocols, and reporting expectations.*
- *Ensure entry screening procedures, including bag checks, are consistently enforced at all access points.*
- *Implement accurate and centralised crowd counting systems across all entry points to support real-time monitoring of licensed capacity.*
- *Limit and clearly control access points, with strengthened supervision at high-risk locations including Witton Road, the beach stairwell, and the Witton Bluff base trail.*
- *Establish clear and immediate incident reporting protocols to ensure timely escalation of medical or security-related incidents to the Event Lead.*
- *Strengthen engagement with SAPOL, including early consultation and consideration of an increased on-site presence to support risk mitigation and response capability.*

6.8 Event information/headquarters

Event information and headquarters were established within Rotary Park.

The combined information/headquarters hub provided information to patrons, and acted as the coordination point for lost property and missing or found children.

To support improved operational efficiency and clarity, future events would benefit from relocating the headquarters to a dedicated back-of-house location to separate the operational tasks from customer service functions. This would enable staff to manage operational tasks without interruption and provide a more controlled environment for coordination and decision-making.

Recommendations:

- *Relocate event headquarters to a dedicated back-of-house location, positioned away from public areas to support efficient operational coordination (e.g. Witton Parade carpark near Kora, noting its centralised position).*
- *Establish a separate, clearly branded information tent within Rotary Park dedicated solely to patron enquiries.*
- *Appoint a designated central operational contact on event day to manage enquiries, coordinate service requests, and support communication across the site.*
- *Increase staffing resources to adequately support both public-facing information services and back-of-house operational requirements.*

6.9 Found/missing children

At the 2026 event, there were no reported instances of found or missing children.

All staff and volunteers were briefed in advance on the procedures for managing found or missing children, ensuring a clear and shared understanding of roles and responsibilities should an incident occur. The information tent operated as the designated central point for reporting and coordinating any such situations, with the MC available and prepared to assist with announcements if required.

The current process was well suited to the scale and nature of the event and provides a clear, structured, and effective response framework for managing child safety.

Recommendations:

- *No changes are recommended. Current processes and staff awareness are considered effective in managing any future incidents involving found or missing children.*

6.10 Lost property

A small number of items were submitted to the information tent during the event and these items were securely recorded and appropriately transferred to council's main office post event.

The current process for managing lost property was effective and fit-for-purpose, providing a simple, reliable, and well-managed system for handling items during and after the event.

Recommendations:

- *No changes are recommended. The current process for managing lost property is considered appropriate and effective.*

6.11 Toilets

In response to feedback from the previous year, and in consideration of the expanded event footprint and increased attendance, the number of portable toilets was proactively increased for the 2026 event to support patron comfort and service levels.

Overall provision included:

- 20 standard portable toilets
- 3 accessible toilets
- 3 urinals
- 2 existing permanent toilets located on the southern Esplanade.

In addition to the existing permanent toilets, a dedicated toilet precinct was established on Witton Road, comprising 12 standard toilets, 2 accessible toilets, and 3 urinals. This location was effective, offering a centralised, accessible amenity hub that supported strong patron flow.

Cyclone fencing was installed around the precinct, with black mesh screening to maintain presentation while providing appropriate discretion.

An additional bank of 4 standard toilets and one accessible toilet was positioned adjacent to the existing facilities behind SandBar, further supporting the distribution of amenities across the event site.

Usage data showed approximately 2,000 litres of waste from the Witton Road toilets and 500 litres from the Esplanade amenities, with facilities operating at around two-thirds capacity by event close, indicating strong but well-managed demand. Facilities were regularly serviced by Alpha Cleaning to maintain hygiene standards, and urinal usage was lower than anticipated, suggesting potential for reduced provision in future.

Signage visibility was impacted during peak periods, likely affecting wayfinding and usage distribution, and there was increased use of a business's toilet facilities, highlighting an

opportunity to strengthen toilet placement and signage to better support patron flow across the site.

Recommendations:

- *Maintain a similar level of toilet provision for future events of comparable size and layout.*
- *Consider reducing urinal numbers from three to two units based on observed usage.*
- *Implement elevated or high-visibility wayfinding signage to improve patron awareness and distribution across toilet locations.*
- *Consider engaging dedicated cleaning staff for the full duration of the event to support continuous monitoring and maintenance of facilities.*
- *Review the need for additional toilet facilities near the eastern end of the event footprint to support balanced usage across the site.*

6.12 First aid services

Kaleidoscope Medics were engaged to provide professional first aid services for the duration of the event.

Two incidents were reported on the day. Neither incident was directly related to event operations; however, both were appropriately managed with the support of the onsite medical team.

Throughout the event medics rotated patrols, while maintaining a consistent presence at the first aid tent. This approach supported accessibility and reassurance for patrons.

Overall, first aid services were delivered effectively, with a visible onsite presence and appropriate, well-managed responses to incidents.

Recommendations:

- *Continue engaging Kaleidoscope Medics for future events, noting their proactive approach and effective onsite presence.*
- *Ensure all incidents are consistently documented and included in post-event reporting to support accurate record keeping and future planning.*

6.13 Traffic management

Fast Lane Traffic was engaged as the traffic management provider for the event. All necessary planning and approval processes were undertaken for the temporary road closures and traffic modifications.

A total of 2,447 residents and local businesses were notified three weeks in advance via letter distribution outlining event details, road closures, and expected impacts. Advance warning boards were also installed in key locations one week prior to the event to provide broader public notification of upcoming traffic changes.

“No Parking” signage was installed on the Friday evening prior to the event across key locations, including Beach Road, Grundy Terrace, and both the northern and southern sections of the Esplanade. These restrictions supported efficient event setup and ensured clear access for traffic operations.

Overall, traffic management measures were implemented successfully, with clear communication and responsive on-ground management supporting safe access and movement throughout the event.

As identified through both bump-in operations and electrical infrastructure installation, the current road closure timeframes were stretched due to the increased scale and complexity of

the event. The expanded footprint, additional infrastructure, and heightened safety requirements particularly relating to lighting installation and plant and equipment use required extended timeframes for safe and efficient setup.

Similarly, bump-out activities, including the removal of electrical infrastructure and staging, extended beyond the planned reopening timeframes to prioritise contractor and public safety.

Recommendations:

- *Continue early and multi-channel communication with residents and businesses to support awareness of road closures and restrictions.*
- *Review enforcement of "No Parking" zones, including earlier installation or additional monitoring where required.*
- *Consider additional physical controls or staffing at key closure points to prevent unauthorised vehicle access post-closure.*
- *Review and extend road closure timeframes at both the commencement and conclusion of the event to better support safe and efficient operations.*

7 WORKFORCE

7.1 Event staffing

Staffing for the 2026 event was impacted by some pre-event withdrawals, requiring adjustments and placing additional pressure on the team to maintain appropriate coverage across all operational areas. Despite this, pre-event and on-site briefings supported clear role understanding, and staff and volunteers demonstrated strong professionalism, flexibility, and commitment, contributing significantly to successful event delivery.

To support future growth, there is an opportunity to strengthen resourcing through additional staff in key areas, improved retention structures, and the introduction of a dedicated Lead Volunteer Coordinator to centralise volunteer management and wellbeing. Future recruitment could also be enhanced through partnerships with education providers, supported by improved promotion of volunteer experiences to strengthen attraction and retention.

Recommendations:

- *Increase staffing levels for major events and collaborate with HR to review and implement appropriate incentive strategies to support recruitment, retention, and reliability.*
- *Engage additional paid contractors as needed in key operational areas to support delivery and reduce reliance on internal staff capacity.*
- *Introduce a dedicated Lead Volunteer Coordinator role to manage volunteer engagement, coordination, and wellbeing.*
- *Adopt a whole-of-organisation approach to event delivery, with broader internal support allocated to major event roles to strengthen operational capacity and shared accountability.*
- *Explore partnerships with local education providers to support volunteer recruitment and build a sustainable workforce pipeline.*

Volunteer feedback

- *"Yesterday I volunteered to assist with the Festival and was approached by quite few festival goers over the course of the afternoon and evening and told repeatedly "What a*

wonderful event this is that the Council has put on for the people. How wonderful to showcase so may local cafes, restaurants, and other local businesses in this way. "It was my first time at the Beachside Food and Wine Festival and I had to whole heartedly agree with them".

- *The number of families and friends gathered there was astounding. The entertainment was perfect for the occasion too. The planning and forward thinking involved in making this such a spectacular success is amazing and I take my hat of the many organisers of this wonderful event.*
- *Well done Onkaparinga Council Excellent" -* [redacted]

8 MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

8.1 External communications

Early engagement was undertaken with the Christies Beach Business and Tourism Association, including a proactive phone conversation on 6 August to confirm the event date and encourage promotion through their networks. This was followed by targeted email correspondence requesting contact details for businesses potentially impacted by the expanded event footprint to support our engagement approach.

In September 2025 a social media Expression of Interest campaign was launched, promoting opportunities for business participation and reaching council's audience of over 35,000 followers.

In January 2026, direct communication with local residents and businesses was also undertaken to ensure awareness of the event and the planned road closures. A total of 2,447 properties were notified of the event (on 19 January) via a comprehensive letterbox drop and hand delivery to businesses within and surrounding the Beach Road precinct.

Following the 2026 event additional engagement was undertaken to inform this evaluation report as detailed in Appendix 1.

8.1.1 Media/online

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast

Advertising was managed on the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast website, including a targeted google campaign which reached a further 2057 views.

What's On in Adelaide

The event was listed on the free *What's On in Adelaide* web listing, receiving 9.6k Facebook views, including featuring within a "What's On This February" post that generated a further 8.4k views, for a combined total of approximately 18k Facebook views.

Glam Adelaide – cold public relations (PR) opportunity

Through proactive communications the event was featured in Glam Adelaide on 6 February 2026: https://glamadelaide.com.au/beachside-food-and-wine-festival-brings-local-drinks-markets-and-live-music-to-christies-beach-this-weekend/

In Daily

Through proactive communications the event was featured in InDaily's SA Life section on 5 February 2026, under the headline 'What to do in SA this Weekend': https://www.indailysa.com.au/salife/whats-on/2026/02/05/what-to-do-in-sa-this-weekend-39

City of Onkaparinga corporate channels

We created a Facebook event page and published 14 posts to promote the event between September 2025 and February 2026. The social media activity generated:

- 19,158 engagements
- 12,260 clicks
- 2,621 link clicks to the Your Say Onkaparinga website
- 1,203 reactions
- 393 comments
- 163 shares
- 79 page followers (net)

8.2 General feedback

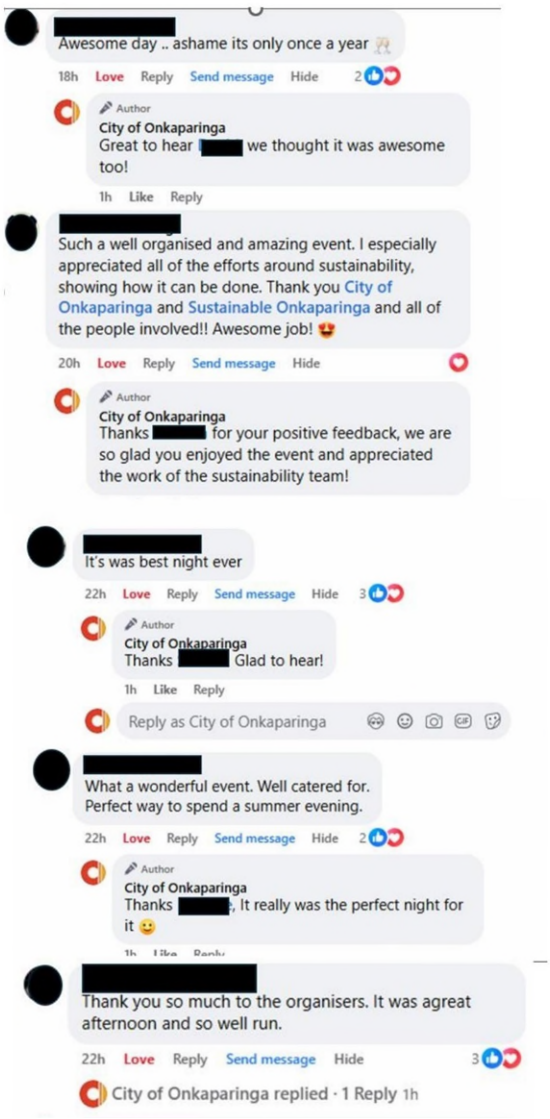
During and immediately following the 2026 event we received a range of unsolicited feedback from attendees, stallholders/vendors. Examples are provided below.

We also undertook broad community engagement to seek feedback on the 2026 event to inform this evaluation report and identify improvement opportunities. Detail of the post-event engagement is provided in Appendix 1.

8.2.1 Feedback via email

"...to you and your teams for two AMAZING events – different vibes, different crowds, but same excellence from council staff in creating spaces for people to connect, express themselves and celebrate our coast. Thank you!"

8.2.2 Social media comments




[redacted]
Thank you City of Onkaparinga for once again allowing us the opportunity to be involved in this fantastic event. We had an amazing day/night. [redacted]
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It was a really awesome free community event enjoyed very much great job by all
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City of Onkaparinga replied · 1 Reply 1h
[redacted]had so much fun attending this year! What an amazing atmosphere... ssooooo many people! Well done Onkaparinga!
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It was a great event and to see so many smiling, happy people 😁 Everyone courteous and just enjoying the atmosphere. Well catered with a good variety to choose from. Looking forward to next year 😁🙌🎉
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Author
City of Onkaparinga
Thanks[redacted] We are so glad to hear you had a great time and we can't wait for next year either! 😊
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[redacted]
It was huge, never have I seen it so busy!
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Great night!
[redacted]
Hope to see this more and more
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Had a great time this afternoon and met some amazing people. Thanks guys. Great time and good vibes at Christie's Beach!

Appendix 1

Community engagement feedback report

2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival post-event evaluation

May-June 2026

Introduction

Following all of our major events we undertake an evaluation process to identify improvement opportunities to help shape future events.

At their meeting on 19 February 2026 Council resolved (in part):

That Council provide a report on the 2026 Food and Wine beachside event, including the following:

1. *A full and detailed analysis of the event, including:*
    - *planning, delivery, and operational decisions regarding local businesses within and around the event zone*
    - *key learnings identified by Council staff, including what worked well, what did not work well and opportunities for improvement*
    - *event operations and access considerations, including entry and exit points; traffic, pedestrian, and service access management*
    - *event engagement with local businesses including outlining engagement and communication with businesses leading into the event, communication to patrons about local Beach Road businesses during the event, and communication and follow-up to after the event*
    - *engagement principles that were applied with residents, and the broader community, and an assessment of alignment with Council's Engagement Policy.*

As a result of this resolution a broader engagement was undertaken during May-June 2026 to inform the evaluation report.

It is important to note that this post-event engagement was separate to the engagement undertaken in the lead up to the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival (BFWF).

Community engagement purpose

1. To seek feedback from stakeholders to inform the evaluation of the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival (BFWF).
2. To identify business owner's preferred method of contact for future interactions when planning events in the area.

Engagement techniques

A range of techniques were used to gather feedback from stakeholders.

Initially, 96 letters were sent via registered post in May 2026 to business on Beach Road and The Esplanade within the 2026 event footprint, extending east to Fuller Terrace and Davenport Street.

Businesses were invited to provide feedback via telephone, in-person meeting or via an online survey. Registered post was used to ensure letters were delivered/received.

As only 4 businesses responded (3 surveys and one online meeting request) a range of follow ups were undertaken, including:

- 74 follow up phone calls on 14 and 15 May (26 calls unanswered – left if message with contact details if able)
- 6 follow up emails (if unable to find a phone number)
- 64 follow up face-to-face visits with businesses on 5 June

During the face-to-face engagement business were asked:

- Did you receive the registered post letter in May?
- Do you have any feedback of the BFWF or events in the future?
- Would you like to be contacted with updates on events in the future?
- If yes, what is your preferred method on contact (phone, email, letter)?

Summary of community engagement outcomes

Despite a range of follow-up actions, including face-to-face visits with 64 local businesses, very limited feedback was obtained on the 2026 BFWF.

One online meeting was held with a local business, and three online surveys were completed.

During the face-to-face follow up conversations with 64 businesses, 25 were closed, 13 had no feedback as it doesn't affect them and 7 were left the "I'm sorry I missed you cards'.

The majority of business we spoke with were happy with the level of engagement and the letter advising the road closures.

Anecdotal feedback from the face-to-face follow up conversations indicated that businesses were generally supportive of the BFWF and had no significant feedback about the 2026 event.

Formal feedback was received from four businesses:

- 1 online meeting was held
- 3 online surveys were completed.

The online meeting uncovered a range of improvement opportunities from a business that participated in the 2026 event and will be considered for future BFWF event planning.

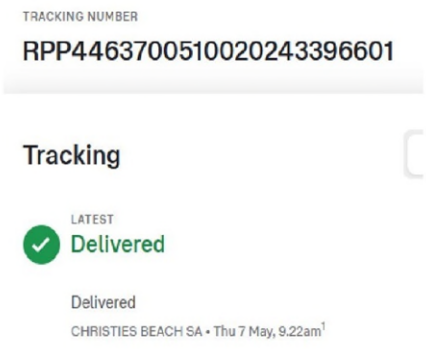
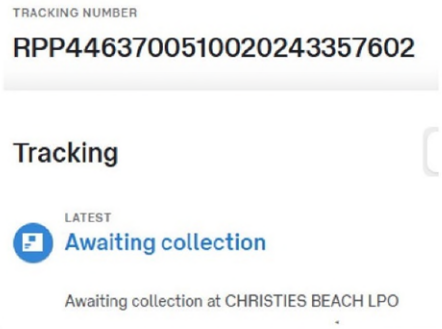
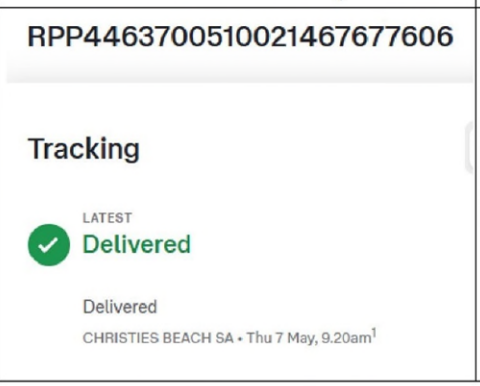
Feedback from the online surveys highlighted the following key concerns:

- Initial communications need improvement
- Disruptions to usual business operations
- Access, parking or logistics challenges
- Staffing or resourcing challenges

While limited to a small number of businesses, this feedback provides opportunities for improvement.

Verbatim feedback from the online surveys and business door knocking is provided below.

