CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

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 important opportunity to facilitate positive change in the way the community works together across Aboriginal communities, 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 as well as the final engagement where we heard from a further 299 people.

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 the Community Vision 2034 is a compass that guides those decisions – not just for council, but for 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. We have developed the Community Vision 2034 with a clear goal of making sure the process is inclusive, collaborative and reflective of diverse voices.

Through this journey, we heard from 5329 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.

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 people want 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, as well as shape the criteria to use when Council has tough decisions to make.

This informed a draft Vision, which we then tested and refined based on a final round of engagement.

This Vision looks to nurture what we have and tackle some big challenges, so we call all live in a place where 'connected community; sustainable future' rings true.

My fellow elected members and I are committed to playing our part in bringing this vision to life, with council's roles and financial responsibility front of mind.

We are also committed to supporting others to make good use of this Vision. We will work with industry partners, other levels of government and service providers, not for profits, and you.

We look forward to collectively turning ideas into action, to ensure Onkaparinga remains the best place to live.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

Connected community, sustainable future.

A 10 year community vision.

About the plan

This plan is a vision for the future that 5329 community insights helped shape. It is called the Community Vision 2034 to reflect its ambition to guide our collective action – including government, community, businesses, not-for-profits and others – so the whole of our effort is greater than the sum of the parts.

The Community Vision was developed by council over many months in response to the community insights collected through engagement, as well as deep consideration of the state and federal political context, and global challenges that could impact us here.

It was refined with the assistance of 66 community contributors who helped inform the strategic elements it includes.

These elements are the organising framework that turn the high-level vision statements into the four themes, eight key result areas and 32 goals designed to drive community wide change over the next ten years. The Community wellbeing indicators tell us how our city is tracking over time.

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
Community wellbeing 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.

Wellbeing indicators

- Mental health condition
- Physical activity levels
- Childhood developmental vulnerability
- Youth engagement
- Community connectedness
- Food security
- Acceptance of cultural diversity
- Participation in arts, events and activities

Key result area

Healthy, thriving people

Goals

- Build on individuals' and communities' capacity to identify and drive common purposes and local solutions
- Increase the availability and accessibility 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, supportive 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.

Wellbeing indicators

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

Key result area

Resourceful, resilient living

Goals

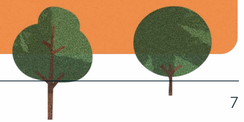
- Reduce carbon emissions to help mitigate climate change impacts
- Improve people's capacity to respond to climate change impacts such as heatwaves, floods, bushfires, rising seas and storms
- Transition towards a circular economy by maximising the lifespan and value of materials and products
- Support 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
- Ensure water sources are effectively managed and used efficiently, and natural waterways preserved and protected
- Increase collaboration on new and traditional approaches to protect and regenerate natural spaces 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.

Wellbeing indicators

- Open space visitation, accessibility and quality
- Median household income
- Homelessness
- Household stress
- Local employment
- Criminal offences
- 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 paths, roads, rail and trails
- 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.

Wellbeing 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 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 vision questions, 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 AND 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 AND TRADE-OFFS

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

5 TESTING THE DRAFT VISION
(July to August 2024)

299 people shared their thoughts on the draft Community Vision 2034

6 FINALISING THE VISION
(August and September 2024)

The Vision was refined based on the feedback.

7 APPROVAL
(September 2024)

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

8 GET INVOLVED!

Collaboration with communities, businesses, other levels of government and other partners to achieve the goals and realise the Community Vision 2034.

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Gathering community ideas

Community survey and engagement roadshow

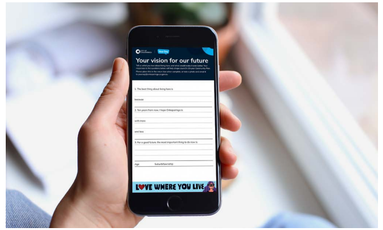
Through October and November 2023, we asked the community to share their vision for Onkaparinga.

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 Community 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 young 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 questionaires via face to face conversations at 185 events.

A further 66 residents participated in the community workshops .

