

MINUTES

Council meeting 18 August 2026

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

PLEDGE

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

1. Opening of meeting

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

Members read the pledge.

One minute's silence was held to recognise Vietnam Veterans Day and the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

2. Council member declarations of interest

Councillor	Item	Material/General conflict
Cr Fisher	10.3	General
Mayor Were	10.13	General
Mayor Were	10.14	Material
Cr Yeomans	10.15	Material
Cr Yeomans	12.3	General
Cr Pritchard	12.3	General

3. Confirmation of minutes

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That the minutes of the proceedings of the:

- *Council meeting held on 16 June 2026*
- *Special Council meeting held on 11 August 2026*

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

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

4. Adjourned business

Nil.

5. Leave of absence

Nil.

6. Mayor's communication

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Celebrating leaders

During the past month there has been a big focus on celebrating local leadership, volunteers, sporting achievements, environment, cultural and community contributions.

Coastal champions were celebrated and thanked for their contribution and leadership during the Harmful Algal Bloom, with a civic ceremony hosted at the Christies Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear from leaders in their field of the arts and citizen science in particular, as vehicles to help people move from anxiety to action in dealing with this major environmental challenge.

Young people completing courses in events management, business and peer mentoring were recognised at council events. Volunteers in neighbourhood watch were also recognised

in community meetings. Cherry Gardens community members received statewide recognition for one of their climate projects in the Premier's Climate Awards.

Leadership takes many forms and those completing the Onkaparinga Leadership program were also recognised at a graduation event.

Promotion

Councillors and I have been out promoting local tourism, hospitality, arts and events, including: Fleurieu Food Festival, SALA, McLaren Vale visitor experiences, recognition of internationally awarded wine and spirits businesses, promotion of local theatre and entertainment at Hopgood Theatre and Pt Noarlunga Arts Centre, and winter sporting codes.

Advocacy, innovation and impact

LGA SA were sponsors of the inaugural Adelaide Climate Action Week and I was involved in a number of events on their behalf. I was very interested in learning more about low carbon concrete and asphalt and how these innovations will support lowering costs as well as carbon. Lessons from ABC presenter Craig Ruechassel to the LGA communication officers network provided practical advice on the value of humour attached to facts and presenting accessible information to build behaviours to support strategy.

There has been a huge uptake in our sustainability rebates this year with around \$10k allocated in 5 days. Our residents are making systematic efforts to make changes in their own lives and homes.

Our advocacy on the integrity of information was presented to a Senate enquiry and we were pleased to learn that the Australia is now a signatory to Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change to address mis- and disinformation, online harassment, and greenwashing.

The focus on road safety continues during the winter months as roads, tracks and trails cope with the conditions. We are working closely with SAPOL and the State government to address the challenges from storms, high tides and the complications these bring to our roads and traffic network. We are continuing our work with these bodies as well in relation to illegally modified bikes.

Citizenship

On Monday 27 July I had the privilege of welcoming 135 new citizens from 39 different countries at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Hopgood Theatre. Hon. Amanda Rishworth, Josh Teague MP, Erin Thompson MP and Jenni Mitton MP were in attendance, along with Cr Paul Yeomans – South Coast Ward, Cr Marisa Bell – Southern Vales Ward and Cr Geoff Eaton – Thalassa Ward.

It was an honour to have Medal of the Order of Australia Kings Birthday Honours List 2026 recipient, Paul Daly OAM, as our guest speaker.

Thank you to Kaurna leader Susan Roberts for delivering a heartfelt Greeting to Country. We were also lucky to have the Fleurieu Region Girl Guides assist with the presentation of gifts, and thank you to Garry Stillwell for his entertaining performance of his original song 'Our Onkaparinga Home' and other Australian classics.

Noarlunga Aquatic Centre Renewal Works

Work on the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre upgrade is progressing rapidly. Re-roofing works are complete, the new reception feature ceiling is finished, and second-fix electrical and external lighting installations are underway. Tiling continues across the main and lagoon pool edges, spa area, bathrooms, and pool hall skirting, while handrails have been installed on the new pool entrance ramps.

Supported by the Federal Community Energy Upgrade Fund, a new plant platform is in place above the roof and high-efficiency pool water, and air heating units have been lifted into position.

Planning has now begun for the procurement and community engagement phases for the new zero-depth splash pad.

Elected Member Representation

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

- Opening of Many Hands Exhibition

Thank you to Cr Jordan Pritchard for representing me at:

- Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Great Almond Bake-off

Thank you to Cr Marisa Bell for representing me at:

- Willunga Recreation Park Annual Awards event

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- Climate Emergency Australia AGM
- Game Milestone Presentation, Southern Stars Netball Club
- Maslin Beach Community Artists SALA exhibition
- Tree planting, Cardijn College Galilee Campus
- Tennis SA Lunch & Learn Session
- Basketball SA Mitsubishi Motors Grand Final
- Meez On event, Wattleseed & Wine
- Wild Earth Oceania Film Festival Premiere
- National Trust of SA (Willunga Branch) AGM

Mayor's calendar 20 July to 15 August 2026

July	
21	Meeting with University representatives
	Meetings with staff
	Ward briefing
	Meeting of Council
22	Meeting with staff
22	LGA Audit & Risk Committee
23	LGA Board meeting, Lower Eyre Council
23	ABC Radio interview
24	LGA Tour of Lower Eyre Council
	Meeting with community health representatives
25	Almond Blossom Festival
26	Tree planting in Kangarilla
	SUNA Junior winter carnival
27	Adelaide Climate Action Week (ACAW) COP31 Roundtable and meeting with DCCEEW
	Citizenship Ceremony
28	Meeting with staff
	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor

	LGA_ - Low Carbon Concrete and Asphalt Workshop
	Online Webinar – Navigating the Misinformation Age
	Elected Member Session
29	Meeting with Director Group
	Meeting with staff
	Meeting with Josh Teague MP and CEO
	Mayoral Civic Event – Coastal Champions
30	100 th Birthday celebration with resident
	Meeting with staff
31	LGA ACAW breakfast event
	LGA President's meeting
August	
1	Opening of SALA Time and Tide Exhibition
3	Onkaparinga Youth Event Management Graduation
	Community Forum postcode 5163
4	Media filming
	Meetings with staff
	Elected Member Session
5	Dare to Dream youth program event
7	Tribe FM radio interview
8	Onkaparinga City Concert Band 50 th Anniversary celebration
10	Storytime Aldinga Library
11	Pre-Council meeting
	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor
	Meeting with business representative
	Volunteer celebration Hackham West Community Centre
	Meetings with staff
	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting
	Special Council meeting
12	Meeting with local business
	Babytime Noarlunga Library
	Primary school tree planting
13	Coast FM radio interview
	Media filming
	LGA Board special meeting
14	Institute for the Future / Green Climate Fund Workshop
	Leadership Onkaparinga Graduation
15	Morphett Vale RSL Centenary Dinner

