

MINUTES

Council meeting 14 October 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 Eaton.

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 16 September 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

3. Adjourned business

Nil.

4. Leave of absence

Nil.

5. Mayor's communication

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Key messages

This past month has reminded us just how much we are all facing — as a community, a coastline, and a city that's growing fast.

Our beaches and marine life have been sending us signals that the environment is under stress. We are responding, but it takes more than clean-ups — it takes collaboration, care, and commitment to adapt together. We continue to work within the State Government's guidelines and direction. We are also listening closely to our businesses being affected, the mental health issues of our residents, and paying attention to the cultural impact and advice of our First Nations leaders.

We're also seeing more people struggling to find or keep a home close to where they work and belong. The cost of living and housing pressures are real, and Council's focus remains on turning strategy into action — through partnerships that unlock more affordable, sustainable homes across our city. Over the next five to ten years, 10,000 new homes will be built in our City. I have spoken directly this month to the Minister for Planning about this challenge and our commitment to keep the momentum going, while advocating for the preservation of our environment, with infrastructure keeping up with housing and growth.

I have been listening to many residents this past month about how they are participating and want to participate in decision-making at the local level as a means to live in a democracy that values participation. There are times when there is a lot of noise, and I am reminded that we have a shared purpose — to keep building trust, listening deeply, and making space for each other's voices. Participation and having a say doesn't necessarily mean you will get what you want, and the loudest voices will not necessarily result in a decision where everyone is happy.

Outcomes and Achievements

On Australian Citizenship Day, 17 September 2025, the day began with a generous greeting from Susan Roberts. Susan is a proud Kurna Meyunna, Narungga and Raminjeri woman.

I had the privilege of welcoming 18 new Citizens from 9 countries at a Citizenship Ceremony in the Gilbert Room at our Noarlunga Council office. Senator Charlotte Walker was in attendance with Cr Geoff Eaton Thalassa Ward.

This month we say thank you for the outstanding contribution to our community of Kirk Richardson PSM. Kirk has overseen probably the largest capital spend by any local government in South Australia over the course of his career. Kirk leaves the City of Onkaparinga after more than three decades in local government. He was awarded the prestigious Public Service Medal, a national award by the Governor-General on Australia Day in 2022. He received the honour for his outstanding public service for developing and implementing key projects and, more importantly, shaping our approach to community assets, environmental management, and public service responsiveness. Kirk has been a wonderful people leader as well, nurturing talent, providing opportunities, and developing a generation of skilled and capable staff to serve our communities. On behalf of the City of Onkaparinga, I sincerely wish him all the very best for the next stage of his life and thank him for the legacy he has left for current and future generations of our people and places.

The Hopgood Theatre refurbishment is now completed and the public will be finding their way through the doors to be entertained by local, national, and international acts. This project has been delivered on time and on budget once again, demonstrating our very capable project management.

Our advocacy on the impact of the algal bloom has been and continues to be tireless. We follow the State's lead and interdepartmental responses to the cleanup, health, monitoring, and bringing our research and knowledge to the State. Our leadership and support for our communities continues to amp up as well and connecting with partnerships and collaborations in all kinds of ways we can support. I am particularly excited about the Algal Bloom Challenge

COP 31

I participated in the City of Adelaide's hosting of an ICLEI Town Hall COP meeting. This was an opportunity for local government to be briefed by the Federal Government, the City of Adelaide, and members of the international community working on COP 31 coming to our shores. I am honoured to be Chair of the Oceania Chapter of ICLEI and therefore sit on the international General Committee. ICLEI is the international association of local governments around the world sharing a commitment to climate action and urban sustainability.

Should COP31 come to Australia, with City of Adelaide as the hosts, it will be vital for the whole state and all councils to be involved in hosting, telling our climate stories, and securing a legacy. The Local Government Association is fully committed to supporting all councils across the State to make the most of "*copportunities*" that arise and can be created. This includes:

- Putting SA councils on the *map* as economic and innovative drivers in finding local solutions to global challenges
- Demonstrating our capabilities to collaborate, partner, and create solid foundations for international and transnational climate actions

- Fostering a spirit of entrepreneurial solutions that can be trialled, tested, and delivered in local regions, including in our case in Onkaparinga, advanced manufacturing, agri-tech, water security and management, and coastal adaptation.

