

Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025–26 snapshot

This snapshot provides an overview of what makes up council’s 2025–26 budget, and how it will be spent.

This year’s budget is **\$242.6 million**

What will we deliver?

We will continue to deliver services and programs to support the community, businesses and visitors including waste collection, road reseals, library services, food inspections, assessing planning applications through to dog and cat management, and so much more.

We also deliver key projects that set direction, support policy development, and renew and build on our valuable assets.

We encourage you to read the full Annual Business Plan and Budget to better understand how funds will be spent over the next 12 months.

How will it be funded?

Our budget of \$242.6 million will be funded through council rates (73.5 per cent), state and federal grants (10.7 per cent) and a range of other sources including fees and charges (15.8 per cent).

The total rate revenue increase for 2025–26 is aligned to the March 2025 CPI for Adelaide at 2.2 per cent.



For every \$100 spent, we provide the following services

Roads, footpaths, lights, bridges and carparks	\$21.80
Council buildings – maintenance and upgrades	\$17.42
Libraries and community services	\$13.32
Parks, open space and the coast	\$11.06
Waste and recycling services	\$12.12
Community safety, planning and regulatory services	\$8.50
Stormwater and community wastewater management systems (CWMS)*	\$6.08
Recreation services and tourist parks	\$2.83
Strategy, sustainability and tourism	\$ 2.92
Communications and engagement	\$2.04
Council vehicles and equipment	\$1.91

*Stormwater services are city-wide. CWMS services Clarendon, Morphett Vale, McLaren Flat, McLaren Vale, Willunga, Maslin Beach and Sellicks Beach and are funded through a separate service charge, applicable only to residents connected to one of the above CWMS services.



Highlights for the year ahead

- Undertake **six road renewal projects** to the value of approximately \$8.4 million. These reconstructions include Collins Parade at Hackham, Norman Road at Aldinga Beach, Windemere Court at Woodcroft, Bains Road at Woodcroft, Abebe Court at Morphett Vale and Alice and Carol Crescents at Morphett Vale. In addition, reseal approximately 22.7km of roads through our annual Road Reseal Program.
- Commence on-site work and monitoring at Panalatinga and Serpentine Creeks (project 1) and continue design for and onsite work at Sauerbier and Homestead Creeks (project 2) as part of the **Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Project**.
- Roll out the revised **Onkaparinga Grants program** to support community-led initiatives and build capacity for community groups, business and individuals.
- Deliver our **major events** – Trucks on Tour, Christmas Pageant, Beachside Food and Wine Festival, Australia Day Family Fair, and hosted stages of the Tour Down Under.
- Continue the **Hopgood Theatre refurbishment** which includes painting, floor renewal, asbestos removal and new seating.
- Undertake renewal works at the **Noarlunga Aquatic Centre** including roof refurbishment, internal painting and relining of the pool shell. This project has a federal government funding of \$5.4 million through the Thriving Suburbs Program. Works will include new solar panels and water filtration plan that will reduce the centre’s environmental impact such as reductions in water and chemical usage and overall energy consumption.
- Complete stage 2 of the irrigation renewal at the **Willunga Golf Course** and renew the bridge at hole 7.
- Renew our **urban forest and increase canopy cover** through tree production, planting and watering.
- Deliver annual **Traditional Owners and First Nations people art events** in collaboration with Neporendi Aboriginal Community Centre.
- Expand the **Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation** free sport and recreation program to identified areas of need.
- Renew playgrounds** at Marita Street (Emu Park) at Morphett Vale, Greengate Grove reserve at Hackham and Kimberley Fountain reserve at Happy Valley as part of the Open Space Strategic Management Plan.
- Promote active citizenship participation and leadership in our community through the annual **youth leadership** program and **Leadership Onkaparinga**.
- Advocate for priority economic, sustainability and community outcomes for the **Port Stanvac Code Amendment**.