Deputy Mayor's calendar 20 July to 15 August

July	
20	Meeting of Council
27	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
	Elected Member Session
August	

4	Elected Member Session
8	Opening of Many Hands Pottery Exhibition
11	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
	CEO Performance Management Committee meeting
	Meeting of Special Council
15	City of Prospect SANFL event

Correspondence

Incoming		
Att 1	Minister for Planning	Council Assessment Panel
Att 2	CEO Crime Stoppers SA	Hackham West Community Meeting 3/8/26
Att 3, 3a	Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development	H5 Bird Flu
Outgoing		
Att 4	ERD Committee	Letter of Support for the National Trust of SA
Att 5	Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Submission – Review of Personal Mobility Devices and E-bikes
Att 6	Minister for Infrastructure & Transport	Condition of Grants Gully Road, Clarendon
Att 7	Local Government Association of SA	Advocacy on information integrity
Att 8	Australian Local Government Association	Advocacy on information integrity
Att 9	Remuneration Tribunal of SA	Annual Review of Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers

Thank you.



Moira Were AM
Mayor

MOVED Cr Bell.

That Council note the 18 August 2026 Mayor's report.

Seconded by Cr Davis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Presentations

Nil.

8. Deputations

8.1 DEPUTATION - TIM O'LOUGHLIN, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE PRESIDING MEMBER RE RECORDING OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tim O'Loughlin gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the recording of Audit and Risk Committee meetings.

8.2 DEPUTATION – ERIN BURKE AND KIM BATHE, SOUTHERN TIGERS RE MORPHETT VALE BASKETBALL STADIUM LEASE

Erin Burke and Kim Bathe gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium lease.

8.3 DEPUTATION – MARK HARRIS, BASKETBALL SA, MORPHETT VALE BASKETBALL STADIUM LEASE

Mark Harris gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium lease.

8.4 DEPUTATION – BRENTON MATTERS, SELICKS BEACH HISTORICAL MOTORCYCLE RACES

Brenton Matters gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Sellicks Beach Historical Motorcycle Races.

Cr Fisher left his seat in the Chamber at 7.46pm.

8.5 DEPUTATION – BEV LANGLEY, DAVID MASSARED, JONETTE THORNSTEINSEN RE CAT CONTAINMENT AND BIRD FLU TRANSMISSION

Bev Langley, David Massared and Jonette Thornsteinsen gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to cat containment and bird flu transmission.

Cr Fisher resumed his seat in the Chamber at 7.54pm.

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

9.1 SOUTHERN REGION WASTE RESOURCE AUTHORITY – CONSTITUENT COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT – BOARD MEETING 22 JUNE 2026

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

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

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 11 AUGUST 2026

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council note the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting held on 11 August 2026 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

10. Reports of officers

10.1 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Matt Atkinson, Presiding Member of the Council Assessment Panel, presented the Annual Report and answered questions from elected members.

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That Council receives the Council Assessment Panel Annual Report 2025-2026 as contained in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

10.2 CITY OF ONKAPARINGA BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That Council receives the City of Onkaparinga Building Fire Safety Committee's Annual Report for 2025-2026 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

10.3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OUTCOMES – MORPHETT VALE BASKETBALL STADIUM

Cr Fisher declared a general conflict of interest as a life member of Southern Tigers Basketball Association (STBA), past president, father of current president and family heavily tied to STBA coaching and administration roles. Cr Fisher chose to leave the meeting at 8.12pm.

MOVED Cr Platten.

That for the land described as a portion of Certificate of Title Volume 5835 Folio 102 known as Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium, Council resolves to:

- 1. Note that the evaluation panel recommends Basketball SA as the highest scoring applicant, having achieved the highest overall score against the four key areas of the selection criteria. Notwithstanding this recommendation, Council may determine to appoint either applicant, having regard to the evaluation outcomes and the broader considerations outlined in this report.*
- 2. Approve the negotiation and execution of a lease for a term of two (2) years with the Southern Tigers Basketball Association.*

3. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer and their Sub-delegate(s) to finalise negotiations and execute the lease and any other documentation necessary to give effect to Council's resolution.*
4. *Require the lease to be executed within ninety (90) days of Council's resolution, failing which a further report be presented to Council for consideration.*

Seconded by Cr Davis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 8.28pm Cr Themeliotis MOVED that the meeting break for 10 minutes.

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reconvened the meeting in the Chamber at 8.36pm with all members present that were present before the break with the addition of Cr Fisher.

10.4 LIVESTREAMING

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council:

1. *Notes the agenda report regarding the proposed livestreaming of Ordinary Council and Special Council meetings.*
2. *Approves a trial commencement of livestreaming of Ordinary Council and Special Council meetings held in the Council Chamber for 12 months.*
3. *Approves a 5 minute time delay.*
4. *Notes that a report will come back to Council after the 12 month trial for Council to consider.*
5. *Approves the amendments to the Code of Practice – Proceedings of Meetings as contained in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

10.5 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ROUNDTABLE

MOVED Cr Jew.