Our leadership, partnerships, and the runways already created around resilience (eg Resilient South), coastal impact on marine life, industry and tourism (eg Harmful Algal Bloom) and our extensive work on coastal adaptation from rising sea levels, erosion, and climate position us to take full advantage of a global audience should COP 31 come to South Australia.

Elected Member Representation

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

- South Adelaide Football Club Female Changeroom Official Opening

Thank you to Cr Geoff Eaton for representing me at:

- Kiwanis Reynella Handover Dinner

Thank you to Cr Marisa Bell for representing me at:

- Adelaide Satellite Event for the Arts and Health: Building the Future

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- DFAT Local Government Sector Town Hall - Independent review of the Foreign Arrangements Scheme
- Coromandel Valley Community Centre AGM
- Onkaparinga VIEW Club birthday
- Consecration of St Andrew's Church
- Nature Festival 2025 Launch: Flow
- 2025 Christies Beach Business & Tourism Association Awards Night
- Adelaide Satellite Event for the Arts and Health: Building the Future
- Consecration of St Andrew's Church
- SFL Senior Men & Women Award Presentation Night
- 2025 Willunga High School Arts Showcase "Ignite the Stage: from Spark to Spotlight"
- Launch of RED's Online Microenterprise Development Platform
- Peri Urban Councils of Australia Roundtable
- Nature Festival Cultural Ambassador Long Lunch
- Celebration for 15 Years of Common Equity Housing
- Endometriosis Round Table

Mayor's calendar 13 September to 10 October 2025

September	
16	Council Meeting
17	Citizenship Ceremony
18	LGA Board Workshop - 'Early Intervention Advisory Service'
19	Weekly Local Government Algal Bloom briefing with Department of Premier and Cabinet
20	Official Opening of Coastal Montessori ELC
21	2025 Hostplus SANFL League Grand Final Luncheon
	Big Sing
22	LGA GAROC Meeting
	South Australian Algal Bloom Community Forum - Port Noarlunga
23	REDARC Advanced Manufacturing & Technology Hub Phase 1 Celebration
	Hopgood Theatre Walkthrough
	Elected Member session
24	Met with Minister Champion, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Housing and Infrastructure, Planning
	Business week networking event – Connection is the New Currency
25	LGA Conference Communications Network Forum
	Youth Jobs Expo
	Friends of Willunga Basin AGM
26	Weekly Local Government Algal Bloom briefing with Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Consular Corps road trip to McLaren Vale
29	LGA Algal Bloom Innovation & Regeneration Challenge - Turning Crisis into a Global Leadership Opportunity
30	Met with Co-op Federation
October	
1	Lord Mayor's Town Hall COP
2	LGA Board of Directors Meeting in Renmark
3	Weekly Local Government Algal Bloom briefing with Department of Premier and Cabinet
5	St Anns Anglican Church 160th anniversary service and lunch
7	Thalassa Trust Meeting
8	Nature Fest: Blewitt Springs Come and Try Bushcare with the Bush For Life program
	Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Inc AGM
	ICLEI Oceania Regional Executive Committee
9	Radio Interview – Coast FM
	City of Onkaparinga's Writing and poetry competition
10	Weekly Local Government Algal Bloom briefing with Department of Premier and Cabinet
	2025 Trucks on Tour
	2025 SAFC Knuckey Cup and Women's Best and Fairest

Deputy Mayor's calendar 13 September to 10 October 2025

September	
14	ABRA AGM
16	Council Meeting
20	Aldinga Netball Presentations
21	2025 Hostplus SANFL League Grand Final Luncheon
23	Hopgood Theatre Walkthrough
	Elected Member session
30	Elected Member session
October	
10	2025 Trucks on Tour

Correspondence

Att 1	To Department for Environment and Water	Submission to Draft McLaren Vale Regional Water Security Strategy
Att 2	From Hon Andrea Michaels MP, Minister for Arts	Congratulating Eva Zawistowski, Woodcroft Library Officer, on 25 years' service

Thank you.



