

MINUTES

Council meeting 20 May 2025

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 Wilkes
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 Kaurna, 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.

2. Confirmation of minutes

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 15 April 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

3. Adjourned business

Nil.

4. Leave of absence

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST – CR YEOMANS

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That Cr Yeomans be granted a leave of absence from 2 June 2025 to 13 June 2025 inclusive.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

5. Mayor's communication

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Setting the Scene

As we approach our third budget in this term of Council, elected members have remained committed to our long-term financial principles. This commitment is grounded in fiscal discipline and guided by the advice of the Essential Services Commission of South Australia, helping us make informed, sustainable decisions.

Our approach to budgeting goes beyond a single financial year. Every decision we make must not only address current priorities but also acknowledge past obligations and shape a more resilient future. After several years of budget deficits, we have focused on financial repair. We are now in a position to fine-tune our operations—improving productivity, living within our means, and preparing for growth and the emerging challenges of climate change, evolving community expectations, and generational shifts.

This ongoing work is collaborative. It involves our residents, community partners, and allies, and is shaped by local, national, and global factors. We recognise that continuing with the status quo will not be enough to meet the complex challenges ahead.

While we continue to apply sound policy, we are also questioning and rethinking the systems in which we operate. This includes advocating for reforms to national funding

models, such as those governed by the Commonwealth Grants Commission. Internally, we are reassessing how we use our resources—exploring ways to stretch them further or use them more innovatively. Encouraging early progress in areas like water and waste management is a sign of this new thinking.

Council is also actively pursuing partnerships, bringing together groups that may not have traditionally worked together but share common goals. For example, we've made significant progress in collaboration with local sporting clubs and, more recently, with RSL branches and their state leadership. These partnerships are helping to ensure that our ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day commemorations are well-supported and respectfully delivered.

We have encouraged our administration to pursue bold, creative approaches and to seek out relationships that unlock new community benefits. We're beginning to see traction in areas such as water management, and the restructured grants program reflects this new direction.

Throughout all this, the community remains at the centre of our decision-making. We are guided by the research and priorities outlined in our Community Plan, which continues to serve as both our compass and our lens. It keeps us focused, even when progress is challenging.

As we near the end of the current financial year and prepare to adopt a new budget, we remain focused not just on immediate priorities, but on creating a sustainable, thriving future for our city.

[Project deliveries and updates](#)

Anzac Day 2025

City of Onkaparinga Anzac Attendance 2025	
Anzac Service	Attendee
Aldinga	Phu Nguyen, Chief Executive
Cherry Gardens	Cr Geoff Eaton
Christies Beach Port Noarlunga	Cr Dan Platten
Clarendon	Cr Geoff Eaton
Coromandel Valley	Cr Marion Themeliotis
Flagstaff Hill	Cr Marion Themeliotis
Kangarilla	Apology
McLaren Vale	Mayor Moira Were
Morphett Vale	Cr Colt Stafford
Willunga	Cr Jordan Pritchard

Citizenship

43 new Citizens from 19 countries attended a Citizenship Ceremony at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre. Hon Amanda Rishworth MP and Katrine Hildyard MP were in attendance with, Cr Geoff Eaton, Thalassa Ward, Cr Kim Davis, Pimpala Ward, Cr Paul Yeomans, South Coast Ward and Cr Dan Platten, Mid Coast Ward

Susan Roberts provided a heartfelt Greeting to Country.

VIP guest, 2025 City of Onkaparinga Young Citizen of the Year Australia Day Award recipient, Layla Bovell, inspired the audience.

Local musician, Alan Smallman treated the audience to an amazing performance.

Project updates

Noarlunga Aquatic Centre

The Noarlunga Aquatic Centre Upgrade is progressing well, with the design phase complete and procurement process of a construction contractor underway. The terms of the Thriving Suburbs Grant agreement for \$5.4 million have been agreed and the agreement will be executed this month.

A construction contract will be awarded following execution of the grant funding agreement. The temporary closure of the facility, and on-ground work is programmed to commence in early July 2025.

The centre is expected to be closed for approximately 12 months from July 2025, with all facilities remaining operational until then. To support users during the closure, alternative aquatic centres have been identified, and council staff are in direct communication with user groups and members. A dedicated Your Say Onkaparinga page has also been established to provide project updates.

Willunga Golf Course irrigation renewal project

The Willunga Golf Course irrigation renewal project commenced the week of 28 April 2025. This important upgrade involves the complete replacement of the course's aging irrigation system, which has reached the end of its service life and can no longer be reliably repaired due to unavailable parts.

As part of the works, up to three holes will be temporarily closed each week from Monday to Friday. All holes will be reopened for weekend competitions and general public use to minimise disruption.

The project is expected to take approximately 20 weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions and site-specific factors.

