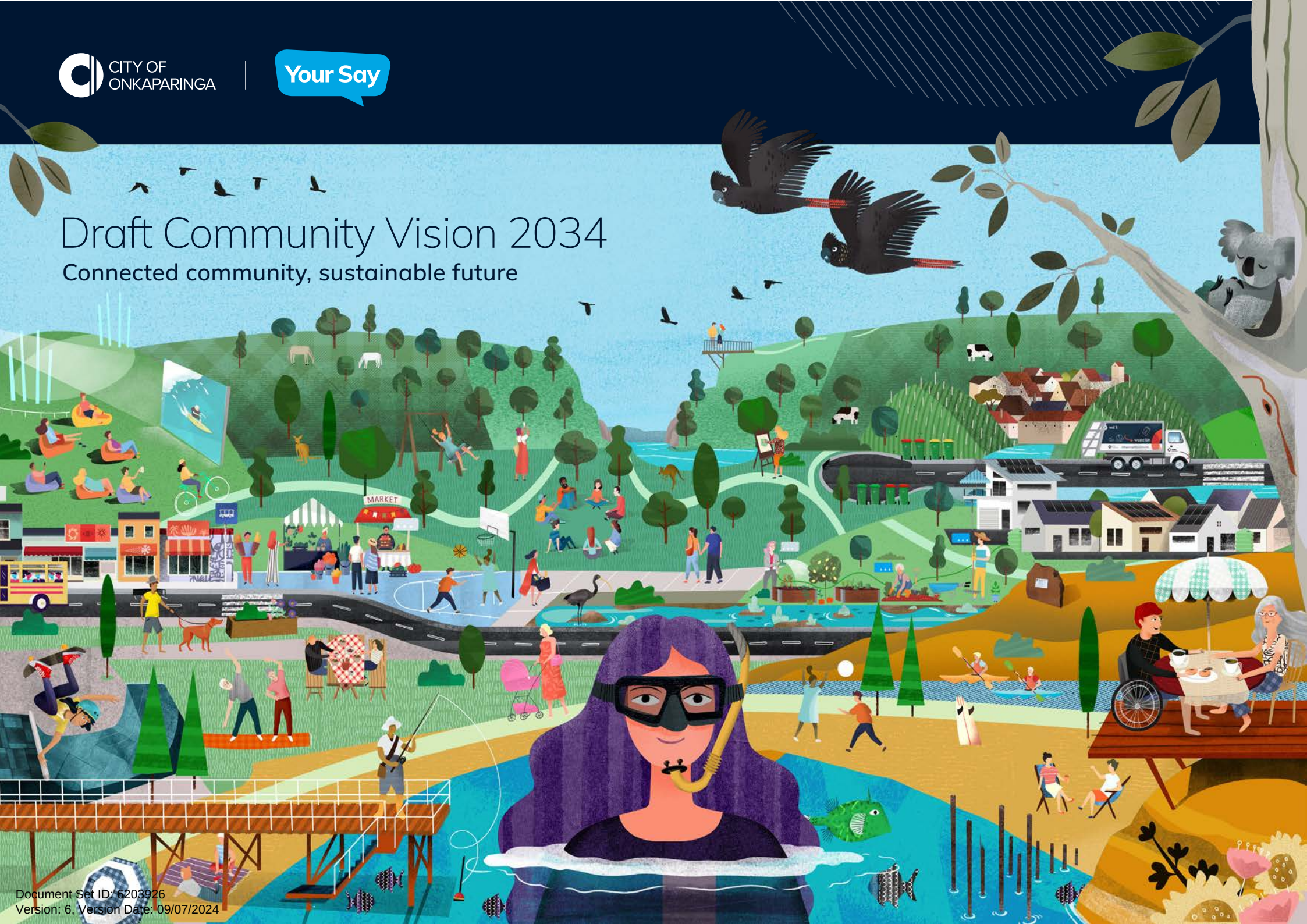


Draft Community Vision 2034

Connected community, sustainable future



Kaurna acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Kaurna Nation and its people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land in the area now 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 we aspire to.

We are mindful of Kaurna people's spiritual relationship with country when we make decisions about our region and that protecting places of importance to Kaurna culture has an impact on the wellbeing and prosperity of Kaurna and other Aboriginal people.

We recognise our leadership responsibility to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, local businesses, and service agencies by actively engaging in a shared journey towards reconciliation.