Moira Were AM

Mayor

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council note the 14 October 2025 Mayor's report.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

6. Presentations

Nil.

7. Deputations

7.1 DEPUTATION – EMMA WILLIAMS AND HAZEL KANE RE INSTALLATION OF A BARRIER AT SELICKS BEACH

Emma Williams and Hazel Kane gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the installation of a barrier at Sellicks Beach.

7.2 DEPUTATION – JOHN KANTILAFTAS, MOANA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB RE RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION

This deputation was moved to the December 2025 Council meeting.

7.3 DEPUTATION – RESPECT COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP RE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Kerry Moore, Jo Renshaw, Anne Hunter and Luke Di Sessa gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

7.4 DEPUTATION – DIANNE NEWTON, SOUTHERN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION GROUP RE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Dianne Newton gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

7.5 DEPUTATION – ANDREA MAY, TEACH SERVICES RE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RV PARK AT PEAR TREE Paddock, WILLUNGA

Andrea May gave a deputation in relation to the establishment of an RV park at Pear Tree Paddock, Willunga.

Cr Davis left her seat in the Chamber at 7.15pm.

Cr Fisher left his seat in the Chamber at 7.16pm.

Cr Fisher resumed his seat in the Chamber at 7.19pm.

Cr Davis resumed her seat in the Chamber at 7.22pm.

7.6 DEPUTATION -MATT FARRELL, SELICKS WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS ACTION NETWORK RE SUBMISSION – SELICKS BEACH GROWTH AREA JOINT AMENDMENT

Matt Farrell gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment.

7.7 DEPUTATION -BERG HERRING WINES RE SUBMISSION – SELICKS BEACH GROWTH AREA JOINT AMENDMENT

Amanda Price-McGregor from Green Light Planning Solutions, on behalf of Berg Herring Wines, gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment.

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

Nil.

9. Reports of officers

9.1 PLACE NAMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR A PARK IN PORT NOARLUNGA SOUTH

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

That Council approves:

- 1. The name Little Rincon Park for the park located on the Esplanade in Port Noarlunga South, opposite Wembley Street, described as Portion of legal open Public Road named Esplanade at Port Noarlunga South.*
- 2. That should there be a traditional Aboriginal name for the location that becomes known later, this will be applied as a dual name for the park, i.e. Aboriginal name/Little Rincon Park.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF COUNCIL LAND AT 4 THAMES DRIVE REYNELLA

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That, for the council owned land described as Allotment 52 in Deposited Plan 6673, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 6229 Folio 488, known as 4 Thames Drive Reynella, and bordered in red on attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- 1. Notes the background of the land sale and subsequent repurchase agreements*
- 2. Notes that the land was excluded from the classification of community land in November 2002 and upon repurchase was again excluded from the classification of community land*
- 3. Authorises officers to proceed with the disposal process by direct sale to the adjoining landowner at no less than Market Value, however, will place subject land on the open market if the negotiations to sell to the adjoining landowner is not successful within a 6-month period.*
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign any documentation to finalise the sale of the subject land.*
- 5. Approves the net proceeds from the sale of the subject land as a contribution towards the annual \$3 million-dollar budgeted revenue to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2025-26 budget.*

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

9.3 PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION OF PORTION OF ALLOTMENT 195 (RESERVE) WOODLEA DRIVE, ABERFOYLE PARK

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That for a portion of Council owned land (the Subject Land) described as part Allotment (Reserve) 195 in Deposited Plan 10724 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 766 and bordered in red on Attachment 1 to the agenda report:

- 1. Declares that the subject council-owned land is 'in principle' surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal to the adjoining landowners at 9 Woodlea Drive, Aberfoyle Park.*
- 2. Approves the commencement of the revocation process to revoke the community land classification for the Subject Land, including undertaking public consultation in accordance with section 194(2) of the Local Government Act 1999.*
- 3. Notes public consultation will be in accordance with Council's public consultation procedure and in accordance with section 194(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999.*
- 4. Approves that the net proceeds from the sale of the Subject Land, if approved by Council, will be contributed towards the annual targeted revenue to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2025-26 Annual Budget to fund prioritised projects as planned.*
- 5. Request a further report(s) to be presented to Council following the outcome of public consultation to determine if the revocation and disposal should proceed.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

9.4 NOTICE OF MOTION RESPONSE: SNAP SEND SOLVE

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the agenda report.*
- 2. Does not progress to a paid subscription of Snap, Send, Solve at this point in time, recognising that further work will be undertaken via the Customer Experience Program to better understand the community's preferred channels for lodging customer requests.*
- 3. Notes that work will be prioritised to optimise the existing OneCouncil customer request module.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED

9.5 OUTLOOK AND PREPARATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK WEATHER SEASON 2025-26

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That Council note the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.6 WASTE DISPOSAL SUBSIDY OPTIONS

MOVED Cr Bell.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the development of an educational campaign for FY25-26 aimed at reducing illegal dumping in the City of Onkaparinga by changing perceptions of risk, reinforcing social norms, and making legitimate disposal easier and clearer.*
- 2. Notes that Acting Mayor Jew wrote to the Local Government Association (LGA) enquiring what support the LGA can provide to help the sector address the challenges of illegal dumping and requesting that LGA undertake a survey of councils to assess the sector wide costs associated with the issue.*
- 3. Notes the continuation of the current hard waste collection service which includes up to two free collections per rateable property annually allowing for a maximum of 2 cubic metres of material per collection.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED

9.7 SUBMISSION - SELICKS BEACH GROWTH AREA JOINT AMENDMENT

Cr Bell declared a general conflict of interest as a member of the Labor Party SA and the Labor Candidate for Heysen.

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

Cr Bell chose to remain in the meeting to debate and vote on the matter stating she is representing the interests of her community as an elected member for the City of Onkaparinga.

At 8.22pm Cr Themeliotis MOVED that proceedings are suspended for 10 minutes in order to facilitate informal discussion in this matter.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

Cr Wilkes left her seat in the Chamber at 8.23pm.

Cr Wilkes resumed her seat in the Chamber at 8.33pm.

At 8.35pm Mayor Were determined that the period of suspension be brought to an end.

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment is to amend the Planning and Design Code AND the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.*
- 2. Notes the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment is being led by the Department for Housing and Urban Development.*
- 3. Notes the purpose is to rezone the land within the Sellicks Beach Growth Area to facilitate urban development, albeit being deferred until:*
 - a. the completion of air quality monitoring and assessment with findings that support rezoning, and*

- b. *securing infrastructure commitments through an approved infrastructure scheme and/or formal agreement.*
4. *Approves the draft submission on the Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment as contained in attachment 1 to the agenda report and includes acknowledgement of the information from the two deputations.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

Cr Bell voted for the motion.

At 8.55pm Cr Platten MOVED that the meeting break for 10 minutes.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reconvened the meeting in the Chamber at 9.05pm with all members present that were present before the break with the exception of Cr Greaves.

9.8 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RV PARK AT PEAR TREE Paddock, WILLUNGA

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That for the land described as Allot 27 Sec 247 Main Road Willunga SA 5172, Council resolves to:

- *Commence an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the Council-owned land known locally as Pear Tree Paddock, Willunga, to gain an understanding of potential land uses, which will assist with determining the most appropriate future use of the site.*
- *Provide the Willunga Recreation Park Volunteers with a copy of this report, outlining requirements for establishing an RV Park and the process for submitting a formal EOI application.*

Cr Greaves resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.06pm.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT FOR YEAR THREE (2024-25)

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council notes the 2024-25 progress report on the Climate Change Response Plan 2022-27 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.10 CITY OF ONKAPARINGA SUBMISSION TO THE SA PARLIAMENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Cr Bell declared a general conflict of interest as a member of the Labor Party SA and the Labor Candidate for Heysen.