That the Council note:

1. *The Children and Young People Wellbeing Roundtable summary report, actions and suggested next steps.*
2. *The continuation of cross-sector collaboration with stakeholders to progress the opportunities and actions identified through the roundtable.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND CONNECTION STRATEGY 2026–31

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council note:

- 1. The Community Engagement Feedback Report for the draft Community Capacity and Connection Strategy 2026-31 and the associated Empowered Community Implementation Plan 2026-31 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*
- 2. The final draft Empowered Community Implementation Plan 2026-31 (Attachment 2 to the agenda report).*

That Council approve:

- 3. The final draft Community Capacity and Connection Strategy 2026-31 (Attachment 3 to the agenda report).*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION ACTION PLAN 2021–2025 FINAL REPORT

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the outcomes delivered through the Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan 2021–25 (Attachment 2 to the agenda report).*
- 2. Notes that a review of the Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan 2021–25 will inform the development of the new Active Community Implementation Plan for the Community Capacity and Connection Strategy 2026–31.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 SELICKS BEACH HISTORIC MOTORCYCLE RACES 2027 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That for the land described as portion of Crown Record Volume 5752 Folio's 695 and 696, including the adjoining Aldinga Beach coastal lands both of which are under council's care and control as shown at Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- 1. Receives and considers the submissions collated during the public consultation phase of the licence assessment process as set out in the Community Engagement Feedback Report at Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Having considered the community feedback and submissions received from consultation with relevant agencies and provided at Attachment 2 to the agenda report, resolves to:*
 - a. approve the issuing of a licence to the Event Organisers to host the proposed Sellicks Beach Historic Motorcycle Races event in March 2027 on the basis that:*
 - i. the licence term will be a combination of exclusive and non-exclusive use to minimise disruption to the public accessing the beach (i.e. exclusive use will only be for the two event days. All other days in the licence will be for non-exclusive use to set-up and set-down)*

- ii. *the licence will contain reasonable conditions of use to protect the public, the land, the environment, and cultural heritage significance*
- iii. *the licence will include reasonable conditions to ensure that the event does not disrupt commercial businesses in the area.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 MCLAREN VALE TOWNSHIP CODE AMENDMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

MOVED Cr Bell.

That Council:

1. *Approves the draft McLaren Vale Township Code Amendment to the Planning and Design Code as contained in Attachment 2 to the agenda report, to submit to the Department for Housing and Urban Development for engagement approval to be followed by community engagement for a period of not less than eight weeks.*
2. *Approves the Community Engagement Plan as contained in Attachment 3 to the agenda report.*
3. *Notes that the results of community engagement will be reported to Council following the engagement period.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

Cr Stafford left his seat in the Chamber at 9.36pm.

Cr Stafford resumed his seat in the Chamber at 9.38pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Platten left his seat in the Chamber at 9.41pm.

10.10 SUBMISSION: STATE-WIDE FLOOD HAZARD CODE AMENDMENT

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council retrospectively endorses administration's submission to the State Planning Commission on the State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment as contained in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.

Cr Jew left her seat in the Chamber at 9.42pm.

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.11 INFORMATION INTEGRITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

MOVED Cr Bell.

That:

- *Council proposes an item of Business for the LGA's December 2026 Annual General meeting as per the following:*
- *That the Annual General Meeting requests the LGA to:*
 1. *Advocate to the State and Federal Governments for support to strengthen local government capability to identify, respond to and communicate effectively in*

relation to climate change misinformation and disinformation, including through the provision of training, resources, guidance and information-sharing networks; and

2. Consider opportunities to prioritise and resource initiatives that support the local government sector in this area, including training, capacity-building programs, practical guidance materials and mechanisms for sharing best practice across councils.

- *Minor updates may be made by the CEO as required to finalise the 'LGA General Meeting – Proposed Item of Business form' required to submit the proposed item.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

Cr Jew resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.43pm.

Cr Platten resumed his seat in the Chamber at 9.44pm.

CARRIED

10.12 CARETAKER POLICY

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That Council notes the 'election period' commences at 12 noon on Tuesday 9 February 2027, at which time the application of the Caretaker Policy for elected members and the administration will apply.

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

10.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR GAROC MEMBERS

Mayor Were declared a general conflict of interest as the nominee. Mayor Were stated she had no pecuniary interest in being nominated to be elected to GAROC. Mayor Were chose to leave the meeting as Chair at 9.45pm.

Deputy Mayor Fisher took the Chair.

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That the Local Government Association (LGA) be advised that Council nominates Mayor Moira Were AM of the City of Onkaparinga for the position of a member to the Local Government Association's South Regional Grouping of the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils for a term ending at the conclusion of the 2028 Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting.

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Were returned to the meeting at 9.48pm.

10.14 MAYOR WERE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PREMIER'S CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

Mayor Were declared a material conflict of interest. Mayor Were stated at this stage nomination is an expression of interest to go forward in a nomination process that may include a pecuniary interest if successful and left the meeting at 9.49pm.

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council endorses Mayor Moira Were AM's expression of interest for appointment to the Premier's Climate Change Council and supports the submission of her expression of interest.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Were returned to the meeting as Chair at 9.52pm.

10.15 NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE BUSHFIRE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Cr Yeomans declared a material conflict of interest as the nominee for the role which attracts a sitting fee for meetings and left the meeting at 9.53pm.

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council nominates Cr Paul Yeomans to the Local Government Association of South Australia as candidates for the position of the local government representative on the State Bushfire Coordination Committee.

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Yeomans resumed his seat in the Chamber at 9.54pm.

10.16 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

MOVED Cr Bell.

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

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Questions on notice

11.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – GRANTS GULLY ROAD, CLARENDON

1. *What advocacy has Council undertaken (during this term of council) with the South Australian Government regarding the condition, maintenance and potential resurfacing or upgrade of Grants Gully Road?*

Response

Following an Elected Member enquiry received from Cr Marion Themeliotis on 15 September 2025 regarding the poor condition of Grants Gully Road Council forwarded this request to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) on 22 September 2025 advising the poor condition of Grants Gully Road and requesting information on any future reseal programs.

A further letter was sent to the Minister for Transport (Hon Emily Bourke MLC) on 6 February 2026 from the Mayor outlining community concerns regarding the ongoing deterioration and safety of Grants Gully Road at Clarendon. This correspondence followed the Notice of Motion raised at the January 2026 Council meeting, which required that the community's concerns be communicated to the Minister and prioritised as a matter of urgency.

In this letter, Council highlighted its awareness of the Department's Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package and sought confirmation that Grants Gully Road was included within the Kangarilla Road/Dashwood Gully Road, Clarendon to Meadows Road Safety Project, along with an update on the works proposed.

A response was received from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Hon Joe Szakacs MP) dated 5 June 2026, advising that project works including pavement surface improvements, sealed shoulder upgrades and new line marking on Grants Gully Road between Clarendon Road and Turners Gully Road were completed in 2023. The Minister also advised that no works are proposed through Clarendon township as part of the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Program. The response noted that a recent inspection confirmed pavement defects do not present an immediate safety concern and will be monitored for potential inclusion in the 2026–27 maintenance patching program. DIT also confirmed that no resurfacing works were proposed at that time.