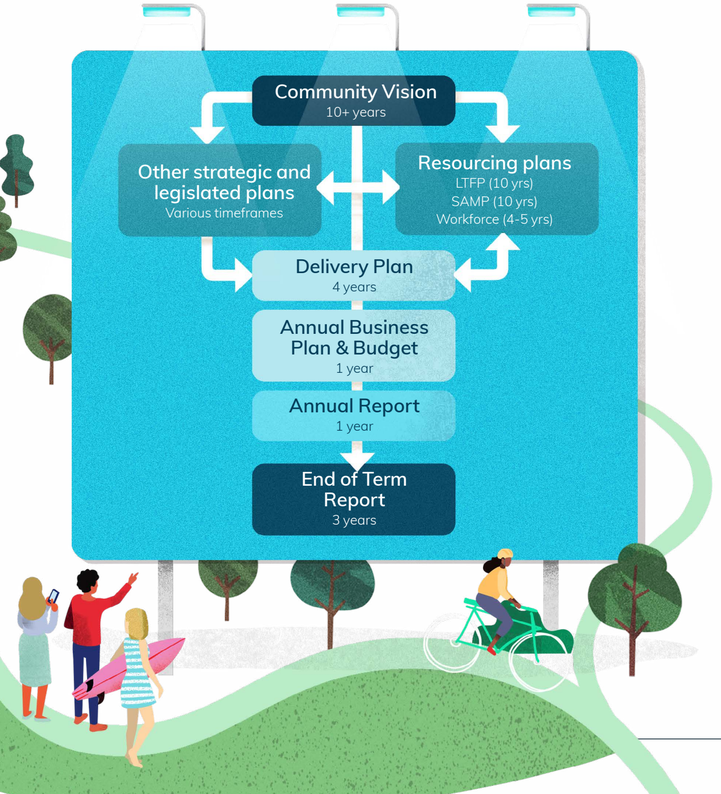
During July to August 2024 we tested the draft Vision with the community.

299 people provided feedback.

In total, 5329 community members have engaged with us to develop this Vision for a connected community with a sustainable future.

What you said

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 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 scan the below QR code.

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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 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.

Onkaparinga's 9984 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

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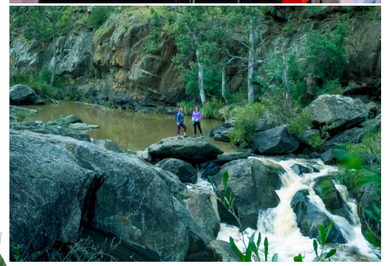
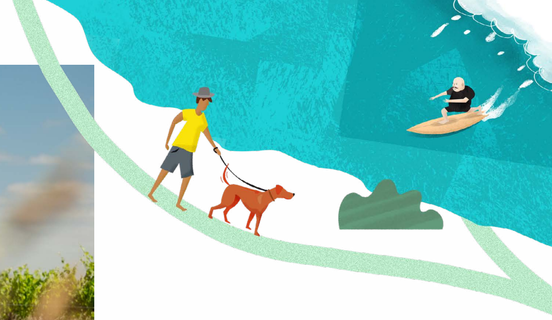


"The best thing about living here is the beaches, the relaxed lifestyle, proximity to wineries, the hills and shopping."

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 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

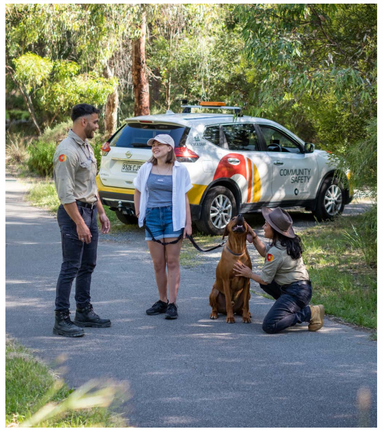
856
reserves

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 its safe, diverse landscapes and a rich cultural history."

Aldinga resident, age 44

Role	Examples
Service provider	
Regulatory Council is designated by legislation as the local authority for a matter.	Food inspections Development assessment Animal management
Direct Council is responsible and provides all or the majority of resources for a service.	Waste and recycling Local roads
Part contributor Council contributes resourcing to a service for which others have responsibility.	Community, recreation and sporting facilities Environment and community development programs
Agent Council provides a service on behalf of others (often funded by them) 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	
Advisor Council provides subject matter expert advice or advice regarding our community.	Advice to industry partners such as network groups and conferences Advice to businesses and community groups Advice to industry groups and governments regarding our community
Promoter 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

Moira Were AM

Knox ward

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Colt Stafford

Pimpala ward

Michael Fisher

Kim Davis

Southern Vales ward

Marisa Bell

Jordan Pritchard

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Marion Themeliotis

South Coast ward

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Get involved

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