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

Cr Bell chose to remain in the meeting to debate and vote on the matter stating she is representing the interests of her community as an elected member for the City of Onkaparinga.

MOVED Cr Jew.

That Council notes a submission made under CEO delegation, prepared for an inquiry by the SA Parliament Joint Committee on Harmful Algal Bloom in South Australia (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 NOMINATION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION INC COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR SA

Cr Wilkes declared a general conflict of interest as she is nominating and left the meeting at 9.21pm.

Cr Jew declared a general conflict of interest as she is nominating and left the meeting at 9.21pm.

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That Council nominate Cr Wilkes as Council's representative to the Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc Committee of Management for South Australia from the date of appointment (17 November 2025) until the conclusion of the 2026 Local Government Elections.

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

Cr Wilkes resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.24pm.

Cr Jew resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.24pm.

9.12 MAYORAL ATTENDANCE AT C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT, RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL

Mayor Were declared a material conflict of interest as the person the subject of the report and left the meeting at 9.24pm.

Deputy Mayor Jew took the Chair.

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council approves:

- 1. Mayor Moira Were to attend the C40 Mayors forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and other local government events, at Lord Mayor Dr Lomax Smith's invitation, supported by funding for travel and accommodation from the Local Government Association of South Australia.*

2. *Mayor Moira Were to attend COP30 and related events in Belem, Brazil, pending provision of a COP30 Australian Overflow Badge by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)*
3. *Any additional incidental costs to attend the C40 Mayors Forum and COP30 not covered by the LGA will be reimbursed by Council in accordance with the Elected Member Allowance Benefits and Support Procedure.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

Cr Davis left her seat in the Chamber at 9.31pm.

Mayor Were resumed her seat in the Chamber as Chair at 9.32pm

Cr Davis resumed her seat in the Chamber at 9.32pm.

9.13 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SOUTHERN REGION WASTE RESOURCE AUTHORITY BOARD

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

1. *That Council appoint the following council officers as a City of Onkaparinga Board Member and Deputy Board Member:*
 - *Ms Jessica Tucker*
 - *Mr Matthew Buckell**to the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority Board for a term commencing upon the resignation of Mr Kirk Richardson from the Board, and expiring on 30 June 2027.*
2. *That Council notify the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority (SRWRA) of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

9.14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS QUARTERLY REVIEW

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council receive and note the agenda report relating to items held in confidence.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

9.15 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

MOVED Cr Eaton.

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

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

10. Questions on notice

10.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR WILKES - SPRAYING

1. *How often is spraying conducted along our 31 kms of foreshore?*

Chemical weed control forms part of several ongoing maintenance and environmental management programs on the foreshore. These programs operate at different times of the year depending on target weed species, seasonal conditions, and site characteristics.

Along the Esplanade and associated foreshore reserves, herbicide application generally occurs two to four times per year, aligned with both the Roadside Weed Control Program and the Esplanade Maintenance Contract (which includes up to nine scheduled service visits annually). Actual frequency varies depending on rainfall, temperature, and the presence of declared or high-priority weeds.

2. *What process is undertaken when spraying occurs?*

All herbicide application is undertaken in strict compliance with:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 2002 (SA)
- Landscape South Australia Act 2019
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) regulations
- Australian Standard AS 2507:2023 – The Storage and Handling of Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals
- SafeWork SA Guidelines for Hazardous Chemicals

Prior to spraying, staff and contractors conduct site-specific assessments to confirm:

- Suitability of weather conditions (wind speed, temperature, rainfall)
- Identification of 'no-spray' and sensitive areas
- Appropriate chemical selection and application rates
- Calibration of spray equipment to ensure precision and prevent off-target drift

Spraying does not occur during high winds, rainfall, or extreme heat. All operators hold current ChemCert (or equivalent) qualifications and undergo annual health monitoring in accordance with our Work Health and Safety procedures.

Residents who do not wish herbicide to be applied adjacent to their property can enter into a Spray Free Zone Agreement, on the condition that the resident maintains the adjoining verge or reserve to our standards.

