

# The rate increase explained

**Council has maintained an operating surplus, which has helped to build our financial resilience and limit the financial impact on ratepayers.**

The 2025–26 budget of \$245.05 million includes a general rate increase of 2.49 per cent, which is below the December 2024 CPI figure for Adelaide.

This will be updated to reflect the March 2025 CPI for Adelaide prior to budget adoption.

The budget allocates \$166.07 million to deliver vital services, programs, and maintain existing assets, and \$56.95 million for essential infrastructure renewal, new and upgraded assets, and new initiatives.

For customers connected to the Community Wastewater Management Scheme, there will be no increase to the previous year's CWMS charges.

## What services will residents receive?

The City of Onkaparinga will continue to provide essential services and maintenance across our growing city.

This includes waste services, maintenance of assets including roads, footpaths, parks, libraries and community centres and a range of important support services for disadvantaged people.

City-wide projects totalling more than \$56.95 million will be delivered including the annual road resealing program, urgent and general roadworks, bushfire preparedness, tree pruning, footpaths and lighting upgrades and maintenance.

The most significant projects for your ward are highlighted on the back.

## What can I do if I am having difficulty paying my rates?

We provide a range of options to manage paying rates that are overdue rates or about to become overdue. The first step is to see which category you are in:

- If you are experiencing **long-term, ongoing financial hardship**, contact the National Debt Hotline to speak with a free financial counsellor who will then contact council to progress your application for assistance. Phone 1800 007 007 or visit [ndh.org.au](http://ndh.org.au)
- If you are experiencing **short-term or temporary financial hardship**, contact our customer relations team on (08) 8384 0666 to explore support options that best suit your circumstance.

For more information on rebates, hardship policies, and concessions visit [onkaparingacity.com/rates](http://onkaparingacity.com/rates)

# Mid Coast ward

## Important projects for 2025–26

**\$800,000**

construction of disability compliant amenities and renewal of building heating  
Port Noarlunga Bowling Club

**\$255,500**

improved stormwater management and flood protection  
Trafalgar Street, Port Noarlunga South

**\$250,000**

improvements  
Port Noarlunga Jetty

**\$243,700**

sports lighting renewal for the main pitch  
Southern Districts Baseball Club  
Peregrine Park, Christie Downs

# Region-wide projects

**\$14,498,000**

major refurbishment, Noarlunga Aquatic Centre

**\$1,517,000**

Hopgood Theatre refurbishment, Noarlunga Centre

## Suburbs

- Christie Downs
- Christies Beach
- Noarlunga Centre
- Noarlunga Downs
- Lonsdale
- O'Sullivan Beach
- Port Noarlunga
- Port Noarlunga South
- Reynella
- Seaford Meadows

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