Illustrating the vision

The illustration on the front cover reflects what we heard from 4964 residents describing what they love about where they live. Elements were refined and added through conversations at the two community workshops.



From the Mayor

Being Mayor of Onkaparinga teaches me every day about what it means to make good decisions now, and for the future. I hope this Community Vision becomes the compass that guides those decisions – not just for council, but for the community, anyone and everyone who can contribute to bringing it to life.

Representing the 180,865 residents who live here, learn here and grow here is a duty this council takes very seriously, and we have developed the Community Vision with a clear goal of making sure the process is inclusive, collaborative and reflective of the diverse voices we hear along the way. So far, we have heard from 5030 people and the insights have been invaluable.

Many of you said that in 10 years' time you want this place to be as beautiful, liveable and unique as it is today. You want our community to remain connected and healthy, and a place offering a great lifestyle in a beautiful environment.

This vision looks to nurture what we have and tackle some big challenges towards connected communities with a sustainable future.

We heard about the importance of leadership, both supporting and building capacity for leadership within communities, and council demonstrating leadership in amplifying community voices.

We heard that our communities want to be able to participate in decision making on matters that affect them, and that partnerships are the key to maximising community value.

We gathered these ideas and worked with 66 community contributors to identify themes and priorities and get some advice on what criteria might be used when Council has to make tough decisions.

My fellow elected members and I have also made a series of commitments to you about the things we will consider when we are making decisions in the chamber based on what we heard from you. Those commitments reflect both financial and social principles, and can be found on page 22.

This vision is your vision. We will work with industry partners, other levels of government and service providers, not for profits, and you, towards achieving this collective and evolving vision. This is about turning ideas into action, to ensure Onkaparinga remains the best place to live.

Moria Were AM
Mayor



Connected community, sustainable future.

**A 10 year vision for
the community.**

Glossy Black Cockatoos
fly throughout this plan.
How many can you find?

From 19 July 2024 you can
provide further feedback on
this Draft Community Vision.

Tell us -
What do you think?
What's your favourite element?
What's missing?



About the plan

In late 2023, 4964 people told us what they thought about and what they loved about living in the City of Onkaparinga; 66 community contributors then participated in two community workshops, to share their ideas and vision for the future of our city.

This fantastic response delivered a wealth of information that provided the foundation for the development of this draft Community Vision.

While this plan has been produced via a process led by the council, it ultimately belongs to the community as a whole to work collaboratively to achieve.

The Community Vision is designed to serve as a compass, providing direction for the collective work of the community.

It is made up of elements that support and refine the vision, turning it into a guide for action.

This plan features four themes to frame council decision making and the services and projects we deliver. Those themes are Community, Environment, Liveability, and Leadership, supported by 32 ambitious goals to reach a shared vision for Onkaparinga over the next ten years.



Element	Purpose
Vision statements	The future the community aspires to
Themes	High level categories framing the focus of our efforts
Key result areas	Key areas for achieving results that contribute to realising the vision
Goals	Objectives to drive change at community wide level, providing direction for the action needed to achieve it
Indicators	How the city is tracking and what needs to shift to indicate movement towards the vision



Theme

Community

Vision Statement

It's friendly here. People connect with each other across a range of celebrated differences. No matter what age, ability, gender or cultural identity, there are things to do, safe places to go, groups to join, arts to experience, opportunities to learn, and ways to be active. Everyone has the capacity to look after their personal and collective wellbeing and, when times are tough, find support.



Indicators

- Mental health condition
- Physical activity levels
- Childhood developmental vulnerability
- Criminal offences
- Community connectedness
- Community group participation
- Acceptance of cultural diversity
- Participation in arts, events and activities