McLaren Vale Streetscape

The McLaren Vale streetscape upgrades and visual cues project is progressing well. The streetscape works, being delivered by Plotworks, are scheduled for completion in June. These works include:

- Two harbour structures with integrated seating and landscaping
- Landscaping of the existing garden beds
- Installation of irrigation systems to the garden beds
- Luminaire lighting for the existing artwork
- Fifteen visual cues and four interactive elements

Fabrication of the visual cues is complete with installation scheduled to be completed by late May 2025. These elements will be securely fenced and covered until the remaining streetscape works are finalised.

Hopgood Theatre Refurbishment

The Hopgood theatre refurbishment project continues at a steady pace. The contractor is currently installing new carpets, benchtops, joinery, cladding and a safety net for the orchestra pit.

We anticipate completion of building works and reopening of the Theatre in approximately November 2025, subject to the progress of construction and commissioning.

Wearing Street Redevelopment – Stage 2 Riverfront

The highly anticipated Wearing Street redevelopment of the Onkaparinga Riverfront at Port Noarlunga is now complete.

The riverfront has been significantly enhanced with an expanded aquatic launch area with two beach access ramps, a viewing shelter, seating, new public toilets and an outdoor shower, a reconfigured car park and landscaping.

Community feedback has been sought on a planned mural for the public toilets.

These improvements compliment Stage 1 which delivered modern facilities for local aquatic groups like the Onkaparinga Canoe Club, South Port Surf Life Saving Club and the Department for Education's aquatic program.

Works are underway to restore and enhance the adjacent sand dunes including the creation of an educational and engaging space that celebrates the rich Aboriginal cultural heritage of the area.

Recognition for Brian Adams

At last month's council meeting a minute's silence was observed to express our deep appreciation for Brian's extraordinary service. On behalf of the City of Onkaparinga and our wider community, I offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

Brian's commitment to the Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre was a service to the community. Since beginning his volunteer journey in 2018, he gave selflessly; more than 5,000 hours of his time, energy, and passion. And we know that number barely scratches the surface of what he truly gave.

From the moment he stepped up as Chair of the Board, it was clear that Brian wasn't just there to help - he was there to lead, to build, and to raise standards. Whether it was chairing key committees, guiding the centre through three perfect accreditation audits, or ensuring every policy and safety procedure was just right, Brian brought a level of care and dedication that elevated everything and everyone around him.

He was also a familiar and friendly face cooking breakfasts, attending every event, and turning up at Café 175 with a smile and a word of encouragement. His presence was constant, his impact immeasurable.

Brian's legacy is not only in what he accomplished, but in the spirit he brought; one of humility, excellence, and deep community care. He will be remembered as a leader, a mentor, a friend, and a truly good man.

Thank you, Brian. You will be deeply missed, but your legacy will live on in every corner of this centre and in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know you.

Elected Member Representation

Thank you to Deputy Mayor Cr Lauren Jew for representing me at:

- New Office Opening of Community Justice Services SA

Thank you to Cr Geoff Eaton for representing me at:

- Port Adelaide Magpies v South Adelaide Panthers football game with City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Cherry Gardens Anzac Day Service
- Clarendon Anzac Day Service

Thank you to Cr Colt Stafford for representing me at:

- Morphett Vale Anzac Sunday Service
- Youth Vigil in the South

Thank you to CEO Phu Nguyen for representing City of Onkaparinga at:

- Aldinga ANZAC Day Service

Thank you to Cr Dan Platten for representing me at:

- Christies Beach Port Noarlunga RSL Anzac Day Service

Thank you to Cr Marion Themeliotis for representing me at:

- Coromandel Anzac Day Service
- Flagstaff Hill Anzac Day Service

Thank you to Cr Jordan Pritchard for representing me at:

- Willunga Anzac Day Service

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall Anzac Day Eve Service
- Official Launch: SA Skilled Migrant Job Support Centre
- Exhibition Launch and farewell invitation from the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly
- Equippers Church Easter Service
- Kangarilla Anzac Service
- West End SANFL v VFL AAMI State Game and VIP function
- The Whisperer Team event
- 2025 SUNA ANZAC Remembrance event
- State Emergency Service to commemorate WOW Day - Wear Orange Wednesday
- Willunga History Trust SA opening of the exhibition "Cargoes, Wrecks and Rescues"
- Morphett Vale Rotary information night
- Conversation at the Crossroads; Nuclear, Energy Mix, Climate Change, Who decides?
- Autism Works Employment Summit
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association Women's Cultural Fair
- Wine Line 3 Gold Movie Premiere
- Moana SLSC 2025 Senior Presentation evening

[Mayor's calendar 12 April to 16 May 2025](#)

April	
12	2025 Australian National Boomerang Championships at Knox Park
14	Metro Mayors catch up
	Youth Recognition Awards
15	Meeting regarding delivering sustainable urban infill
	Council Meeting
16	Radio Interview – ABC Adelaide
17	Metropolitan Mayors Forum
	Met with Greens Candidate for Kingston
25	McLaren Vale RSL ANZAC Service
	Radio Interview – ABC Adelaide
29	Radio Interview – ABC Adelaide
	Elected Member session