Business engagement schedule and feedback

Company or organisation	Letter received	Notes – date, time, who called, spoke to
Together we can		*Did you receive the letter* *Do you have any feedback* *For future event planning, such as Beachside and Pageant, would you like to be contacted and if so how?* *Email* *Phone* *Letter* *In person* Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 11am Advised [redacted] would be best to speak to, confirmed had received the letter. [redacted] will follow up with [redacted] later today, I advised the survey is open until Monday and provided [redacted] contact if required call back [redacted] 5/6 - site visit. Spoke to [redacted] – no further feedback as it doesn't affect them
Kibbis		Sent email as unable to find contact number ECM 5/6 Site visit - Shop looks to be closed permanently
Black Valentine		Spoke to [redacted] 11:10am [redacted] passed on message while on phone, letter has been received advised would fill it out, let them know survey is open until Monday. Would like to be notified for future planning via letter [redacted]

Fit N Well	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243355608 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 10.30am[1]	Called 15/05 11:20am left VM[redacted] Site visit 5/6 store not open
Inclusion Management	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467680606 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.19am[1]	Spoke to [redacted]15/05 11:22am Hadn't received letter, will pass details onto director see if they signed for letter, advised survey closing Monday if would like to provide feedback. Provided contact number if would like to call back[redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed
Foodbank	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243393600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.18am[1]	Spoke to [redacted]1:27am advised would need to speak to [redacted] in Head Office[redacted]
Burgetec	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243390609 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am[1]	Called 15/05 11:30 didn't advise name, didn't know who I could speak to maybe Glenelg store, advised had customers waiting and had to go[redacted] Site visit 5/6[redacted]– no feedback as it doesn't affect them

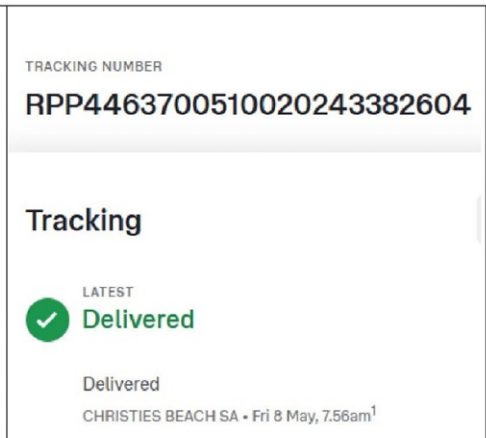
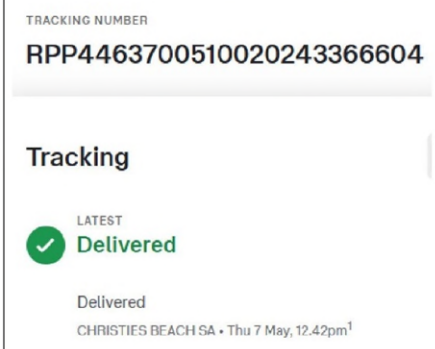
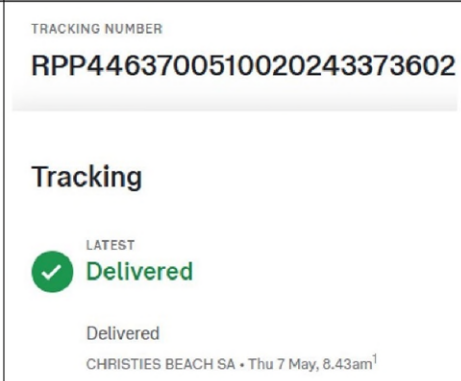
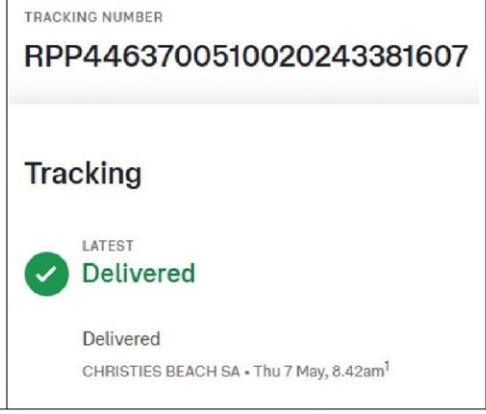
Fernalee	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467675602 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 1.09pm[1]	Called left VM 11:36 [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
The Magickal Chystal Forest	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467689609 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.50am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 11:37am Picked up letter this morning, thought event was brilliant asked to provide feedback via survey (open until Monday) Advised can contact in future via letter or phone [redacted]
Over and under $5	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467690605 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 4.07pm[1]	15/05 11:40am Number disconnected [redacted] Unable to locate alternate number or email Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them
Dimitris	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467671600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.45am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 11:45am. He advised he received the letter, he is a one man business he's all good and ended the call [redacted]

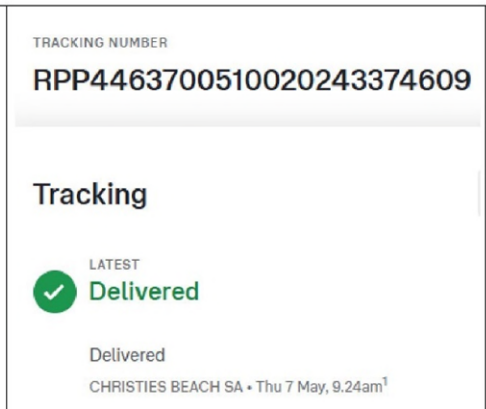
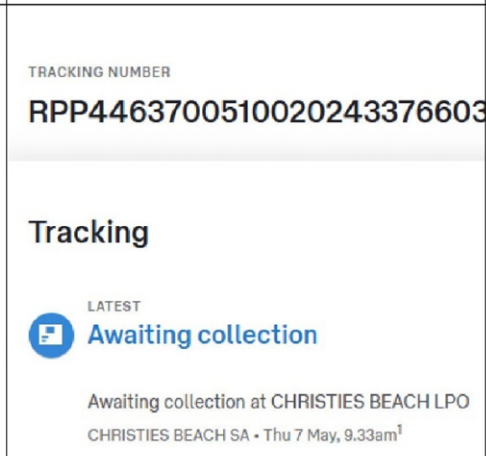
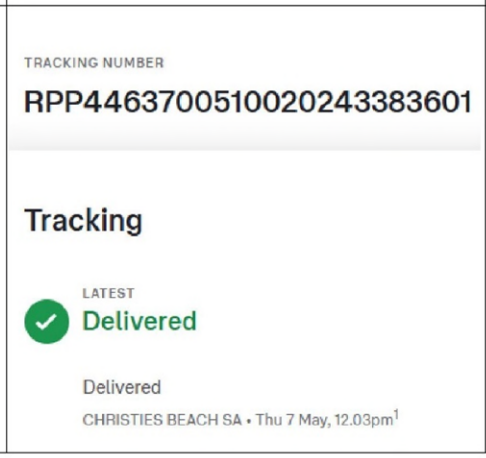
Tailored Barber	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467686608 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.44am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 11:49am, Received letter, had no feedback to provide other than thinks it is good. Would not like to be contacted in the future.
Country Road Stop	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243368608 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.43am[1]	Unable to find phone number or email Site visit 5/6 - events bring in lots of customers
Dr E Hanna Surgery	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467670607 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.16am[1]	Called 15/05 11:55am left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed
The Gunnery	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467674605 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.40am[1]	Called 15/05 11:56am spoke to [redacted] advised received the letter, didn't want to provide feedback other than the letter was a waste of postage. Can be contacted via email for future planning [redacted]

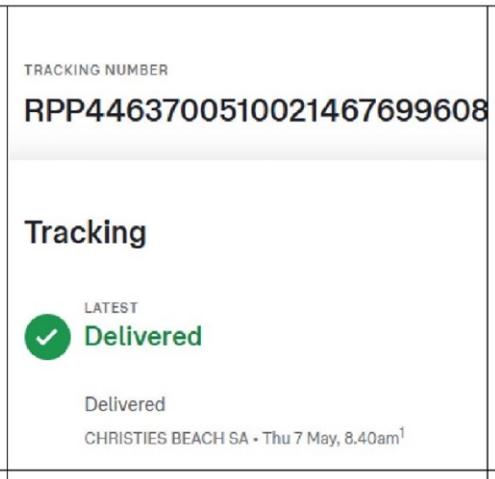
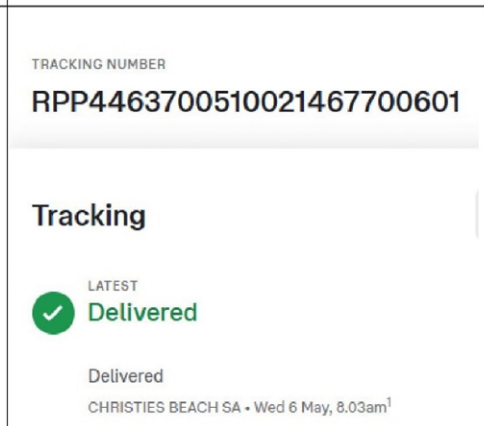
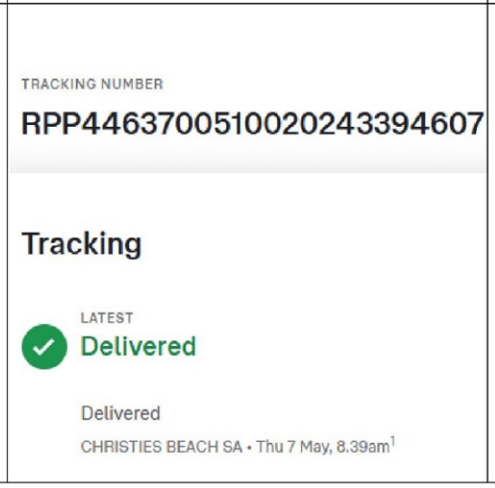
Ray White Real Estate	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243367601 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.15am[1]	Called 15/05 12:08 left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them
Mind Co	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467695600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.14am[1]	Called 15/05 12:10 left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed
Beach Acupuncture and Wellness Lounge	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467691602 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.13am[1]	Called 15/05 12:11pm left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed
Southcare Medical Centre	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467694603 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.12am[1]	Called 15/05 12:13pm disconnected dial tone [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them

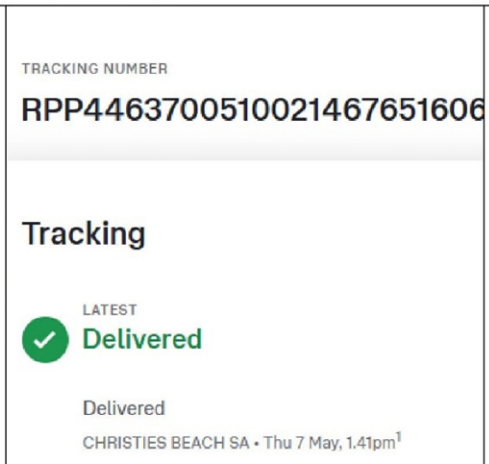
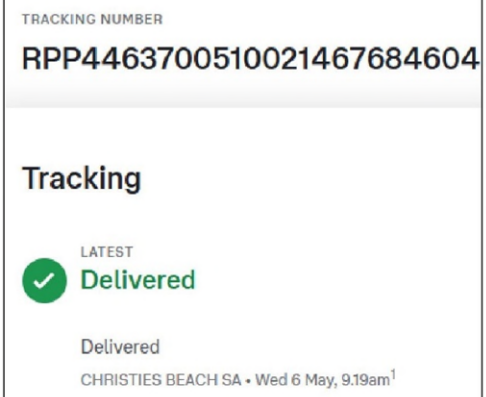
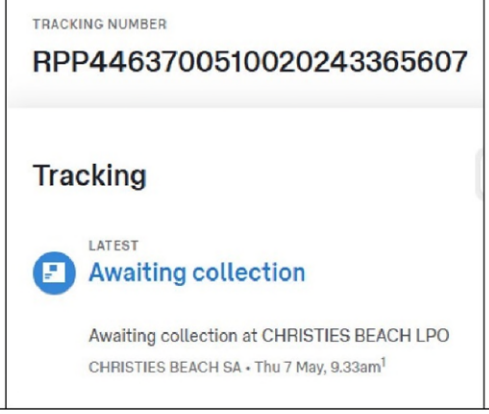
Terry White Chemist	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676976O4 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.11am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 12:17pm manager was unaware and owner not available asked to email instead [redacted] Email sent 15/5 ECM Site visit 5/6 - no feedback
H&R Block	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467698601 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am[1]	Called 15/05 12:20pm business was closed and call was redirected to call centre was advised business opens again Monday [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed Called 10/6 - left message
Di Mari Hair	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243351600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.10am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 12:24, hadn't received letter, doesn't want to provide feedback would only like to be contacted via letter for future planning [redacted]

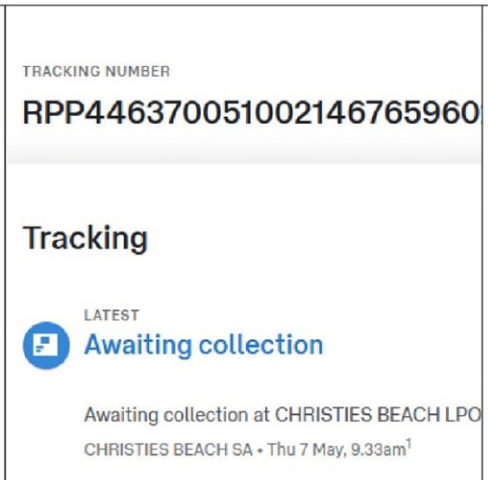
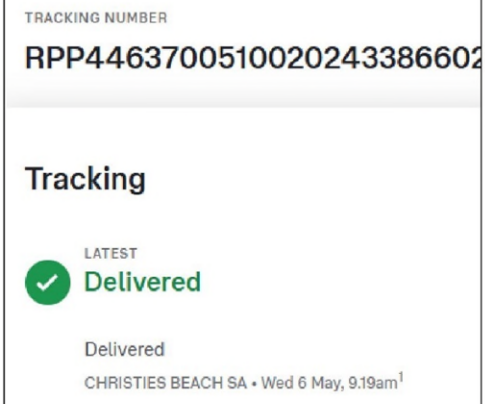
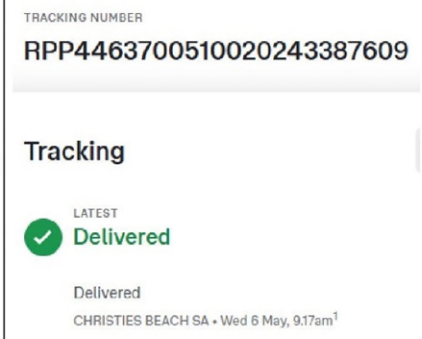
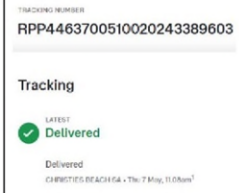
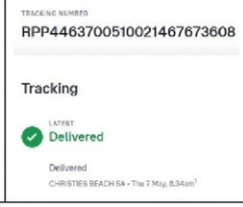
Ba-mi	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243385605 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am[1]	Called 15/05 12:27pm left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no feedback
Beach Road Florist	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467672601 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.38am[1]	Called 15/05 12:29pm spoke to [redacted] advised have been busy with Mothers Day and owners won't be back until next week, offered to provide call back details for owners, declined and ended call [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - owner not available. Left sorry we missed you card
Salt Yoga Studios	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243384608 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.09am[1]	Email sent – unable to locate a phone number ECM Site visit 5/6 - closed
CJ's Bakery	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243375606 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.49am[1]	Called 15/05 12:36pm spoke to [redacted] who put call through to owner. Advised will complete survey but wanted to provide feedback that whilst they understand engagement is important doesn't think rate payer money should be wasted on registered post [redacted] Site visit 5/6 [redacted] spoke to [redacted]. Late afternoons are busy. No major impact, text or call in future.

White Reality Group		15/5 - Spoke to [redacted] Loves the event and is looking forward to it continuing – would be happy to receive updates. Email is best contact.
The Running Company		Called 15/5 - no answer, phone rang out [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them
Baptist Care SA		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 12:47. Received letter no feedback, no impact to them. Doesn't want to be contacted regarding BSFW – can email information regarding pageant so can share with others. Email [redacted]
Christies Beach Dental		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 12:50pm wasn't sure asked to be emailed instead [redacted] Email sent 15/5 ECM Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them

Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 12:54pm, wasn't sure if had received letter, will check. Advised survey closes Monday if would like to provide feedback. Would like to be contacted via letter for future planning.
Jay School of Dance		Called left VM 15/05 12:57pm [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
Renewal SA Sales Centre		Unable to locate phone number or email to follow up Site visit 5/6 closed

NDVR Endeavour Foundation		Unable to locate phone number or email to follow up Site visit 5/6 - no feedback doesn't affect them
Fentons Conveyancing		15/5 - spoke to [redacted], confirmed they received the letter. She spoke to the owner [redacted] who said they had no feedback. Would like to be kept up to date via email [redacted]
Christies Beach Thai Massage		No answer 15/5 [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no one available to talk (all staff busy and customers waiting. Left a sorry we missed you card.

Miekie's Pantry		15/5 - Spoke to owner he confirmed he received the letter but was unaware what the Beachside Food and Wine festival was. He is very keen to be involved and will complete the survey [redacted] Site visit 5/6 owner not available – left a sorry we missed you card
Great Nature		15/5 - Spoke to owner, confirmed they received the letter but didn't have any feedback (gave me lots of feedback regarding the carparking situation, but not relating to events) Would like to be kept updated [redacted]
Christies Beach Thai Cuisine		Doesn't open until 4pm Site visit 5/6 - closed

Take a moment in time		Called left VM 15/05 12:59pm [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
Core Pilates		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 1:00pm advised had received letter but had no feedback (but wanted to know if had received feedback for carparking) Would like to be contacted for future planning via email [redacted]
Metropolitan Youth Health		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 1:05pm received letter, didn't have feedback (doesn't affect them) would like to be contacted for future via email [redacted]
Champion Take away		Site visit 5/6 - owner not available. Left a sorry we missed you card
KB Optical		Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 1:14pm Received the letter, advised wife will fill it out, happy to be contacted via letter for future planning. [redacted]

68th Street Vintage	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676926O9 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Fri 8 May, 2.21pm	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 1:19pm. Received letter, no feedback not impacted. Advised doesn't want to be contacted.[redacted]
Diosa	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467679600 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am	Called 15/05 1:31pm no message could be left on service [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
Amour Hair	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433536O4 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 1.30pm	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 1:33pm hadn't read letter, didn't have feedback. Would like to be contacted via email for future event planning [redacted]
Jasmine Thai Massage	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433886O6 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.26am	Called 15/05 1:42pm left VM [redacted]
The Dusty Trunk	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676766O9 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.50am	Unable to find email or phone number – letter has not been collected from post office. Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them
Peak Physique	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433916O6 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Mon 11 May, 11.55am	Called 15/05 1:44pm no voicemail available to leave message on email [redacted] Email sent 15/5 ECM 15/5 reply email confirming they are taking an extended break.
Adelaide Double Glazing	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433926O3 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 8.50am	Called 15/05 1:46pm left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed

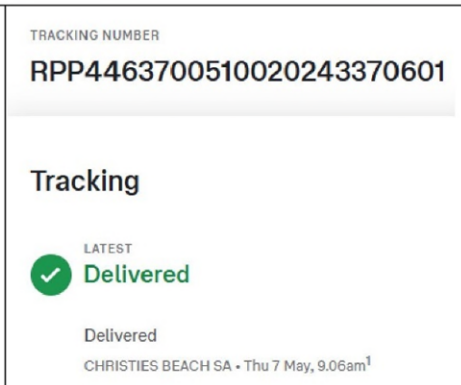
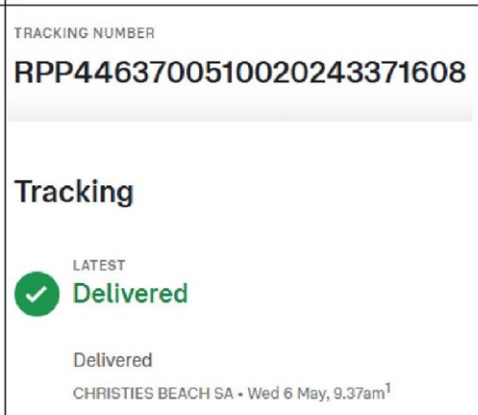
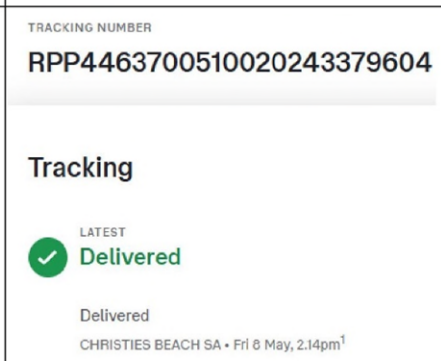
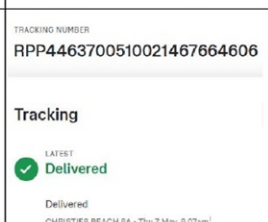
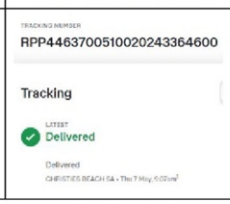
Your destination Hair and Beauty	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433956O4 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.23am	Called 15/05 1:49 spoke to someone who went to get the boss [redacted], came back said didn't receive the letter and wasn't interested.[redacted]
Annies Cafe	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467666600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 11.31am	Called 15/05 1:52pm left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
Aussie Home Loans	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433596O6 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 8.28am	Called 15/05 1:54 spoke to [redacted] advised directors would have received letter, let know survey open until Monday. Would like to be contacted via email for future events [redacted]
Flava Café	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433586O9 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 8.26am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:00pm advised owner away asked if could call back Monday and will speak to owner over weekend [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - happy with current level of engagement
Solasta	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676936O6 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 8.24am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:03pm not sure if had received letter but didn't need to provide feedback, doesn't impact them as on a weekend, doesn't think need to be contacted for future events for same reason.
The ESPY Bakehouse	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676566O1 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.49am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:07pm advised to call [redacted] back Monday. Site visit 5/6 Happy with current arrangements in place, new owners not there
Headspace	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676856O1 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.54am	Called 15/05 will pass on information didn't want any contact details advised they would be fine [redacted]