A further letter was sent by the Mayor on 14 July 2026, requesting DIT reconsider its position and give further consideration to renewal works for Grants Gully Road.

2. *What responses, commitments or advice has Council received from the Minister or Department in relation to:*
 - a. *immediate repairs and maintenance;*
 - b. *longer-term resurfacing or reconstruction works;*
 - c. *road safety concerns; and*
 - d. *any proposed timeframe for improvements?*

Response

Please refer to the response to Question 1.

3. *Has Council provided the State Government with information regarding recurring road failures, potholes, vehicle damage, crashes or other safety concerns along Grants Gully Road?*

Response

Council's latest correspondence to the Minister on 14 July 2026 highlighted concerns with pavement defects and surface damage occurring along the join where pavement and/or shoulder widening has occurred which also lies within the drip line of trees along the road. Council acknowledges that DIT maintains a statewide database of recorded crashes.

4. *Has Council requested that Grants Gully Road be included in any State Government road maintenance, road safety, infrastructure investment or regional road funding program?*

Response

Please refer to the answer to Question 1.

5. *What further advocacy opportunities are available to Council to seek improvements to Grants Gully Road, including:*
- a. further representations to the Minister and Department;*
 - b. applications for State or Federal grant funding;*
 - c. inclusion in Council's advocacy priorities; and*
 - d. collaboration with local Members of Parliament and the Clarendon community?*

Response

Council's general approach when advocating for the improvement of state-controlled roads involves different methods. A significant proportion of effective advocacy occurs through sustained, structured engagement between council officers and their state counterparts.

The administration track and monitor all formal correspondence sent and received and if timeframes lapse, new advocacy items emerge, or changes occur within the state government, staff follow up through formal correspondence, reminder letters, meeting requests, or other appropriate means.

Where appropriate, Council reports may also be written if there is not a clear Council policy position or an Elected Member decision or direction is required.

To help facilitate timely action, opportunities for collaboration with the state government and, where appropriate, other stakeholders such as community groups and local MPs may be suggested. This approach is guided by council's obligation to advocate on behalf of its community and in recognition of our responsibilities as a road manager. However, care needs to be taken to ensure that the state government adequately resources any eventual action, given our own limited resources and other competing priorities.

Staff continue to advocate in response to community concerns about road conditions, safety and congestion on state managed roads and intersections. We will also include updates and new or emerging issues in any future review of advocacy priorities.

Council can refer to this new information in future correspondence with the state government to advocate for improvement on state managed roads and depending on any response received, consider including the matter within Council's Advocacy Plan.

6. *Will Council consider undertaking further advocacy for the permanent resurfacing or reconstruction of Grants Gully Road, rather than continued temporary pothole repairs?*

Response

Yes, council will continue to communicate with the state government as outlined in the response to Question 5. Depending on any response received to our latest correspondence regarding Grants Gully Road, consideration may be given to include the matter within Council's Advocacy Plan.

11.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – ASSESSMENT OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS ON NOTICE

In relation to the process for submitting Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion by Elected Members:

1. *Who is responsible for reviewing and approving a Question on Notice or Notice of Motion before it is included in a Council agenda?*

Question on notice

A member may submit a Question on Notice by giving the Chief Executive Officer written notice at least seven clear days before the meeting. Where this requirement is met, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure the question is placed on the agenda.

There is no legislative approval process for a compliant Question on Notice. Where the notice requirements are met, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure the question is placed on the agenda. Administrative review may occur to support agenda preparation and identify factual, procedural, legal or drafting issues, but this is distinct from any formal power under the legislation to approve or refuse agenda inclusion.

Governance officers coordinate an administrative review, which may include consultation with relevant staff or legal advisers. This supports preparation of the response and identifies any factual, procedural or legal issues. Elected members may be contacted to help with suggested wording changes or consideration of withdrawal if required.

The presiding member may rule that a question not be answered if it is considered vague, irrelevant, insulting or improper.

Notice of Motion

A member may submit a written Notice of Motion to the Chief Executive Officer at least seven clear days before the meeting.

Governance officers coordinate an administrative review, with input from the Chief Executive Officer, relevant staff and, where necessary, legal advisers. Officers may discuss the motion's intent and practical effect with the member and suggest alternative wording. The motion remains the elected member's motion.

The presiding member may refuse to accept a motion if, in the presiding member's opinion, its subject matter is beyond the power of Council. At a Council meeting, the Mayor would ordinarily be the presiding member.

2. *What Council policies, procedures or other guidelines govern this review and approval process?*

The submission and handling of Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion are governed principally by:

- the *Local Government Act 1999*

- the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, particularly regulation 9 for questions and regulation 12 for motions
- Council's Code of Practice, Proceedings of Meetings, and
- Council's administrative procedures for Questions on Notice and Motions on Notice.

The Guiding Principles in the Regulations also inform the administration of meeting business, including that procedures should be fair and support open, transparent and informed decision-making.

3. *What criteria are applied when determining whether a proposed Question on Notice or Notice of Motion:*

a. *relates to the functions, powers or responsibilities of Council;*

Consideration is given to whether the matter relates to Council's statutory functions, powers, duties, adopted plans or policies, or its broader community leadership and advocacy role.

b. *is outside Council's role or jurisdiction;*

Consideration is given to whether another government, authority, regulator, court or organisation has primary responsibility for the matter. This does not necessarily prevent Council from considering the matter, advocating or making representations.

c. *is beyond Council's legal powers or ultra vires;*

For a Notice of Motion, consideration is given to whether Council has the legal authority to take the action proposed. Officers may provide advice, however the presiding member may refuse to accept a motion if, in the presiding member's opinion, its subject matter is beyond Council's power.

A compliant Question on Notice is not excluded from the agenda on this basis, although wording changes may be discussed where appropriate.

d. *is operational rather than strategic in nature;*

Operational matters may be relevant to advice provided to a member or whether another process may be more appropriate. However, being operational is not, of itself, a ground for excluding a Question on Notice or refusing a Notice of Motion.

e. *duplicates a matter previously considered by Council;*

Previous Council consideration may be relevant context and may be raised with the member. Duplication is not, of itself, a ground for refusing a question or motion, although legislative requirements may apply where a motion seeks to revoke or amend an earlier resolution.

f. *is otherwise unsuitable for inclusion in an agenda?*

There is no broad discretion to exclude elected member business because it is considered unsuitable.