May	
1	LGA Adelaide Coastal Councils Network meeting
2	Met with RSLs
	Media Interview – Channel 9 News
	LGA Engagement training
	Wearing Street Stage 2 opening event
3	Open Down to Earth Exhibition
5	LGA GAROC Meeting
	LGA Focus Group: Federal Grant Funding Research
	Citizenship Ceremony
6	Met with stakeholder
	Met with REDARC CEO / Onkaparinga Ambassador
	Elected Member session
7	Met with Resident
	Met with Business owner
8	Radio Interview – Coast FM
	Visit Hackham West Community Centre
	Willunga Environment Centre 30th Anniversary
9	Radio Interview – Tribe FM
	VE Day 80th Anniversary – Aldinga Library
13	Met with resident
	Elected Member session
14	South Australian Visitor Information Services Networking Conference Committee
	Met with local leader
	LGA Board of Directors Meeting
16	Storytime at Noarlunga Library
	Black Coffee First nations business network (Rescheduled)

Deputy Mayor's calendar 12 April to 16 May 2025

April	
14	Youth Recognition Awards
15	Council Meeting
29	Elected Member session
May	
2	Met with RSLs
	New Office Opening of Community Justice Services SA
6	Elected Member session
8	Willunga Environment Centre 30th Anniversary
13	Elected Member session

Correspondence

Att 1	From City of Onkaparinga	Submission to Select Committee on Short Stay Accommodation
Att 2	To the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	Brown Road, Christies Beach potential closure of Dyson Road right turn lane

Att 3	To the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	Saltfleet Street Port Noarlunga traffic impacts on bridge
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Thank you.



Moira Were AM
Mayor

MOVED Cr Eaton.

1. *That Council note the 20 May 2025 Mayor's Report.*
 2. *That Council note the additional items of correspondence provided:*
 - *Letter to the Hon Dr Susan Close MP requesting an update on future water needs*
 - *Letter to Dr Heather Holmes-Ross re the LGA's policy position on water provision*
 - *Letter received from the Hon Susan Close MP re the Dog and Cat (Breeder Reforms) Amendment Bill 2025*
- as attached to these minutes.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

6. Presentations

6.1 PRESENTATIONS – 24TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Jani Baker, Director Community presented the Mayor with the following awards:

- Excellence in Community Services and Development – Leadership Onkaparinga
- Excellence in Customer Service or Experience Award – The Customer Relations and Libraries Teams' Customer Access Restriction Procedure

7. Deputations

7.1 DEPUTATION – STEVE MURRAY AND STEVE MAGUIRE RE FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

Steve Murray, Chairman Flagstaff Community Centre and Steve Maguire, President Happy Valley Sports Park gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Flagstaff Community Centre lease.

7.2 DEPUTATION -PAUL WILLIAMSON RE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RV PARK AT PEAR TREE PADDOCK WILLUNGA

Paul Williamson, Brian Dempsey and Geoff Tester, Willunga Recreation Park, gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the establishment of an RV park at Pear Tree Paddock Willunga.

7.3 DEPUTATION -ADRIAN MORECROFT RE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND AT HOPKINS COURT, WOODCROFT

Adrian Morecroft gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the revocation of community land at Hopkins Court, Woodcroft.

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

Nil.

9. Reports of officers

9.1 FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY CENTRE LONG-TERM LEASE PROPOSAL

Cr Fisher declared a general conflict of interest as a life member of the Flagstaff Hill Football Club.

Cr Fisher's Conflict of Interest disclosure form indicated that he would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter.

Cr Fisher stated there was sufficient time and distance following his life membership with social interaction now only and chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

For the land described as Portion of Allotment (Reserve) 102 in D44015 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5328 Folio 443 and Portion of Allotment (Reserve) 952 in D8604 comprised in Volume 5539 Folio 398 in Attachment 1 and following the public consultation process required under section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council resolves to:

- 1. Receive and consider the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Receive and consider subsequent responses to the community feedback from Flagstaff Community Centre Inc in Attachment 3 to the agenda report.*
- 3. Enter into a Lease Term for up to 15 years (5 years + 5 years + 5 years) with Flagstaff Community Centre Inc over the Leased Area identified at Attachment 1 to be executed by Flagstaff Community Centre Inc within 60 days of Council's resolution or the lease in holding over will be terminated with 30 days' notice (allowing sufficient time for the peaceable return of keys to Council and vacation of the premises by 20 August 2025).*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Themeliotis left her seat in the Chamber at 7.40pm.

9.2 UPDATE REPORT - PETITION RESPONSE – ALTERATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES

MOVED Cr Platten.

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the update agenda report.*
- 2. Notes this proposal has been thoroughly considered and following the latest investigation, confirms that the area is unsuitable for the proposed development of an additional mobile food vending site with play equipment, shade and other associated infrastructure.*
- 3. Notes that there are 34 pre-approved mobile food vending sites, predominantly located along the coast that are available for use by current permit holders, on a 'first come, first served' basis.*
- 4. Approves that the head petitioner be notified of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

Cr Themeliotis resumed her seat in the Chamber at 7.42pm.