Chapter 11	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676696O1 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am	Site visit 5/6 - unstaffed
KORA	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676606O8 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.50am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:13pm wasn't sure if received the letter. Will pass on information and contact details to boss [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - unstaffed
CKP Taxation	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433626O6 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.52am	Called 15/05 2:15pm receptionist spoke to [redacted] was too busy doing tax returns too come to phone, didn't have any feedback [redacted]
Smoke Shop	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676836O7 Tracking LATEST Contact sender Returned to Sender - Incorrect address on item CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.56am	Mail returned undeliverable – no email or phone number to follow up Site visit 5/6 - did not want to speak to staff
The Land Bar	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433636O3 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Mon 11 May, 2.39pm	[redacted] to contact Site visit 5/6 Loved the position of toilets, Beachside was best sale day yet
Nunkuwarrin Yunti SA Inc.	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676626O2 Tracking LATEST Attempted delivery Receiver not known at address CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.56am NEXT Awaiting collection	Mail returned undeliverable Site visit 5/6 - no one there
Save the Children Op Shop	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676636O9 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.57am	Called 15/05 2:22pm number disconnected [redacted] Site visit 5/6 Advised to contact head office. Need more notice regarding car parks

Tel Speech Pathology	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676966O7 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.28am[1]	Called left VM 15/05 2:19pm Site visit 5/6 - no feedback
The Sapphire Room	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676786O3 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.29am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] at 4:50pm on 14/5/26. Wasn't a good time to talk (was with a client), so said he would get the boss to find the letter and either fill in the online form or call me back. [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - busy with clients, left a sorry we missed you card
Tamwell Arts	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433546O1 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Tue 12 May, 9.16am[1]	15/5 No answer - Left message [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
Double Drop	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433526O7 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.59am[1]	Coffee shop closed 12 may to 5 June Site visit 5/6 Closed
The Lost Paradise Shop	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433566O5 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 1.26pm[1]	Spoke with the owner at 4:48pm on 14/5/26 and they will fill in the online form over the weekend.[redacted] Site visit 5/6 - spoke with [redacted] they will send through their email address.

The Beat Box	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676616O5 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.31am[1]	Spoke with [redacted] at 4:45pm on 14/5/26. He will fill in the online form tomorrow morning. [redacted] Has completed survey
Adelaide Podiatry	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676586O5 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 11.09am[1]	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:29pm advised had received the letter, will send [redacted] (owner) a reminder. They would like to be emailed for future planning [redacted] as they have elderly clientele and the events effect their access [redacted]
Beyond Blindness	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676656O3 Tracking Ov LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH NORTH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 4.21pm[1]	Called spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:32pm picked up letter today. Would not like to be contacted for future event planning [redacted]
The Macron Bar	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433616O9 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 11.13am[1]	Spoke with [redacted] at 4:38pm on 14/5/26. She will fill in the online form tonight [redacted] Has completed survey
Boomers Bar & Kitchen	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676686O4 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.02am[1]	Left voicemail message at 4:35pm on 14/5/26 asking for a call back. [redacted] Looks like they may be overseas Site visit 5/6 - owners not there

Two by the Sea	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510020243377600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Fri 8 May, 3.00pm[1]	Called left VM 15/05 2:34pm [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
KX Pilates	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467688602 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 10.51am[1]	Called 15/05 2:37pm spoke to [redacted] advised had received letter, will remind [redacted] (owner). Would like to be contacted for Pageant as effects them in the morning with classes but they are closed for BSFW email [redacted]
American Candy Christies	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467682600 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.04am[1]	No phone number or email to follow up 5/6 Site visit, owner not available, left a sorry we missed you card
Beach Road Pizza	TRACKING NUMBER RPP4463700510021467687605 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 9.33am[1]	Spoke to owner (female) at 4:31pm on 14/5/26. Too busy to talk, and asked me to call back before 3pm on Monday (18/5) [redacted] Site visit 5/6 closed

Seaside Spit		Left message with employee at 3:18pm on 14/5/26 mentioning the letter and asking for the owner to call me back. [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - owner not there, left a sorry we missed you card
Thompson Smyth Barristers & Solicitors		Site visit 5/6 [redacted] spoke to [redacted] email provided on business card.
The Bubbly Tea & Coffee Co		Unable to find email or phone number Site visit 5/6 - closed
Hair Par La Mer		Called 15/05 2:43pm left VM [redacted]
Kate Sincock Beauty (located in Hair Pa La Mer)		Site visit 5/6 [redacted] provided business card with phone number.

Arch Real Estate	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676556O4 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Fri 8 May, 3:38pm	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:45pm received letter, didn't have feedback only moved in in March. Would like to be contacted via email for future planning [redacted]
MGK & Co Accountants	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676576O8 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Thu 7 May, 11:04am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:49pm have received letter and it has been circulated, have been extremely busy. Would like to be contacted via letter or email for future planning [redacted]
Portal 58	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433726O5 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Thu 7 May, 10:51am	Left voicemail message at 3:14pm on 14/5/26 asking for a call back [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - [redacted] spoke with [redacted] contact in future via email.
Southern Skin Illustrations	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433786O7 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Wed 6 May, 9:21am	Will be moving in a few weeks so no feedback
Brightstar	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676816O3 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Thu 7 May, 9:33am	Called 15/05 2:52 pm received letter, does not want to be contacted doesn't affect them being a support service [redacted]
Clarke Rubber	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433606O2 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Wed 6 May, 9:22am	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:55pm, advised boss is busy doubts will provide feedback and ended call [redacted]
Miranda's Collab	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676546O7 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA - Thu 7 May, 2:14pm	Unable to locate phone number Email sent 15/5 ECM Happy with the letter, please don't register post. Changing time of road closure - 2pm rather than 11am. Need to make sure staff have acess to carpark. Thought CP ran too long.

Miss Glamour	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676536 00 Tracking LATEST Awaiting collection Awaiting collection at CHRISTIES BEACH LPO CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Wed 6 May, 9.50am	Called 15/05 2:57 left VM [redacted] Filled in survey
Ability Inclusive Services	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676526 03 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 12.52pm	Spoke to [redacted] 15/05 2:59 received letter, no feedback doesn't affect them other than it is awesome. Would like to be contacted for future event planning via phone [redacted]
King Fit	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433696 05 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered CHRISTIES BEACH SA • Thu 7 May, 8.47am	Unable to locate email or phone number Site visit 5/6 - appeared to be not operational
Mortgage Choice	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100202433806 00 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered	Called spoke to [redacted] 15/05 3:01 received letter, will pass on message to business owners [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - closed
LRB Legal	TRACKING NUMBER RPP44637005100214676676 07 Tracking LATEST Delivered Delivered	Called 15/05 3:03pm left VM [redacted] Site visit 5/6 - no feedback as it doesn't affect them, just make sure site is cleaned after event

Verbatim feedback – via online submission form

2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival - business feedback	
The Macaron	
Thinking about the Beachside Food and Wine Festival held in February 2026, how would you describe your overall experience of the event for your business?	Very negative
What were the main ways the event impacted your business? Tick all that apply.	Disruptions to usual business operations Access, parking or logistics challenges Staffing or resourcing challenges
Please tell us more about your experience If you wish.	The impact of the 2026 Beach Side Food and Wine Festival on my business and surrounding traders was significant and, in my opinion, largely avoidable due to poor communication, inadequate planning, and a lack of meaningful consultation. Initial communication from council was limited, vague, and lacked clear information regarding the true event boundaries and the impact on surrounding businesses. The wording used throughout correspondence was indirect and, in my view, framed in a way that minimised concern while still allowing later interpretation against traders once issues were raised. One email invited "organisers" to attend a meeting regarding the possibility of extending the event up Beach Road. I am not an organiser of the event, yet I was included in this correspondence. This invitation was later referenced as evidence that I had been consulted about the event impacts, despite the wording suggesting the meeting related only to preliminary discussions and not confirmed operational arrangements. A map included in communications showed liquor licensing boundaries marked in red. The accompanying wording specifically stated that businesses outside of those boundaries would still have pedestrian access. At no point was it clearly communicated that temporary fencing would be erected blocking direct pedestrian access between the event and surrounding businesses. I only became aware of the fencing approximately two weeks prior to the event after another business casually asked me about parking arrangements. I then contacted the event coordinator directly and was informed that fencing would completely block pedestrian access between the event and several businesses.

	I immediately emailed requesting a simple access gate so customers could move between the event and surrounding traders. My request was not acknowledged until a councillor became involved. During a later phone call with the event coordinator, I was repeatedly asked what outcome I wanted despite already clearly proposing a gate solution. I was told this was "too late," "impossible," and that liquor licensing would not approve changes at that stage. I later contacted liquor licensing directly and was advised that the issue was relatively minor and there had been sufficient time for amendments had they been submitted when concerns were first raised. At one stage, an alternative suggestion was made that signage could direct patrons behind the Beach Road shops. This area is private property and unsuitable for pedestrian traffic, particularly during a licensed event involving alcohol consumption. The area contains uneven surfaces, potholes, bins, and hazards and would not have been safe or appropriate for public access. Following significant concern from affected traders, a special meeting was eventually held and a gate was approved. However, communication regarding this remained extremely poor. I discovered through liquor licensing, not council, that the gate had been approved. No direct communication was provided to affected businesses, leaving us uncertain throughout the week leading into the event regarding staffing, stock preparation, and operational planning. Further issues became apparent in the days prior to the event. I discovered that only seven of approximately forty businesses directly impacted by the event had initially received communication regarding the location change from the reserve to Beach Road itself. While road closure notices were distributed, they did not clearly explain that temporary fencing would be erected across the road, nor that businesses would be fenced either inside or outside of the event footprint. Several businesses were significantly impacted operationally. Some had clients cancel appointments after learning access would be disrupted. One

	business, Kora, was effectively blocked from access on multiple sides despite being a recovery and wellness space that relies on a calm and accessible environment for clients. On the day of the event, the "gate" installed at Clement Terrace was not presented as a genuine public entrance. Unlike the main festival entrances, it had no visible welcoming infrastructure, signage, or clear accessibility. A metal fence was manually opened and closed by security guards, with large "No Entry" signage directly adjacent to the area. From both inside and outside the event, the gate appeared closed or inaccessible. I personally witnessed patrons unable to locate an entry point, leaving the area entirely or climbing fencing elsewhere. Additionally, festival infrastructure was placed on private business property without appropriate consultation, including generators and equipment blocking cars in and parking spaces used by customers and traders. Throughout the event and in the weeks following, numerous customers commented that it was disappointing businesses had been "excluded" from the festival and expressed surprise when informed there had technically been an access gate, as they had been unable to find or use it. I was also concerned by public messaging suggesting that only "one business" had an issue with the event. This was inaccurate. Multiple businesses were impacted, and concerns were raised collectively. The repeated framing of the issue as originating from a single trader minimised the broader impact experienced by surrounding businesses. Overall, I was extremely disappointed by the standard of communication, consultation, and event planning demonstrated throughout this process. The communication provided to businesses was unclear, incomplete, and at times appeared intentionally drafted in a way that reduced the likelihood of early objections while later allowing responsibility to be shifted back onto affected traders. The event itself may have been successful for attendees, however the process surrounding it

	caused unnecessary stress, operational disruption, financial uncertainty, and reputational damage for a number of established local businesses.
For future Beachside Food and Wine Festival events, would you be interested in? Tick all that apply	Participate as a stall holder Extend your business hour to align with the event Collaborate on promotions or activations Event sponsor Volunteer involvement
Is there anything else you would like us to consider when planning future Beachside Food and Wine Festivals, noting that all feedback will be considered alongside budget, operational and other Council requirements?	Feed back for future communication and events • Clear, direct communication with all affected businesses from the outset, including explicit wording where temporary fencing, restricted pedestrian access, or event boundaries will impact normal trade operations. • All event notifications should include: * A detailed site map * Clearly marked fencing locations * Entry and exit points * Road closures * Pedestrian access arrangements * Identification of businesses that may be fenced in or fenced out • Communication should be sent to all businesses directly impacted by the event, not only organisers or selected traders. • Consultation with affected businesses should occur before finalising event layouts so practical operational concerns can be identified early. • Existing businesses located within or adjacent to event boundaries should be considered part of the event footprint and integrated where possible, rather than isolated from foot traffic. • Event entry and exit points should be planned strategically to support surrounding businesses and maintain safe, logical pedestrian flow. • If changes are requested by affected businesses, there should be a transparent escalation and review process rather than businesses being told adjustments are “too late” without evidence that options have been explored. • Temporary entrances or access points should be designed to look like legitimate event entry points,

	with clear signage, staffing, visibility, and accessibility equal to primary entrances. Council should ensure all contractors and event infrastructure placements respect surrounding private property, customer parking, and business operations. • Public messaging from council and event organisers should accurately reflect the concerns raised by businesses and avoid minimising widespread impacts as isolated complaints from individual traders. • Internal communication and professionalism within council should be maintained at all times, particularly when dealing with businesses raising legitimate operational concerns. I strongly believe community events can positively support local business when planned collaboratively and communicated transparently. My feedback is intended to help improve future event planning processes so that local traders are included, informed, and supported rather than unintentionally disadvantaged.
What is your preferred method of contact	Email Phone
The Beatbox	
Thinking about the Beachside Food and Wine Festival held in February 2026, how would you describe your overall experience of the event for your business?	Somewhat negative
What were the main ways the event impacted your business? Tick all that apply.	Disruptions to usual business operations Access, parking or logistics challenges
Please tell us more about your experience If you wish.	Customers claimed access to our shop was too difficult so from midday onwards trade dropped right off.we stayed open for an extra 2 hrs w 2 walk ins and no sales.we'll likely just close the shop for the day once access is restricted
For future Beachside Food and Wine Festival events, would you be interested in? Tick all that apply.	Unsure
Is there anything else you would like us to consider when planning future Beachside Food and Wine Festivals, noting that all feedback will be considered alongside budget, operational and other Council requirements?	Communication to ALL impacted businesses prior to event if feedback is truly wanted

What is your preferred method of contact	Email Phone
Miss Glamour Beauty & Spa Studio	
Thinking about the Beachside Food and Wine Festival held in February 2026, how would you describe your overall experience of the event for your business?	Very negative
What were the main ways the event impacted your business? Tick all that apply.	Disruptions to usual business operations
Please tell us more about your experience If you wish.	I must closed my studio due road closure and effect my business as its weekend. Which is the most day I could make money. I think this event best hold in wineries also help them promote them.
For future Beachside Food and Wine Festival events, would you be interested in? Tick all that apply.	Not interested
Is there anything else you would like us to consider when planning future Beachside Food and Wine Festivals, noting that all feedback will be considered alongside budget, operational and other Council requirements?	
What is your preferred method of contact	Email

10.10 INFORMATION INTEGRITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Report contact	Meeting
Rachel Harkin, Team Leader Strategy	Council
Manager	
Ynys Onsman, Manager Strategy, Sustainability and Economic Growth	
Director	**Date**
Jani Baker, Director Strategy, Engagement and Community	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report responds to the council resolution of 28 April 2026 regarding the Mayor's Key Climate Themes and Actions, specifically the action to prepare a council report providing background on a Select Committee Inquiry into Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy, and make recommendations for advocacy.

The report outlines the relevance of the inquiry's findings to local government and proposes advocacy that supports access to reliable, evidence-based climate information and greater assistance for councils in responding to information integrity challenges that can affect community engagement, resilience and climate adaptation outcomes.

2. Recommendations

That Council:

- **Notes the recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy (as detailed in Attachment 3 to the agenda report).**
- **Recognises the importance of reliable, evidence-based information in supporting informed community participation and sound public policy.**
- **Reaffirms its commitment to evidence-based decision-making in relation to climate adaptation, environmental sustainability, resilience and energy matters.**
- **Acknowledges the objectives of the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change and supports efforts to strengthen access to accurate and trustworthy climate information.**
- **Advocate for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the Local Government Association South Australia (LGA SA) to prioritise seeking greater support for local government in responding to information integrity challenges, encouraging advocacy to the Federal Government to endorse the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change.**

3. Executive summary

This report responds to the Council resolution of 28 April 2026 regarding the Mayor's Key Climate Themes and Actions, specifically the action to prepare a report on the Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy and to make recommendations for advocacy.

The report outlines the findings of the Committee's March 2026 inquiry and their relevance to local government. The inquiry found that misinformation and disinformation can undermine public understanding of climate science, climate risks and energy policy, erode trust in public institutions and experts, contribute to community conflict and polarisation, and impede effective responses to climate and energy challenges. The Committee concluded that

strengthening information integrity is an important component of democratic participation, evidence-based decision-making and community resilience, and made 12 recommendations, including that the Australian Government endorse the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change.

The findings are particularly relevant to local government, which plays a key role in engaging communities on climate adaptation, resilience planning, environmental management, disaster preparedness and sustainability initiatives. Evidence presented to the inquiry demonstrated that misinformation can create confusion about the nature and extent of climate risks, reduce public confidence in evidence-based information, and make it more difficult for communities to make informed decisions about adaptation and resilience measures. The inquiry also heard evidence that misinformation relating to renewable energy developments, community batteries and climate initiatives contributed to misunderstanding, opposition, delays and increased costs for projects, while placing additional demands on government resources for community engagement, communications and stakeholder management.

These challenges are significant for councils as they work with communities to prepare for increasing climate-related risks such as extreme heat, bushfire, flooding, coastal hazards and severe storms. Where misinformation undermines trust in climate information or adaptation measures, it can reduce community preparedness, impede constructive public participation and limit the effectiveness of initiatives intended to improve resilience and reduce vulnerability.

In response, this report recommends that Council advocate to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and Local Government Association South Australia (LGA SA) to prioritise stronger support for information integrity on climate change and related issues. The proposed advocacy supports access to reliable, evidence-based climate information and seeks greater assistance for local governments in responding to information integrity challenges that can affect community engagement, resilience, climate adaptation outcomes and the successful delivery of sustainability initiatives.

The proposed advocacy is consistent with Council's Climate Change Response Plan 2022–27, particularly Goal 2: *Climate Ready Communities*, and supports Council's longstanding commitment to evidence-based decision-making and informed community participation.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	This report does not propose new policy or regulatory changes and is limited to advocacy consistent with Council's recognised role in representing local interests to other levels of government. The proposed action aligns with Council's Climate Change Response Plan, particularly Goal 2: Climate Ready Communities, which recognises the importance of ensuring communities understand climate-related risks and have access to trusted information to support preparedness and resilience.
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Advocacy letters as per attachments.