A compliant Question on Notice must be included on the agenda, subject to the presiding member's ability to rule that it not be answered on the grounds specified in the Regulations.

A Notice of Motion may only be refused on the grounds prescribed in the Regulations. Officers may provide advice and suggest alternative wording but do not have authority to refuse a submission.

4. *Who makes the final determination that a Question on Notice or Notice of Motion is outside Council's role, jurisdiction or legal powers?*

The position differs between Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion.

A compliant Question on Notice must be placed on the agenda by the Chief Executive Officer. The presiding member may rule that a question not be answered if it is vague, irrelevant, insulting or improper.

For a Notice of Motion, officers may provide advice regarding Council's powers, responsibilities and any practical or legal considerations. The formal power to refuse a motion rests with the presiding member, who may refuse to accept a motion if, in the presiding member's opinion, its subject matter is beyond Council's power. Another body having primary responsibility for a matter does not necessarily prevent Council from considering the matter, forming a position or advocating on behalf of the community.

5. Is legal advice sought before a Question on Notice or Notice of Motion is rejected or amended on the basis that it may be ultra vires?

Legal advice can be sought, however is not required in every case. Governance and relevant officers first consider the applicable legislation, Council's Code of Practice and any relevant previous advice. Legal advice may be sought where Council's authority is uncertain, the issue is novel or complex, or there is a material risk that the proposed action would be unlawful.

Where a concern may be addressed through clarification or alternative wording, officers may discuss this with the elected member. Any substantive amendment should be made with the member's agreement.

6. How are decisions regarding the admissibility of Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion documented to ensure consistency, transparency and procedural fairness?

Submissions and associated correspondence are retained in Council's electronic records management system in accordance with Council's recordkeeping requirements.

Depending on the circumstances, records may include the original submission, officer consultation, advice obtained, correspondence with the elected member, agreed wording changes and, where applicable, any ruling or determination made by the presiding member.

A Question on Notice and its reply are recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Council's administrative procedures and previous decisions support consistency, while each submission is considered according to its wording, intended effect and particular circumstances.

11.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – LONG TERM VEHICLE STORAGE ON PUBLIC ROADS

Following correspondence from the Minister for Local Government confirming that councils have primary responsibility for determining and enforcing parking controls on local roads, including the ability to introduce targeted time limits or access restrictions and develop policies addressing long-term vehicle storage (refer Attachment 1):

1. Does the City of Onkaparinga currently have a policy, procedure specifically addressing the long-term storage of registered vehicles on public roads?

There is no Policy on the long term storage of registered vehicles on public roads.

The requirements for use of roads are established by Acts of Parliament and Council regulates the Australian Road Rules (*Road Traffic Act*) and applies the provisions of the Local Government Act that pertain to the removal of abandoned vehicles.

Procedures are in place to manage the removal of vehicles under section 237 of the *Local Government Act* and section 40N of the *Road Traffic Act*.

Where long term parked vehicles are legally parked but interrupt sight distance, such as when positioned near a property access, intersection, or on the inside of a horizontal curve, Council may consider the removal of parking at that location. In these circumstances, the installation of yellow No Stopping line marking may be warranted to preserve safe sight lines and maintain the operational safety of the road environment.

2. *If so, what criteria are used to determine when a vehicle is considered to be stored long-term, and what action can Council take?*

Long-term storage is not a defined term and there is no offence relating to 'long-term storage'.

If a vehicle is parked in breach of a parking control, then an offence may be created, eg for time limited parking, the time limit has been exceeded.

Alternatively, if the vehicle is abandoned it may be removed. Section 237 of the *Local Government Act* sets out the determination of 'abandoned' and the process to be followed and was previously supported by Guidance prepared by the Office of Local Government. Pertinent to the question of "abandoned", rather than "parked", is for example if a motor vehicle check suggests the vehicle is owned by a person residing in an adjacent property, it is reasonable to conclude that the vehicle has not been "left" or "abandoned".

3. *If not, will Council consider developing a policy or framework to manage vehicles stored long-term on public roads?*

A Policy is not being considered but would need to be consistent with the legislative framework established by State Government. That is, a Policy cannot introduce a requirement that doesn't already exist.

Council has the power to introduce parking controls where an identified need arises. For example, time limited parking has previously been introduced in residential streets near Seaford Meadows Train Station. These controls were introduced to encourage commuters to utilise 'park and ride' carparks rather than park all day in residential areas.

A Policy is not required to extend parking controls however, parking controls are a blunt tool to manage vehicles left "long-term" on public roads. "Long-term" use of the road to "store" vehicles can occur anywhere across council's road network. However, the process to introduce time limited parking is thorough, including community engagement, gazettal and signage before the control can be enforced. Such controls are most effective where an ongoing demand exists to keep vehicles turning over, eg for business purposes, as opposed to their ad hoc application to shift a vehicle left "long-term" on a road.

Additionally, we will continue to monitor instances where vehicles parked long term are reported to be causing significant hazard to public safety and we will consider applying parking controls in these locations where genuine hazards are evident.

4. *How many complaints or requests has Council received regarding vehicles being stored long-term on public roads during the past three financial years, and how many resulted in compliance or enforcement action?*

The way council receives reports of illegal parking or abandoned vehicles does not allow for the identification of complaints or requests regarding vehicles stored long-term on public roads.

A proxy measure of reports about long term parking is abandoned vehicle reports and some requests will be received as illegal parking reports. Requests for these categories

are set out below, but we cannot report how many of these requests resulted in compliance or enforcement action.

Abandoned Vehicles

2025/26 – 706

2024/25 – 657

2023/24 – 516

Illegal parking reports

2025/26 – 1,986

2024/25 – 2,453

2023/24 – 2,230

5. *What powers are currently available to Council where a vehicle:*

a. obstructs traffic or access;

b. creates a safety risk or hazard;

If a vehicle is parked or stopped in breach of an Australian Road Rule and is committing an offence under the *Road Traffic Act*, council's authorised persons have the power to serve an expiation notice.