Cr Fisher left his seat in the Chamber at 7.43pm.

Cr Fisher resumed his seat in the Chamber at 7.45pm.

CARRIED

9.3 UPDATE REPORT ON THE REVOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION OF ALLOTMENT 501 WOODLAND DRIVE ONKAPARINGA HEIGHTS

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That for the Council owned Allotment (Reserve) 501 in Deposited Plan 128064 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 6259 Folio 763 and bordered in red in Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- 1. Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report from the public consultation phase of the revocation process.*
- 2. Notes that 51 submissions were received during the public consultation phase, comprising of thirteen (13) objections, twenty-five (25) in support and six (6) unsure.*
- 3. Having considered the submissions received, resolves:*
 - i. to proceed with the process to revoke the subject land from its community land classification.*
 - ii. to approve that a request be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government seeking approval to the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification to enable sale to the Applicant (adjacent landowner).*
 - iii. that a final update report be presented to Council once the Minister's decision regarding the proposed revocation is received.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.4 UPDATE REPORT ON THE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND AT MARIE AVENUE MORPHETT VALE

MOVED Cr Eaton.

Council does not proceed with the revocation process for community land recommendations reports until such time an elected members session is conducted.

1. That this workshop addresses:

- How funds from such disposals are attributed to lowering debt as well as including funding of local infrastructure, such as footpaths and other local infrastructure improvements.*
- That members of the Audit Risk Committee participate in the workshop.*
- That the Essential Services Commission of South Australia and the Auditor General's Office be invited to participate in the workshop.*

2. That a report comes back to Council regarding the issues discussed and where the allocation of funds from such revocations is to be allocated.

Seconded by Cr Yeomans.

LOST

MOVED Cr Greaves.

1. That for the council-owned reserve land described as Allotment (Reserve) 40 in Deposited Plan 7107, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5910 Folio 354 and Allotment (Reserve) 208 in Deposited Plan 7598, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 3257 Folio 78 bordered in blue on attachment 1 and known as 4-6 Marie Avenue Morphett Vale, Council:

- a. Receives the Engagement Feedback report in attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- b. Having considered the public submissions received, resolves to proceed with the process to revoke the subject land from its community land classification.*
- c. Recommends that a request be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for approval to revoke the subject land from its community land classification to enable disposal on the open market*
- d. Notes that a final update report will be presented to Council with the decision of the Minister for Local Government on the proposed revocation, to enable finalisation of the revocation process.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

9.5 UPDATE REPORT ON THE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND AT HOPKINS COURT WOODCROFT

MOVED Cr Davis.

That for the council owned reserve land described as Allotment (Reserve) 39 in Deposited Plan 28038, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5370 Folio 783, at Hopkins Court, Woodcroft and delineated in blue on attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- a. Receives the Engagement Feedback report in attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- b. Notes the petition report at item 13.1.*
- c. Having considered the submissions received, resolves to not proceed with the process to revoke the subject land from its community land classification.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

9.6 PROPOSED MOTORISED VESSEL EXCLUSION ZONE FEEDBACK REPORT

Cr Davis left her seat in the Chamber at 8.24pm.

Cr Stafford left his seat in the Chamber at 8.24pm.

Cr Fisher left his seat in the Chamber at 8.25pm.

MOVED Cr Yeomans.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Community Engagement Feedback Report in attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Resolves to invite the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to consider an application for a Personal Water Craft (PWC) exclusion zone 200m from the low water mark adjacent Morgan Street, Aldinga Beach to Sellicks Beach Road, Sellicks Beach; with an exemption for surf lifesaving vessels operating under the direction of the Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club (Option D, attachment 2 to the agenda report).*

Cr Fisher resumed his seat in the Chamber at 8.25pm.

Cr Davis resumed her seat in the Chamber at 8.25pm.

Cr Stafford resumed his seat in the Chamber at 8.27pm.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

At 8.32pm Cr Greaves MOVED That the meeting break for 10 minutes.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reconvened the meeting in the Chamber at 8.42pm with all members present that were present before the break.

9.7 BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE PROJECT 2022-2025 FINAL REPORT

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council receive and note the Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience Project 2022-2025 Final Report.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 GRAFFITI REMOVAL - ENCOURAGING LOCAL BUSINESSES

MOVED Cr Stafford.

That Council note the information contained within the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT INCLUDING BUDGET REVIEW 3

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

- 1. That Council note the financial update for the period to 31 March 2025 provided in the agenda report and Attachment 1 to the agenda report, including the discussion on forecast carry forwards.*
- 2. That Council adopt the updated year end forecast as the new approved budget for 2024-25, which incorporates Budget Review 3 outcomes as discussed in the agenda report and presented at Attachments 1 and 2 to the agenda report.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

9.10 APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY LOAN FACILITY – LOAN DOCUMENT EXECUTION

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to execute any relevant documentation in relation to the facilities for and on behalf of Council and affix Council's common seal thereto for the temporary additional cash advance debenture (CAD) facility approved at the Council meeting held 18 March 2025.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.11 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

MOVED Cr Platten.