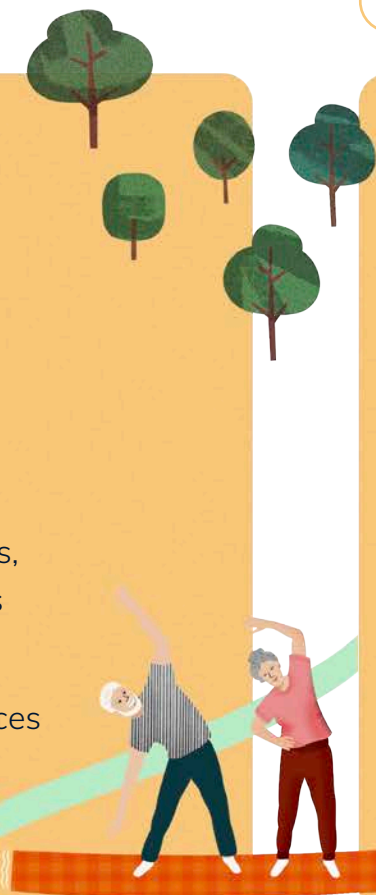


Key result area

Healthy and happy people

Goals

- Build on individuals' and communities' capacity to identify and drive common purposes and local solutions
- Increase the availability of services, programs, activities, and events which improve people's physical and mental wellbeing
- Inspire more healthy and active lifestyle choices
- Elevate respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture



Key result area

Connected communities

Goals

- Increase opportunities for the participation of all in community life
- Enhance connections across diverse cultures and identities
- Strengthen people's capacity to connect with each other and feel included
- Increase opportunities for self-expression, enjoyment and sharing new experiences



Theme

Environment

Vision Statement

It's easy to live locally here. It looks and feels amazing, from the coastline to the rolling hills, vineyards and abundant trees. The natural world is respected and full of life. This is a clean, attractive, well-kept place where outdoor spaces are cared for with new and ancient approaches.

There is resilience to the impacts of a changing climate and hope for the future.

Indicators

- Carbon emissions
- Climate change perceptions
- Waste diverted from landfill
- Circular economy behaviour
- Tree canopy coverage
- Water consumption
- Wastewater reuse

Key result area

Resourceful, resilient living

Goals

- Reduce carbon emissions to help mitigate climate change impacts
- Improve people's capacity to respond to climate change impacts such as heatwaves, floods, bushfires, rising seas and storms
- Transition towards a circular economy by maximising the lifespan and value of resources
- Support individuals and businesses to reduce waste to landfill

Key result area

Valued natural world

Goals

- Enhance the quality and quantity of tree canopy and vegetation across all land types to reduce urban heat islands and increase liveability
- Protect and maintain coastal features including beaches, reefs, cliffs and ecosystems
- Plan for and preserve water resources
- Increase collaboration on new and traditional approaches to protect and regenerate natural areas and biodiversity

Theme

Liveability

Vision Statement

People can comfortably make their home here. There are plenty of opportunities to work, build businesses and think creatively about how the local economy grows. Visitors love to enjoy what's on offer too. There's affordable housing to buy or rent and enough space for children to play, shady trees to cool our streets, and natural places to connect communities for a sustainable future. People can easily walk or ride to the places they want to be.

Indicators

- Open space visitation, accessibility and quality
- Disengaged youth
- Median household income
- Homelessness
- Household stress
- Local employment
- Gross regional product
- Visitors to Onkaparinga (tourists)

Key result area

Great places

Goals

- Increase diversity of housing options to suit a broader range of incomes and life circumstances
- Expand opportunities for safe, accessible travel by means other than cars
- Support integrated, sustainable and climate resilient approaches to developing well planned and safe places
- Increase the inclusivity and quality of spaces and places for the enjoyment of all

Key result area

Strong local economies

Goals

- Drive opportunities to enable business success, resilience and growth, and improving local employment options
- Support an economic environment that fosters diversity and innovation, attracting businesses and investment to the region
- Increase visitor spend with a focus on overnight stays
- Increase local shopping and buying

Theme

Leadership

Vision Statement

This place is known for its foresight. People feel confident to speak up and trust their views will be listened to, even if they don't have the loudest voice. The knowledge and heritage of those who have come before us is acknowledged and respected. It is easy to find reliable information about the region. There is trust in those who represent us, opportunities to participate in decision-making, and a shared commitment to creating a future everyone benefits from.

Indicators

- Volunteer rates
- Cultural diversity sentiment
- Active community participation
- Community change/contribution
- Neighbourhood pride
- Hopefulness



Key result area

Strong community voice

Goals

- Encourage participation in leadership and volunteering opportunities
- Increase visibility of local culture and identities' contributions to our past, present and future
- Amplify community voices, supporting their capacity to advocate for their interests and influence positive outcomes
- Increase capacity for active citizenship and future focused thinking

Key result area

Impact and trust

Goals

- Increase people's participation in decision making on matters that affect them
- Cultivate partnerships between government, service providers, communities and businesses for maximum community value
- Strengthen community confidence in democratic processes and government transparency
- Champion a shared, evolving vision for the future which provides opportunities for collective impact and innovation



Journey

To develop the new Community Vision, we gathered information in the following ways:



3 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (January and February 2024)

A diverse group of community members volunteered their time to learn more about the challenges and opportunities of our city and the role of council.