3. *Are there particular areas that we spray and how often?*

Herbicide application occurs across a range of open space asset types within the coastal corridor, including:

- Roadside verges and medians
- Coastal reserves and dunes (where permitted)
- Biodiversity management areas
- Turf and landscaped areas
- Paths, car parks, and built structures

Frequency of application depends on seasonal growth rates and weed type. In sensitive areas such as coastal dunes and biodiversity reserves, spraying is selective and targeted, guided by our Biodiversity and Coastal Management teams to minimise off target impacts and protect native vegetation.

4. *Is there a council document that outlines why we spray along the foreshore?*

Council has an internal operational document that guides our approach. The Open Space Asset Maintenance Activity Plan defines maintenance service levels and vegetation management practices for all open space categories, including the coastal foreshore. It outlines the rationale and methods for weed control — including chemical, manual, and mechanical approaches — to ensure compliance with legislative obligations and to maintain the safety, appearance, and accessibility of public spaces.

5. *Recently, the council have received community questions around spray along the foreshore. How many enquiries have been received and have there been other enquiries in the past 3 years?*

Over the past three years, our customer request system has recorded just over 100 enquiries related to weed control within coastal suburbs. Only a small proportion of these enquiries have specifically questioned herbicide use along the foreshore.

Most requests seek increased weed control or additional spraying to maintain a tidy and well-presented Esplanade. In these cases, we do not generally increase spraying frequency, as herbicide use is already maintained at the minimum level necessary to achieve effective outcomes consistent with community expectations and environmental best practice.

6. *Do staff have comments they would like to add if spraying along the foreshore was to cease?*

Under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, we have a legal obligation to control declared weeds on all land under our care and control. Many declared species (e.g. Gazania, Bridal Creeper, Boxthorn) are invasive, difficult to remove manually, and will rapidly re-establish if left untreated.

Ceasing herbicide use would significantly impact our ability to:

- Meet statutory weed management obligations
- Maintain public safety and access along the Esplanade
- Manage fire, pest, and trip hazards
- Sustain acceptable amenity and presentation standards

Manual removal and other non-chemical methods are used where feasible but are often ineffective or impractical for extensive or environmentally sensitive sites, particularly where some areas are culturally significant or ground disturbance is restricted.

Herbicides remain the most efficient, targeted, and cost-effective option when used responsibly and according to label directions.

All herbicides used by council and its contractors are APVMA registered and approved for use in public open spaces, ensuring they do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment when applied as directed.

This approach is consistent with guidance from the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) and industry best practice nationally.

Our weed control program along the foreshore is legally compliant, risk-based, and environmentally responsible. Herbicide application is undertaken only where necessary and with strict adherence to national and state safety standards. We continue to explore and apply integrated weed management methods to balance environmental protection, public safety, and community expectations for well-maintained coastal spaces.

10.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR WILKES – MEDIA QUERIES

1. *Are elected members allowed to speak to the media in a personal capacity, and what should they clarify when doing so?*

Yes, members may speak to the media in a private/personal capacity. When doing so, they should clarify that they are expressing their own point of view and not speaking on behalf of Council.

2. *Are elected members allowed to speak to the media as a Councillor, and what should they clarify when doing so?*

The Mayor (as the principal spokesperson of the council) and Chief Executive Officer are exclusively authorised to speak publicly on behalf of the Council.

The Behavioural Standards for Council Members notes 1 General Behaviour, 1.5 “When making public comments, including comments to the media, on Council decisions and Council matters, show respect for others and clearly indicate their views are personal and are not those of the Council”.

3. *Under what circumstances can an elected member officially represent the council?*

The CEO or the Mayor may authorise other persons to speak on behalf of the organisation and Council.

4. *How are elected member selected to represent the council at events when the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not available?*

Invitations are offered to Ward members in the event the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is unable to attend. In some cases, the Mayor may request that an invitation be extended to another elected member, for example where there is a connection through an EM Liaison role or a particular area of interest. Acceptance remains subject to the organisation issuing the invitation.

5. *Is there a formal media policy or code of conduct that governs what elected members can state in a public capacity.*

Yes. The following documents exist to assist members with media communications.