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

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

10. Questions on notice

10.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE – CR STAFFORD – BEAUTIFYING NBN BOXES

What is the feasibility of partnering with NBN Co to begin a project to wrap / decorate NBN nodes across our city with images and art from local artists, organisations, or schools in a manner similar to other city councils previous partnered projects across Australia. Include the potential costs to / funding opportunities for council.

Response:

NBN Co support vinyl wrap artwork to be placed on their Fibre to the Nodes (FTTN) Cabinets.

NBN Co have a range of requirements to support artwork being placed on FTTN Cabinets including that painting directly onto the Cabinets is not permitted.

Council can seek approval to decorate FTTN Cabinets in writing. NBN Co have provided a list of node locations in the region.

As the applicant, council would be responsible for coordinating and selecting the artwork, as well as the cost for producing and installing the vinyl wrap.

NBN Co suggest an approximate cost of \$2,500 per cabinet for the vinyl wrap and installation, however a vinyl wrap may be able to be produced internally at the Sign Shop at a lower cost.

Project funding could be considered through a future Project and Capital Works bid or through exploring external grant opportunities as they arise.

10.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF GREEN OPEN SPACE

1. *What requirements does the City of Onkaparinga have in relation to the allocation of green open space on council-owned land?*
- Are there minimum standards or benchmarks in terms of size, accessibility, or environmental value that guide this allocation?

The **draft Open Space Strategic Management Plan 2025–2030** (draft OSSMP), sets the direction for the future of parks, reserves, and playgrounds across the City of Onkaparinga.

In alignment with the Community Vision 2034, the draft OSSMP ensures that our open spaces will continue to serve the growing needs of our community.

The principles in the draft OSSMP guide the sustainable development, management, and preservation of our parks, reserves, and playgrounds, while also informing future housing developments.

Key areas covered by these principles include:

Open space provision: Ensuring sufficient open space that supports biodiversity, habitat protection, and climate change initiatives like urban greening and landfill reduction.

Playground provision: Maintaining an equitable distribution of high-quality playgrounds, including renewals and supporting infrastructure such as shade, toilets, fencing, and recreation areas.

Financial responsibility: Balancing sustainability with the provision of facilities to ensure the plan remains within our financial forecasts.

More information on the review of council's OSSMP is available at [Open Space Strategic Management Plan review | Your Say Onkaparinga](#)

2. *What requirements are placed on developers in regard to the provision of green open space in new developments?*
- What are the specific contributions (e.g. percentage of land, monetary contributions under the Planning and Design Code or open space contribution scheme) that developers must meet?

Under the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (PDI Act) subdivisions of more than 20 allotments must set aside at least **12.5% of the land to be vested** to council as open space, or make a monetary contribution prescribed in the regulations towards council's open space fund (currently \$8707 per allotment), or a combination of both.

For subdivisions of 20 allotments or fewer an **open space contribution fee** is paid to the state government's Planning and Development Fund.

The Planning & Design Code includes the following Performance Outcomes (POs) applicable to larger land divisions (more than 20 allotments) against which land division and provision of open space is assessed.

PO 9.1 Land division allocates or retains evenly distributed, high quality areas of open space to improve residential amenity and provide urban heat amelioration.

PO 9.2 Land allocated for open space is suitable for its intended active and passive recreational use considering gradient and potential for inundation.

PO 9.3 Land allocated for active recreation has dimensions capable of accommodating a range of active recreational activities.

The Code outlines the following PO for minor land division (Under 20 Allotments)

PO 5.1 Land division proposing an additional allotment under 1 hectare provides or supports the provision of open space.

-. How is the quality and functionality of this space assessed?

A number of council teams work together to assess open space proposals, including the Planning team, Community Assets team, Technical Services team and the Parks & Natural Resources team. The proposal is assessed against the OSSMP and existing open space areas that may be in the vicinity of the new development.

The PDI Act only requires a developer to provide a grassed open space with no treatments required, however developers often seek to include playgrounds and sculpted grounds to improve sales within the development. Council reviews such proposals to ensure equipment meets quality standards and specifications and that surface works and landscaping can be accommodated in council's maintenance programs.

3. What responsibilities does council have for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of green open space?

Council is entirely responsible for maintenance of open space after the developer has completed all elements of the development's approved plans and conditions of approval. In most cases a bond is held by council for an additional 12 months to ensure works are functioning as designed and approved.

4. How does Council ensure that the provision of open space keeps pace with residential growth and urban infill across the city?

Areas we identified for **medium density** under the General Residential and Miscellaneous Development Plan Amendment (DPA) in 2017/18 were those that had suitable access to services, public transport and importantly open space. At that time, advice was informed by the Council's Open Space Strategy.

Accordingly, the City of Onkaparinga is well placed in terms of open space land provision in areas expected to experience urban infill.