5. Discussion

Council's Climate Change Response Plan recognises that building climate-ready communities requires residents, businesses and community organisations to understand local climate risks and have access to trusted, practical and evidence-based information that supports informed decision-making and preparedness.

For many years, Council has adopted an evidence-based approach to climate adaptation and resilience planning, developing practical and locally relevant policies, programs and initiatives that assist communities to prepare for challenges including extreme weather events, coastal hazards, biodiversity decline, flooding and changing environmental conditions. These activities rely on the availability of credible information and informed community participation to support effective policy development, planning and implementation.

At its meeting on 28 April 2026, Council received a report regarding the Mayor's Key Climate Themes and Actions as a result of her observations at COP30 and the C40 World Mayors Summit. This included assessing the feasibility of 12 actions, and approving several of theses actions – one of which was to prepare a council report providing background on climate mis and disinformation (particularly in regards to the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy), and recommendations for advocacy.

In March 2026, the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy delivered its final report, *The Integrity Gap: Restoring Trust in the Climate and Energy Debate*. The Committee found that misinformation and disinformation relating to climate change and energy can undermine public understanding, erode trust, contribute to community conflict and slow effective responses to climate and energy challenges. The Committee concluded that strengthening information integrity is an important component of democratic participation, evidence-based public policy and community resilience.

The Committee's findings are particularly relevant to local government. Councils are increasingly required to engage communities on matters including climate adaptation, resilience planning, environmental management, renewable energy infrastructure, disaster preparedness and sustainability initiatives. Effective community engagement in these areas depends upon access to reliable and evidence-based information. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), in its submission to the Senate inquiry, highlighted that misinformation and disinformation can undermine confidence in scientific and technical advice, complicate community engagement processes and leave local government policies and planning initiatives vulnerable to non-evidence-based opposition.

The impacts of misinformation and disinformation on local government are not merely theoretical. Evidence presented to the Senate inquiry identified instances where inaccurate or misleading information affected community understanding of climate and energy projects, contributing to delays, increased community conflict and challenges for public decision-making.

For example, the Inquiry heard evidence relating to community battery projects, where misinformation circulated through social media channels influenced community perceptions regarding battery safety and technology risks. One example cited to the Committee involved a community battery project in Narrabri that initially received local support but later encountered significant opposition following misinformation campaigns on social media. Evidence before the Committee suggested that misinformation can affect the social licence needed to deliver local sustainability and resilience projects, increasing project complexity, delaying implementation and diverting council resources into addressing misinformation rather than project delivery.

This example is consistent with concerns raised by MAV that misinformation and disinformation can undermine community confidence in trusted information sources and make it more difficult for councils to undertake evidence-based planning, sustainability and climate adaptation initiatives. MAV noted that local governments are increasingly required to navigate

complex climate and energy discussions while ensuring decisions remain grounded in credible evidence and expert advice.

Consistent with these findings, Council recognises the importance of reliable, evidence-based information in supporting informed community participation and sound public policy. Council also reaffirms its commitment to evidence-based decision-making in relation to climate adaptation, environmental sustainability, community resilience and energy matters.

The Senate Committee made a range of recommendations aimed at strengthening Australia's information ecosystem and improving resilience to misinformation and disinformation. Among these recommendations was that the Australian Government formally endorse the *Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change*, launched at COP30 in Belém, Brazil. The Declaration promotes access to reliable, accurate and evidence-based climate information and recognises the importance of informed public participation, transparency and collaboration across all levels of government and society. The Declaration also acknowledges the role of subnational governments (i.e. cities and local government) in supporting community understanding and climate action.

At the time of writing, the Australian Government has not formally responded to the Committee's recommendations. This presents an opportunity for local government to contribute constructively to national discussions regarding information integrity and the support required by councils to engage effectively with communities on complex climate and energy issues.

Further, the Committee’s final recommendation is that:

A further recommendation is that:

> the Australian Government resource community led engagement driven by organisations with proven track records in local communities. These models may include capacity building for local leaders in rural and regional areas, support for local governments that are contingent on their engagement with community organisations or groups with a proven track record.

In response, this report proposes encouraging the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and Local Government Association South Australia (LGA SA) to prioritise support for local government in responding to information integrity challenges, including advocating that the Australian Government consider endorsement of the Declaration.

It seeks to encourage national leadership, improved access to trusted information and practical support for local governments in their role as trusted providers of community information and facilitators of informed public participation.

This is aligned with Council's strategic objectives, the findings of the Senate Select Committee and emerging local government sector perspectives. It reflects support for the principles of information integrity, evidence-based decision-making and informed public participation that underpin Council's existing approach to climate adaptation and community resilience.

For local government, information integrity is ultimately a practical resilience issue. Communities require access to trusted and evidence-based information to understand risks, evaluate options and prepare for future climate impacts. When misinformation and disinformation undermine confidence in credible information sources, councils may face greater challenges in engaging communities, communicating risks and implementing resilience measures. Supporting initiatives that strengthen access to accurate and trustworthy climate information contributes directly to Council's objective of fostering informed, resilient and climate-ready communities.

6. Financial implications

Nil

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Reputation/community expectation	There are diverse community views on climate change, which can cause confusion and division. Ensuring information integrity, transparency and evidence-based decision-making is a strong risk mitigant.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Strengthening informed public discourse	Support accurate, evidence-based discussion on climate and energy issues at a community and national level.
Demonstrating council leadership	Demonstrate council is a constructive advocate for transparency and good governance.
Alignment with national and international efforts	Advocate to state and federal local government bodies emphasises the sector wide importance of this issue.
Community trust	Build confidence that climate discussions are grounded in reliable information.

8. Timelines and deadlines

Subject to Council endorsement, correspondence to ALGA and the LGA will be issued. No ongoing deadlines apply, with any follow-up undertaken as required based on responses received.

9. Next steps

Subject to Council endorsement, the draft letters to ALGA and the LGA with this report will be finalised and issued by the Mayor. Any responses received will be noted, with further action considered only if required.

10. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Draft correspondence to LGA SA (2 pages)

Attachment 2 – Draft correspondence to ALGA (2 pages)

Attachment 3 – Recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy (4 pages)

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XX July 2026
Our ref: 8971459

Heather Holmes Ross
President
Local Government Association of South Australia
Adelaide SA

Dear Ms Ross,

The City of Onkaparinga writes to encourage the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) to prioritise advocacy on information integrity and its implications for local government governance, community engagement and resilience.

As councils increasingly engage communities on climate adaptation, environmental sustainability, disaster preparedness, resilience planning and energy-related matters, access to trusted, practical and evidence-based information is essential to informed community participation and effective local decision-making.

The LGA provides highly valued and well-regarded support to member councils in many areas of climate policy and practice, and we note the strong satisfaction from councils for the Climate Partnerships program.

An additional area of growing importance is the challenge of mis and disinformation. As evidenced in the findings of the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy, misinformation and disinformation can undermine public understanding, erode trust, contribute to community conflict and impede effective responses to climate and energy challenges. The Committee identified information integrity as an important element of democratic participation, evidence-based public policy and community resilience.

The Committee's findings are particularly relevant to local government. Evidence presented during the inquiry identified examples where misinformation affected public understanding of renewable energy and community resilience projects, creating challenges for community engagement, project delivery and informed decision-making. The inquiry heard evidence of misinformation campaigns relating to renewable energy developments and community battery projects that contributed to confusion and opposition within affected communities.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) recognised information integrity as an emerging issue for local government through its submission to the Senate Select Committee. MAV highlighted the impacts that misinformation and disinformation can have on evidence-based decision-making, community engagement, climate adaptation initiatives and sustainability programs, and has subsequently promoted sector discussion and awareness of these challenges among Victorian councils. Council considers this a useful example of how a state local government association can support members in responding to information integrity issues that affect local planning, community engagement and project delivery.

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Accordingly, Council encourages LGA to:

- recognise information integrity as an emerging issue relevant to local government governance, community engagement and resilience
- facilitate discussion across the sector regarding the practical impacts of misinformation and disinformation on local government programs, projects and community engagement processes
- advocate for greater State and Federal Government support to assist councils in maintaining informed and constructive community engagement, in line with the Senate Inquiry's recommendation that:
    - The Australian Government resource community led engagement driven by organisations with proven track records in local communities. These models may include capacity building for local leaders in rural and regional areas, support for local governments that are contingent on their engagement with community organisations or groups with a proven track record.
- work collaboratively with ALGA and other state local government associations on information integrity issues affecting councils
- support advocacy to the Australian Government regarding endorsement of the *Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change*, consistent with the recommendation of the Senate Select Committee.

Council believes that strengthening access to trusted information will assist councils to build informed, resilient and climate-ready communities. We look forward to working with LGA SA and the broader local government sector on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Moira Were
City of Onkaparinga

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Matt Burnett
President
Australian Local Government Association
Canberra ACT

Support for Local Government Advocacy on Information Integrity and Climate Change

Dear Mr Burnett,

The City of Onkaparinga writes to encourage the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to prioritise advocacy on information integrity as an emerging issue affecting local government planning, community engagement and climate resilience.

Local governments play a critical role in engaging communities on climate adaptation, environmental management, disaster preparedness, resilience planning and sustainability initiatives. Effective community participation in these matters depends on residents having access to reliable, evidence-based information that supports informed decision-making.

Council notes the findings of the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy, which found that misinformation and disinformation relating to climate change and energy can undermine public understanding, erode trust, contribute to community conflict and impede effective responses to climate and energy challenges.

The Committee concluded that strengthening information integrity is an important component of democratic participation, evidence-based policy and community resilience.

The Committee's findings are particularly relevant to local government. Evidence presented during the inquiry identified examples where misinformation affected public understanding of climate and energy projects, creating challenges for community engagement and project delivery.

In particular, Council notes the Committee's recommendations that:

> The Australian Government endorse the *Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change*, launched at COP30 in Belém, Brazil. The Declaration promotes access to reliable, accurate and evidence-based climate information and recognises the role of subnational governments in supporting informed public participation and climate action.

And

> The Australian Government resource community led engagement driven by organisations with proven track records in local communities. These models may include capacity building for local leaders in rural and regional areas, support for local governments that are

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contingent on their engagement with community organisations or groups with a proven track record.

Accordingly, Council encourages ALGA to:

- advocate for greater recognition of information integrity as a local government issue
- support practical assistance and capacity-building for councils responding to information integrity challenges;
- advocate for improved access to trusted, evidence-based information resources for local governments and communities;
- support initiatives that strengthen informed community participation and media literacy; and
- advocate for the Australian Government to consider endorsement of the *Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change*, consistent with the recommendation of the Senate Select Committee.

Council would welcome opportunities to work with ALGA and other councils on initiatives that strengthen informed public participation, evidence-based decision-making and community

Please contact my Mayoral Liaison Officer on 8384 0666 or via email at mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au to arrange a time to meet should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

Moira Were AM
Mayor

The Integrity Gap: Restoring Trust in the Climate and Energy Debate

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Recommendations

List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

9.23The committee recommends the Australian Government support and adopt the United Nations Global Principles on Information Integrity and work to coordinate the application of these principles across government.

Recommendation 2

9.26The committee recommends the Australian Government officially endorse the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change launched at COP30 in Belem, Brazil.

Recommendation 3

9.33The committee recommends the Australian Government ensure the adequacy of resourcing for regulators such as Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to combat and expose corporate greenwashing.

Recommendation 4

9.34The committee recommends the Australian Government explore ways to ensure greater transparency of campaign activities, such as the creation of third parties, that are resourced by commercial/corporate interests in the lead up to a federal election.

Recommendation 5

9.40The committee recommends the Australian Government continue to provide funding support for regional and independent media outlets.

Recommendation 6

9.41The committee recommends the Australian Government increase funding for social sciences research relating to threats to climate and energy information integrity including potential solutions.

Recommendation 7

9.42The committee recommends the Australian Government explore funding models for independent monitoring support (for example, via the Australian Internet Observatory) to track hidden digital influence ecosystems and provide independent transparency and accountability of platforms.

Recommendation 8

9.45The committee recommends the Australian Government, through the regular Education Ministers' Meeting curriculum review cycle, broaden the Australian Curriculum 'digital literacy' general capability to strengthen media literacy.

Recommendation 9

9.46The committee recommends the upcoming National Media Literacy Strategy incorporate the information integrity framework with examples from the climate and energy domain.

Recommendation 10

9.47The committee recommends the Australian Government, coordinated through the Education Ministers' Meeting, establish stronger oversight and disclosure requirements for corporate engagement within school systems, with clear policies regulating philanthropic or corporate relationships that may interfere with educational integrity.

Recommendation 11

9.55The committee recommends the Australian Government consider legislative or regulatory reform which identifies psychosocial harms, places the onus of responsibility in addressing these harms onto digital platforms and monitors effectiveness of their mitigations through regulatory and civic oversight.

Recommendation 12

9.56The committee recommends the Australian Government improve the quality of data reported to the Australian Communications and Media Authority from the digital platforms to include for example, thematic breakdown of their reporting inclusive of climate and energy data, denominator data, removal actions and paid advertising related to climate and energy.

Recommendation 13

9.57The committee recommends that the Australian Government consider how researchers could be provided adequate legal protection to undertake their work in the digital platform space.

Recommendation 14

9.58The committee recommends the Australian Government consider how to improve the complaints resolution process, including about false and misleading information online.

Recommendation 15

9.64The committee recommends the Australian Government ensure the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner is adequately funded for community engagement.

Recommendation 16

9.65The committee recommends the Australian Government require the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner to provide a summary of threats to climate and energy information integrity in their annual report.

Recommendation 17

9.66The committee recommends that the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation consider social licence on renewable energy projects. This could include:

□hiring new staff with expertise in social science, behavioural science, and community engagement, and;

□ensuring their decision making and advisory bodies have social licence expertise represented.

Recommendation 18

9.67The committee recommends that the Australian Government task the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to provide advice on the costs and benefits of renewable energy creation, storage and transmission alongside clean manufacturing to create data needed to address local social licence concerns.

Recommendation 19

9.68The committee recommends the National Health and Medical Research Council fund new research on the effects of wind energy on human health.

Recommendation 20

9.69The committee recommends the Australian Government continue to strengthen communication and social licence capability across government agencies and departments. Improved information flow between jurisdictions and across departments will help address knowledge fragmentations across multiple sectors of the economy (e.g. transport, electricity, agriculture, emergency services).

Recommendation 21

9.70The committee recommends the Australian Government resource community led engagement driven by organisations with proven track records in local communities. These models may include capacity building for local leaders in rural and regional areas, support for local governments that are contingent on their engagement with community organisations or groups with a proven track record.

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10.11 CITY OF ONKAPARINGA AWARDS POLICY REVIEW

Report contact	Meeting
Alex Taylor, Civic Governance Officer	Council
Manager	
Renée Mitchell, Manager Governance (Acting)	
Director	**Date**
Renée Mitchell, Director Planning, Governance and Regulatory Services	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

The City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy has been reviewed and is presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

2. Recommendations

That the City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy provided at attachment 1 to the agenda report be adopted.

3. Executive summary

The City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy (the Policy) defines the awards that are presented by the City of Onkaparinga.

The changes made to the Policy include the addition of the Mayor's Reconciliation Week Award and an expansion of the scope of the Youth Recognition Awards to include the Neporendi Deadly Achiever category.

Amendments have been made to several awards to increase clarity, embed established processes, reduce ambiguity and improve timing.

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	The City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy.
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Civic Governance, Community Capacity, Development Services

5. Discussion

The Policy outlines the awards presented by the City of Onkaparinga. The provision of these awards is discretionary, as there is no legislative requirements for councils to administer community award programs.

Consultation was undertaken with relevant internal stakeholders, noting that awards are administered across several teams. Feedback was incorporated to review and refine the Policy. A desktop review of comparable council award policies was also conducted to inform best practice.

As a result of this review, a number of amendments and additions have been identified and are shown as tracked changed in Attachment 1. Key changes include:

Mayor's Reconciliation Week Awards

The Mayor's Reconciliation Week Awards have been incorporated into the Policy to formalise an initiative introduced in 2024. These awards recognise local individuals, organisations and community groups making a meaningful contribution to reconciliation within the City of Onkaparinga.

The Mayor and Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group review all eligible nominations and determine recipients, to be awarded annually during National Reconciliation Week. Each recipient receives a certificate and a small token of appreciation.

Youth Recognition Awards

A new category the *Neporendi Deadly Achiever,* has been introduced in collaboration with Neporendi Forum Inc. This award celebrates an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young person aged 8 to 25 years living in the City of Onkaparinga, making an impact through their contribution to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Culture, Community, or Country.

Additionally, terminology within the Youth Recognition Awards has been updated, replacing 'runners-up' with 'highly commended' to better reflect the intent of recognition.

Other changes

- Improved clarity around staff ineligibility for awards, with the exception of the History and Heritage Awards.
- Strengthened criteria and nomination process for the Key to the City Award to ensure consistency and formally recognise established methods.
- Minor adjustments to nomination timeframes for the Youth Recognition Awards and Every Generation Awards.
- Clarification that Intergenerational category within the Every Generation Awards are open to all ages.
- Additional criteria and presentation guidance for the Mayoral Civic Achievement Award and Certificate of Appreciation to ensure consistent recognition of community contribution.

6. Financial implications

The costs associated with the recommendations will be covered within existing budgets.

7. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Changing the timing of nominations and presentations may confuse some individuals	Adequate promotion of these changes to ensure voters are aware of the opening and closing dates.
A sizeable increase in award recipients may weaken community recognition of the award suite	All awards are considered carefully on their merits using a clear and concise set of criteria.

Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Added recognition for first nations youth	Introducing the Neporendi Deadly Achiever Award will provide an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander youth making an impact through their culture.
Formalising the Mayor's Reconciliation Week Awards	Legitimising the awards will inspire community confidence in continued recognition for reconciliation efforts.
Consolidate the Policy	Strengthen award processes to ensure consistency and uphold the prestige of Council awards.

8. Next steps

The Awards Policy will be published to Council's website.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy (11 pages)

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City of Onkaparinga Awards – Council Policy

City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy

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CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

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2. Preamble

The contents of and the commitments that council makes in this policy are not intended to be and should not be interpreted to be any more than a statement of the City of Onkaparinga's general position in relation to those matters, and to facilitate its aspirations wherever it is reasonable to do so.

3. Policy purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out and define the awards that are presented by the City of Onkaparinga. The procedure addresses the type of award, timing, criteria, categories, nomination,

assessment and presentation of each award.
It is acknowledged that any legislative requirement which affects Council will take precedence over Council's policies and procedures.

4. Scope

The City of Onkaparinga Awards suite consists of:

- Key to the City
- Freedom of the City
- Ray Gilbert Awards for Excellence (formerly the Excellence Awards)
- Australia Day Awards
- Youth Recognition Awards
- Every Generation Onkaparinga Awards
- History and Heritage Awards
- Mayor's Reconciliation Week Awards
- Mayoral Civic Achievement Award
- Certificate of Appreciation

This policy excludes:

- This policy does not include ad-hoc organisational awards/competitions run in conjunction with community events (i.e. all those that fall outside of the City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy)

City of Onkaparinga staff are ineligible to receive any of the awards listed within this policy, with the exception of the History and Heritage Awards.

5. Strategic context

The City of Onkaparinga Awards service reflects the values in the Community ~~Plan – 2035~~Vision 2034, ~~a positive city with people inspired to contribute and empowered to lead.~~to protect and enhance what's unique about this beautiful place, fostering a connected and healthy community that can continue to enjoy what it offers

6. Awards Policy

6.1 KEY TO THE CITY

The Key to the City recognises exceptional, outstanding achievement and is Council's most prestigious award. The award acknowledges the outstanding contribution of an individual or organisation in furthering the ideals of the city or to recognise outstanding achievement. The granting of the Key to the City is a symbolic gesture with no formal entitlements.

Timing
There is no set timing for the nomination or presentation of this award; it is triggered by the achievement of an individual or group.