They reviewed the results of the community survey and engagement, then suggested priorities and key criteria for making future decisions.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN (throughout 2023)

A review of the challenges and opportunities facing the world, the nation, the state and the Onkaparinga region.

2

COMMUNITY SURVEY & ENGAGEMENT ROADSHOW (October to November 2023)

We spoke to people at **185** different activities and events and **4964** people shared their thoughts and vision for the future of Onkaparinga.

4

PRIORITIES & TRADE-OFFS

Elected members carefully considered the information received throughout the journey developing the draft Community Vision.

WE ARE HERE

5

TESTING THE DRAFT VISION (July to August 2024)

Did we get it right? To have
your say on the draft vision visit
onkaparingacity.com/yoursay



FINALISING THE VISION (August and September 2024)

Refine the vision based on the feedback.

6

7

APPROVAL (September 2024)

Elected members approve and
commit to working towards
the vision and goals of the
approved plan.

8

GET INVOLVED!

Collaborating with communities,
businesses, other levels of
government and other partners
to achieve the goals and realise
the Community Vision.



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Gathering community ideas

Community survey and engagement roadshow

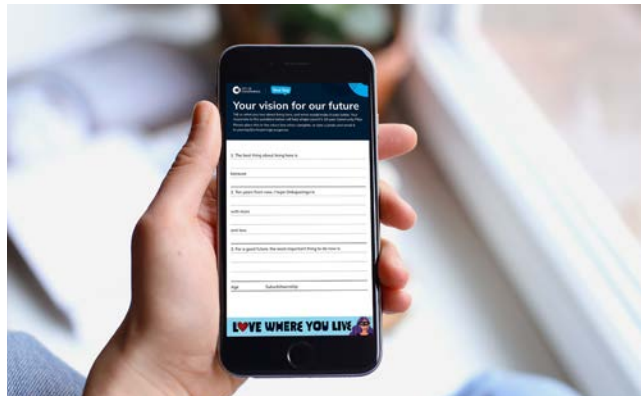
Through October and November 2023, we asked the community to share their vision for Onkaparinga.

In addition to a range of marketing and communication approaches, 185 face-to-face engagement activities were undertaken including but not limited to:

- major events such as Trucks on Tour
- community events such as Nunga Tag, Southern Country Muster and a surf life saving carnival
- pop-up stalls at multiple shopping centres and playgrounds
- speaking to participants at programs in our youth centres, positive ageing centres, libraries, community centres and Neporendi Aboriginal Centre
- engaging with participants in our disability programs.

In selecting these activities, we aimed to ensure we could reach and engage with as many people from the following groups as possible:

- First Nations people
- people from non-English speaking backgrounds
- children and younger people
- older people
- people with a disability and their carers
- those living in lower socio-economic areas
- families
- participants in sporting groups/events
- business and not-for-profit organisations.



Community workshops (January and February 2024)

Community members representing a diverse cross-section of the city volunteered their time to learn more about the challenges and opportunities of our city and the role of council. They reviewed the results of the community survey and engagement, then suggested priorities and key criteria for making future decisions.



The 4964 responses comprised 4003 to the annual community survey and 961 vision questionnaires via face to face conversations at 185 events.

A further 66 residents participated in workshops for a total of 5030 voices.