Officers are also authorised pursuant to section 40N of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, which allows for a vehicle to be removed where the vehicle is unattended or broken down and is causing an obstruction to a road or an immediate danger to public safety.

c. is unregistered, abandoned or broken down; or

Sections 237 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides for the removal of an abandoned vehicle as set out in answer to question 2 above.

The registration status of a vehicle assists in determining if a vehicle is abandoned, however there is no offence pursuant to the *Local Government Act* or Part 12 of the Australian Road Rules pertaining to unregistered vehicles.

An unregistered vehicle left on a road may be in contravention of Section 9 of the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*. However, Council Officers are not authorised to enforce this offence, which remains the remit of SAPOL.

d. remains parked in one location for an extended period but does not otherwise breach an existing parking restriction?

Refer to the answer set out in question 2 above.

6. *Has Council considered introducing targeted parking controls, including time limits or access restrictions, in locations where long-term vehicle storage is a recurring issue?*

No. Long term parking is an ad hoc issue that can occur on any street within our City and is not limited to particular suburb/s or hotspots.

Where long term storage of vehicles is associated with specific land uses such as a car yard or vehicle hire businesses, council will first assess that vehicles are parked legally, and not causing an obstruction or hazard, consistent with the criteria outlined in answer to question 5 above. Officers also consider whether the land use is operating in accordance with any development approval and that onsite parking is being provided in accordance with approvals.

Where a development is operating in full compliance with its approval and the vehicles are legally parked without causing obstruction or hazard to the public, council does not remove parking. Legal parking that does not present a safety risk is retained.

7. What process would be required to introduce such controls, including any assessment, consultation, budget or signage requirements?

The implementation of additional parking controls is subject to assessment by Council's Traffic Engineers to determine whether an unreasonable parking or safety issue exists and whether additional controls are warranted. Where controls are supported and proposed, Council will consult with impacted landowners and residents, and arrange the installation of regulatory signage and/or line marking.

8. Will Council consider undertaking a public information campaign encouraging residents to store vehicles on private property wherever reasonably possible?

Council may consider a public information campaign to encourage residents to park on private property to assist in reducing on-street parking pressures. However, it would be sensible to investigate what approaches have been adopted by other councils and whether those initiatives have demonstrated improvements in parking behaviours.

A public awareness campaign would need to recognise the difference between legal requirements and council's recommendations. While council can promote a course of action, it will have no power to cause a change in parking behaviour unless a road rule is being breached.

Council may ask for a report to investigate:

- Examples of parking awareness campaigns implemented in other councils
- Evidence of the effectiveness of these campaigns in reducing on-street parking demand and improving community amenity
- The legislative and regulatory limitations relevant to council's role in influencing residential parking behaviours
- Risks, opportunities, timing, and cost of a local campaign
- Options, including further advocacy for legislative change to enable council to better manage vehicles left on roads.

Staff time to prepare the above report will be approximately 40 hours and is estimated to take about two months to prepare.

9. In light of the Minister's response, what next steps will Council take to review its current approach to long-term vehicle storage on public roads?

The Minister's response maintains the current legal position and does not propose any new mechanisms or solutions to support the management of vehicles legally parked long-term on public roads. Our approach to complaints received about these vehicles will continue to determine if a breach of the Australian Road Rules is being committed, which may give rise to the issuing of an expiation notice or to ascertain if the vehicle is abandoned and have it removed consistent with the process set out under the Local Government Act. If the vehicle is neither illegally parked nor abandoned, then no compliance or enforcement action is available.

10. Will a report outlining Council's available options, recommended actions and proposed timeframe be presented to Elected Members?

A report is not scheduled in relation to this matter. See answer to question 8.

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Dear Mayor ~~Were~~, *Moira*

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga (Council) requesting the South Australian Government considers a legislative model to enable councils to address long-term vehicle storage on public roads.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Office of Local Government for advice in relation to this matter.

As you are aware, councils hold primary responsibility for determining and enforcing parking controls on their roads. This includes the ability to change and restrict the parking arrangements to discourage long-term vehicle storage on public streets.

Accordingly, it is open to the Council to consider targeted measures such as time limits or access restrictions in locations where long-term parking is creating localised issues. Councils are also authorised to enforce offences under Part 12 of the Australian Road Rules (Restrictions on stopping and parking) made pursuant to the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (RT Act) and to issue expiation notices where appropriate. These provisions give councils considerable authority to address vehicles that obstruct traffic, impede safety, or otherwise present a hazard.

In addition, the *Local Government Act 1999* (LG Act) makes it an offence to abandon a vehicle on a public road or place, and provides councils with clear powers and procedures for removing vehicles left in such locations. I am advised that the RT Act provides both councils and South Australia Police (SAPOL) with powers to manage unattended, broken down or obstructive vehicles.

There is nothing in the LG Act that prevents councils from developing their own individual policies outlining how they will manage long-term parking under the RT Act, or vehicles left or abandoned on a public road within the council's area.

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With respect to unregistered vehicles, the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959* prohibits a person from driving or permitting an unregistered vehicle to stand on a road. I am advised that SAPOL will continue to monitor the registration status of vehicles on roads and regularly conduct deterrent and enforcement operations throughout the year, including issuing expiation notices.

Constituents are encouraged to use SAPOL's Traffic Watch Hotline to report traffic complaints. Reports can be made by telephone on 131 444, online at www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/traffic-watch2, through the SAPOL App, or in person at a police station.

I encourage councils to exercise the significant powers conferred on them to address local issues as they arise. I also encourage the Council to enact any public awareness campaigns, such as encouraging residents to store vehicles on private property where possible, as it sees fit.

As you would be aware, the Malinauskas Labor Government's proposed reforms would ensure new garages are built to dimensions that accommodate modern vehicles, and that new homes provide adequate off-street parking. Under the proposed changes, one-bedroom homes would require one off-street car park, while homes with two or more bedrooms would require at least two off-street car parks.

Minimum dimensions for off-street parking areas would also be increased to ensure larger passenger and utility vehicles sold in Australia could be parked with sufficient width to allow the driver and passenger doors to be opened without hitting garage walls.

Following Labor's return to government at the 2026 State Election, legislating these reforms will be a priority. This would include writing to all councils to ensure local parking rules support the reforms. I trust the Council would consider these reforms constructively in an effort to ease congestion on quiet suburban streets.

Thank you again for your correspondence and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Rhiannon Pearce MP
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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11.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – CR THEMELIOTIS – PUBLIC HERBICIDE SPRAY REGISTER

Question 1.