Criteria
~~There is no set criteria, however it requires the consideration of Council.~~The nominee shall have made a profound contribution to the local community or warrant further recognition for an

outstanding achievement representing the City.

Nomination and assessment
Nominations are to be submitted in writing by Elected Members to the Mayor for assessment. Nominations must include a background and appropriate information to support the nomination, references should also be provided.~~Nomination, assessment and awarding of this award is by Elected Members to Council for approval.~~ Upon approval by the Mayor, a report will be prepared whereby Council will assess and determine whether it wishes to present the award.~~A report will be prepared and Council will assess and determine whether or not it wishes to present the award.~~

Presentation
Recipients are presented with an engraved framed key, certificate and Civic Achievement lapel badge at a presentation event hosted by the Mayor.

Recipients are recognised on an honour board, which is displayed in the Council Chamber.

6.2 FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The Freedom of the City is reserved for military units which have, through their command, a significant attachment to the City of Onkaparinga. Freedom of the City is the highest honour the City can confer on a military unit.

Timing
There is no set timing for the nomination or presentation of this award; it is triggered at the request or achievement of a military unit.

Criteria
The criteria considered for this award is the important role the unit plays in the community, by providing an example of leadership, encouraging skill development and/or providing a significant voluntary service to the community.

Nomination and assessment
Nominations can be made in writing by the military unit or by Elected Members. A report will be prepared and Council will assess and determine whether it wishes to grant the Freedom of the City.

Presentation
At the discretion of the Mayor, recipients will be recognised with a Freedom of the City certificate at a presentation event and/or parade hosted by the Mayor.

Recipients are recognised on an honour board, which is displayed in the Council Chamber.

6.3 RAY GILBERT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Formerly the City of Onkaparinga Excellence Awards.

At the Council meeting of 15 March 2022, in honour of the late, former inaugural Mayor, Ray Gilbert OAM, Council resolved to rename the Excellence Awards to the Ray Gilbert Award for Excellence.

The Ray Gilbert Award for Excellence may be awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to, or brought additional benefit to, the City. Recipients may also have made a

significant contribution outside of the City or have brought recognition to the City. This award is Council's second most prestigious award after the Key to the City and Freedom of the City.

Timing
There is no set timing for the nomination or presentation of this award; it is triggered by the achievement of an individual or group.

Criteria
The award can be given for any field of endeavour ~~eg~~i.e. business, community service, sports, arts or personal achievement to an individual or a group, and recipients can be current or former residents.

Achievements can be at a city, state, national or international level. Any exemplary contribution, service or achievement may also be considered even if it is not at a city, state, national or international level, e.g. selfless act to ensure the safety/rescue of another.

Nomination and assessment
Nominations are made in writing to the Mayor and accepted throughout the year. Nominations must include a background and appropriate information to support the nomination~~;~~, references should also be provided. There will not be a public call for nominations, but the availability of the award will be publicised annually.

A report will be prepared whereby Council will assess and determine whether it wishes to present the award.

Presentation
The award will be presented at a civic function or an event held specifically for the purpose and hosted by the Mayor.

Recipients will receive an engraved award, certificate and Civic Achievement lapel badge.

Recipients are recognised on an honour board, which is displayed in the Council Chamber.

6.4 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community. The awards are provided by the National Australia Day Council and administered at a local level by council. There are six categories to the awards, being:

- Australia Day Citizen of the Year
- Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Little Hero of the Year (12 years or less)
- Community Event of the Year

- Active Citizenship

Timing
Nominations open September and close November each year with the awards being presented on Australia Day (26 January).

Criteria
The criteria for the Australia Day Awards are established by the Australia Day Council. The full criteria for each Australia Day Award category are available on the nomination form.

Nomination and Assessment
Nominations are submitted to council on the appropriate form which is available on council's website. A report on the nominations received is prepared for the Australia Day Awards Committee (the Committee), who consider the nominations and determine the award recipients.

The Committee is established annually by Council and includes the Mayor, up to three Elected Members, a member of the Onkapringa Youth Committee and a member of the Every Generation Onkparinga Advisory Group.~~and up to three community members.~~

The Council will be notified of the Australia Day Award winners via a confidential report presented to the next available Council meeting after the relevant Australia Day Awards Committee meeting.

The media may be confidentially notified in advance of Australia Day to allow for timely media coverage.

Community Event category recipients who have received a City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Award three times are ineligible from receiving a further Australia Day Award and will be inducted into a Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame inductees will receive a certificate of recognition to be presented at the City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Awards event.

Presentation
The presentation event will generally be held during the City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Celebrations on 26 January and be hosted by the Mayor.

The recipients will be presented with an official Australia Day Council framed certificate, engraved award and a Civic Achievement lapel badge.

Recipients are recognised on an honour board, which is displayed in the Council Chamber.

6.5 YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Youth Recognition Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge young people and their supporters whose achievements and contributions are ordinarily not recognised. They will have made valuable contributions within the following categories:

- Personal achievement
- Contributions to the community
- Learning success

- Business Employment and Social Enterprise
- Youth Sector Worker of the Year
- Neporendi Deadly Achiever

To be eligible for the Youth Sector worker of the Year award, the nominated person can be of any age and must work with young people from the Onkaparinga area. Workers include but are not limited to: Police, Child Protection, Health, Education, Youth Work and Youth Services. This includes those working with young people in the sports and recreation, and arts and cultural sectors.

~~(Council employees are not eligible.)~~

Timing
Promotion starts annually in December~~;~~, nominations open in January and close end of February/ early~~in~~ March, with the awards being presented in April/May.

Criteria
These awards are open to young persons aged between 8-25 years.

Nomination and Assessment
Council's Onkaparinga Youth Committee considers the nominations and determines a primary 'winner' and '~~runner up~~highly commended' for each category. Every young person who is nominated receives ~~an award~~a certificate.

Presentation
Presentations are made at our major Youth Week event which occurs in April/May.

6.6 EVERY GENERATION ONKAPARINGA AWARDS

The Every Generation Onkaparinga (EGO) 'Celebrating Positive Ageing' Awards celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and valuable contributions people of all ages, cultures and abilities make to positive ageing in our communities. There are three categories for the awards being:

- Individual
- Group
- Intergenerational

Timing
Promotion starts annually in May/June~~;~~, nominations open in mid June ~~ly and close mid- August~~for 6 weeks to ensure the nomination period does not conflict with school and community centre closure dates. The presentation event is held in October/November.

Criteria
Award categories are ~~determined~~ reviewed and determined on an annual basis by the EGO Advisory Group.
Individual nominees must be aged 50 years or over, ~~and~~ intergenerational nominations are open to groups and individuals~~.~~ of any age.

The full criteria for the EGO awards can be found in the 'Guidelines' document, which is available on council's website.

Nomination and assessment
Council's EGO Advisory Group considers the nominations and determines the award recipients in accordance with a rigorous process and scoring criteria.

Presentation
The awards are presented at the annual EGO Awards Presentation event held in October/November. Award Rrecipients receive an engraved award, framed certificate and other prizes determined by the EGO Advisory Group.

6.7 HISTORY AND HERITAGE AWARDS

The History and Heritage Awards recognise and promote innovation in building design, support heritage conservation and support contributions to our local history. Property owners, students, schools, community groups, volunteers, historical organisations or educational organisations are encouraged to enter.

These awards consist of four categories, which are:

- Heritage Places – restoration and conservation
- Heritage Places – additions
- Heritage Places – adaptive reuse
- Traditional Building Skills

Timing
The nomination period opens biennially and the timing of the nomination period is presented to ~~the Strategic Directions Committee~~ Council for approval.

Criteria
Detailed criteria for each award categories are available on council's website under the History and Heritage webpage.

Nomination and Assessment
A judging panel is appointed by ~~the Strategic Directions Committee~~Council to consider and determine the awards.

Presentation
These awards are presented biennially by the Mayor and the recipients receive a certificate, a small trophy and a ~~$1500 cheque~~prize.

6.8 MAYOR'S RECONCILIATION WEEK AWARDS

The Mayor's Reconciliation Week Recognition Awards recognise local individuals, organisations and community groups who are making a meaningful contribution to reconciliation in the City of Onkaparinga. The awards aim to surface and celebrate reconciliation work that often goes unrecognised, inspire others to act, and demonstrate the council's ongoing commitment to reconciliation in the community.

Timing

Nominations typically open by early April and close in early May. Recipients are notified at least two weeks prior to the awards ceremony. The ceremony is held during National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June).

Criteria

The award is open to any individual, organisation or community group making a meaningful contribution to reconciliation.

The Mayor and RAP Working Group will consider how the nominee's actions relate to the National Reconciliation Week theme for that year and/or the five dimensions of reconciliation as identified by Reconciliation Australia: race relations, equality and equity, historical acceptance, institutional integrity and unity.

Nomination and Assessment

Nominations are submitted via an online form hosted on the Council's website. The Mayor and RAP Working Group review all eligible nominations and determine recipients. Nominees are advised of the outcome before the ceremony.

Presentation

Presentations are made by the Mayor during National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June). Each recipient receives a certificate and a small token of appreciation (e.g. lapel pin, plant)

6.9 MAYORAL CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Mayor may present awards to individuals or groups ~~during the year~~ to recognise significant achievements that warrant more substantial recognition than a Certificate of Appreciation. The Mayor will consider recommendations by an Elected Member, the Chief Executive Officer, a Council Committee or a community group. There is no set timing for nominations to be received.

The award will be presented in conjunction with a civic function, citizenship ceremony or another event that represents an appropriate level of accomplishment.

Recipients will receive a suitable award, certificate and Civic Achievement Lapel Badge.

The Council will be advised of all recipients of the Mayoral Civic Achievement Award via council's Weekly News publication.

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~~The Council will be advised of all recipients of the Mayoral Civic Achievement Award via council's Weekly News publication.~~

6.10 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Mayor may present certificates to recognise outstanding service or significant contribution to the community. The Mayor will consider recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer, an Elected Member, a Council Committee or members of the community and will be subject to the Mayor's discretion. There is no set timing for nominations to be received.

Certificates of Appreciation are intended to acknowledge and celebrate the valued contributions of recipients and should not be issued routinely.

These certificates should be presented in conjunction with major events during the year such as Every Generation Onkaparinga presentations, Volunteers Week, Civic Award Ceremonies or Australia Day Event.

The Mayor or delegate will present the recipients with a signed certificate.

~~The Mayor may present certificates to individuals or groups to recognise years of service or significant contribution to the community. The Mayor will consider recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer, an Elected Member, a Council Committee or community group.~~

~~These certificates will generally be presented in conjunction with major events during the year such as Every Generation Onkaparinga presentations, Volunteers Week, Civic Award Ceremonies or the Australia Day Event.~~
~~The Mayor or delegate will present the recipients with a signed certificate.~~

7. Advertising

Nominations for annual awards are open for approximately 6-8 weeks.
The opening of nominations is advertised through mediums including, but not limited to:

- on council's website
- social media
- community centres and libraries
- roadside banners
- local media (newspapers)

Emails or letters are also sent to relevant community organisations, schools, emergency services, recreation groups, owners of heritage listed places, historical societies ~~etc~~etc. within the City of Onkaparinga.

8. Award ceremonies and presentation events

Council staff responsible for co-ordinating award ceremonies and presentation events, staff will confirm the Mayor's availability and provide invitations to all Elected Members.

Where possible, presentation events will be amalgamated with other appropriate events to ensure efficient use of resources and promotional opportunities.

All presentation events are to undertake a risk assessment to identify any pre-determined risks associated with the event and venue.

9. Promotion of Recipients

The extent to which each award is promoted varies according to the award.

Award recipients are invited to a presentation event and are acknowledged on council's website.

Award recipients may be invited to attend council events or activities in an official capacity.

Award recipients will be considered for inclusion in council's 'Onkaparinga' Magazine or for a media release.

10. Award Certificates

Where a certificate is to be presented the official City of Onkaparinga certificate should be used.

11. Relevant legislation and references

Nil.

12. Further information

This policy is available for inspection~~,~~ during business hours at:
City of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Place, NOARLUNGA CENTRE SA 5168.

It is also available for inspection, downloading or printing from our website www.onkaparingacity.com.au.

10.12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS QUARTERLY REVIEW

Report contact	Meeting
Sue Hammond, Council and Committee Meeting Coordinator	Council
Manager	
Renee Mitchell, Manager Governance (Acting)	
Director	**Date**
Renee Mitchell, Director Planning, Governance and Regulatory Services	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report presents a summary of items held in confidence and items released since the annual report to Council at its May 2026 meeting.

2. Recommendations

That Council receive and note the agenda report relating to items held in confidence.

3. Executive summary

At its meeting of 18 June 2019, Council resolved as follows:

"That a quarterly record of the confidential items that remain in confidence and those confidential items that have been cleared from confidentiality be listed in the agenda and minutes of a Council meeting."

This report provides information regarding confidential items that have been released during the quarter.

An annual review of **all** confidential items is presented to Council at the January meeting each year.

A summary of items held in confidence is available on council's website, together with any released documents on council's website, link: Confidential Reports Register

Elected Members wishing to view the full detail of any items that remain in confidence can access the items via the confidential agenda and minutes available on the Elected Member website.

There are 173 items that remain in confidence. Since the annual review report was presented in May 2026, nine items have been fully released (as highlighted in yellow on Attachment 1) and five have been part released (as highlighted in green on Attachment 1).

4. Background

Policy and/or relevant legislation	Section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* sets out the instances that allow Council to consider matters in confidence and Section 91 sets out the ability for councils to keep relevant reports, documents and discussions confidential.
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	Report authors, Directors Group, third parties. Where relevant a third party is advised of the release of the item.

5. Financial implications

There are no financial implications in Council noting this report.

6. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	**Mitigation**
Compliance/legal	Section 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* sets out that the Council or committee must specify the duration of an order or the circumstances in which the order will cease to apply and that any order that operates for a period exceeding 12 months must be reviewed at least once in every year.
Opportunity	
Identify	**Maximising the opportunity**
Transparency	Public are able to access Confidential Reports Register on the website which shows items held in confidence and links to released items.

7. Timelines and deadlines

This update report is presented quarterly to Council.

8. Next steps

The next quarterly report will be presented to Council in October 2026.

The annual review of confidential items is scheduled to be presented at Council's January 2027 meeting.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Summary of items held in confidence as at 30 June 2026 (43 pages)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
5/7/11	11.4	Planning Policy Committee minutes (re item 5.1 Update on Christie Downs Regeneration project)	Section 90(3)(b) Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the finalisation of any potential negotiations with the party that has supplied the information to Council.	
23/10/12	15.1	Confidential attachment to item 9.1 Aldinga Airfield, request to revoke condition 8 of 1977 planning approval for Authorised Landing Area	Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE kept confidential until the expiry of the period of two months after the conclusion of the negotiations concerning the LMA for the Aldinga airfield site which the Council resolved to undertake on 19 June 2012.	
1/4/14	15.1	Legal proceedings	Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE the legal advice relating to this item and all minutes and attachments of Council, with the exception of attachment 4 Council Report on Sellicks Beach Community Wastewater Management Scheme: 2012-13 Financial Information from meeting March 19 2013 and attachment 5 Council Report on Sellicks Beach Community Wastewater Management Scheme from meeting February 26 2013, relating to discussion of the subject matter be kept confidential until conclusion of any legal proceedings (including appeal actions).	
13/5/14	15.1	Aldinga Airfield	Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE That attachment 5 and the legal advice dated 12 May 2014 shall remain confidential in perpetuity as it contains confidential information provided in confidence by Aldinga Aviation	
5/8/14	15.2	Elected Member Code of Conduct – Ombudsman's letter and final report Confidential	Section 90(3)(g) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until conclusion of legal proceedings (including appeal actions).	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
9/6/15	3.1	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee confidential minutes	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception of part 2c, until 30 April 2027 *Part 2c in public minutes	
19/1/16	14.1	Notice of Motion re Code of Conduct – Cr Jamieson	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE to be kept confidential as it relates to the personal affairs of an elected member	
12/4/16	15.1	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee confidential minutes re CEO performance review process	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027	
6/9/16	15.1	Chief Executive Officer Strategic Performance Objectives Annual Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Agenda report and minutes are released as per resolution. The discussion relating to the subject matter is to be kept confidential until 30 April 2027.	
18/10/16	15.1	Code of Conduct for Council Members Ombudsman's report (GC2015-11) Outcome of Mediation	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE as it relates to the personal affairs of an elected member.	
29/11/16	14.1	Confidential – Code of Conduct investigation	Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE minutes of the Council and related documents of the subject matter be kept confidential as they relate to legal advice.	
24/1/17	15.1	Notice of Motion - Cr Jamieson - Code of Conduct Investigation	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(g) Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE the Code of Conduct investigation and the minutes of the Council and related documents of the subject matter be kept confidential.	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
21/2/17	15.2	Community Wastewater Management Scheme and Water Business	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until such time as a final decision has been made regarding the future management of the Community Wastewater Management Scheme and Water Business. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released.	
18/4/17	15.3	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes re CEO Performance Management Committee Review	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 with the exception of resolution 5 above and resolution 8 of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee minutes, which will be released once considered by Council	
15/8/17	15.1	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 25 July 2017	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the Chief Executive Officer's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
17/10/17	15.1	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 19 September 2017	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027.	
21/11/17	15.2	Council Owned land parcel at Meyer Road, Lonsdale	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
12/12/17	15.3	Strategic Directions Committee meeting confidential minutes re Community Facilities Study	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 June 2019 (Note: Partial revocation approved 18/12/17 to release clauses 3e, 3f and 4) Note: Confidentiality provisions revoked and remade 18/6/19 as follows: That the matter of Community Facilities Study Extension of Confidentiality having been considered in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(d) 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 this report of 5 December 2017, Item 12.1 Community Facilities Study and the minutes and the report of Item 15.3 Strategic Directions Committee Confidential Minutes re Community Facilities Study of the 12 December 2017, with the exception of recommendation of 3e,3f and 4 relating to discussion of the subject matter, be kept confidential until 31 December 2019 pending a workshop with Council prior to this date. **Above order revoked 10/12/19. Refer new order - to be be kept confidential (with the exception of clauses 3e, 3f and 4) until the cessation of the project.**	
12/12/17	15.4	Water Assets Management	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until such time as the affected parties approve the lifting of confidentiality and a final decision has been made regarding the Water Assets Management. *Minutes and redacted report released.	
30/1/18	15.3	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of the adjourned meeting of 5 December 2017 held on 12 December 2017	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices)	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
30/1/18	15.4	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 16 January 2018	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that only the remuneration levels of the Chief Executive Officer (resolution 4) having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 be released from confidence only upon resolution of the Council in accordance with the legislative requirements to disclose the final remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer on the Register of Salaries and that the discussion, information, reports, attachments and minutes of the Council having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 (with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services and the Independent Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee, Mr Daryl Stillwell) be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices). *Point 4 of resolution released.	
20/3/18	15.2	Water Assets Commercial Valuation	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until such time as the affected parties approve the lifting of confidentiality and a final decision has been made regarding the Water Assets Management. *Partial revocation approved 10/4/18 to release sections of the agenda report and attachments. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released.	
20/3/18	15.3	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 6 March 2018	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
20/3/18	15.4	Code of Conduct for Council Members Confidential Preliminary Assessment EM2017-13	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2017-13, save that the complainant relevant to this matter be notified of the Council's decision regarding their complaint.	
15/5/18	15.2	Ombudsman Final report (2017/08607)	Section 90(3)(g)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential unless determined otherwise by the Ombudsman SA.	
26/6/18	15.2	Late report – Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 12 June 2018	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
21/8/18	15.2	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting minutes of 17 July 2018	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
21/8/18	15.3 (Pt 2)	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting minutes 14 August 2018 **2. Re Item 5.1 2017-18 CEO Performance Review**	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	

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21/8/18	15.3 (pt 3)	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting minutes 14 August 2018 **3. Re Item 5.2 Chief Executive Officer 2017-18 Remuneration Review**	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices) noting that the Remuneration levels of the Chief Executive Officer only will be released earlier from confidence upon resolution of the Council in accordance with the legislative requirements to disclose the final Remuneration of the CEO on the Register of Salaries. *Point 3 of resolution released in public mins.	
21/8/18	15.3 (pt 4)	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting minutes 14 August 2018. **4. Re Item 4.1 Chief Executive Officer Revised Strategic Performance Objectives Report**	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	

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11/9/18	15.2	Code of Conduct for Council Members investigation report - EM2017-13	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE That Attachment 2 to the Council Report 'Code of Conduct complaint" be kept confidential; and that the matter of Code of Conduct for Council Members investigation report - EM2017-13 having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the Council Report "Code of Conduct for Council Members investigation report EM2017-13" and Attachment 1 "EM2017-13 Code of Conduct final investigation report" relating to discussion of the subject matter be released from confidence and that the complainant be contacted prior to release from confidence to seek their consent to be identified in the "Code of Conduct for Council Members investigation report EM2017-13" and Attachment 1 "EM2017-13 Code of Conduct final investigation report". In the event that consent is not provided, the complainants name will be redacted when released from confidence. *Redacted agenda report released. *Redacted minutes released.	
11/9/18	15.3	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting minutes of 4 September 2018	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
11/12/18	15.2	Legal advice	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception of the confidential resolution being released to the Chief Executive Officer.	
22/1/19	15.1	Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report EM2018-04	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE excluding any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2018-04	

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22/1/19	15.5	Further advice on appeal options against approval of Seaford Meadows subdivision	Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential. *Minutes released as per council resolution of 19/2/19.	
19/2/19	15.1	Council Chamber upgrade (including live streaming & recording of meetings)	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception of the identity of the successful vendor and the contract amount after the contract has been entered into by all parties in accordance with section 91(8) of the Local Government Act 1999.	-
12/3/19	3.1	Kerbside recycling processing	Section 90(3)(d) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the expiry of our kerbside recycling processing contract in 2024, or to the expiry date of any related contracts entered into in relation to this matter, whichever date is the latter with the exception of the details of the anticipated 2019-20 final budget impact and the name of Council's recycling processor, in-order to allow our community to be informed and to allow advocacy to the South Australian Government for financial assistance. *Minutes and redacted report released.	
19/3/19	15.2	Seaford Meadows challenge - potential to negotiate	Section 90(3)(h	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report (including Attachment 1), any informal questions and responses, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to discussion of the subject matter be kept confidential until the conclusion of any court proceedings and/or appeal options, excluding the release of Attachment 2 to the agenda report - Media release. Att 2 "Media Release" released.	