5. Does any disposal of land take away from councils required green open space?

Each parcel of land considered for disposal is reviewed against council's OSSMP to ensure council's standards for green open space are maintained. This review occurs prior to proposed allotments being presented to Council for revocation/disposal.

10.3 QUESTION ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – COUNCIL DEBT

Council has stated that asset sales are being pursued as a means to reduce debt.

Given that assets have been sold, can Council explain why the overall debt position has not reduced accordingly?

Please provide specific details on how the proceeds from these asset sales have been allocated.

Response

The 2024-25 budget is inclusive of \$3 million of proceeds resulting from the sale of surplus assets. It is only proceeds above the budgeted \$3 million that could be utilised to reduce debt. However as of 8 May 2025, the net proceeds received through the sale of surplus assets for the current financial year is \$170,621.

In addition, as detailed in the LTFP, council's level of borrowings has remained lower than the forecasts of the previous LTFP largely due to the receipt of \$30 million of revenue in advance for capital works projects funded by the state and federal governments in 2022. This funding has temporarily reduced the level of borrowings held by the council. Borrowings will increase over the next two years as this funding is utilised.

The LTFP contains \$3 million of annual proceeds resulting from the sale of surplus assets, for a period of 10 years, commencing 2024-25.

10.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR EATON – MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION 2025

Background

The Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition is a community event that occurs normally during late November early December annually. It enables our residents an opportunity to showcase their ingenuity in lighting up their houses and adjoining streets. and engaging with their neighbours resulting in families driving around our area and taking in the atmosphere that Christmas time generates.

Due to the time that Council elections occur (November) so close to Christmas they have not been held, but they are in the following years.

In the past I have made a point of participating on the judging panel and travelling across our vast area and meeting residents. I had residents approach me regarding their disappointment that the 2024 Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition did not go ahead. As it is still early in the year some of our residents are asking if it is to occur this year.

Question 1

Is it planned to hold the Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition for 2025?

As advised in Weekly News in March 2025, The Mayor's Christmas Lights Competition will not be held in 2025. The Mayor has decided to focus on other initiatives such as Children's Week drawing competition and the Mayor's Garden competition. However, a Christmas lights map will be available on the website, allowing residents to add the location of their Christmas lights displays.

Question 2

If it to be held this year, what dates do we propose to hold it on?

As above, the competition will not be run for 2025.

Question 3

Should the mayor not be available during this period what is preventing the deputy mayor (or another elected member) from leading the competition?

Should the Mayor be unavailable to participate in the judging of any Mayoral competition, the Deputy Mayor and/or other Elected Members would be invited to proxy in this role.

To adhere to the Mayoral Civic Receptions and Events Policy, the Christmas Lights Competition would need to be an initiative of the Mayor to obtain administrative and budgetary support. If any other Elected Member wishes to lead a similar competition, it would be required to operate without this support, unless otherwise resolved by Council.

Question 4

If it not to be held for 2025 can reasons please be provided?

As per the response to question 1; The Mayor has decided to focus on other competitions for 2025.

11. Motions on notice

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – PROVISION OF SURPLUS FOOD TO COMMUNITY PANTRIES

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That Council:

- 1. Recognises the importance of supporting food security within our community and reducing food waste.*
- 2. Investigates opportunities to establish a partnership program with local supermarkets, cafés, restaurants, and other food businesses to provide surplus edible food to existing community pantries across the City of Onkaparinga.*
- 3. Receives a report to its January 2026 council meeting on potential models, partners, and any resource requirements for implementing the partnership.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – ONKAPARINGA NOW TRIAL PAUSE

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That the Council:

- 1. Approves a 12-month trial pause on the production and distribution of the print version of Onkaparinga Now magazine.*
- 2. Undertakes a community engagement process (Your say) during this 12-month period to assess community sentiment regarding the cessation of the printed publication.*
- 3. In the interim, continues distribute a small run of printed copies of Onkaparinga Now magazine through the established network of council and non-council location across the city.*
- 4. Continues to promote Onkaparinga Now magazine in its online form where appropriate in other printed correspondence and materials, and across other communications channels.*
- 5. Receives a report at the conclusion of the 12-month period outlining:*
 - Community feedback and survey results.*
 - Financial implications and cost savings achieved.*
- 6. Considers the permanent cessation of Onkaparinga Now based on community feedback.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

Cr Platten MOVED an AMENDMENT.

That the Council:

- 1. Approves a 12-month trial pause on the production and distribution of the print version of Onkaparinga Now magazine, but does include a QR code on rates notices.*
- 2. Undertakes a community engagement process (Your say) during this 12-month period to assess community sentiment regarding the cessation of the printed publication.*

3. *In the interim, continues distribute a small run of printed copies of Onkaparinga Now magazine through the established network of council and non-council location across the city.*
4. *Continues to promote Onkaparinga Now magazine in its online form where appropriate in other printed correspondence and materials, and across other communications channels.*
5. *Receives a report at the conclusion of the 12-month period outlining:*
 - *Community feedback and survey results.*
 - *Financial implications and cost savings achieved.*
6. *Considers the permanent cessation of Onkaparinga Now based on community feedback.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and LOST.