Does the City of Onkaparinga currently maintain records of herbicide applications across Council-managed parks, reserves and open spaces, including:

- a. the location of each application;*
- b. the date of application;*
- c. the herbicide or chemical product used; and*
- d. any scheduled future application dates?*

Response 1

Council maintains operational records of herbicide applications undertaken by both Council staff and contracted service providers.

These records include:

- the location of the application;
- the date and time of application;
- the herbicide product used;
- environmental conditions at the time of application, including temperature and wind speed;
- adjuvants used where applicable; and
- the staff member or contractor undertaking the work.

Contractors are required under their contractual obligations to maintain herbicide application ("spray diary") records for auditing and compliance purposes. Council staff record herbicide applications through the OneCouncil Works Management System as part of routine maintenance recording. These records primarily support operational planning, legislative compliance, contractor management and maintenance cost reporting.

Future herbicide application dates are not routinely scheduled for individual locations. Herbicide treatment is undertaken on a risk-based and condition-based basis following site inspections and is dependent upon:

- the presence and extent of weeds
- seasonal growth patterns
- suitable environmental conditions.

Question 2.

If these records are maintained, are they currently available to members of the public? If so, how can residents access this information?

Response 2

Council's operational herbicide application records are not published for public access, and there is no legislative requirement for local government to maintain a publicly accessible herbicide application register.

Council has previously responded to enquiries regarding herbicide applications at specific locations where requested.

The Council report *Review of Glyphosate Herbicide Use on Council Land* (28 April 2026) undertook an evidence-based review of Council's weed management practices. The report concluded that Council's current herbicide application practices present a low risk to public health and the environment when undertaken in accordance with product labels and

operational procedures. Independent testing commissioned as part of the review found no detectable airborne glyphosate following application and only localised soil residues immediately following treatment.

Question 3.

Has Council previously considered establishing a publicly accessible herbicide spray register or interactive online map showing:

a. Council parks and reserves;

b. the most recent herbicide application at each location; c. the product used; and d. planned future spraying dates?

Response 3

No. Administration has not previously investigated establishing a publicly accessible herbicide spray register or interactive online map showing Council parks and reserves, herbicide application records, products used or planned spraying dates.

Planned spraying dates are not routinely scheduled in advance and are subject to site conditions and weather.

Development and management of this type of register and mapping would require additional operational and ICT resourcing to extract data from the OneCouncil Works Management System and present it through an appropriate public-facing platform.

Such work would need to be considered alongside other corporate priorities, available funding and ICT project governance processes.

Given Council's current evidence-based weed management practices and the absence of any legislative requirement to publish herbicide application records, development of a public register has not previously been identified as an operational priority. Given the number of sites managed by Council, providing advance spraying dates is not operationally feasible, and there would be a significant administrative cost to accurately maintaining and communicate this information.

Question 4.

What would be required, including estimated costs, staff resources and timeframes, to make Council's herbicide application records publicly accessible through an online register or interactive map?

Response 4

Making herbicide application records publicly accessible would require ICT development to extract data from existing systems and publish it through an online register or interactive map. This would also require data management, system maintenance and governance arrangements.

Administration has not undertaken a detailed business case or cost estimate. Project costs would depend on software capability, vendor licensing requirements, system integration complexity and the functionality required. This would require consultation across multiple teams and software vendors.

Any proposal would need to be considered through Council's normal ICT prioritisation and budget processes alongside competing corporate priorities. Additional administration, staff resourcing and ongoing operational costs associated with consolidating records from multiple Council teams and contractors would also need to be considered to ensure ongoing data management.

Contractors use a range of systems and processes to record spray diary information, ranging from corporate software platforms to paper-based records. As a result, consolidating this information into a single publicly accessible dataset would present

significant implementation challenges and require additional resources to ensure data quality, consistency and reliability.

Question 5.

Could Administration provide advice on the feasibility of introducing a public herbicide spray register to assist parents, pet owners and other residents to make informed decisions about their use of Council parks and reserves?

Response 5

Based on current operational arrangements and resource requirements, Administration does not consider a public herbicide spray register to be feasible at this time. Given the number of Council-managed sites and the dynamic nature of spraying programs, maintaining an accurate and up-to-date register would require significant administrative resources. Spraying schedules are regularly adjusted in response to weather, operational requirements and site conditions, limiting the reliability of advance notification. Current notification and compliance measures are considered an appropriate and practical approach for managing public awareness of herbicide application activities.

In response to heightened interest, Council staff will review and improve the information on our website to provide more information about Council's integrated weed management approach, including:

- type of assets that are treated, approximate timing and frequency
- measures taken to minimise herbicide use
- circumstances where non-chemical weed control methods are used
- environmental safeguards
- notification procedures
- legislative compliance
- Council's ongoing commitment to reducing herbicide use where practical and operationally effective.

11.5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – CANCELLED AUSTRALIA DAY FIREWORKS 2026

1. *Following the cancellation of the fireworks display planned for the City of Onkaparinga's Australia Day event 2026, did Council commit to holding a replacement fireworks display at a later date?*
2. *If so, when and where is the replacement fireworks display expected to be held?*
3. *What arrangements have been made to deliver the replacement display, and when will details be communicated to the community?*
4. *If a replacement display is no longer proposed, why has this decision been made and what will happen to the funds allocated for the cancelled Australia Day fireworks?*

Response

Following the cancellation of the Australia Day Family Fair due to the forecast extreme heat, council advised the community via Facebook that "While fireworks won't proceed on Australia Day, we'll explore opportunities to deliver a fireworks event at a future time when conditions are safer."

Consistent with this advice, the Events team investigated a range of options for delivering a replacement fireworks display, including potential locations and delivery models. At that time, however, the full financial impact of cancelling the original Australia Day event was not yet known.

Concurrently, council undertook negotiations with contractors and suppliers to determine the contractual costs payable. Once these negotiations were finalised and outstanding invoices paid, it became clear that the majority of the Australia Day Family Fair budget was required to meet council's contractual obligations arising from the cancellation.

As a result, there was insufficient budget remaining to deliver a replacement fireworks display. In addition to the cost of the fireworks, a replacement event would have required funding for staffing and other operational requirements.