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21/5/19	15.4	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 9 May 2019 re Independent Advisor appointment	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception that the name of the Independent Advisor and the value of the engagement be released once engagement for the Independent Advisor appointment is finalised. *Council and CEOPMC agenda and mins released, with the exception of atts 1-4 of CEOPMC report	
21/5/19	15.5	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 9 May 2019 re Quarterly Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices)	
21/5/19	15.6	Code of Conduct for Council Members EM2018-04	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
18/6/19	15.2	Community Facilities Study extension of confidentiality	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the report of 5 December 2017, Item 12.1 Community Facilities Study and the minutes and the report of Item 15.3 Strategic Directions Committee Confidential Minutes re Community Facilities Study of the 12 December 2017, with the exception of recommendation of 3e,3f and 4 relating to discussion of the subject matter, be kept confidential until 31 December 2019 pending a workshop with Council prior to this date. **Above order revoked 10/12/19. Refer new order - to be kept confidential until the cessation of the project.**	
18/6/19	15.4	Enforcement matter	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
18/6/19	15.5	Seaford Meadows Development - Mediation Update	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential except for the purposes of disclosing information to Hickinbotham and the independent mediators within the formal mediation process.	

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18/6/19	15.6	EM2019-01(b) Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision, any public apology and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-01(b).	
18/6/19	15.7	EM2019-01(c) Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision, any public apology and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-01(c)	
18/6/19	15.8	EM2019-02 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-02.	
18/6/19	15.10	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 6 June 2019 re 2018-19 CEO Performance Review	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that this information may be released to the Director Corporate and City Services and the Independent Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee) be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	

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18/6/19	15.11	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 6 June 2019 re Legal advice	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that this information may be released to the Director Corporate and City Services) be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
23/7/19	3.1	Deputation – Seaford Meadows development – Michael Hickinbotham, Hickinbotham Seaford Meadows Project team	Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
23/7/19	3.2	Seaford Meadows Development - Mediation Update	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE excluding communications with Hickinbotham and their advisors, any court related personnel and any media statements that may be released at key points in the settlement process, where legally appropriate	
23/7/19	3.3	Aldinga School Shared Use	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until commercial negotiations have been finalised and proponents and the state government approve release of information in accord with their respective confidentiality provisions. Minutes + redacted agenda report released.	
6/8/19	3.1	Aldinga School Shared Use	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until commercial negotiations have been finalised and proponents and the state government approve release of information in accord with their respective confidentiality provisions. *Redacted minutes and agenda report released.	

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17/9/19	15.1	Kerbside Recycling Contract	Section 90(3)(d) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the expiry of our kerbside recycling processing contract in 2024, or to the expiry date of any related contracts entered into in relation to this matter to maintain the commercial in confidence aspects of the contractual arrangement (whichever date is the latter) with the exception of the details of the name of Council's recycling processor and the total contract price for inclusion and publication in the Council's budget and any associated media releases, in order to allow our community to be informed. *Minutes and redacted report released	
17/9/19	15.2	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 5 September 2019 re 2018-19 CEO Performance Review Draft Survey	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services and the Independent Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee) be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
17/9/19	15.3	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 5 September 2019 re 2018-19 CEO Annual Performance Presentation	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services and the Independent Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee) be kept confidential until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	

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15/10/19	15.2	EM2019-01 (b & c) Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Update	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding communication with the complainants and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-01(b & c)	
15/10/19	15.3	EM2019-05 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-05.	
17/10/19	3.1	Confidential - Legal proceedings	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(g) Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that appropriate information required to instruct and respond to legal representation and the Director Corporate and City Services) be kept confidential until further order of the Council.	
22/10/19	3.1	Confidential - CEO Employment Contract	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Notwithstanding the order made by the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the item titled Confidential – CEO employment contract the Council authorises Council's lawyers, the Director Corporate and City Services and the Mayor to disclose such information or documents as may in their opinion be necessary for implementation of Council's decision and for the purposes of a media statement to be issued.	

29/10/19	3.2	CEO Contract of Employment	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE 2. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Councils orders that the following document(s) (or part) shall be kept confidential, being document(s) (or part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999: • The minutes of the Council meeting of 29 October 2019 relating to the item titled Confidential – CEO employment contract • The written report relating to the item titled Confidential – CEO employment contract of 29 October 2019 on the grounds that the document(s) (or part) relates to: (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead) Specifically, the present matter relates to information pertaining to the personal affairs of a person including in relation to their contract of employment. The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because it is sensitive and confidential information and is not a matter of public knowledge. The Council is satisfied that the information to be received and considered is would, if disclosed publicly be inconsistent with accepted principles of professional human resource management: and (h) legal advice; 3. This order shall operate until further order of the Council and will be reviewed at least annually in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. 4. Notwithstanding the order made by the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the item titled Confidential – CEO employment contract the Council authorises Council's lawyers, the Director Corporate and City Services and the Mayor to disclose such information or documents as may in their opinion be necessary for implementation of Council's decision.	

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19/11/19	15.1	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 22 October 2019 re 2018-19 CEO Performance Review	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 30 April 2027 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices).	
26/11/19	3.1	Confidential - Chief Executive Officer Recruitment	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (with the exception that this information may be released to the acting Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services and the appointment outcome only to the human resource company appointed by Council, and the exception of communication with the unsuccessful human resource companies) be kept confidential until engagement is finalised for the human resource company appointment and then upon that finalisation the name and the value of the engagement of the successful proponent only can be released publicly. *Successful recruitment advisor and value of engagement released	
10/12/19	14.1	Southern Region Waste Resource Authority Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until advice is received from the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority, and will be reviewed at least annually in accordance with the Act. *Redacted agenda report and minutes released	

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10/12/19	14.2	Remake confidentiality orders for the Community Facilities Study	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the report and minutes of Remake Confidentiality Orders for the Community Facilities Study and the reports and minutes relating to discussion of the subject matter of the following: ·Item 15.2 Community Facilities Study extension of confidentiality of 18 June 2019 ·Item 12.1 Community Facilities Study of 5 December 2017 ·Item 15.3 Strategic Directions Committee Confidential Minutes re Community Facilities Study of the 12 December 2017, with the exception of recommendation of 3e,3f and 4 be kept confidential until the cessation of the project.	
10/12/19	14.5	Aldinga School Shared Use	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until commercial negotiations have been finalised and proponents and the state government approve release of information in accord with their respective confidentiality provisions. * Redacted minutes and agenda report released	
21/1/20	14.3	EM2019-06 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE To be kept confidential, excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint in relation to Council's decision, and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2019-06.	
21/1/20	14.4	Council Chamber upgrade (including audio recording of meetings)	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE To remain in confidence, with the exception that a public statement on the project will be released upon the execution of a contract with an audio visual supplier.	

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27/2/20	3.1	Chief Executive Officer Selection and Recruitment	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE The following documents shall be kept confidential: • Attachment 1 Vuca Selection Process report • Attachment 3 Candidate 1 Application • Attachment 4a Candidate 2 Application • Attachment 4b Candidate 2 Curriculum Vitae. until further order of the Council. * Minutes, agenda report and att 2 released.	
17/3/20	14.2	Aldinga School Shared Use Agreement	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until commercial negotiations have been finalised and proponents and the state government approve release of information in accord with their respective confidentiality provisions. *Redacted agenda report and minutes released	
21/4/20	14.2	Audit, Risk, Value and Efficiency Committee meeting confidential minutes of 16 March 2020	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
16/6/20	14.1	Pepper Tree Café Compliance report	Section 90(3)(a)	The following attachments to the agenda report remain in confidence: • Attachment 8 – Section 270 internal review – CAP agenda • Attachment 9 – Sonus Noise Assessment Pepper Tree Café • Attachment 10 – Section 270 internal review – Approvals • Attachment 11 – Ombudsman SA correspondence • Attachment 12 – Civil claim • Attachment 13 – First complaint from the resident • Attachment 14 – Sample of complaints. *Mins and agenda report + Atts 1-7 released	

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18/8/20	3.4	Proposed extension of lease over land at 10 Meyer Road, Lonsdale (Item 14.4 adjourned from Council meeting 21/7/20)	Section 90(3)(b) Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties	
18/8/20	3.5	Audit, Risk, Value and Efficiency Committee meeting confidential minutes of 22 June 2020 (Item 14.5 adjourned from Council meeting 21/7/20)	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
18/8/20	3.6	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting minutes of 25 June 2020 re Appointment of Independent Advisor (Item 14.6 adjourned from Council meeting 21/7/20)	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services, Manager Human Resources, and that the name of the Independent Advisor and the value of the engagement be released once renewal of the term for the Independent Advisor appointment is finalised. *Redacted minutes released	
18/8/20	3.7	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting minutes of 25 June 2020 re CEO Key Performance Areas and Key Performance Indicators (Item 14.7 adjourned from Council meeting 21/7/20)	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 20 April 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource recording keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate and City Services, Manager Human Resources, and the Independent Advisor	
18/8/20	14.3	Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 6 August 2020 re probation review	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 6 August 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource recording keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive	

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				Officer, the Director Corporate, Manager Human Resources, and the Independent Advisor.	
20/10/20	14.2	Audit, Risk, Value and Efficiency Committee meeting confidential minutes of 12 October 2020	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Until 2030.	
17/11/20	14.1	Independent Presiding Member and Ordinary Member appointments for the Audit, Risk, Value and Efficiency Committee	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • attachments 1 and 2 and point 2(f) of the resolution remain in confidence • the agenda report (less attachments 1 and 2 and point 2(f)), discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all parties are notified of the outcome of Council's deliberations in respect to the appointment of the Independent Presiding Member and Independent Ordinary member. *Redacted agenda report and mins released. Attachment 1 remains in confidence.	

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ICT Ctee meeting 7/12/20	6.1	ICT Reform Program - Recasting Update	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE (i) That the following documents be released from confidence once the report has been considered at the Committee meeting of 7 December 2020: • Agenda report • Attachment 1 – Program Recasting Status Update (with sections 6 and 7 redacted) • Attachment 2 – ICT Reform Program Blueprint • Minutes (ii) The following documents are to be kept confidential until 2030: • Sections 6 and 7 of Attachment 1 • Attachment 3 – Business Risks Assessment. *Minutes released in public version *Redacted agenda report released The following documents remain in confidence: - Sections 6 and 7 of Attachment 1 -Attachment 3.	
8/12/20	14.5	Audit, Risk, Value and Efficiency Committee confidential minutes of 30 November 2020	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 2030.	
19/1/21	14.1	ICT Reform Project Steering Committee meeting confidential minutes of 7 December 2020	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 2030.	
16/2/21	14.3	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 4 February 2021	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 6 August 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate, Manager Human Resources and the Independent Advisor	

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16/3/21	14.3	Legal Services Summary	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE i. that the agenda report be released with information about any ongoing legal matters redacted until such time as the matter is complete; and ii. discussion relating to subject matters not finalised to be kept confidential until the matter is finalised. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released	
18/5/21	14.3	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 22 April 2021	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 6 August 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate, Manager Human Resources and the Independent Advisor	
15/6/21	14.1	Adjourned business - Notice of Motion – Cr Bray – Pepper Tree Café	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the completion of any criminal or civil proceedings relating to the matter. *Agenda item on public agenda.	
15/6/21	14.3	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 27 May 2021	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 6 August 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices) (with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate, Manager Human Resources and the Independent Advisor), with the exception of part c. of the resolution of the CEO Performance Management Committee which will be released once considered by Council in accordance with legislative requirements to disclose the remuneration of the CEO on the Register of Salaries. *Point c of resolution released in public minutes.	

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15/6/21	14.4	Mount Bold Advocacy Update	Section 90(3)(c)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until construction of the dam starts.	
15/6/21	14.6	EM2021-01 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision, and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2021-01.	
15/6/21	14.7	EM2021-02 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2021-02.	
15/6/21	14.8	EM2021-03 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE excluding communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision, and any future report presented to Council which determines a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members has been determined in relation to EM2021-03.	
20/7/21	14.1	Public lighting legal matter	Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
20/7/21	14.3	Potential purchase of property in Reynella East	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until commercial negotiations are complete.	
20/7/21	14.5	Legal Services Summary	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all the matters referred to in the agenda report are finalised. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released.	

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17/8/21	14.2	EM2021-04 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding: • communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision and • if required, any future public report presented to Council which may determine a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in relation to EM2021-04.	
17/8/21	14.3	EM2021-05 Code of Conduct for Council Members Preliminary Assessment Report	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding: • communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision and • if required, any future public report presented to Council which may determine a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in relation to EM2021-05.	
21/9/21	14.1	Mt Bold Advocacy Update	Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until construction of the dam starts, excluding correspondence to those outlined in 2(c) which makes council's position on this issue public.	
21/9/21	14.3	Confidential complaint	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential excluding: • communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Independent Assessor, or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision.	

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21/9/21	14.4	Onkaparinga Views Development	Section 90(3)b) Section 90(d)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE The agenda report, attachments 2-5, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the matter is resolved. Attachment 1 to the agenda report - Onkaparinga Views Development Factsheet, be released. *Attachment 1 Fact Sheet released as per order.	
19/10/21	14.3	Strategic Directions Committee meeting confidential minutes of 5 October 2021	Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
16/11/21	14.3	The Provision of Immunisation Services to local councils outside of the City of Onkaparinga	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the conclusion of the tender processes, with the exception of Part 6, Financial Implications, which will remain in confidence. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released. Only Part 6 Financial Implications of the agenda report remains confidential.	
14/12/21	14.1	Notice of Motion - Cr de Graaf - Reimbursement of legal fees	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • with the exception of the event that Council determines to provide a full or part reimbursement, and that any amount, if reimbursed, will be included in the public Elected Member Benefits and Allowance Register.	
18/1/22	14.1	Legal services payment request	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE To be kept confidential with the exception of any resolution to reimburse legal fees and updating the public Elected Member Benefits and Allowance Register if any reimbursement is approved.	
Special Council 1/2/22	3.1	Mount Bold Dam update	Section 90(3)(c)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE be kept confidential, excluding any correspondence with the Minister on this issue and any subsequent public statement/information to be provided on this issue.	

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12/4/22	14.3	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 10 March 2022	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 6 August 2032 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate, Manager People and Culture and the Independent Advisor.	
12/4/22	14.4	Special CEO Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 7 April 2022	Section 90(3)(d) Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report and minutes of the Committee and Council relating to the subject matter (with the exception that attachments 2, 3 and 4 to the Committee agenda report be kept confidential) be kept confidential until the conclusion of the final appointment of the CEO, with the exception of: • releasing the information to the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Director Group and the Manager People and Culture • the details of the appointment of an interim Acting Chief Executive Officer is to be publicly released upon approval from Council • advising the successful human resource company appointed to undertake the recruitment process • communication with the unsuccessful human resource companies until engagement of the human resource company appointment is finalised • upon that finalisation of the appointment of the successful human resource company, the name of the company and the value of the engagement only is to be publicly released. * Released - Attachments 2, 3 and 4 to the Committee agenda report remain confidential.	
17/5/22	14.1	NOTICE OF MOTION – CR PEAT - LEGAL PANEL	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until seven years after the expiration of any related contract	

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				to this issue, with the exception of communicating with and providing information to Council's legal providers.	
31/5/22 Special	3.1	WATER ASSETS STRATEGIC REVIEW RETAIN CASE	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until such time as Council has concluded all commercial aspects of the Water Assets Strategic Review project. *Minutes, redacted agenda report and redacted Attachment 3 released	
8/6/22 Special	3.1	APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the contractual negotiations and arrangements for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer have been finalised, the offer of employment has been formally accepted, the employment contract has been executed by all parties and the elected body has been advised of this matter, with the exception that Attachment 1 to the agenda report will be kept confidential. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released (Attachment 1 only remains in confidence)	
21/6/22	13.1	URGENT BUSINESS – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - CONFIDENTIAL	Section 90(3)(a) Section 90(3)(h)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential with the exception of the Acting Mayor Simon McMahon making an appropriate public statement regarding the Chief Executive Officer.	

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Adj mtg of 21/6/22 held 23/6/22	14.1	STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 7 JUNE 2022	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until Council has concluded all commercial aspects of the Water Assets Strategic Review project, with the exception of: • the draft Communications and Engagement Plan, forming Attachment 1 of the Strategic Directions Committee agenda report, • the draft community engagement materials, forming Attachment 5 of the Strategic Directions Committee agenda report, and • the Water Assets Strategic Review evaluation principles, which are to be released following the commencement of community engagement. *Refer new Order of 14/11/23 *Minutes and redacted agenda report released	
Adj mtg of 16/8/22 held 23/8/22	14.2	EM2022-02 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REPORT	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential excluding: • communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Preliminary Assessor or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision and • §if required, any future public report presented to Council which may determine a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in relation to EM2022-02.	
Special Council meeting 23/8/22	4.1	WATER ASSETS STRATEGIC REVIEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES	Section 90(3)(b) Section 90(3)(d)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released

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8/11/22	14.1	EM2022-02 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS – CONFIDENTIAL FINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential, excluding: • Provision of final reports, Council resolutions and communication with the complainant and subject of the complaint, Investigator or any future mediator or investigator in relation to Council's decision and • if required, any future public report presented to Council which may determine a breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in relation to EM2021-02.	
Adj Council meeting of 17/1/23 held on 30/1/23	14.1	AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 19 DECEMBER 2022	Section 90(3)(o)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • Attachment 5 of the agenda report of the Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential • The agenda report, discussion and minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the public announcement on 26 January 2023, with the exception of the awards recipients and nominators, who will be notified of the result as soon as practicable after the meeting of the Australia Day Awards Committee. *Only Attachment 5 of the Australia Day Awards Committee agenda remains in confidence.	