What you said

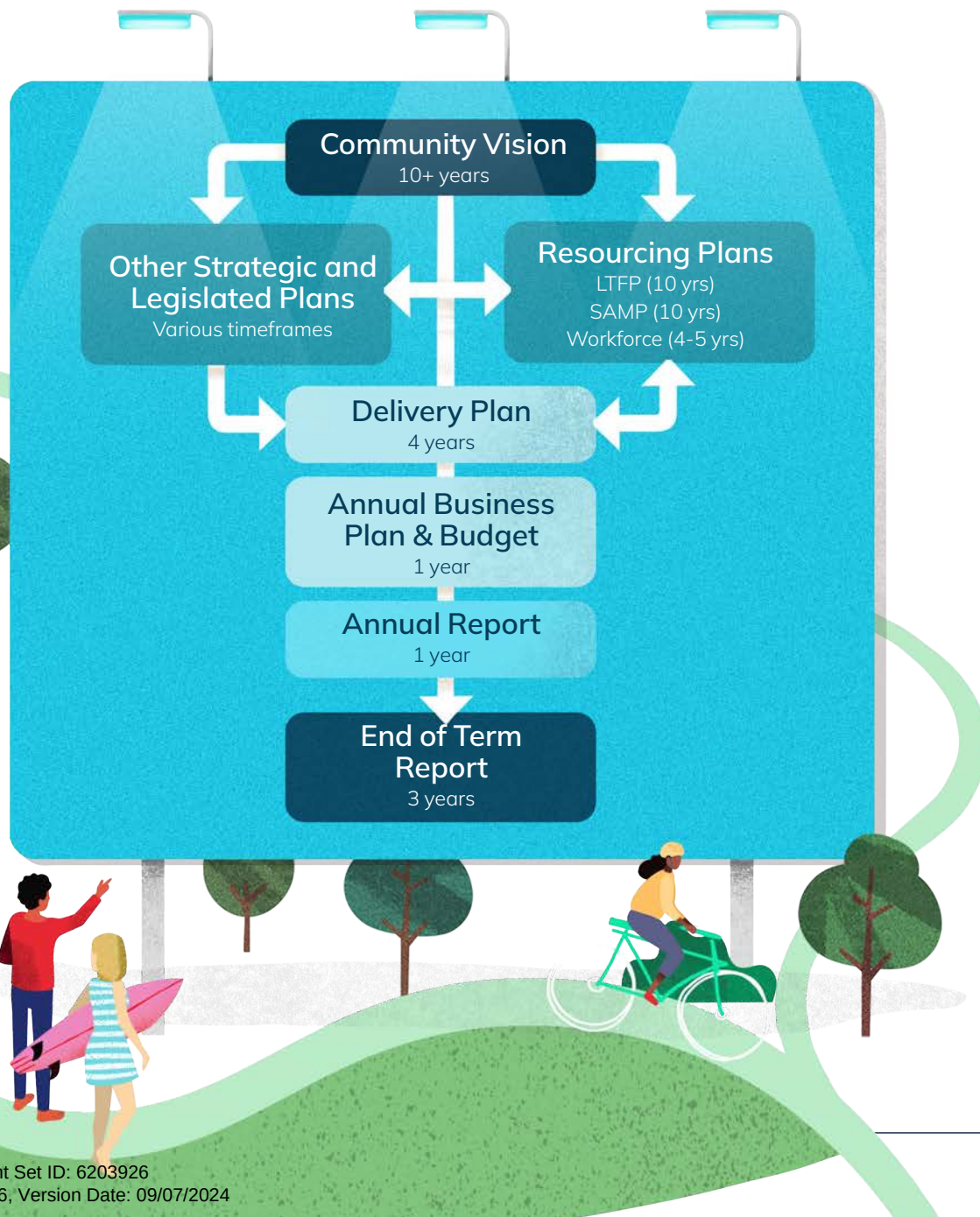
The best things about living in Onkaparinga...

It's beautiful
Nature
Coastline
Community
Lifestyle
Services
Lots to do
Friends and family
Facilities
Parks
Peaceful
Close to everything

In ten years time you hope Onkaparinga is...

Affordable
About the same
Sustainable
Connected
Green
Inclusive
Arts
Empowered
Liveable
Diverse
Friendly
Prosperous
Belonging
Resilient
Thriving

Putting the plan to work



Council partners with state and federal governments to develop and deliver services and programs for our community.

Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) and Community Vision comprise our suite of Strategic Management Plans as required under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999. These plans forecast how Council will sustainably resource our roles in realising the Community Vision

To ensure our resources are focused on community goals, we align our strategic plans with the goals of the Community Vision.

Engagement with Onkaparinga communities, along with our key stakeholders and partners is an essential part of developing these plans and strategies.

Strategies, legislated plans and resourcing plans inform the four-year Delivery Plan.

Council's Annual Business Plan reflects the Delivery Plan and sets out the activities for the year.

The themes of the Community Vision are integrated across our strategic documents. To view the strategic documents click the below link.



Challenges and influences

While we can't predict the future, we must consider factors that could impact what communities and councils may experience in the years ahead.