The original MOTION was PUT and LOST.

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR PLATTEN - BUS SHELTERS ON RIVER ROAD

MOVED Cr Platten.

1. *Requests a report be presented to Council at the August 2025 meeting that:*
 - a. *Outlines Council's current responsibility for the provision, installation, maintenance, and funding of bus shelters within the City of Onkaparinga;*
 - b. *Includes possible next steps and recommendations for how we can better support our community's desire for more bus shelters, particularly on River Road, Noarlunga Downs and similar areas;*
 - c. *Identifies any funding programs, partnerships, or grant opportunities that could assist Council in delivering additional bus shelters; and*
 - d. *Includes any response received from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport regarding State Government support for the funding and delivery of additional bus shelters.*
2. *Requests the Mayor write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport seeking the State Government's position and comment on supporting the funding and delivery of additional bus shelters across our community*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR PLATTEN – PREVENTING ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

MOVED Cr Platten.

That a report be brought back to Council for consideration at the July 2025 Council meeting that:

- 1. Provides an overview of the current state of the abandoned trolley issue within the City of Onkaparinga;*
- 2. Details the immediate commencement of an impounding policy for abandoned trolleys, including:*
 - The authority for Council to collect and impound trolleys found off private property and in public spaces;*
 - The imposition of a release fee/fine payable by retailers for each trolley collected by Council, which will reflect the actual costs incurred by Council and make the initiative a cost-neutral strategy;*
 - A 3-week holding period, after which unclaimed or unpaid trolleys will be recycled;*
 - A clear communication strategy to notify businesses of this policy and their obligations.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

11.5 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR PRITCHARD – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RV PARK AT PEAR TREE Paddock, WILLUNGA

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

Council works with Geoff Tester and his group of volunteers to provide a report back to council by August 2025 meeting, presenting preliminary findings on the establishment of an RV park at Pear-Tree Paddock which includes:

- 1. Environmental Impact: Ensuring minimal disruption to local flora and fauna, as well as adherence to any existing environmental protection obligations for the reserve.*
- 2. Community Land: Determining how the proposed RV park aligns with community needs and expectations. A public consultation process may be required to gather feedback following Council's consideration of the preliminary findings.*
- 3. Land Use Compliance: Verifying whether the intended use aligns with the reserve's designated purpose currently categorised as Bushlands and relevant Planning/Policy regulations.*
- 4. Infrastructure Requirements: Assessing the feasibility and the cost of installing any identified amenities such as water and dual road access without detriment to the reserve's current use or character.*
- 5. Long-term Management: Establishing a framework for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the RV park to ensure it remains sustainable and beneficial to the Community and to Council.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR JEW – ILLEGAL DUMPING

MOVED Cr Jew.

For City of Onkaparinga to respond to illegal dumping by:

- Develop and implement an education campaign to promote the impact of illegal dumping and the different options available for disposal and recycling with the objective of deterring people from illegally dumping.*
- the Mayor to write to the LGA highlighting the impacts of illegal dumping, requesting the LGA survey councils to find out the costs to the sector of illegal dumping, and what support LGA can offer the sector to respond to illegal dumping*
- staff to investigate and model an annual waste subsidy program, where residents can apply for a voucher to assist with the costs of disposal, with a report to come back to council in October 2025.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Petitions

12.1 PETITION – SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION NORMAN ROAD, ALDINGA BEACH

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That

- 1. Council receives the petition in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Council notes that further investigations will be undertaken and a subsequent report will be presented to Council at the 15 July 2025 meeting.*
- 3. The head petitioner be notified of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED

12.2 PETITION – ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECREATION VEHICLE PARK IN WILLUNGA

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That Council:

- 1. Receive the petition in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Note the outcome of the Notice of Motion from Cr Pritchard on this matter at item 11.5 of this agenda.*
- 3. Notify the head petitioner of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

13. Urgent business

13.1 URGENT BUSINESS – PETITION – REVOCATION FOR ALLOTMENT 39 HOPKINS COURT WOODCROFT

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council:

- 1. Receive the petition in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Note the outcome of item 9.5 of this agenda.*
- 3. Notify the head petitioner of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Davis.

CARRIED

14. Confidential items

Nil.

15. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 10.07pm.

Certified Correct Chair

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16 May 2025
Our ref: 6768503



The Hon Dr Susan Close MP
Deputy Premier of South Australia
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Dear Minister Close

I write on behalf of our Chamber to seek an update on state government planning for future water needs, including both potable water and water for environmental and agricultural purposes.

Water security is a significant issue affecting our city right now, particularly for residents in our city not on mains water. Like many other councils, we are concerned about the impact of climate change on water supply and its potential to increasingly affect lives and livelihoods, particularly as our state's population grows.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with the Department for Environment and Water on initiatives responding to both short term water needs (such as the opening of water collection points in response to diminishing options for those not on SA water mains), and the draft McLaren Vale Regional Water Security Strategy, which I understand will be out to public consultation soon.