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Adj Council meeting of 17/1/23 held on 30/1/23	14.2	SPECIAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 10 JANUARY 2023	Section 90(3)(o)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • Attachment 4 of the agenda report of the Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential • The agenda report, discussion and minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the public announcement on 26 January 2023, with the exception of the awards recipients and nominators, who will be notified of the result as soon as practicable after the meeting of the Australia Day Awards Committee. *Only Attachment 4 of the Australia Day Awards Committee agenda remains in confidence.	
21/2/23	14.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 7 FEBRUARY 2023	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the following exceptions: • that this information may be released to the Director Corporate and the Manager People and Culture • communication of the appointment outcome only to the successful consultant • communication with the unsuccessful consultants • that upon finalisation of the consultant appointment, the name and value of the engagement of the successful consultant can be released publicly • that the elected body be updated on the process to be undertaken. * Successful consultant and value of engagement released	
21/3/23	14.2	WATER ASSETS STRATEGIC REVIEW - PROJECT UPDATE	Section 90(3)(b)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released

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18/4/23	14.2	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 12 APRIL 2023	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception that the information pertaining to the CEO Candidate Summary Longlist may be released to Director Corporate and Manager People and Culture, and the information regarding CEO KPIs may be released to the shortlisted applicants, as part of the 2023 CEO recruitment process and the Independent Advisor.	
15/5/23	3.1	APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE the agenda report, attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential, with the following exception: • The name of the successful candidate and the remuneration will be released publicly once the following actions have been complete: o The finalisation of contractual negotiations with the successful candidate and arrangements for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer o The offer of employment being formally accepted o The employment contract being executed by all parties o The elected body being advised of this matter o Communication with all candidates. *Name of successful candidate and remuneration released in public minutes.	
16/5/23	14.1	PORT WILLUNGA NORTH COAST PARK – PRIVATE LEASE NEGOTIATIONS	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until negotiations with the private land owners for lease of land is complete.	

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16/5/23	14.2	APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER AND INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • Attachments 1-3 remain in confidence; and • the agenda report (excluding the Attachments 1-3), discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all parties are notified of the outcome of Council's decision in respect to the appointment of the Independent Presiding Member and two (2) Independent Ordinary Members. *Minutes and redacted agenda report released.	
16/5/23	14.4	STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 2 MAY 2023 RE LEGAL MATTER UPDATE	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
20/6/23	14.1	STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 6 JUNE 2023	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until such time that the information is no longer commercially sensitive to the delivery of our kerbside collection service.	
18/7/23	14.1	UPDATE REPORT FOR COROMANDEL VALEY INSTITUTE HALL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the recommendations have been approved, with the following exceptions: • That attachments 2, 3 and 4 of the agenda report, being the applications and evaluation report, remain confidential. *Minutes public. Redacted agenda report released	
15/8/23		PERSONAL STATEMENT - MAYOR WERE	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	

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CEOPMC 5/10/23	6.1	APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ADVISOR	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the exception that the name of the Independent Advisor and the value of the engagement be released once engagement for the Independent Advisor appointment is finalised. *Mins public *Professional fees section released	
17/10/23	14.1	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2023	Section 90(3)(b)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released
17/10/23	14.2	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 5 OCTOBER 2023	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource recording keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
14/11/23	14.1	WATER ASSETS STRATEGIC REVIEW	Section 90(3)(b)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released
14/11/23	14.2	STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 7 NOVEMBER 2023 RE LEGAL MATTER UPDATE	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
12/12/23	9.1	FINAL REPORT FOR REVOCATION AND DISPOSAL ADJACENT 2 MATARO AVENUE, MCLAREN VALE	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the discussion of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential.	

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23/1/24	14.1	AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 18 DECEMBER 2023	Section 90(3)(o)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE • Attachment 5 of the agenda report of the Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential • the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council and Australia Day Awards Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the public announcement on 26 January 2024, with the exception of the award recipients and nominators. *All documents released except Attachment 5 to the agenda report.	
23/1/24	14.2	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 16 JANUARY 2024	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
20/2/24	14.1	PORT WILLUNGA NORTH COAST PARK – PRIVATE LAND ACQUISITION NEGOTIATIONS	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until negotiations with the private land owners is complete.	
20/2/24	14.2	HOPGOOD THEATRE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Section 90(3)(k)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until conclusion of the tender process with the exclusion of attachments 1, 2 and 3 which will remain confidential. *Minutes, agenda report and Attachment 4 released	
19/3/24	14.4	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROBATIONARY REVIEW	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	

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23/4/24	14.1	HOPGOOD THEATRE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Section 90(3)(k)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE That the agenda report, attachment 4, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until conclusion of the tender process with the exclusion of attachments 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 which will remain confidential. * Minutes, agenda report and Attachment 4 released	
21/5/24	14.2	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 9 MAY 2024 RE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR	Section 90(3)(k)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, discussion and minutes of the Council and the Audit and Risk Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the contracts have been executed, with the exception of the related attachment which will be kept confidential for a period of seven years. *Agenda report and minutes released - Attachment 1 to the Committee agenda report remains in confidence as per order.	
21/5/24	14.3	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 9 MAY 2024 RE CYBER SECURITY AND COMPUTING NETWORK ROBUSTNESS	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Until 9 May 2029.	
21/5/24	14.4	LEGAL MATTER UPDATE	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
20/8/24	14.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 18 JULY 2024	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	

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17/9/24	14.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
15/10/24	14.1	WASTE TRUCK ADVERTISING FEASIBILITY	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until conclusion of the contract, including any extensions to the contract.	
15/10/24	14.3	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 RE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – ICT DISASTER RECOVERY	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all management response actions have been completed by council.	
15/10/24	14.4	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 RE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – DATA GOVERNANCE	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all recommendations are implemented.	
15/10/24	14.5	EXTERNAL AUDIT TENDER REVIEW AND PANEL ASSESSMENT	Section 90(3)(k)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the successful tenderer has been notified that the selection process has been completed. *Minutes and agenda report released. Attachments 1-4 remain in confidence	
15/10/24	14.6	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all recommendations of the Data Governance Internal Audit have been implemented.	

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12/11/24	14.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 10 OCTOBER 2024	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
10/12/24	14.1	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 7 NOVEMBER 2024	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all management response actions have been completed by council.	
10/12/24	14.2	ONKAPARINGA HEIGHTS INFRASTRUCTURE DEEDS – STORMWATER	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until execution of the Infrastructure Deeds and associated land management agreements.	
10/12/24	14.3	MAYOR'S REPORT – CONFIDENTIAL MID-TERM REVIEW	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the end of this Council term.	
21/1/25	14.2	AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 16 DECEMBER 2024	Section 90(3)(o)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the public announcement of the award recipients on 26 January 2025 with the exception of informing the recipients prior to 26 January 2026, and attachment 5 which will remain confidential as it includes the nominations with personal details. *Agendas and minutes released ex Attachment 5 to the Committee agenda report as per Order.	
18/2/25	14.1	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 6 FEBRUARY 2025	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all management response actions have been completed by council.	
17/6/25	14.2	LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST	Section 90(3)(a)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released

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17/6/25	14.4	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 14 MAY 2025 RE ITEM 12.2 INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION ITEMS	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all management response actions have been completed by council.	
15/7/25	14.1	VARIATION TO SETTLEMENT DEED - SUNSET DEVELOPMENT PORT NOARLUNGA SOUTH	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(g)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the development is complete and release of Onkaparinga River Recreation Park Kaurna Cultural Heritage Study is approved by Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation of the Attorney-General's Department.	
19/8/25	14.1	COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL DEPUTY INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENT	Section 90(3)(a)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released
16/9/25	14.1	LEGAL MATTER UPDATE	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the matter has been resolved.	
16/9/25	14.2	LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE Until all the matters referred to in the agenda report are finalised.	
16/9/25	14.3	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 14 AUGUST 2025	Section 90(3)(d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE The subject matter be kept confidential with the exception that the name of the Independent Advisor and the value of the engagement be released once engagement is finalised. *Redacted mins and value of engagement released	
16/9/25	14.4	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 28 AUGUST 2025	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until all management response actions have been completed by council.	
14/10/25	14.1	GOLF RECREATION FACILITY - WM HUNT RESERVE	Section 90(3)(B)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released

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14/10/25	14.2	LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST	Section 90(3)(a)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released
11/11/25	14.1	SPECIAL CEO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 28 OCTOBER 2025 RE CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ROLE OF INDEPENDENT ADVISOR IN RECRUITMENT PROCESS	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract in accordance with standard human resource recording keeping practices), with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
11/11/25	14.2	SPECIAL CEO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 28 OCTOBER 2025 RE ENGAGEMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO MANAGE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT PROCESS	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the following exceptions: • Communication of the appointment outcome only to the successful consultant • Communication with the unsuccessful consultants • That upon finalisation of the consultant appointment, the name of the successful consultant and the value of the engagement can be released publicly. *Minutes and value of engagement released	Part release
9/12/25	14.1	PROPOSED FUTURE LEASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAND AT 10 MEYER ROAD LONSDALE	Section (b) Section (d)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties. *Partial revocation 15/12/25 allowing information to be released to the lessee (ResourceCo) to enable them to be updated on the progress of the matter.	
9/12/25	14.2	LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report and discussion (excluding the minutes) of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all the matters referred to in the agenda report are finalised.	

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9/12/25	14.3	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 6 NOVEMBER 2025	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, Attachment 1 (excluding Attachment 2), discussion and minutes of the Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all management response actions have been completed by council. *Attachment 2 to Committee agenda report released.	
9/12/25	14.4	SPECIAL CEO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 2 DECEMBER 2025	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until seven (7) years after employment ends for the candidate selected for appointment, with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
9/12/25	14.5	CEO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 3 DECEMBER 2025 RE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER KPI PROGRESS – 2024-25	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices) with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor.	
9/12/25	14.6	CEO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 3 DECEMBER 2025 RE INDEPENDENT ADVISOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PEFORMANCE AND REMUNERATION REPORTS	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until 24 July 2035 (being seven years following the expiry of the CEO's contract of employment in accordance with standard human resource record keeping practices) with the exception that this information may be released to the Independent Advisor, and noting that the Remuneration levels of the Chief Executive Officer only will be released earlier from confidence upon resolution of the Council in accordance with the legislative requirements to disclose the final Remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer on the Register of Salaries. *Redacted minutes released	Part release

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Special Council 11/12/25	3.1	APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE with the following exceptions: • That this information may be released to the Independent Advisor • The name of the successful candidate and the remuneration will be released publicly once the following actions have been complete: • The finalisation of contractual negotiations with the successful candidate and arrangements for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer • The offer of employment being formally accepted • The employment contract being executed by all parties • The elected body being advised of this matter • Communication with all candidates. *Redacted minutes released	Part release
Special Council 13/1/26	2.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE	
Council 20/1/26	14.1	AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 10 DECEMBER 2025	Section 90(3)(a)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until the public announcement of the award recipients on 26 January 2026 with the exception of informing the recipients prior to 26 January 2026, and attachment 5 which will remain confidential as it includes the nominations with personal details. *Agendas and minutes released ex Attachment 5 to the Committee agenda report which remains confidential as per order.	Part release

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17/2/26	14.1	FIRST REPORT: ACQUISITION OF 190 RAILWAY ROAD SEAFORD MEADOWS	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE until any agreements relating to the land transaction is finalised and Settlement has occurred, with the exception of the valuation report (Attachment 2) which will remain in confidence indefinitely.	
17/2/26	14.2	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 5 FEBRUARY 2026	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report and Attachment 1 of the Committee and the discussion of the Committee and the Council (excluding the minutes) relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all management response actions have been completed by council. *Minutes public	
17/3/26	15.1	COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS) CONTRACT UPDATE	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE 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.	
17/3/26	15.2	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 2 MARCH 2026	Section 90(3)(a)	RELEASED A review has determined that the confidential provisions are no longer required.	Released
28/4/26	15.1	LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY	Section 90(3)(h) Section 90(3)(i)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report and discussion of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all the matters referred to in the agenda report are finalised.	
Audit and Risk Committee meeting 7/5/26	12.1	CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL AUDIT QUARTERLY UPDATE	Section 90(3)(e)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, Attachment 1 and discussion (excluding the minutes) of the Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all management	

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	TITLE	Reason for confidentiality under the Local Government Act 1999	Reason to Retain	Released since last report to Council/link
				response actions have been completed by council *Minutes public	
16/6/26	15.1	ALDINGA LIBRARY LEASE RENEWAL OPTION	Section 90(3)(b)	RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE that the agenda report, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the renewal option is executed by both parties, with the exception of the attachments to the agenda report which may be made public. *Attachments released	Part release

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10.13 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

Report contact	Meeting
Sue Hammond, Council and Committee Meeting Coordinator	Council
Manager	
Renee Mitchell, Acting Manager Governance	
Director	**Date**
Renee Mitchell, Director Planning, Governance and Regulatory Services	21 July 2026

1. Purpose

This report provides an update on the reporting for upcoming Council and Committee meetings.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Executive summary

This report is provided as per the following resolution of Council at its meeting of 21 March 2017:

That the item "Updated Work Program" from the agenda of the Strategic Directions Committee be duplicated as a monthly agenda item for Council meetings.

As the Reporting Schedule is a guide only and subject to change, members are encouraged to utilise the Elected Member website for an up to date version of the Reporting Schedule.

4. Discussion

Item 11.7 - 9 December 2025 Council meeting - Notice of Motion – Cr Jew – Roundtable Discussion on Children and Young People's Wellbeing

The following motion was carried at the 9 December 2025 Council meeting:

MOVED Cr Jew.
That Council:

1. *Endorse the convening of a Roundtable Discussion focused on improving outcomes for children and young people across the City of Onkaparinga, specifically addressing the themes of:*
   - *Health and wellbeing*
   - *Safety*
   - *Participation and voice*
   - *Active recreation and physical activity*
   - *Belonging*
   - *Education*
2. *Acknowledge the work already undertaken by the City of Onkaparinga's Youth Services team and other internal service areas in delivering programs, partnerships and collaborative structures that support children and young people's wellbeing, and that the Roundtable is intended to complement and strengthen, rather than duplicate, these efforts.*
3. *Support the roundtable being held during business hours, at a time and date that maximises participation from relevant stakeholders.*
4. *Train a group of young people to facilitate the discussions, drawing on the leadership development pathways, co-design practices and youth-led models already embedded within the City's Youth Services programs.*

5. *Invite representatives from local schools, early childhood services, youth and family support organisations, including community centres, libraries, youth centres, recreation and sporting groups, health providers, state agencies, caregivers and young people to participate in the Roundtable.*
6. *Develop an agenda that includes opportunities for shared data insights (such as AEDC findings), collaborative discussion and the identification of partnership opportunities and practical next steps.*
7. *Prepare a short report back to Council by June 2026, summarising insights, proposed actions and any recommended next steps for coordinated, community-wide approaches to reducing vulnerability and improving wellbeing for children and young people.*
8. *Recognise that improving outcomes for children and young people requires a whole-of-community effort, and that this Roundtable builds upon existing strengths and represents a step toward a more coordinated, responsive and future-focused approach across the City of Onkaparinga.*

Seconded by Cr Davis.

The report has been deferred to the August 2026 Council meeting following discussions with Cr Jew. We have been working with sector partners to develop a draft children and young people roundtable agenda, however the Department for Education Executive Planning Committee recently announced that they will deliver an Australian Early Development Census data presentation on the 30 April 2026.

This presentation will be used to finalise planning for the children and young people round table, which is anticipated to take place in June 2026. A report back to Council will be presented in August 2026.

5. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Report Schedule for 2026 (3 pages)

- END OF REPORT –

Attachment 1

Report Schedule as at 16 July 2026

EM Session 04/08/2026

REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
1. Investment and Commercialisation Strategy	Bird, Jade	C&C
2. Long Term Financial Plan Review	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C

CEOPMC meeting 11/08/2026

REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
CEO probation	Tannock, Cameron	C&C

Special Council meeting 11/08/2026

REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
CEO probation	Tannock, Cameron	C&C

Council meeting 18/08/2026

REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
QoNs Cr Themeliotis re Grants Gully Road Clarendon	Ellingham, Morgan	OPE
BFSC Annual Report	Bailey, Matthew	PGR
CAP Annual Report	Miller, Brett	PGR
Caretaker 2027	French, Katrina	PGR
Council and Committee Reporting Schedule	Hammond, Sue	PGR
EOI outcomes - Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium	Sanders, Brooke	PGR
LGA Call for Nominations for GAROC Members	French, Katrina	PGR
Live Streaming of Council Meetings	French, Katrina	PGR
McLaren Vale Township Code Amendment and Engagement Plan	Lacis, Heidi	PGR
Proposed Future use and Lease of Pear Tree Paddock Willunga	Thompson, Danielle	PGR
QoNs Cr Themeliotis re Assessment and approval of QoNs and NoMs	McElligott, Sheryn	PGR
Sellicks Beach Historic Motorcycle Races 2027 - public consultation outcomes	Carrick, Elizabeth	PGR
State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment submission	Jones, Craig	PGR
Children and Young People Roundtable outcome	Wright, Paul	SEC
Final Endorsement of Community Capacity and Connection Strategy	Wright, Paul	SEC
Opportunities to Strengthen Urban Greening and Biodiversity Outcomes	Onsman, Ynys	SEC
Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2021-2025 Final Report	Bell, Jeremy	SEC
Submission to the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee Inquiry into Artificial Intelligence and Data Centres	Harkin, Rachael	SEC

ARC meeting 27/08/2026

REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Business enterprise approach	Parker, Lesley	C&C
Investment and Commercialisation Strategy	Bird, Jade	C&C
Quarterly Finance Report including Budget Review 4	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Confidential Internal Audit Quarterly Update	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Charter and Plan 2024-27 Update	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Quarterly Update	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Report - OneCouncil Stage 2 & 3	Roberts, Nicole	PGR

EM Session 01/09/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

EM Session 08/09/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

Council meeting 15/09/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Investment and Commercialisation Strategy	Bird, Jade	C&C
Quarterly Finance Report including Budget Review 4	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Appointment of CAP Chair	Miller, Brett	PGR
Council and Committee Reporting Schedule	Hammond, Sue	PGR

EM Session 29/09/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

Council meeting 13/10/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Piggott Range Road Safety and Potential Closure Options	Fitzpatrick, Brian	OPE
Confidential items quarterly review	Hammond, Sue	PGR
Council and Committee Reporting Schedule	Hammond, Sue	PGR

EM Session 20/10/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

Special ARC meeting 22/10/26		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

EM Session 27/10/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT

ARC meeting 05/11/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Draft General Purpose Statements for the year ending 30 June 2026	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
External Audit Final Management Letter	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
In-camera session - Dean Newbery and Audit and Risk Committee CONFIDENTIAL	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Quarterly Finance Report including Budget Review 1	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Southern Region Waste Resource Authority Annual Report	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Confidential Internal Audit Quarterly Update	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Charter and Plan 2027-30	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Quarterly Update	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Audit Report - Procurement	Roberts, Nicole	PGR
Internal Financial Controls Review 2026	Roberts, Nicole	PGR

Council meeting 10/11/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Draft general purpose financial statements	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Quarterly Finance Report including Budget Review (BR1)	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Southern Region Waste Authority Annual Report	Toulantas, Belinda	C&C
Council and Committee Reporting Schedule	Hammond, Sue	PGR

Council meeting 15/12/2026		
REPORT SCHEDULED	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DEPT
Appointment of Australia Day Awards Committee	Taylor, Alexander	PGR
Appointment of Council Member and Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel	Miller, Brett	PGR
Appointment of Deputy Mayor	French, Katrina	PGR
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Structure and Membership	French, Katrina	PGR
CEOPMC Membership and Meeting Structure	French, Katrina	PGR
Council and Committee Decision Making Structure	French, Katrina	PGR
Council and Committee Reporting Schedule	Hammond, Sue	PGR
Elected Member Allowances and Benefits	French, Katrina	PGR
Questions that Lie on the Table	French, Katrina	PGR
End of Term Report	Holloway, Vivienne	SEC

Department acronyms
OPE –Operations
PGR– Planning, Governance and Regulatory Services
C&C – Corporate and Commercial
SEC – Strategy, Engagement and Community

Meeting acronyms
ARC – Audit and Risk Committee
EM Session – Elected Member Session
CEOPMC – CEO Performance Management Committee

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11. Questions on notice

11.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE – CR GREAVES – CWMS PETITION

What is the current status of the CWMS Petition?
The Petition was delivered to Nick Champion, MP, some 16 months ago.