The following key global and local challenges may impact quality of life, what people need and expect of local government, and how we can work in partnership to face those challenges.

Climate Change

The impacts of climate change will continue to increase risks to our community, economy and local environment.

Housing and Healthcare

Decreasing housing affordability and increasing healthcare shortages challenge community and public health services.

Cost of Living

Continued increases in the cost of living puts pressure on social services and emergency programs.

Food Security

A global food security crisis, combined with severe weather events across Australia decreases the availability and affordability of food locally.

Economic Uncertainty

Geopolitical instability and restricted trade create challenges and uncertainty for local business and the workforce.

Changing Government Landscape

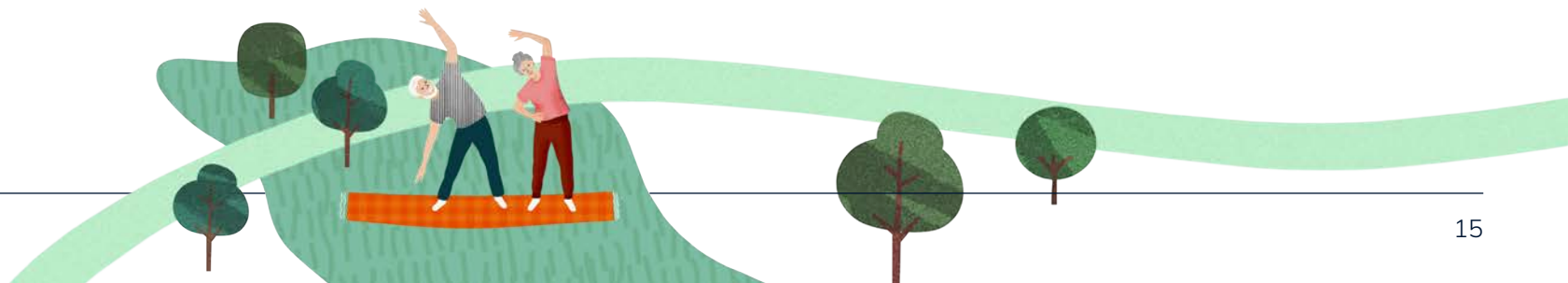
Changes in local government roles and trust levels impact public participation on issues that affect them.

Technology

Digital security risks can disrupt services and widen inequality. We must also keep pace with the opportunities that new technologies afford.

Community Wellbeing

Diverse and changing social dynamics create challenges in building and maintaining connectedness within the community.



About Onkaparinga

Onkaparinga is South Australia's largest council by population, with 180,865 residents living in the region's urban and rural communities.

Across 518 square kilometres, communities here enjoy beautiful unique natural environments including hills, vineyards, agricultural plains and national parks, and 31 kilometres of incredible coastline, all within the context of a rich, long, and continuing Aboriginal heritage.

9,984 local businesses help build and sustain our local economy, supporting 50,703 local jobs with \$6.61 billion Gross Regional Product a year.

This beautiful region attracts 1.6 million visitors each year to enjoy everything we have on offer.

Our community is not without its challenges, significantly more disadvantaged (987.5) than Greater Adelaide (992) under the SEIFA index, with a median weekly income of \$1396, lower than greater Adelaide's \$1601.

Want to know more about the Onkaparinga community? There is a wide range of statistics available at onkaparingacity.com

“The best thing about living here is the beaches, the relaxed lifestyle, proximity to wineries, the hills and shopping.”

Woodcroft resident, age 70





“For a good future what we need to do right now is go back to basics. Good food, water and community connection. Get back to nature”

Seaford resident, age 30



“For a good future the most important thing to do now is put people and country first.”

Morphett Vale resident, age 19





Council services

The Community Vision will determine how we will focus our efforts to deliver services in the following areas:

- Positive ageing services, youth development and social inclusion initiatives
- Community health services such as immunisations
- Community safety and property development services
- Council buildings – maintenance and upgrades
- Animal management
- Food business and bushfire prevention inspections
- Library services and community centres
- Festivals and events
- Coastal management
- Planning, development and compliance
- Parks, reserves, playgrounds and skate parks
- Walking and bike trails, and shared-use paths
- Roads, footpaths, lights, bridges and carparks
- Recreation centres and tourist parks
- Stormwater and community wastewater management
- Strategy, sustainability, tourism and economic development
- Communications and engagement
- Waste and recycling services and education

