

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026–27 snapshot

This snapshot shows a summary of how the council’s 2026–27 budget will be funded, and where investment will be directed.

This year’s budget is **\$262.42 million**

What will be delivered?

The City of Onkaparinga will continue to deliver services and programs to support the community, residents, businesses and visitors. Services include, but are not limited to:

- waste collection
- road resealing
- renewing and building valuable assets
- delivering library services
- undertaking food safety inspections
- assessing planning applications
- managing dogs and cats.

Key projects that set direction, support policy development, and renew or enhance assets are also delivered.

How will it be funded?

The \$262.42 million budget will be funded through council rates (70.7 percent), state and federal grants (12.0 percent), and a range of other sources including fees and charges (17.3 percent).

The total draft rate revenue increase, including fees and charges for 2026–27 is aligned to the December 2025 CPI for Adelaide, at 3.3 percent. New properties built will also generate additional rates. The rate revenue increase will be updated to reflect the March 2026 CPI prior to adoption.

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

Roads, footpaths, lights, bridges and carparks	\$19.73
Libraries and community services	\$15.15
Waste and recycling services	\$13.65
Parks, open space and the coast	\$11.46
Council buildings – maintenance and upgrades	\$9.17
Stormwater and community wastewater management systems (CWMS)*	\$8.90
Community safety, planning and regulatory services	\$8.38
Recreation services and tourist parks	\$8.15
Strategy, sustainability and tourism	\$2.91
Communications and engagement	\$1.94
Council vehicles and equipment	\$0.56

*Stormwater services are city-wide. CWMS serves only the following suburbs – Clarendon, Morphett Vale, McLaren Flat, McLaren Vale, Willunga, Maslin Beach and Sellicks Beach.



Highlights for the year ahead

- Deliver the **How to Adult program series**. Designed for young people aged 14–25.
- Renew and replace 5 playgrounds** at Aldinga Beach, McLaren Vale, Christie Downs and Morphett Vale (2 playgrounds).
- Deliver **3 major hardcourt renewal projects** at O'Halloran Hill, Clarendon and Old Noarlunga.
- Deliver our **major events** – Trucks on Tour, Christmas Pageant, Beachside Food and Wine Festival, Australia Day Family Fair and hosted stages of the Tour Down Under.
- Redevelop 4 BMX tracks** at John Nicole Reserve at Aldinga Beach, Hastings Avenue Reserve at Sellicks Beach, Minkarra Park at Flagstaff Hill and Valentine Street Reserve at Morphett Vale.
- Continue refurbishment of the **Noarlunga Aquatic Centre** to maintain a safe, reliable and welcoming facility for the community.
- Upgrade the Moana Surf Life Saving Club** Expansion of existing facilities, including increased garage space for emergency service vehicles, upgraded change rooms, and a new accessible unisex change room.
- Undertake a council facilities/projects **carbon emissions review** covering carbon emissions measurement, reduction goals, and an approach to using renewable electricity and offsetting carbon emissions.
- Commence the joint development of the **STRYKR driving range** at Port Noarlunga.
- Amend the **McLaren Vale Township Code** to better inform where, when and how residential, commercial and community uses of land will develop in the future within the township boundaries.
- Undertake **3 major road renewal projects** to include:
 - Norman Road, Aldinga Beach
 - Delabole Road, Willunga South
 - Malbeck Drive, Reynella East.
- Deliver a multifaceted **graffiti management** program that consists of several preventative initiatives.