Response

The CWMS petition was delivered to the Hon Nick Champion MP, as the Minister responsible for SA Water, in February 2025 with a request that it be tabled in Parliament.

In February 2026, Minister Champion wrote to Council acknowledging receipt of the CWMS petition. The Minister's office has since confirmed that the Minister does not intend to table the petition in Parliament.

The Minister's letter advises of a review of metropolitan CWMS schemes to be undertaken by the South Australian Government. We have recently been contacted by the consultant engaged to undertake the review requesting information on our CWMS.

Further updates on the review will be provided via :

- the advocacy page within the CWMS section of Onkaparingacity.com
- the CWMS petition project page on Your Say Onkaparinga.

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11.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – MATTRESS DUMPING

Could staff please provide the following information regarding reports of dumped mattresses across the City of Onkaparinga from 1 January 2024 to the most recent available date in 2026:

1. *How many mattress dumping reports were received by Council in:*
   - *2024* - 728
   - *2025* - 942
   - *2026 to date?* – 429

   *These do not reflect the actual numbers of illegal dumping mattresses collected just request numbers.

2. *Can the reports be broken down by ward, where available?*

	2024	2025	2026 (Jan-Jun)
Knox	148	188	71
Mid Coast	229	259	114
Pimpala	58	73	32
South Coast	88	99	68
Southern Vales	171	276	123
Thalassa	32	47	21
TOTAL	728	942	429

3. *What was the average response time between a mattress dumping report being received and the mattress being collected or otherwise addressed?*

   The average response time between an illegally dumped mattress being reported and being collected is approximately 5-10 business days.

   Reported mattresses are generally inspected as part of Council's scheduled illegal dumping inspection program. Where the mattress remains following inspection, it is referred for collection as part of the next scheduled collection run. Scheduled reactive and proactive illegal dumping collections occur three times per week, servicing the northern, central and southern zones of the city. Response times may vary depending on operational priorities, public safety considerations and staff availability.

4. *What was the estimated cost to Council of responding to mattress dumping reports in each year?*

   The estimated annual cost to council collecting and disposing of illegally dumped mattresses is approximately $16,000. In comparison before we transitioned to user pay the annual budget for mattress collection and recycling including illegally dumped mattresses cost ratepayers $260,000 per annum.

5. *How many reports resulted in any compliance action, investigation, warning, fine or other enforcement outcome?*

   All reports of illegally dumped mattresses are investigated by Council.

Due to the nature of illegal dumping, enforcement action can only be pursued where sufficient evidence is available to identify a responsible person. Evidence such as CCTV footage, witness information or other identifiable information is generally required to support compliance action.

Illegal dumping matters are enforced under the offence of General Littering under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016. The legislation does not differentiate between waste types, and expiation notices therefore cannot be broken down to identify those relating specifically to mattresses.

The number of expiation notices issued for illegal dumping offences is as follows:

- 2022–23 - 33
- 2023–24 - 23
- 2024–25 - 40
- 2025–26 - 33

No prosecutions have been undertaken in relation to illegal dumping matters during this period.

6. *Does Council currently record whether dumped mattresses are reported via Snap Send Solve, customer request, elected member enquiry, staff observation or other reporting channels?*

The 436 requests received in 2026 have been reported via the following methods

Correspondence	1
Counter	17
Email	25
Internal	55
MyLocal	40
Phone	151
Snap Send Solve	76
Website	71

7. *What education, prevention or enforcement measures are currently in place to reduce illegal mattress dumping?*

Council undertakes a range of prevention and response activities to reduce illegal dumping, including:

- Undertaking programmed proactive weekly inspections of known illegal dumping hotspots.
- Installing signage in identified areas to discourage illegal dumping behaviours
- Investigating reports of illegally dumped mattresses and other materials where sufficient information is available
- Removing illegally dumped mattresses to maintain community amenity.
- Scheduled reactive and proactive illegal dumping collections occurring three times per week across the northern, central and southern zones of the city
- Deploying covert CCTV surveillance in problematic locations, in collaboration with Council's Asset Protection and Community Safety teams
- Applying Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles at problematic locations, including access barriers, tree pruning, additional lighting and CCTV

- Engaging Repay SA to undertake programmed litter collection and the removal of dumped rubbish along established routes

Council is also commencing an illegal dumping education campaign from August 2026, which will focus on raising community awareness, promoting responsible disposal behaviours and encouraging residents to use appropriate disposal options.

8. *Has Council considered any changes to hard waste, mattress collection, public education or enforcement practices to reduce the number of dumped mattresses?*

Council regularly reviews its waste services, illegal dumping trends and operational processes to identify opportunities to improve service outcomes and reduce illegal dumping.

The last report presented to council on this subject outside of the budget and Annual Business Plan process was on 14 October 2025

9.6 Waste Disposal Subsidy Options

That Council:

1. *Notes the development of an educational campaign for FY25-26 aimed at reducing illegal dumping in the City of Onkaparinga by changing perceptions of risk, reinforcing social norms, and making legitimate disposal easier and clearer.*
2. *Notes that Acting Mayor Jew wrote to the Local Government Association (LGA) enquiring what support the LGA can provide to help the sector address the challenges of illegal dumping and requesting that LGA undertake a survey of councils to assess the sector wide costs associated with the issue.*
3. *Notes the continuation of the current hard waste collection service which includes up to two free collections per rateable property annually allowing for a maximum of 2 cubic metres of material per collection.*

9. *Are there any particular barriers preventing Council from reducing mattress dumping, including cost, contractor capacity, enforcement limitations, or difficulties identifying offenders?*

The primary barrier in addressing illegal dumping is the general acceptance that it is ok and someone else will clean it up. The illegal dumping campaign commencing August 2026 is designed as requested to change the perceptions of risk, reinforcing social norms and making legitimate disposal easier and clearer.

As we witnessed prior to the transition to user pay mattress collections, hundreds of reported illegally dumped mattresses were received each year, this indicates that cost is not the only barrier we need to overcome.

Enforcement including the identification of offenders can be challenging, however these requirements are in place to ensure only those offenders caught in the act can be held to account.

10. *Council currently provides residents with two free hard waste collections per financial year. Has Council considered allowing residents to exchange one hard waste collection for a mattress collection, and if so, what would be the estimated budget impact of such a change?*

Council's previous resolution in October 2025 was to continue the current hard waste collection service so further changes have not been reviewed in detail.

Should council wish to make such a change further assessment is required to model the operational, social, environmental and financial impact of such change, this would then need to come back to council for consideration.

11. How much has illegal dumping cost council during 2025/26 financial year?

The cost associated with Council's illegal dumping service during the 2025/26 financial year was $434,583 ($16,000 of this relates to mattresses). This figure is all inclusive, covering vehicle use, employee salaries and wages, operational overheads and associated contracted services, including Correctional Services support, tyre collection and disposal and asbestos removal.

11.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – CAT MANAGEMENT

1. *A timeline of actions taken by Council in relation to cat management advocacy during this Council term including any letters, submissions, motions, resolutions or representations made to the State Government, Local Government Association, Dog and Cat Management Board, or other relevant bodies.*
2. *Details of any meetings, briefings or correspondence between Council and State Government representatives, MPs, agencies or peak bodies regarding cat management.*
3. *Any advocacy undertaken in relation to statewide cat management reform, including cat containment, responsible cat ownership, education campaigns, breeder registration, desexing, microchipping, or enforcement powers.*
4. *Any current or planned advocacy actions in relation to cat management.*
5. *Whether staff are aware of any opportunities for Council to further advocate for stronger, clearer or more consistent cat management laws across South Australia.*

The response to these questions will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

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11.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – ADVOCACY ON STATE MANAGED ROADS

1. *Could Administration please provide dot-point summary of the advocacy undertaken during the current term of Council in response to community concerns about congestion, delays and safety on the following state-managed roads and intersections:*
   - *Black Road, Flagstaff Hill*
   - *Main Road, Coromandel Valley*
   - *Main South Road Seaford Road / Victor Harbor Road Intersections involving Robinson Road*
   - *Saltfleet Street Bridge, Port Noarlunga*
2. *Details of any correspondence, meetings, submissions or other representations made to the relevant State Government ministers, departments or agencies regarding these locations?*
3. *Details of any responses or project updates Council has received following this advocacy, including the status of any outstanding correspondence?*
4. *Advice on Council's process for following up advocacy and correspondence when the responsible minister or ministerial portfolio changes?*
5. *Details of any further advocacy Council has planned for the above roads, intersections and the Saltfleet Street Bridge?*

The response to these questions will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

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11.5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR EATON – LIVE STREAMING

Background

Prior to the June Council meeting elected members received an email from Onkaparinga Council Watch regarding some questions they RAISED regarding the live-streaming of Council meetings. I submitted these questions to be included as a Question on Notice (QoN) for that meeting, but it was submitted after the close off date for QoN.

Onkaparinga Council Watch is seeking a clear public explanation regarding the non-delivery of Council Chambers live streaming.

In their request Onkaparinga Council Watch identify that Council's own 2024-25 budget papers included PID 13111 – Council Chamber Live Streaming. That project was allocated in the 2024–25 budget and was also placed in the Long-Term Financial Plan for 2028–29 for the same amount.

I undertook to re-submit the questions at the July Council meeting following the prescribed process. I am mindful that there is a report scheduled on the live- streaming of Council meetings to be presented at the August Council meeting, but in response to the request from Onkaparinga Council Watch I submit the following questions.

Question 1.

Why was PID 13111 — Council Chambers Live Streaming — allocated in the 2024–25 budget but not delivered?

PID 13111 was originally planned as a standalone project, however the scope for PID 13337 Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber included costs associated with the deployment of live-streaming. As such, PID 13111 was archived.

Question 2.

Why was the same amount also identified in the LTFP for 2028–29?

With the continual evolution of technology, the LTFP identifies a nominal amount of $500,000, indexed annually for ICT initiatives. This nominal amount is used to fund initiatives which have already been identified (such as hardware upgrades) and emerging technology needs.

Question 3.

Was the 2024–25 allocation spent, carried forward, reallocated, deferred, absorbed into another project, or removed?

PID 13337 *Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber* was budgeted in the 2024-25 financial year however due to resourcing requirements and the finalisation of a report was unable to be delivered. As such, the budget was carried forward to 2025-26 with project delivery currently underway.

Question 4.

Why is the project no longer identifiable in subsequent budget or LTFP documents?

Please see response to Question 2. Individual projects are not identified in the LTFP.

Question 5.

Who authorised or approved the project no longer being separately identifiable?

All projects proposed to be funded through the Project and Capital Works (PCW) process are reviewed and recommended by the category driver, before being presented to Council for consideration.

The draft 2024-25 budget was presented to Council for consideration at its meeting held 16 April 2024. This report included a list of all projects proposed for delivery in 2024-25, including the Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber project.

Question 6.

Was Council formally advised that the project had not been delivered and was no longer identifiable in later financial planning documents?

At its meeting held 16 September 2025 Council considered the Quarterly Finance Report Including Budget Review 4. Attachment 3 of this report included a list of all projects proposed to be carried forward to 2025-26, including the Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber project. The recommendations contained within the report, including the approval of budgets to be carried forward were carried.

Question 7.

What oversight did elected members exercise once a budgeted transparency project was not delivered?

Refer to Question 6. The project was identified as a carry forward, to be delivered in 2025-26 through the Quarterly Finance Report Including Budget Review 4, presented to Council in September 2025.

Question 8.

What is the current status, cost and implementation pathway for live streaming?

The total estimated capital cost of the project is $192,000 (ex GST). The previously provided figure included GST.

The Audio Visual upgrade project is in the final stages of implementation. Procurement, design, planning and the majority of hardware installation and system commissioning activities have been completed. Pending items include new microphones for the Chamber, which have been delayed due to supplier availability. Initial configuration and testing of the new audiovisual infrastructure have been undertaken and the core installation works have been completed.

Ongoing operational support at Council meetings will be provided.

The project established the technical capability required to support livestreaming of Council meetings. A detailed report will be presented to Council at its 18 August 2026 meeting.

Question 9.

When will live streaming of Council meetings commence?

Following a Council resolution to proceed with livestreaming of Special and Ordinary Council meetings, final testing, operational arrangements and governance procedures will be required to be completed to support the delivery of live streamed meetings. It is anticipated livestreaming could commence from September 2026, subject to Council's decision to proceed with livestreaming and the completion of these implementation activities.

Question 10.

Can the Audit Risk Committee meetings return to be recorded and made publicly available?

Council resolved at its meeting on 15 October 2024 to remove the requirement for Audit and Risk Committee meetings to be recorded and have such recordings put on public display.

If Council wishes to reinstate recording of Audit and Risk Committee meetings, a recission motion would be required, together with relevant amendments to the Code of Practice-proceedings of meetings.

12. Motions on notice

Nil.

13. Petitions

Nil.

14. Urgent business

15. Confidential items

CONFIDENTIAL CLAUSE

If the Council so determines items 15.1 to 15.2 may be considered in confidence under Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* on grounds contained in the Recommendations below.



Sharon Mason
Chief Executive Officer

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15.1 PORT NOARLUNGA JETTY UPDATE

1. Exclusion of the public

   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;

      This report, its attachments and any discussion regarding negotiation strategy are to be considered in confidence as disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to prejudice Council's commercial position or provide a commercial advantage to the State.

   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.

2. Confidential recommendations

3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

   a. That the matter of the Port Noarlunga Jetty 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 the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties.

   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.

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15.2 OUTCOME OF SITE REVIEW AND PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE OVER 10 MEYER ROAD LONSDALE

1. Exclusion of the public

   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 Council is satisfied that it is reasonable to expect that public disclosure or discussion of the information concerning the potential use of the site, in hand with the financial information disclosed in relation to the existing Lease, would provide commercial advantage to another party.

   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.

2. Confidential recommendations

3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

   a. That the matter of Outcome of Site Review and Proposed Extension of Lease over 10 Meyer Road Lonsdale having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) and 90(3)(d) 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 the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties.

   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.

16. Closure

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

CONFLICTS MUST BE DECLARED VERBALLY DURING MEETINGS

Councillor:	Date:
Meeting name:	Agenda item no:

MATERIAL: Conflict arises when a councillor or a nominated person will gain a benefit or suffer a loss (whether directly or indirectly and whether pecuniary or personal) if the matter is decided in a particular manner. If declaring a material conflict of interest, Councillors must declare the conflict and **leave the meeting** at any time the item is discussed.

GENERAL: Conflict arises in relation to a matter to be discussed at a meeting of council if an impartial, fair minded person might consider that the member's **private interests** might result in the member acting in a manner that is contrary to their **public duty.**

private interests *means any direct or indirect interest of a member that does not derive from their public duty and does not include an interest that is only a matter of personal opinion or belief.*

public duty *means the responsibilities and obligations that a member has to member of the public in their role as a member.*

1. **I have identified a conflict of interest as:**

   MATERIAL ☐ GENERAL ☐

2. **The nature of my conflict of interest is as follows:**

   *(Describe the nature of the interest, including whether the interest is direct or indirect and personal or pecuniary – note that if declaring a material conflict the member **must** leave the meeting)*

3. **If declaring a general conflict, I state that I intend to deal with the interest in the following way:**

   ☐ I intend to **leave** the meeting
   OR

   ☐ I intend to stay in the meeting to **debate** and **vote** on the matter

   ☐ I intend to stay in the meeting but will **abstain** from **debating** and **voting** on the matter

   ☐ I intend to stay in the meeting and **abstain** from **debating** but will **vote** on the matter

   ☐ I intend to stay in the meeting to **debate** but will **abstain** from **voting** on the matter

4. **The reason I intend to stay in the meeting and consider this matter is as follows:**

and that I will receive no benefit or detriment direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering this matter as indicated above.

CONFLICTS MUST ALSO BE DECLARED VERBALLY DURING MEETINGS

Member Signature _____

Conflict of interest - Exemptions

A **material** or **general** Conflict of Interest does not apply to a matter or circumstance of the council of a kind prescribed by regulation.

The following exemptions are prescribed under Regulation 8AAA of the *Local Government (General)Regulations 2013.*

(a) the preparation, discussion, conduct, consideration or determination of a review under section 12 of the Act

(b) the preparation, discussion, adoption or revision of a policy relating to allowances and benefits payable to members if the policy relates to allowances and benefits payable equally to each member (rather than allowances and benefits payable to particular members or particular office holders)

(c) the preparation, discussion, adoption or alteration of a training and development policy under section 80A of the Act

(d) the preparation, discussion, adoption or amendment of a strategic management plan under section 122 of the Act

(e) the adoption or revision of an annual business plan

(f) the adoption or revision of a budget

(g) the declaration of rates (other than a separate rate) or a charge with the character of a rate, and any preparation or discussion in relation to such a declaration

(h) a discussion or decision of a matter at a meeting of a council if the matter—

(i) relates to a matter that was discussed before a meeting of a subsidiary or committee of the council

(ii) the relevant interest in the matter is the interest of the council that established the committee or which appointed, or nominated for appointment, a member of the board of management of the council subsidiary or regional subsidiary.

For the purposes of section 75A(3) of the Act, a member of a council who is a member, officer or employee of an agency or instrumentality of the Crown (within the meaning of section 73(4) of the Act) will be regarded as having a conflict of interest in a matter before the council if the matter directly concerns that agency or instrumentality but otherwise will not be regarded as having an interest in a matter by virtue of being a member, officer or employee of the agency or instrumentality.

Local Government Act 1999 Section 75A(1)(2)

Engagement and membership with groups and organisations exemption

A member will not be regarded as having a **general** conflict of interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting of council **by reason only of**:

(1)(a) if the interest is held in common with a substantial proportion of the ratepayers, electors or residents of the council area and does not materially exceed the interest held by the other ratepayers, electors or residents; or

(b) if the interest in the matter is that of an employer or employee of the member, and the member does not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, of that interest; or

(c) if the interest in the matter is that of a relative of the member, other than the member's spouse or domestic partner, and the member does not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, of that interest; or

(2) Without limiting subsection (1) above, a member of a council will not be regarded as having a general conflict of interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting of the council by reason only of—

a) an engagement with a community group, sporting club or similar organisation undertaken by the member in his or her capacity as a member; or membership of a political party

b) membership of a community group, sporting club or similar organisation (as long as the member **is not** an office holder for the group, club or organisation)

c) the member having been a student of a particular school or his or her involvement with a school as parent of a student at the school

d) a nomination or appointment as a member of a board of a corporation or other association, if the member was nominated for appointment by a Council.

However, the member will still be required to give careful consideration to the nature of their association with the above bodies.

For example: If your **only** involvement with a group is in your role as a Council appointed liaison as outlined in the Council appointed liaison policy, you will not be regarded as having a conflict of interest actual or perceived in a matter and are NOT required to declare your interest.