We maintain

1370km

of sealed roads

1324km

of paths

466

community, commercial and municipal buildings

856

reserves

268

playgrounds and fitness parks

5

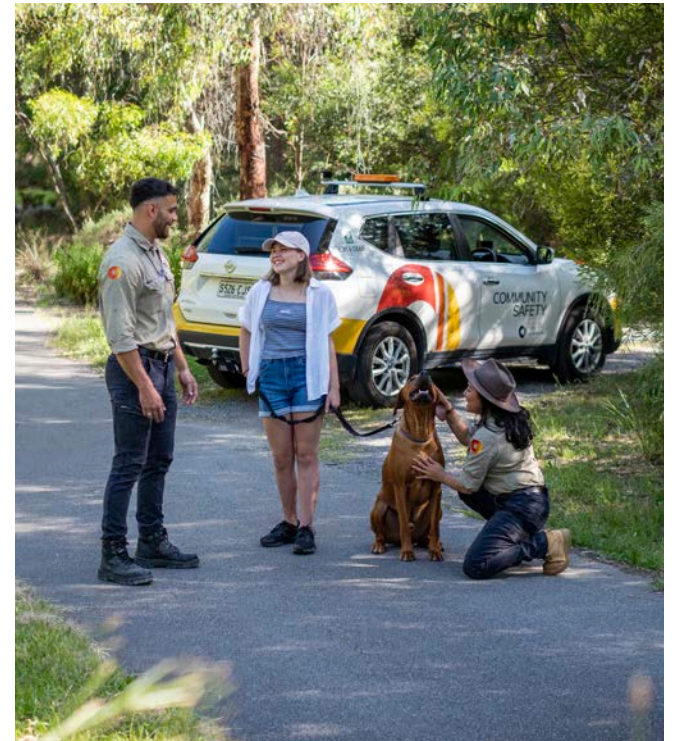
recreation centres including one aquatic centre

11

community centres

6

libraries



“Ten years from now
I hope Onkaparinga is
just as beautiful and
fun to explore”

Morphett Vale resident, age 43



“For a good future what
we need to do now is to
stay a community and
a safe environment”

McLaren Vale resident, age 12



The roles of council

Realising the shared Community Vision will take a collaborative effort by council, communities, businesses and not-for-profit organisations, state and federal governments and more. Partnerships, participation and advocacy are key focus areas to ensure all interested parties can work together towards achieving collective goals.

Council uses its role statements to guide decision making, and to ensure it stays focused on its areas of responsibility, uses resources efficiently, and effectively engages in partnerships with others where necessary. There are hundreds of services in which council may participate. Here are some examples of services related to the different roles of council.



“The best thing about living here is it’s safe, diverse landscapes and a rich cultural history.”

Aldinga resident, age 44

Role	Some examples
Service provider	
<i>Regulatory</i> Council is designated by legislation as the local authority for a matter.	Food inspections Development assessment Animal management
<i>Direct</i> Council is responsible and provides all or the majority of resources for a service	Waste and recycling Local roads
<i>Part contributor</i> Council contributes resourcing to a service for which others have responsibility	Community, recreation and sporting facilities Environment and community development programs
<i>Agent</i> Council provides a service on behalf of others (often funded by those) that involves 'hosting' or other in-kind use of council resources	State and federal services such as community and home care services including immunisations
Owner/Custodian Council owns or manages this built structure or natural area	Civic infrastructure Buildings Reserves and parks
Initiator/Facilitator Council brings together or connects stakeholders to pursue an issue, opportunity or shared interest or service and determine appropriate action	Community centre services, External grant programs
Advocate Council makes representations on behalf of the community and seeks support from others who are able to apply influence to an issue, or funding/ investment/ resources to a service, project or area.	Healthcare Housing support State and federal infrastructure
Information provider	
<i>Advisor</i> Council provides subject matter expert advice or advice regarding our community.	Advice to industry partners. Formal examples might include network groups and conferences. Advice to businesses and community groups. Advice to industry groups and governments regarding our community.
<i>Promoter</i> Council promotes opportunities related to community services, events, people and places.	Promoting state and federal government initiatives Promoting community activities and events

Decision making commitments

All elected members have agreed they will make decisions that:

- Put the Community Vision first, working in alignment with our strategic direction to achieve high impact goals
- Consider diverse communities' voices
- Promote equity, accessibility and fairness
- Build community capacity and promote partnerships
- Consider affordability as well as current and long-term outcomes for rate payers, residents and future generations
- Have a clear, justifiable rationale
- Are within council's roles
- Align with our Long Term Financial Plan principles.