As the [Annual Water Security Update 2024](#) (the report) notes, 'a comprehensive understanding of our current water security status and risks is needed to enable South Australia to continue to adapt and plan for water security challenges, including with respect to a changing climate'.

We are keen to understand any further activities or planning that may be underway, particularly as it relates to councils, to ensure a well-planned approach for both potable water and water for agricultural, environmental and greening purposes across our state.

This includes an update on whether the draft Resilient Water Futures strategy will progress to any further stages or be utilised for other purposes regarding water planning.

We continue to support a holistic and coordinated approach, which we consider fundamental to achieving 'an acceptable quantity and quality of water for people, industry and agriculture, and the environment now and into the future'. This is an objective identified in the report and it is a shared goal that all levels of government must work together to realise.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further. Please contact my Liaison Officer Michelle Wilby on 8384 0118 or michelle.wilby@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au to arrange.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Moira Were'.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

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Dr Heather Holmes-Ross
President
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cc Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer, LGA clinton.jury@lga.sa.gov.au

Dear Mayor Holmes-Ross

I write to you to seek the LGA's policy position on water provision and potential opportunities for advocacy to state and federal government on this important matter. I note that I have also written to the Deputy Premier seeking an update on state government planning for future water needs.

As you are aware, South Australia is experiencing its lowest rainfall over the summer months in 40 years. This has had dire impacts on water accessibility for agricultural, greening and household purposes, particularly for residents in our city not on mains water.

This is a significant statewide issue affecting us right now and it is expected to worsen as our population grows and the impacts of climate change increasingly affect lives and livelihoods.

The [LGA Advocacy Plan 2022-27](#) and [GAROC Annual Business Plan 2023-24](#) contain several actions relating to water management and resilience, and other influencing factors, such as climate change. The City of Onkaparinga supports these initiatives and commends the LGA on its leadership in these areas.

We are keen to understand the progress that has been made with the state and federal governments on water, including on the draft Resilient Water Futures plan and the Stormwater Management Fund, and how the LGA's approach may be adapting as our state's needs evolve.

We would also like to explore advocacy opportunities to ensure continued momentum in achieving tangible water outcomes, particularly given the stark reminder we have been given this summer about our state's tenuous position when it comes to ensuring adequate water supply for all.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further. Please contact Michelle Wilby, Mayor Liaison officer on 8384 1118 or email michelle.wilby@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au to arrange a time.

Yours sincerely


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Mr Phu Nguyen
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr ^{Phu} Nguyen

On 30 September 2024, I wrote to all Councils and the Local Government Association (LGA) seeking advice about possible measures to strengthen capacity to administer the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. I received nine responses suggesting a range of mechanisms for consideration. I thank you for taking the time to provide a submission.

To provide increased tools for Council compliance activities in response to the feedback provided Government Amendments are proposed for the *Dog and Cat (Breeder Reforms) Amendment Bill 2024* that is currently before the Legislative Council.

The Government Amendments:

- Introduce a new power of direction, providing the ability for council to identify specific actions, identified as reasonably required, to prevent the dog committing an offence (section 48).
- Remove the ability to issue a direction on how to comply with an order (section 53) and replace with the new power of direction.
- Introduce a new order making power which relates to barking arising from multiple dogs on the property (rather than a single dog) (section 59AA).
- Amend the wording of the proposed Control (Wandering Dog) Order (section 51) to replace the term persistently with an objective measure (wandered on at least 3 occasions).
- Increase maximum penalty for breach of order made by Court in criminal proceedings to \$10,000 (section 47).
- Increase the maximum penalty for interference with dog or cat in lawful custody, to \$10,000 (section 81A).
- Amend the evidentiary provisions to provide that, in proceedings for an offence against the Act, where it is alleged that a specified dog is an animal of the species *Canis Familiaris*, or a specified cat is an animal of the species *Felis Catus*, this will be accepted as proved in the absence of evidence to the contrary (section 88).
- Amend the grounds for making an order (section 51) to clarify that a criminal defence does not prevent an order from being made.

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The Government Amendments have also been drafted to address existing barriers to feral cat management programs in South Australia, addressing concerns raised by landscape boards and PIRSA, which aim to support the implementation of the updated *Threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats* that South Australia agreed to jointly make in 2024.

Responses from the consultation on the *Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill 2024* advocated for the development of a statewide cat management strategy to provide a framework for the future management of owned, unowned and feral cats. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is leading the development of the Cat Management Strategy, which I anticipate will be released for local government and community feedback in mid-2025. Following the development of the strategy, DEW will revisit the cat management proposals and legislative reform recommendations.

If you have further questions or would like to discuss these amendments please contact Kym Pryde, Director, Planning, Heritage and Dog and Cat Management, at kym.pryde@sa.gov.au, or phone 0492 056 104.

Yours sincerely



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