Accordingly, council has not proceeded with a replacement fireworks display, and no replacement event has been scheduled. We look forward to delivering another Australia Day Family Fair in January 2027.

11.6 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR EATON – MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

I would like to submit the following Question on Notice for the August Council Meeting. It was not held last year and there questions asked in the community why was this the case. It is an excellent opportunity for our residents and business to showcase their premises and their street and it attracts visitor to our different suburbs. In the past it has not been held in the lead-up Christmas period immediately following the November local government elections.

Question 1.

With the 6 month delay in the local government elections this term, has a decision be made whether to hold (or not to hold it as occurred last year) the Mayor's Christmas Light Competition?

The Mayor has decided not to hold the Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition in 2026 and to focus available resources on other community initiatives, including the Children's Week Drawing Competition and the Onkaparinga Christmas Tree program supporting families in need.

Question 2.

If the decision has been made to hold the competition what dates will the judging occurring over?

As per Q1, the competition will not be run for 2026.

Question 3.

If it is to be held when will the public information/advertising of the event occur?

As per Q1, the competition will not be run for 2026.

Question 4.

Should the decision be not to hold the competition what limitations are there for elected members to conduct such a competition in their respective wards and what recognition could those ward councillors provide on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga in recognition of individual efforts to celebrate the festive season?

The Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition is a mayoral initiative and, as such, receives administrative and budget support approved through Council processes. If another Elected Member wished to establish a similar competition, it would not automatically receive Council resources or support unless otherwise resolved by Council.

Elected Members may choose to organise a community-based Christmas lights recognition initiative in their personal capacity. In doing so, they should ensure they comply with their obligations under the Local Government Act 1999, the Behavioural Standards for Council Members and any relevant Council policies.

Elected Members should take care not to use their position to obtain sponsorship, donations or prizes in a manner that could create an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest. They should also clearly distinguish between personal initiatives and official Council activities when communicating with the community, including through social media.

Any recognition provided by an individual Elected Member would be personal in nature and should not be represented as an official City of Onkaparinga award or endorsement unless authorised by Council. Elected Members are encouraged to seek Governance advice prior to commencing an initiative of this nature.

Question 5.

If a decision has not been made to hold the competition what is the latest date that a Notice of Motion could be submitted to hold the Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition.

Should Council wish to consider a Notice of Motion relating to a Christmas lights competition, a Notice of Motion submitted for the September Council meeting allows the greatest opportunity for any approved initiative to be planned and promoted ahead of the Christmas period. The deadline for submission is no later than 7 September for consideration at the 15 September Council meeting.

Question 6.

If it was not to be held again, what opportunities will be made by the City of Onkaparinga for residents and businesses to advertise their Christmas light displays on Council's social media (or other media platforms to attract people to these displays?

As with previous years, an interactive Christmas lights map will be available on Council's website, enabling residents to identify and promote local displays. The map will be promoted through council's Facebook page, to encourage community participation and visitation.

12. Motions on notice

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – SAFETY AND SECURITY AT THE NOARLUNGA CENTRE INTERCHANGE

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That Council:

1. *Notes growing community concern regarding incidents of violence, antisocial behaviour and public safety at and around the Noarlunga Centre Interchange.*
2. *Acknowledges the impact these incidents may have on commuters, nearby businesses, workers, students and residents, including their confidence in safely accessing public transport and the surrounding precinct.*
3. *Requests that the Mayor write to the South Australian Minister for Police, with copies to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the local State Member of Parliament, seeking:*
 - a. *an assessment of current security arrangements at the Noarlunga Centre Interchange;*
 - b. *consideration of increased police patrols and security personnel, particularly during identified periods of increased risk;*
 - c. *a review of CCTV coverage, lighting and other crime-prevention infrastructure;*
 - d. *provide advice regarding any further measures that could be implemented to improve safety and reduce violence and antisocial behaviour at the interchange.*
4. *Requests that any response received be included in the Mayor's report.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – CAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That Council:

1. *Notes:*
 - a. *the South Australian Government is developing a statewide Cat Management Strategy addressing the management of owned, unowned and feral cats;*
 - b. *the Strategy is intended to provide a coordinated statewide framework that considers animal welfare, environmental and social impacts, responsible pet ownership and the protection of native wildlife;*
 - c. *Council has previously expressed strong support for improved and consistent cat management across South Australia; and*
 - d. *Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre has been a longstanding advocate for stronger cat management measures, informed by its direct experience caring for native animals injured or orphaned as a result of cat attacks.*
2. *Requests that the Mayor write to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water:*
 - a. *reiterating Council's strong support for the timely development of a comprehensive and evidence-based Cat Management Strategy for South Australia;*
 - b. *acknowledging the important work and advocacy of Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre in promoting responsible cat ownership, cat containment and the protection of native wildlife;*
 - c. *requesting advice on when the draft Cat Management Strategy will be released for community consultation; and*
 - d. *requesting an updated timeline for the consultation, finalisation and implementation of the Strategy.*
 - e. *that a courtesy copy of the Mayor's letter be sent to all MPs within the city of Onkaparinga.*
3. *Requests that the Minister's response be included in the appropriate Mayor's Report and provided to elected members.*
4. *That council provide a report to the October Council meeting which includes the process for developing of a bylaw and its consequences, and how it could be implemented to address 24/7 cat containment, including a sample of bylaws of neighbouring councils.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

Cr Greaves left her seat in the Chamber at 10.12pm.

Cr Greaves resumed her seat in the Chamber at 10.14pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVOKE A RESOLUTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – 15 OCTOBER 2024
- AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 PART 3 RE
RECORDING OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Cr Pritchard declared a general conflict of interest as a member of Audit and Risk Committee. Cr Pritchard indicated that he would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter and chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

Cr Yeomans declared a general conflict of interest as a member of Audit and Risk Committee. Cr Pritchard indicated that he would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter and chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That the following resolution of Council of 15 October 2024 entitled Audit and Risk Committee meeting minutes of 12 September 2024, Part 3:

“That Council remove the requirement for Audit and Risk Committee meetings to be recorded and have such recordings put on public display.”

Be revoked.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

LOST

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

For:

<i>Cr Fisher</i>	<i>Cr Themeliotis</i>			

Against:

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

LOST

13. Petitions

Nil.

14. Urgent business

Nil.

15. Confidential items

Nil.

16. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 10.53pm.

Certified Correct Chair

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