Mayor



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Knox Ward



Heidi Greaves



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Pimpala Ward



Michael Fisher



Kim Davis

Southern Vales Ward



Marisa Bell



Jordan Pritchard

Thalassa Ward



Geoff Eaton



Marion Themeliotis

South Coast Ward



Lauren Jew



Paul Yeomans

Mid Coast Ward



Dan Platten



Gretel Wilkes



Get involved



How do I find out when there is an engagement on a strategy or a project?



Get the stats: Learn more about the communities of Onkaparinga

What's happening?

Find out what's in your local area including parks, events, services and bin days with the My local services app



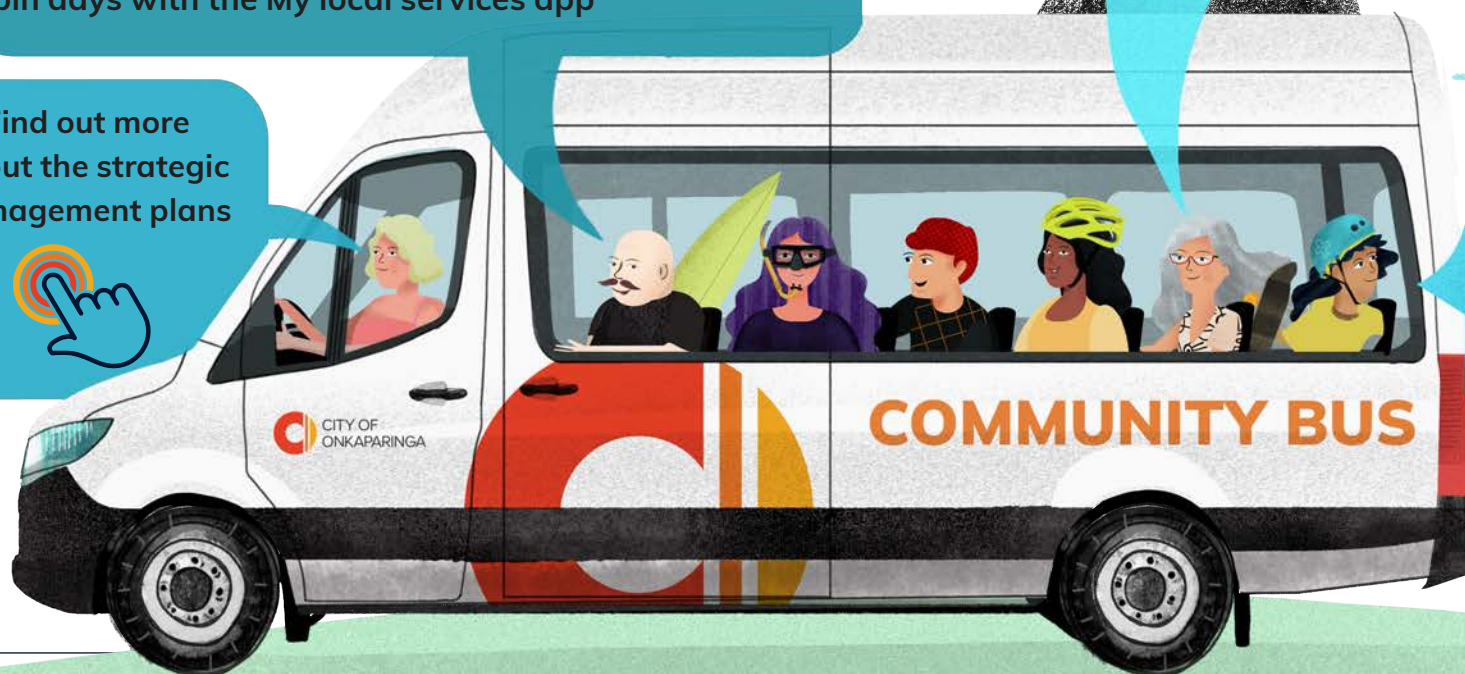
How do I talk to an elected member?
Find your Ward Member



Find out more about the strategic management plans



Volunteer Community groups are a great way to get involved. Find one that suits you



Your Say

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