1. The Elected Member Electronic and Media Communications Protocol Policy – reviewed at an Elected Member Session in May this year. The policy and best practice guidelines will be presented to Council at its December council meeting for approval.
 2. Local Government Act 1999 Part 3 – Role of Members S58 - Specific roles of principal member and S59 – Roles of members of councils.
 3. Behavioural Standards for Council Members The South Australian Government Gazette 17 November 2022. This reflects Section 75E of the Local Government Act.
6. *If so, when were these last updated?*

Please see above responses.

11. Motions on notice

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR DAVIS – ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the ongoing commitment and work by council, organisations, community groups and community towards the prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence in our community including the future DV-Friendly Community Facilities Pilot Project.*
- 2. Notes the Royal Commissions report With Courage: South Australia's vision beyond violence.*
- 3. Approves our continued commitment to work with the State Government, organisations and community to respond to the Commission's recommendations where Local Government has a role, following the State Government responding to the full report recommendations.*
- 4. Requests administration to engage with local stakeholders, organisations and community groups to understand their willingness to participate in the development and implementation of primary prevention saturation model in the region.*
- 5. Requests the Mayor write to Premier of South Australia, the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, and the Local Government Association of South Australia following the above engagement, expressing Council's willingness to participate in the development and piloting of a primary prevention saturation model should this recommendation be accepted by State Government.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR WILKES – HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

Council staff include the following additions to the scheduled November report or a new report in December discussing:

- 1. How Algal Bloom events can be formally recognised and documented in Council's Climate Change Response Plan.*
- 2. Council promoting the practical ways community, including the state gov, are engaging local residents and community groups. This could include ideas promoting relevant events, local environmental workshops, platforms & databases, and educational events.*
- 3. Opportunities for Council to support coastal businesses during the summer season through enhanced promotional activity, including social media campaigns, use of Onkaparinga Now, and integration with existing events such as the Beachside Food and Wine Festival.*
- 4. Options and rough costings estimates for a council managed or community-led art or creative project (e.g. public sculpture, mural, interactive installation or digital media piece) that acknowledges the heartbreaking ecological event. The theme could include environmental awareness and supporting community healing and resilience.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR YEOMANS – INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS AT SELICKS BEACH

MOVED Cr Yeomans.

- 1. Council notes the potential dangers to the public, wildlife and the environment caused by vehicles driving along the beach in designated 'no vehicle' zones.*
- 2. Council undertakes community consultation relating to a proposal to install permanent bollards on Sellicks Beach, aligned with the current 'no vehicle' sign, to prevent vehicles driving south beyond this point.*
- 3. Council receives a report at the March 2026 Council meeting detailing:*
 - a. The results of the Community Consultation*
 - b. Estimated costs to install the permanent bollards.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED

12. Petitions

Nil.

13. Urgent business

Nil.

14. Confidential items

14.1 GOLF RECREATION FACILITY – WM HUNT RESERVE

MOVED Cr Bell.

1. *Exclusion of the public*

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(b) information the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*

The matter is to be considered in confidence as it includes information relating to the Port Noarlunga Driving Range expression of interest process and contains information that, if disclosed, may impact on the probity of the process and the commercial positions of council and the participants.

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

MOVED Cr Bell.

- a. *That the matter of Golf Recreation Facility- WM Hunt Reserve having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)b of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the conclusion of the expression of interest process, with the exception of:*
 - *Attachment 1 (with the exception of branding information (on pages 2 , 4, 5 , 6 and 7) which is to remain in confidence)*
 - *Attachment 2 and information relevant to required community engagement relating to community land matters*
 - *Information contained in the media release forming Attachment 3 to the agenda report**which can be released upon the commencement of community engagement.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

14.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

1. Exclusion of the public

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*
Section 90(3)(a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

2. Confidential resolution

3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

MOVED Cr Platten.

- a. *That the matter of Leave of Absence request having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda item, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until 20 January 2026.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reopened the meeting to the public at 10.14pm.

15. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 10.14pm.

*Certified Correct*Chair

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